

OLCC encourages students to "Say no your own way"

Youngsters are being asked to "say no your own way" to underage drinking in the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's 2002 Oregon Student Essay Contest.

During Alcohol Awareness Month in April, the OLCC is asking sixth to twelfth grade

students to write a jingle, slogan or rhyme on why they're waiting until 21 to drink, as part of a 400 word essay.

The essay contest is one of the key Alcohol Awareness Month events in Oregon. This year's motto, aimed at young people, is "Wise up, straight

talk about alcohol." The theme was selected because alcohol remains the number one drug of choice among Oregon's teens.

In the essay contest, students will compete for top prizes of \$200, \$300 and \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds in cate-

gories for grades 6-8 and 9-12. Entry forms have been sent to every public and private middle and high school in Oregon. Contest details and entry information are available on the agency's Web site at www.olcc.state.or.us

In their essays, students must include personal observations, experiences and research that supports their position and slogan or rhyme. Every essay will be read. Winning entries will be posted on the OLCC's Web site and may be published in Oregon newspapers, other media or industry publications.

Mail entries, by April 30, to

OLCC, P.O. Box 22297, Milwaukie, OR 97269-2297 or FAX to 503-872-5276.

The OLCC and other event sponsors believe it is vitally important for young people, parents, educators and others to understand the truths and consequences of underage drinking. That's why they're supporting Alcohol Awareness Month activities, including the grand opening of a new science-based alcohol abuse exhibit for kids at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

For more information, call OLCC communications at 503-872-5002 or 1-800-452-6522.

Alumni Association is formed at PCC

An alumni association has been formed by the Portland Community College Foundation. The new organization resulted from discussions among board members about the impact that PCC made on their

personal and professional lives.

"We talked about our experiences at the college and realized what an important part PCC played in our lives. For some of us, PCC defined our career paths. For others, it helped us on the way to a higher education," said Mary Savage, former president of the Foundation Board and chair of the alumni association committee. "We believe that there are many people who would like to reconnect with the institution that meant so much to us at a formative time in our lives."

Armando Gutierrez, vice chair of the alumni association committee, said the association would create "a new opportunity to bridge the gap between those reaching for the future and those who have carved the way."

The association will be available to anyone who has ever taken a class at PCC. Traditionally, membership in alumni

associations is reserved for those who have graduated from an accredited institution, but at PCC, membership is open to current students, former students (graduate and non-graduate) and families, on either an annual basis or a lifetime basis.

The benefits available to PCC alumni include library privileges, newsletters, 10 percent discount on PCC insignia items and PCC bookstores, a PCC Alumni Association lapel pin and an invitation to alumni events.

The association's mission statement says: "The PCC Alumni Association will connect former PCC students with current students and staff to form a network to benefit one another personally and professionally and to promote the mission of the college."

For more information, call Ron Sumner or Ann Fleming at 503-977-4416.

New FG traffic light may cause delays

Drivers who use Highway 47 in Forest Grove should expect occasional delays as a new traffic signal is constructed at the intersection of Sunset Drive and the Highway 47 Bypass.

Plans call for the signal poles to be placed April 22. New traffic signs will be erected and the pavement re-stripped May 6 - 7, with the signal activated May eighth.

During the design of the project, forecasted traffic volumes showed inadequate traffic volume for a signal. The latest actual traffic counts, however, show that a signal is warranted.

State Fair seeking old photos and memories to preserve fair history

The Oregon State Fair is seeking historic photographs and family or individual memoirs of the Poultry Building, the Grandstand and the Stadium.

"We are hoping individuals will help us preserve the history of these buildings by submitting their photos and their memories," said Katie Cannon, director of the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center.

Both the Poultry Building and the Stadium, built in 1919 and 1921, respectively, have been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Grandstand is no longer in use due to its deteriorated condition; however, the fair plans to salvage as many physical characteristics of the building and incorporate them into the new multipurpose pavilion scheduled to be in use by early 2005.

To submit photographs and stories, mail them to: Oregon State Fair Historic Photographs and Stories, 2330 17th Street NE, Salem, OR 97303. Photographs will not be returned.

The 2002 Oregon State Fair, will begin August 22 and run through Labor Day, Sept. 2.

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