Vanport Extension Center—
PSU’s tenacious first campus led the way

by Clarence Hein

It was “The College That Would Not Die,” and it was born in Portland in the spring of 1946. Two years later, Vanport Extension Center was
washed downstream by the disastrous 1948 flood, but the momentum generated by Portland State University’s first faculty and staff could not be contained.

World War II had been over less than a year and across the country men and women were trying to step back into their lives interrupted by the war. For many, education was high on the agenda and 36,000 certificates of eligibility for GI education benefits were issued that year in Oregon alone. By 1947, 1.1 million veterans would be in colleges across the United States. There simply was no way existing educational institutions could absorb the post-war crush. In Oregon, there was no public higher education institution in the state’s population center where the majority of returning veterans congregated. They wanted classes located near jobs and housing for their families.

The existing extension service was tapped to take up the slack and provide temporary lower-division courses in Portland. Students would have to transfer elsewhere to complete their degrees.

Campus on the Cutting Edge
Attention then turned to the question of a physical structure—a place for classes and a supply of low-cost housing. The answer to the question put Portland in the forefront of higher education in 1946. The end of the war meant not only abrupt change for the GI’s, but also the end of thousands of defense-related jobs, including those at shipbuilding facilities in Portland. The government had built an enormous public housing project in 1942-43 for shipyard workers in North Portland near the Columbia River. At one point, 50,000 people lived in Vanport, making it Oregon’s second most populous city. With the end of the war, the shipyards closed and many workers vacated their Vanport housing.

Steven Epler, veterans’ counselor at the State System of Higher Education, viewed the waning Vanport as an opportunity and suggested its use for the extension center. Some of the buildings already were dismantled and en route to other West Coast campuses. Why not, he reasoned, retain some of the buildings and use them?

The plan was presented to the State Board in March, 1946, and by June, the first classes were called to order with 221 students in summer session. Of those first students, 208 were veterans, 31 of them disabled. By September, enrollment had swelled to more than 1,400.

High-Spirited Campus
There was a dominant spirit among the students, faculty and families of Vanport. While studies came first (engineering and business were the most popular fields), there also was time for social life, jobs, families and campus activities. A student newspaper, The Vanguard, edited by a blind veteran, Don Carlo, began publishing almost with the first week of classes. There were also clubs, dances, and athletics.

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Abbott and Casperson win OSSHE excellence awards

Two PSU faculty members were among seventeen instructors in the State System of Higher Education to be selected for Facultly Excellence Awards this year. Carl Abbott, Urban Studies and Planning, and Lee Casperson, Electrical Engineering, were selected for the awards by a seven-member committee representing the State Board of Higher Education and the chancellor's office. Abbott and Casperson, who were chosen on the basis of their research activities, each will receive a $5,000 salary increase retroactive to last Sept.

Abbott, head of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, has taught at PSU since 1978. His research on the city of Portland has resulted in three recent books, Portland: Gateway to the Northwest, Portland: Planning and Growth in a Twentieth Century City, and The Great Extravaganza: Portland's Lewis and Clark Exposition. Abbott also writes a column about Portland for The Business Journal. Currently, Abbott is working on a book entitled The Modern American City: 1920-1980, as well as articles on suburbanization in the sunbelt and a historiographic look at cities and regions. Active in the community, Abbott is serving on a City Club committee on the future of library services in the metropolitan area.

Casperson came to PSU from UCLA in 1981 as professor of electrical engineering. With a grant from the Oregon High Technology Consortium, Casperson has set up a laser laboratory in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The lab, which houses dye, carbon dioxide, xenon, helium neon, and argon lasers, is used for instruction and research. A major three-year grant ($247,866) from the National Science Foundation is enabling Casperson to study the natural instability of xenon lasers. His research could aid in the manufacture of lasers and could lead to new and improved uses for various lasers.

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Interim editor produces Perspective

Letters

Relevant article

I was reading my Alumni News this morning and was impressed with "Profile" on page 3 ("Symbols of racism help define prof's mission"). I would like to share this article with other parents/teachers on the Benson-Grant Cluster Citizens Advisory Committee. Portland Public Schools are currently introducing multicultural education into the curriculum. This article seems quite relevant.

Mrs. Dorothy Godfrey '84
Portland, Oregon

Symbols of racism

The story ("Symbols of racism help define prof's mission") was very good. I thought you captured things between me and the collection that I was ambushed, aware of on a conscious level. Thank you.

Darelle Millner
Black Studies Dept.

Blumel to leave presidency

Portland State University President Joseph C. Blumel has announced that he will leave the presidency of the University at the end of 1986. In a letter distributed to University faculty and staff, PSU's fourth president indicated that the State Board of Higher Education will soon initiate a search for a new PSU president.

May 1986 will mark Blumel's 12th year as president of Portland State. In his letter, he indicated that was "a tenure substantially longer than I had intended when I assumed office." He pointed out, however, that he believed the best interests of the institution were served by a continuity of leadership during the period of strained financial circumstances which the University faced over the past several years.

"That period," Blumel said, "now appears to be behind us. The last legislative session provided significant budget improvement and directed the re-examination of our institutional mission, an exercise which I am confident will result in a resumption of our development, particularly in graduate education and research. "For these reasons, it seems an appropriate time to accede to my desires and those of my family that I assume a somewhat less demanding role."

Blumel expressed appreciation to the members of the faculty and staff for their sacrifices and support. "This University has come a very long way," he concluded. "It has yet a long way to go to fulfill the dream all of us have had. I will leave office with admiration and affection for those I have been privileged to serve, with great satisfaction in all we together have so far accomplished, and with undiminished enthusiasm and confidence in the inevitable realization of that dream."

An economist, Blumel earned B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. He came to PSU in 1957 as an instructor in economics, advancing through the academic ranks to professor and acting department head. He served as dean of undergraduate studies, associate dean of faculties, and vice president of academic affairs prior to his appointment as president in 1974. He said he will announce his plans for future activities later this year.

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Vanport City, a wartime housing project and site of PSU's first campus

Vanport following the devastating May 30, 1948 flood

Much more than a flood - Vanport evolved into PSU

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On paper, the school was a "temporary" extension program, but to the students, faculty and, eventually, to the community, it was "Vanport College." They began lobbying for permanent status before the first pop quiz had been graded.

The average age of those freshmen and sophomore students was over 24 years. They were experienced adults who weren't ready to take "no" for an answer whether it was the Board of Higher Education, the Veterans' Administration, or Congress.

Foxholes and Cotton Balls

When threats were made to the housing allowance, a subsidy which enabled many students to live in Vanport housing, the ex-GI's broke out their trenching tools and dug foxholes on the campus, vowing to move into them if housing was eliminated. It was not.

When Congress discussed a reduction in educational benefits, Vanporters sent cartons of cotton snowballs to Washington, D.C., with the message, "Without our educational benefits, we won't have the chance of a snowball in hell of finishing school!"

But fighting the bureaucracy was child's play compared with saving the school following the devastating Columbia River flood of May 30, 1948. Many Vanporters lost their homes and personal possessions along with most of the college's equipment, books and papers as a wall of water swept the campus away. But within a few weeks, the school reopened at a new location, the old Oregon Shipyards, thanks to the tenacity and resourcefulness of the faculty, administration and students, and leaders from the Portland community who were taking up the fight for the fledgling institution of higher education.

Immediately following the flood, the State Board was told by the chancellor that it might be a good time to eliminate the school altogether, concentrating limited resources on the campuses in Eugene and Corvallis. But in 1949, the State Legislature, using a bill drafted by Vanport student John Hakanson, the future president of Clackamas Community College, made Vanport a permanent lower-division center.

"The College That Would Not Die"

The college had caught the imaginations of many people. The Christian Science Monitor published a national story about Vanport's post-flood resurrection, dubbing it "The College That Would Not Die." U.S. Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin said it as "the most thrilling story" he had ever heard.

The national publicity helped establish support for Vanport and contributed to the rebuilding effort. With the exception of the 92 books that were in circulation at the time, the entire college library was wiped out. Within a year, more than 1,500 volumes were in the new college library, nearly half donated by other libraries and individuals, including author Pearl S. Buck, who autographed the books she sent.

Four years after the flood and the move to the shipyards site, the school moved again, this time to its permanent home in the old Lincoln High School building on the present campus in downtown Portland. More years of struggle would follow before a four-year Portland State College became reality in 1955. Efforts included continual lobbying by the college, community and business interests; editorial support from newspapers; and the continued demonstration of need.

Eventually, on February 4, 1955, Portland State College was signed into official existence by Governor Paul Patterson.

More than 3,300 students were enrolled at PSU in 1955 and thousands more had attended classes during its first nine years of operation. Since the first graduating class in 1956, more than 42,000 degrees have been granted and enrollment remains strong.

The seeds planted by Stevens Epler and the first students and faculty in 1946 had weathered nine years of germination, sending out roots deep into the Portland community, and had begun to grow into the vigorous urban university of today. Obviously, they had chosen fertile ground.

All-star event caps Portland State's 40th birthday celebration

Question: How often do you celebrate your 40th year?

Answer: Only once, so do it right.

Portland State's alumni and friends will have the chance to do it right on Friday night, Feb. 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight, in the Smith Center Ballroom at the PSU 40th Year All-Star Event.

This occasion promises to be the biggest anniversary celebration in Portland State's history with special events and reunions, public recognition of PSU, and, of course, the All-Star Event on Feb. 28. The celebration will feature host Paul Limman, from KATU's Two at Four, comedian Brian Bressler, and an all-star band of PSU alumni. An auction, with auctioneer Gene Reynolds, is planned along with special prizes.

Tickets for the All-Star Event are available from the PSU Foundation (229-4911) at $15 each. Groups may reserve eight-place tables by calling early. The Friday night party will cap a series of activities including recognition of PSU by government and local media, an exhibit of PSU's history and groundbreaking for the new $7 million School of Business Administration.

Several groups have expressed interest in gathering prior to the All-Star Event for reunions. Groups may contact Robert Taylor in Alumni Affairs (229-4948) for reunion space in Smith Center.

The All-Star Event will take place in the Ballroom under a canopy of stars. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a variety of beverages will be available. Free covered parking will be available in PSU parking structures. The PSU All-Stars will provide music featuring tunes from the past 40 years, from nostalgia to rock, for listening and dancing. Comedian Brian Bressler will provide a capsule version of PSU's 40 years.

February 28 is sure to be remembered as an All-Star evening at PSU and tickets will be limited. Dust off your green-and-white, call your classmates, and reserve your place at the All-Star Event now.
Conversation
Memories of Vanport
Vanporters remember the first years of PSU from 1946 to 1948
Interviewed by Katlin Smith

Lucille Walker, Vanport staff

LW: One reason we came to Vanport was because my husband wanted to go to Oregon State but we couldn't find housing out there because we had two boys.

The walls were paper thin. We all had to sleep in one bedroom so we had bunkbeds for the boys and then finally they let us have two bedrooms.

BW: When the flood came it washed all the walls out in between so you could see how it was built. They just collapsed. They were made out of that fiberboard and it just melted.

I was 26 and I got out of high school when I was 17 so it was nine years since I'd been in school. The hardest part was the mathematics.

LW: Dick Walton, who taught physics and Don Parker, who was in business administration — Bill was older than they were.

BW: We didn't have any classrooms so I took chemistry over at the dental school by Lloyd Center. And then I went over to Benson High School and had some lab courses in electronics and electrical engineering. We were going all over. We had to get our own way over there. Very few of the guys had cars so anybody who had a car, we'd scrounge enough money to buy him gas and he'd haul us around. The physics book was loose-leaf. It hadn't been printed even. It was just stapled together.

Bill Walker, Vanport student

high schools were better outfitted than we were.

LW: In one section of the business office we were in a little building so that somebody closest to the window wanted to get up and go out the door, everybody had to scoot their chair forward. We were so packed in that were just desk-to-desk and chair-to-chair.

BW: The original faculty were special people. They really were. Dr. Epler and Phil Putnam and Dr. Black and Dick Halley and Don Parker — you just couldn't have asked for a more dedicated bunch of people.

LW: Bill was working as a janitor and we knew the (flood) water was getting high and the Housing Authority assured us that they would notify us by sirens to get out. Well, it never happened. They found out that the Housing Authority was moving out their records and so the college decided that they better start moving their records.

BW: We walked clear around the dikes and those dikes were just trembling they were so water soaked. Lucille and I were down at the college helping them load equipment in trucks and the dike broke so we ran home. We gathered everything we thought we could.

LW: I had a brand new sewing machine and we didn't take much out but we took that sewing machine. I'd saved my money to buy that machine!

Dr. Jean Black
Vanport and PSU librarian

I packed my mother and my Persian cat and jumped in the car and drove out from Iowa City to Vanport. My Vanport library at that time consisted of a big, leftover, unabridged dictionary of no standard brand that somebody had left around. Of course it was practically impossible to get books. The service had had the monopoly of all the books at that time so they hadn't been printed.

We ran literally from 7 in the morning until 10 at night because we didn't have space and because some of the men had jobs.

The first library was a little bigger than my dinette. But not much. Just my unabridged dictionary to begin with and then the next thing I remember getting, the text for psychology, was a monograph. Munn was also used at the University of Oregon and we hadn't been able to get them. Then the University of Oregon had 50 extra and they condensed to send us some for the library. This was their text. I would line them up and find out where they lived and they got the book. One would get it Friday night, the night I was doing them out. They had to promise to pass it on to another one on Saturday. The Saturday one had to promise to pass it on to the Sunday one and the Sunday one brought it back on Monday. They used to get pretty annoyed but I would say, "Well, better to have it for 24 hours than not at all!"

(When the Vanport flood washed away the campus, Dr. Black was on the East Coast attending a library convention.)

Our name was Vanport Extension Center and that was what I had on my name card at the convention. Pearl Buck was one of the speakers. She wanted to know if it (Vanport) was going to re-start and I said I didn't know, that I hadn't heard that, and she said that if they did re-open and I would let her know, she would have sent to me a copy of every one of her books that was in print. And she did it. She autographed them.

We had a lot of fun. I think we should have a club called "The Antediluvians" for the first generation before the flood people. "the creme de la creme." We went through some wild times.
Larry Swann, Vanport student

We were allotted just so much as veterans to go to college. The week after we received our checks, we were broke. So what we did is on payday, we would pool all our money and go down and buy groceries and that is actually how the Bachelors Club got started. We started together to help each other.

We were married? Housing was very, very bad. The price was just so much as veterans

I have never seen faculty and students get along better than Vanport. When we had a dance, they all came. Of course, when the Bachelors had a dance, everybody came.

People don't realize it but Vanport was a complete city. It had theatres, schools, recreation halls, nurseries, water towers, shopping centers, post office. The majority of the people lived around campus. Where could you register to go to college in 1946 and 1947 and get a place to live and a nursery to take care of your children if you were married? Housing was very, very difficult. In fact, my wife and I couldn't get married until we found an apartment.

This was a godsend to anybody who wanted to go to college, plus the G.I. Bill of Rights gave us money for books and tuition. There was no way I could have gone without Vanport.

Dr. George Hoffmann
Vanport and PSU professor

I think it's fair to say they (Vanport students) were one-of-a-kind in terms of generations. And certain characteristics about them made you aware that they were unique.

First, they were all in a hurry. This generation had lost anything from one to five years of their lives in the military and they never expected to... So the attitude — we've got to get on with our lives.

Then they were a challenge to the teachers. They would not tolerate any niggling or any winging it in class. They picked it up almost immediately if you tried it. And we all tried it. I tried it probably as much as anybody because I was usually one lecture behind. But if I went down a road that was just pure fluff, nothing substantial about it, they were not above standing in place and saying, "Mr. Hoffmann, let's get back to the good stuff," and sometimes they were very polite about it and sometimes they were very abrupt.

But, in any case, they didn't want to waste their time further.

And, of course, we could speak a little bit about the maturing process of four or five years in the Army or Navy or Marine Corps. They came as very definitely young men, not graduating teenagers.

We all got along very well, I remember that. We had so much in common.

Margaret Cass Gottlieb
Vanport staff and instructor

The money that was appropriated for Vanport Extension Center by the State Board — the first check drawn on that money was my first paycheck. When I went to work for Steve (Epler) it was in May of 1946. I was his "Girl Friday," I guess.

I came down and did everything — answered the phone, wrote his letters. He said, after we get going, I want you to teach English. We just had an office, period.

Everything was a first. It was all pioneering in a sense. I felt that, and I think that everybody who knew Dr. Epler felt, that he was a rare man. I've often said that while people were figuring out today's problems, he'd already, solved them and was anticipating the next set. He made the school.

If we hadn't had a man of his dynamism, it would have folded. It might have folded several times, especially after the flood. The feeling that the Board had at that time was, "Well, Portland certainly doesn't need a school. We've got Oregon. We've got Oregon State. Let's just drop it." But he kept it going... And, of course, we old Vanporters were delighted when it was made a permanent part of the state system.

I'm a graduate of the University of Oregon and I had some friends on the faculty who used to get me in the corner and say, "Now Margaret, what's really going on up there?" Some people just didn't understand that we were a legitimate institution.

Some of my funniest memories of Vanport are about Bill Lemman. I can remember Bill, he was a student coming into the office. There was one girl working there who he was particularly attracted to, and he used to come in and sit on her desk and I'd have to say, "Bill, now go on to class." And to think now that he's the vice chancellor!

Steve used to call me "The Midwife of Portland State." He was the father and I was the midwife.
From Poland to Portland

Scholar brings international insights to Portland State

by Cynthia D. Stowell

Tucked away in the mind of a university president is the image of the ideal faculty member. There is always the hope that the candidate walking into the next interview will possess all the desired traits: effective teaching, prolific publishing, loyalty to the University and an international reputation.

The university student also harbors an image of the ideal professor: well-prepared, knowledgeable, respected in his field, stimulating and personally interested in each student. Every term, the student hopes a person fitting that description will walk through the classroom door.

Such a man walked onto the Portland State campus in 1956 and he's been exceeding the expectations of the academic community ever since. Basil Dmytryshyn, a professor of history for 30 years and now an associate director of PSU's International Trade and Commerce Institute, has earned scholarly distinction for himself and for the university he chose as his base.

Last May, Dmytryshyn was selected for the 1985 Branford Price Millar Award for Faculty Excellence, a prestigious prize named for PSU's second president. A file of supporting letters from colleagues and former students tells Dmytryshyn's story well. The professor fills in the details:

"...a truly distinguished faculty member whose well-rounded efforts have advanced the quality of this institution through its formative years." — Victor C. Dahl, Director, Office of Graduate Studies and Research

It took some vision on the part of Dmytryshyn and his contemporaries. When the 31-year-old historian, his Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley still fresh, came to interview at Portland State College, Lincoln Hall was the whole campus. "It's easy to start working in a place that somebody else has built up," said Dmytryshyn. "It's a challenge to build something out of nothing. This was the challenge of a lifetime."

Dmytryshyn feels it was a successful experiment. "I'd say we made great progress in a short time with limited resources — except the desire to show that we were capable."

When Dmytryshyn retires in 1988, it will be from, in his words, "a healthy, respectable and nationally known institution with nationally and internationally known faculty." And he will have the satisfaction of knowing he was part of the process.

"He came to the United States in 1946 with great courage and optimism and no worldly goods. Nine years later he had earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D., was a citizen and already well-launched into a most distinguished career." — E.A.P. Crownhart-Vaughan, former student, Coordinator of Foreign Archives at the Oregon Historical Society

Born in Poland in 1925, Dmytryshyn had his education interrupted by World War II and then had his freedom interrupted when he was arrested by the Germans just before Christmas in 1943. He escaped to Czechoslovakia, where he joined the anti-German "Slovak Partisans.

When the Russians arrived, he was arrested again. "(I don't know for sure why.) Not wanting to go to Siberia, Dmytryshyn escaped again, this time to the U.S. Embassy in Prague, where he failed to win passage to America, and then to the American zone in Germany, where he received the necessary papers from his father, whom he already had in the U.S. His mother and sister had perished as a result of the war, so Dmytryshyn looked at his trip to America as "going home."

The stuff of adventure films, Dmytryshyn's months of flight had been taxing mentally and physically. There was no bedding under barbed wire fences or creeping from farmyard to farmyard, but there were some hair-raising rides on the tops of trains. "Tunnels were difficult," he smiled. The young Dmytryshyn had to be wily. "Traveling without a suitcase and giving the impression you know where you are, it's always easy to get lost in a crowd," he confided.

Unable to find food regularly, Dmytryshyn was a mere 95 pounds when he arrived in New York. But his father had a good job, and Basil could afford to put off working and finish his education. First, he went to night school to learn English, and then he set off for Alaska, where he felt sure he wouldn't run into people with whom he could speak any of the several European languages he knew.

It was at the University of Alaska that Dmytryshyn, who started out in pre-med, was convinced by a mentor that "history should be my beat." He had already lived a bit of history; now he wanted to make a career of studying it. And he had learned something important during his war years. "It gave me a different perspective on life," he said. "Only when you lose freedom do you appreciate what freedom is."

Dmytryshyn has spent the last 35 years examining a country where freedom is not defined in the way we Americans take for granted. That country is the Soviet Union.

"Any serious student of Russian history knows at least some of his many publications in this field, and he is universally respected for the high quality of his work."

Four of Dmytryshyn's dozen books on Russia, including A History of Russia, are used as college texts throughout the English-speaking world. USSR: A Concise History is currently being translated into Korean. The man who declined to go to Siberia and has never visited the Soviet Union since has become, nevertheless, a recognized authority on the huge, enigmatic nation.

"My views of the Soviet Union have been shaped by the great teachers at the schools I've attended, but also by the broad spectrum of reading I've done in various languages," he explained. Dmytryshyn has a working knowledge of Polish, Russian, Ukrainian,

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Grooming the high school student for college

by Bob Mullin

They all choose Portland State University:
- Minority students in Portland middle schools and high schools who want to enrich themselves in the frequently-neglected fields of engineering and science in preparation for college.
- Children of low-income families or of parents who never earned a college degree, seeking educational assistance as they attend high school to prepare them for further education.
- Academically gifted high school seniors who can’t wait for college and elect to earn credit for coursework taken in their high school classrooms.

Such diverse groups of students are the benefactors of a series of special programs offered by Portland State to help groom high school students and others for a college experience.

Behind these programs rests a philosophy, as expressed by Forbes Williams, Dean of Undergraduate Studies: “Because we are the kind of university we are, located where we are, we have the need, most of us think, to offer all sorts of programs to assist certain groups of students.”

Williams says such programs exist despite a move by the State Board of Higher Education several years ago, during the seven-year period of budget cutbacks, to eliminate remedial course work at the state’s universities.

“I want to be sure certain students are not arbitrarily excluded.…”

Of course, at the same time, the state board instituted new requirements that the high school courses Oregon high school students have to take to be admitted to state colleges and universities.

Beginning in the fall of 1985, in order to qualify to enter Portland State, students had to achieve at least a 2.5 grade point average and complete 14 units in the specific college preparatory course areas — English (4 units), mathematics (4 units), science (2 units), social studies (3 units), other college prep courses (2 units).

Williams says he is a “strong supporter” of the new requirements.

“This last group of incoming students,” he says, “the first required to meet the new admission standards — ‘is the best we’ve ever had,’ he acknowledges. However, Williams also has a concern. “I want to be sure certain students are not arbitrarily excluded when they can’t be successful, too,” he says. He fears the removal of remedial classes could do just that.

Voicing a similar sentiment is Corallee Forbes, Vice President for Student Affairs. “I have great concern about any threats to programs,” she says. “There’s a great need — greater than we are to meet at this time, especially in urban areas, … with a huge number of minorities and low incomes,” she says.

Science for minorities:
One program Forbes says she feels “very excited about” is a new one which began only last summer. Called MESA (mathematics, engineering and science achievement), the program is designed to increase the numbers of blacks, Hispanics, and American Indians in fields traditionally underrepresented by such groups.

Chik Erzurumlu, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, which oversees MESA, says it is based on a program that began in California in 1970 and achieved “an excellent track record” by providing such services as tutoring, study groups, field trips, advising and awards to minorities.

“The goal is to help these minorities to gain additional background at the middle school and high school levels so they won’t need remedial help and in fact will have more than average skills when they enter college,” says Erzurumlu.

Supported by grants from private industry as well as PSU and the Portland School District to the tune of $200,000, MESA involves 200 students at present and the plan is to gradually expand the program.

A boost into college:
Two federally-funded programs — BOOST Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound — “have been quite effective,” according to Forbes, in encouraging low-income students and those whose parents did not attend college to continue their education.

Each year BOOST reaches perhaps 700 potential college students in the Portland area who are not presently in high school, offering information and counseling designed to encourage their interest in college. Perhaps half this number eventually attends college, and about 70 choose Portland State.

Unlike BOOST, Upward Bound serves needy high-school students and offers tutoring, counseling and group meetings to help them succeed academically and prepare them for college education, About 40 participate in the PSU program.

Challenging the gifted student:
Not all programs are designed for students needing special assistance. The Challenge Program is one offered to the most talented and gifted students in high school. A self-supporting program, Challenge provides high school seniors carrying at least 3.0 grade point averages and the recommendations of their high school teachers with an opportunity to earn college credit for taking university-level courses in high school.

An average of 500 students in Portland metropolitan area high schools annually take advantage of the program which offers coursework in computer science, economics, English, foreign languages, history, mathematics and education from PSU-approved high school instructors.

“Students enrolled in the program found it really helped prepare them for the pace of a college class,” says Challenge Coordinator Karen Tosi. These students typically elected to stay in college the entire four years rather than finish early and, as a result, they were able to take more elective courses. Also, because they had earned college credit in high school, they were able to take lighter course loads their freshman year.

Saturday Academy similarly challenges junior and senior high school students with minicourses in high technology and related fields. PSU is one of several colleges and universities supplying instructors and classrooms for Saturday Academy, says board member William Faulder, Dean of PSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Other programs that assist students in making the transition to college academics include:
- A summer college preparatory class taught by Bob Vieira, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, which is offered to entering freshmen to orient them to PSU and college life and to improve their reading, writing and study skills.
- ROST — a series of eight monthly chemistry symposiums for high school students and teachers on subjects designed to enrich the high school curriculum and interest students in pursuing a college program. Assistant chemistry professor William Becker, who helps run the program, says about 60 students and 20 teachers are participating this year.

“… it really helped them prepare for the pace of a college class.”

A “women and math” lecture program is offered to PSU faculty to public schools and a career development at PSU involving 200 junior and senior high school students. “The program was designed to encourage students, especially young women, to take math and science courses and keep their career options open,” says PSU math professor Marge Enneking, who serves as coordinator of the program.

Even with all these programs to meet a wide assortment of needs and interests, Williams says, as could be expected, that not everyone is satisfied with the abilities of entering PSU students.

“People complain about the writing that students do when they come from high school,” he says. “The truth of the matter is, we have a large number of students who do very well in writing. It’s just that we’re attempting to offer the opportunity of an education to as many people as can take advantage of it. Once you do that, you must take into account the fact that some students are less motivated than others, and the whole range of intellectual abilities is involved. Women have a large group of people who didn’t go to college who now do. That’s because we’re not freezing them out. We believe everybody should have a shot.”
They walked the streets. They frequented emergency rooms. They lived in dorms, residential hotels. Eighteen PSU graduate students in the School of Social Work left their safe, dry classrooms for the streets and social service agencies of Portland in February 1985. One month later, they had gathered valuable data on 190 homeless women. But beyond statistics, the study provided insights into the lives of the women, dispelling public myths and raising the consciousness of the students in the process.

"There have been very few studies of homeless women," Sandra Anderson, professor of social work, points out. Most research focuses on homeless men and is often collected at a single site such as a temporary shelter. Previous research on Portland's homeless population, also conducted by PSU students, studied primarily males.

Advance work for the new study began in the fall of 1984 when Anderson and Lynn Hinango (’63), program manager with the Multnomah County Department of Human Services, modified a questionnaire previously used by Anderson while studying women on the Bowery in New York City. Greenwood also included contact with 75 Portland social service agencies. By the time registration began for "Homeless Women," Anderson's seminar was filled with graduate students anxious to get into the community for research.

Students were assigned to a variety of agencies. Some were on 24 hour alert, waiting to capture the arrival of potential interviewees. Other students formed "street teams" and wandered the avenues of the Burnside Community in search of interviews. "Can I buy you a cup of coffee?" was a standard introduction for Nina Geller, who was because if I have teeth (I'm 50), I have a life."

One winter's day a student interviewer, "The woman looked kind of tough, the more they open up."

"There was another concern. "I think we were all impressed with the fact that these women were not in good health," Anderson says. "There were a lot of health problems, which I didn't think was surprising, but in relatively young population, it's a great concern."

Most percent of the women described their health as poor or fair. Alcohol dependency was one major problem, as 75 percent of them are alcoholic," reports Anderson. Eighteen of the women who reported alcoholism were for the past 12 years. Most 60 percent of the population, he added, are mental depressed.

Mental health is also a concern. "Probably close to 20 percent are chronically mentally ill," Anderson says. "At least many that have been in a state hospital and 25 percent had made a suicide attempt, so there's mental illness and trauma, really, there's just a lot of poverty and unemployment and lack of adequate housing."

With collection of the data, the myth that all homeless people live on the streets because they choose to was dispelled. The research found that 90 percent of the women wanted to leave the ranks of the homeless and more than 75 percent had tried but were prosed by "limited income, no employment or family problems." Anderson hopes that the study will be used to develop solutions to the problems and special needs of homeless women.

In addition to getting a picture of what the population looked like, we were really interested in looking at the unmet service needs because we are working with a lot of women right now, Anderson says. "Another research report that gets filled in somebody's drawer and forgotten," Anderson says. "I think Portland is a very responsive community."

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Compiled by Cliff Johnson

Vanport

George I. Skinner, public relations director for Union Pacific Systems in Portland, has become co-owner of the 65-year-old Daily News in Portland.

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Ron A. Fogelquist (BS, 63' MS) served as co-director of this year's "Scared," a Portland-area holiday festival promoting Scandinavian culture and a proposed Scandinavian studies department at PSU. He is also president of Oregon's Nordic Council, and works as a foreign language teacher at Mountain View High School in Vancouver, Wash.

Rebecca L. Lathbury (BS) serves two parishes in Bancroft, Idaho, as the new priest at the Episcopal Church Mission of the Good Shepherd at Fort Hall, Idaho. Her congregations are composed of three cultures: white, Indian and American. For the past three years, she served as rector of St. James Parish in Pateros, Idaho.

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Betty J. Pitchett (BS), Dean of Communication Arts and Sciences at Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Ore., recently married Kenneth F. Light, president of Lithia Auto Group in Mason St., Ste. Marie, Mich. He formerly was president of Oregon Institute of Technology at Klamath Falls from 1976 to 1982. The Lights expect to maintain homes in Gresham and in Ste. Marie.

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Timme A. Helzer (BS) has been appointed director of human resources for Agtec: Agri-Culture, Inc., Portland. He previously held that position at Northwest Instrument Systems, Inc. Prior to that, he was manager of corporate organization development at Tektronix, Inc., Beaverton, Ore.

Garland S. "Gary" Hill (BS) is a property appraiser for the office of the Curry County assessor in Gold Beach, Ore.

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A. Gary Ames (BS), group vice president of US WEST, Inc., has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Mountain Bell. The company is one of three telephone operating companies (including Pacific Northwest Bell), owned by US WEST, a Denver, Colo.-based holding company.

Stuart W. Moore (BS) is vice president of The M. L. Gammon and Sons Co., Portland firm which manufactures and distributes specialized paper-cutting trim nozzles used by paper mills around the world.

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Kathryn C. "Cindy" Heiser (BA, '72 MSW) is the coordinator of the Lake Oswego, Ore., Adult Education Center. The center offers activities at a center that has an average daily attendance of 14 people, ranging in age from 50 to 99 years.

Jerold M. Packard (BA) is a writer and historian whose recently published second book, Peter's Kingdom: Inside the Papal City, (Charles Scribner's Sons) details the workings of the Roman Catholic hierarchies and the power and influence of the modern papacy.

69

Harold C. Williams (BS, '72 MSCT) recently helped celebrate the first anniversary of Portland University, an Alabama-based mechanical contracting company in Portland. In its first year, the firm had more than 60 contracts and made well over half a million dollars, according to Williams.

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Marlyn Jean Anderson (MAA), who uses the name M.J. Anderson, had collected her sculpted stone figures displayed during November at Portland's Elizabeth Louck Gallery. She has established a studio on the Oregon coast at Nehalem.

Dr. Linda A. Kaefer (MSW) has been named associate dean of research and will head the Turner Professors of Gerontological Nursing at the University of Texas School of Nursing in Houston. Most recently, she was coordinator of gerontology programs at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Nursing.

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Wallace M. Hbson (MBA) has formed Hbson & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in real estate economics, market analysis and development consulting. The Portland firm formerly was Leland & Hbson.

Michael E. Mason (BS) has been promoted to account executive in the mobile equipment sales group for Aeroquip Corporation's Industrial Division marketing department, based in Chicago. Aeroquip is a worldwide manufacturer of fluid power and fluid system components.

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Richard B. Wright (BS) has been promoted to sales manager at Morency Productions, Inc., Portland. He joined the company in 1985.

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Teresa L. "Tess" Fegel (BS) is a Portland-area social worker who lectures across the country, on the therapeutic value of humor. In addition to her teaching, she works at Wayne's Children's Home, Portland, and is state director of Parents Anonymous, an organization for people who want to raise their children without abuse.

Todd Clark Holm (BS) has begun work as a business development specialist for local governments in the Portland and Tualatin area. He attempts to identify and attract industries which can established themselves in the area, offering family wage positions, rather than entry-level.

Ron Russell (MST), former parks and recreation director in Lake Oswego, Ore., competed in about 30 watertracing tournaments during 1985, breaking his own record Sept. 14 to win the Pacific Northwest regional brick watertracing competition in the veteran men's division for ages 45 and up. The event was held at Long Valley, Ore.

V. Topaz Faulkner (BA, '81 MUP) is the new planning director for the City of Lake Oswego, Ore. She and her husband Lawrence Conrad (BS MUP) have three daughters.

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Danielle L. Larson (BA, '81 MA) and her husband Cleve became multimillionaires Dec. 11 when they hit the jackpot, a $2 million in the Oregon State Lottery. They have two children, Justine and Nile. According to Larson's new goals is to collaborate on a writing project concerning Northwest history.

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Stephen B. Hawke (MBA) has been named manager of customer service for Portland General Electric's division office in Gresham. Ore. Hawke supervises residential, commercial and industrial energy sales activities in the area. He is president-select of the Professional Engineers of Oregon.

Gerald M. Hubbard (BS), manager of facilities planning for Portland General Electric Co. Portland, is in the immediate past president and current membership director of the International Facility Management Association. He received the association's Most Distinguished award during its recent annual conference in Chicago. He also serves on the 1986 board of directors of the Institute of Business Designers Foundation.

Robert W. Sumner (BS) has been named vice-president and manager of U.S. Bank's retail services department. He formerly was director of retail resources at Southwest Washington Hospitals in Vancouver, Wash.

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Katherine J. Hansen-Bristow (MA) is an assistant professor of geography at Montana State University.

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Patricia L. Cox (BS) is a teacher who has taught some of North America's oldest and most remote schools. She currently teaches at Agness Elementary School, in the Oregon Coast Range community located some 35 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach. Cox is in her fourth year of handling kindergartners through sixth grade, teaching six pages each day.

Terry L. Oedermann (BS), a former sales representative for Computerply, has been named an account executive in a sales representative for A. T. Cross Co., an international manufacturer of writing instruments and desk sets. His new sales territory for the firm includes southern Idaho, Utah and Las Vegas.

78

LeRoy F. Pettis (MST), an administrative specialist for district-wide programs in the Portland Public Schools since 1983, has been appointed to a four-year term on the nine-member state Juvenile Services Commission.

79

Dan R. Jackson (BA) has been named vice president of corporate services for Los Angeles-based Marks, Illions, headquartered in Vancouver, Wash. He is responsible for the corporate accounting, requiring, employee benefits and credit divisions of the company's 32 sites and hotels.

Larry McClelland (MA) is the new middle and high school principal at Creswell, Ore. For the last two years he has been an administrator at Eagle Point, Ore., High School. Prior to that, he spent 11 years at Saugus, Ore., High School, as a teacher and department coordinator.

80

John L. Becker, Jr. (BS) has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1985, according to awards program of the same name headed by Montgomery, Ala. Becker's biography is scheduled to be included with national biographies of the under 30 members of Young Men in Race and Industry, Inc. The organization's 1985 awards publication.

Alice M. Freuler (BA) has been named director of communications for the Oregon Dental Association. She formerly was an advertising representative for the Gresham Outlook newspaper.

82

Kristina Belksnap (BS) and her husband, Tom, opened Belksnap School of Dance with 35 people in the ancient town of Yen in the Sudan. The Belksnaps have worked on health and welfare projects in cooperation with UNICEF on behalf of Ugandan political refugees living in the Sudan. They are the parents of a 5-month-old daughter.

Erie Ekim-Hubert (BS) has been named local sales manager for KKL-FM, which bills itself as "K-LITE" (97 FM). She has been with the station, formerly in New York, for the past three years as account executive.

Lawrence M. Conrad (MUP) has been named managing director of the Portland Opera Association. He directed a $150,000 cash award in November after being declared one of three winners of a regional audition of young singers in Portland in the Young Artist Development Program of the Metropolitan Opera. A soprano, Williams recently sang in a New York company's production of "Show Boat," which toured for three months in Europe.

83

Colleen McEntee (BA) has been hired as a public relations assistant at the MortonsCafe & Weber agency in Portland.

Frank P. Mondeau (BS) directs the Linfield College Community Programs as well as the Upward Bound program in McMinnville, Ore. College Companion matches screened college students with young boys and girls in the community who need the influence of older role models. Uniting Bound's bottom-line program for disadvantaged high school students.

Edna Mae Pittman (BS) has been named one of 12 members of an Oregon advisory committee established to help prevent child abuse and neglect. She also was awarded a Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship and is attending graduate school at PSU in the Public Administration Program. A recent graduate at PSU, in a Portland homeland who recently won a regional Metropolitan Opera audition vocal competition, she is a recording artist for Portland and Seattle opera companies, and was a recent Northwest Region finalist for the San Francisco Opera.
Foundation board adds new members

The PSU Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to welcome three new members.

John L. Kinman, 1968 graduate of Portland State and senior vice president and manager of organization and personnel at U.S. Bancorp, has been appointed to a three-year term. Kinman has been active in Portland State's fund-raising efforts since 1980 and chaired the Alumni Fund campaign in 1981-82.

Kevin B. Rivers, president of the PSU Viking Athletic Association, became a member of the Foundation Board this past fall. Rivers is vice president and manager, Oregon First Bank, Lloyd Office.

C. Norman Winningstad, 1973 MBA graduate of Portland State, joined the Foundation Board in November. Winningstad is chairman of the board of Floating Point Systems, Inc. He has been instrumental in establishing the School of Business Executive Council, a board which he currently chairs.

The members noted above were welcomed at the annual meeting of the board on November 23, 1985. At that meeting, the executive committee of the board was also presented. They are: Leigh Stephenson, president; Louis Scherzer, vice president; Barbara Cot, secretary; and Roger Pease, treasurer. Members at large are: Carl Halvorson, Howard Hubbard, Lee Koehn, William Lindblad, and Caroline Steel.

Other members on the PSU Foundation Board are: Pauline Anderson, David Belles, Lawrence Black, Earle M. Chiles, Andrew Davis, Michael Fisher, George Fraser, Walter Randolph Miller, Gontham Nicol, Ronald Peterson, Wallace Phillips, Robert Scanlan, and Kay Toran.

Those appointed to the Advisory Board are: V.F. Booker, Gerry Cameron, Martha Marks, David Pugh, John Rian, and Earl Wantland.

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Virginia Ann "Ginny" Bond (BS) is attending the University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene.

Correction

James Wilson (BS), a classical guitarist, recently completed a worldwide concert tour organized by the United States Information Agency. For UNICEF, as reported in our last edition. Wilson was a "cultural ambassador" only in the figurative sense, not in any official capacity.

40 years of growth

PSU Foundation offers valuable tax incentive seminars

The Portland State University Foundation has retained Charitable Services, Inc., a Portland charitable estate and financial planning firm, to provide valuable tax information to University alumni and friends on various methods of contributing to the Foundation. According to C. Harmon, president of Charitable Services, individuals may realize substantial tax savings on income, capital gains, and estates through the use of various charitable trusts.

Many people are unaware of the tremendous tax incentives permitted for gifts made to foundations like Portland State’s," Harm said. "At the same time, people can increase their own income."

The PSU Foundation provides financial support to the University for scholarships, faculty development, and a number of other important programs. Many alumni and friends have approached the Foundation with questions about the best manner in which to provide contributions. Those questions led to the retention of Charitable Services, Inc.

Gary Harm will provide informational seminars for specific groups over the next year. He may be contacted through the PSU Foundation (229-4911).

In Memoriam

Michael D. Bolme (MBA '88), a Portland certified public accountant, died of injuries Dec. 12 in a local hospital. He was 42. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He is survived by his wife, a brother, his father and two sisters, all of Portland.

Geoffrey Michael Mould (B.S.A.) died Oct. 25 in a Portland traffic accident. He was 28. A resident of the Portland area for the past five years, he was an accountant. Mould is survived by his wife, a daughter, his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Mitchell Jay Satterlee (BS.A.) died Oct. 15 in his Creswell home from the effects of a sudden onset of diabetes. He was 33. Satterlee was employed as head irrigator for the Siletz Nursery in Boring. He is survived by his parents, a sister and his grandmother.

Ruth Sheler (BA), co-owner of Broadway Furniture in Northeast Portland, died Nov. 14 in a Portland hospital after a long illness. She was 58. In receiving her PSU degree, Mrs. Sheler earned highest honors while completing her four-year course in arts and letters in just two years. She is survived by her husband, four sons, including Jonathan (BA) and Robert (BS.A.), and her sister. The family suggests memorials be contributions to Mr. and Mrs. Sheler.

Annual Fund continues to grow

The 1985-86 PSU Annual Fund continues to grow beyond previous levels. "Annual support is very important to Portland State and continues to grow each year," reports Floyd Harmon (78), development officer for the PSU Foundation. "The Personal Volunteer Solicitation phase of the campaign is ending and follow-up is continuing." Harmon says, Volunteers have contacted more than 150 prospective donors and pledges are well ahead of previous campaigns. In addition, the Volunteer Phonathon generated over $35,000 in pledge renewals.

Currently the annual Student Phonathon is underway. More than 23,000 alumni will be called during the next four months. An addition of 2,000 new donors to the Annual Fund is anticipated.

"With PSU celebrating 40 years of quality higher education, we hope to attract many new first-time donors to the tradition of annual giving," Harmon says.

Rental films available on business to PSU Alumni

The PSU Continuing Education Film Library is pleased to announce a large number of films and videotapes on business are now available for rental by PSU Alumni.

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M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust — $825,000 to finalize purchase of the Portland Center for Advanced Technology (PCAT) building.

Pacific Power and Light — $5,338 in equipment for the Graduate School of Social Work.

Fred Meyer, Inc. — $5,000 for School of Business Corporate Associates program.

PSU Women’s Association — $12,150 for endowed scholarships.

Estate of Loren Riley — $58,841 for student loans.

For information about the PSU Foundation and gifts to the University, contact the Foundation staff at (503) 229-4911.

Foundation reports new gifts

Support to the PSU Foundation and the University from corporations, foundations and individuals has been encouraging. "We are very grateful for the support demonstrated by alumni and friends," Philip Bogue, Foundation executive director, reports. The following, although not a complete listing, is a sample of the kinds of gifts and pledges received this past fall.

Chiles Foundation — $51,000 for the School of Business Earl E. Chiles Microcomputer Center. $10,000 for Presidential Scholarships.

Portland General Electric — $5,000 for enhancement of academic programs.

Burlington Northern Foundation — $18,000 for faculty awards.

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School of Engineering sponsors
lively open house on Feb. 21

Competing students will pursue the
student), Feb. 21. 1986 from 3:00-5:00 pm. as
they match their machines and
intellect against one another in
contests which are part of open house
activities at PSU's School of
Engineering and Applied Science.
Students from many local
universities, community colleges and
high schools will be present with
family and friends as well as visiting
professional engineers during the
series of special events.

Held as part of the 36th annual
National Engineers Week (Feb.
16-22), PSU's open house offers
the public a chance to become better
acquainted with the engineering field
and the University's engineering
programs in particular.

PSU faculty and student
representatives are available to
answer questions, and laboratories
and special exhibits will be open for
public inspection in Science Building II (1710 S.W. Ten 
Ave. - Computer-aided Design,
Microprocessor and Robotics
Laboratories); the Portland Center
for Advanced Technology (1800 S.W.
Sixth Ave. - Electronics, Computer
Science and Very Large Scale
Integration Laboratories); and the Bryman Building (520 S.W. Hall
St. - Laser S, Computer and Control
Systems Laboratories).

Faculty changes announced
Several PSU faculty members
recently assumed new administrative
responsibilities. Michael Reardon,
history professor and director of the
University Honors Program, has been
named Interim Associate Vice
President for Academic Affairs in
addition to his other positions.
Bryce Ross, Dean of the
Graduate School of Social Workwill
assume additional duties as Acting
Dean of Graduate Studies and
Research. The two newly filled
positions were vacated by Jim Heath
who continues at PSU as professor of
history.

Linda Parchall, professor of
German, will become the Acting
Associate Dean of the College of
Liberal Arts and Sciences in place of
Frederick Nunn who is on a year's
sabbatical. Nunn's position was
previously filled by Reardon in his
absence.

President re-elected to commission
PSU President Joseph C. Blumel has
been re-elected to a three-year term
on the Commission of Colleges of the
Northwest Association of Schools and
Colleges. The Association is one of
six regional voluntary accrediting
bodies in the United States.

Summer session wins first place
Last summer's "Tour the World at
Home" lecture series, which featured
28 foreign professors in addition to
PSU's year-round faculty, earned
PSU's Summer Session first place in
excellence from the Western
Association of Summer Sessions.

Bateson visits PSU
Mary Catherine Bateson, professor of
anthropology at Amherst College,
presented with "Anthropologist's
Eye" on January 22 as a speaker in
the Visiting Scholars Lecture Series at
PSU. Bateson is author of "Daughter's
Eye," an autobiographical
look at her parents, anthropologists
Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson.

School of Engineering, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

Senior Lynda Johnson (above) was named
NCAA Division II player of the year for
helping the PSU Viking women's
volleyball team light its way to a second
straight national championship in 1985.
Selected as first team All-Americans were
Johnson, for the fourth time, and senior
Lisa Couch, for the second time.

Briefly... 

Cindy Sprague (left) reads text via electrical impulse while Hobbs Center coordinator,
Alice McPike, monitors screen.

PSU's Grace E. Hobbs Center
provides innovative services

by Katlin Smith

Cindy Sprague sits in a campus building reading a poem. She recites
Robert Frost's "Fire and Ice" as she reads. It is a common scene, but an
uncommon experience. Though
blind, Cindy is reading the poem from
a typed sheet of paper. She is using
the state-of-the-art equipment of the
Grace E. Hobbs Center.

Since 1980, the Hobbs Center has
provided equipment and training to
visually impaired students and
community members. Tucked away
in a small room in the PSU Special
Studies office, the center is equipped
with the latest innovations.

The center was organized with
funds left to PSU by retired Portland
schoolteacher Grace E. Hobbs. At
the suggestion of attorney Jack
McCann, Hobbs left a trust fund of
nearly $150,000 to establish a
resource center for the visually
impaired.

"The need is there," McCann says,
"and it's pretty expensive to supply.
"The trust pays for equipment and
tuition for a student coordinator,
previously Alice McPike, a PSU
graduate student in special education.

In one corner of the center, a
synthetic voice reads aloud
the contents of a printed page. Slowly
converting print into speech, the
Kurzweil Reading Machine projects a
phonetically-oriented voice.

"It is certainly out of reach of visually
impaired people" because of cost, says
Sheldon Maron, center advisor and
professor of education. "Few are
purchased individually."

Printed material can also be read
through use of the Optacon. The
machine converts print to tactile
reading matter. A scanner reads
printed material and translates the
printed words into electronic impulses
which are read with the tip of the
user's index finger. Unlike Braille, the
actual shapes of the letters are felt by
the reader.

"The Optacon will allow access to
printed information that in the past
has been extremely difficult to get,"
Maron says. Users need approximately
50 hours of training to
read effectively with the scanner.

Hobbs Center will continue to
acquire innovative equipment,
according to Maron. "It is continually
being updated. We are always
attending conferences looking for new
equipment," he says. The center's
inventory presently includes a closed
circuit television system that enlarges
reading material to 60 times its
original size, Braillewriters, and
"talking book" cassette tape players.

As she trains on the Optacon,
Cindy Sprague continues to increase
her reading speed as she translates
impulses into letters and words. "It
would help me because I wouldn't
have to put so much in Braille," says
Sprague, who is a page technician at
the Portland International Airport.
She plans to use the Optacon to
increase job skills including the ability to read
messages and files.

Hobbs Center will also increase
educational opportunities for visually
impaired students at PSU. "Access" is
the key word, Maron says. "PSU is
making ways to make education more
accessible."

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PSU's professional dance company
PSU's Contemporary Dance Season progresses
during the next few months with
performances
for a variety
of
exciting
dancers.
On March 11, Karole Armitage
combines classical ballet, modern
dance
and
new
wave
music.
"The Company We
Keep"
(above).

Mary Kiniuck, Education, was elected
Vice-President and President-elect of the
Pacific Northwest Association for Institutional
Research and Planning at its annual conference
in Seattle, Nov. 7-8.

William Little, Black Studies, has been awarded
a certificate of appreciation by the
United States Information Agency (USIA)
for his service
as
a board member of the World Affairs
Council, as well as for opening his home
to
international visitors
in
Portland.

Joan McMahan, Speech and Hearing Sciences,
was awarded "Honors of the Oregon Speech
and Hearing Association" at OSU's
conference in Lincoln City, Oct. 11.
McMahan
was honored for her involvement in research
and workshops, influencing the education
of
future speech-language pathologists
and audiologists,
and
15
years
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service
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served
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years.

Vergil Miller, Dean, Business Administration,
has been appointed to a five-member board
of directors for the newly organized Freedom
Federal Savings and Loan Association, based
in Corvallis. The lender, formerly known as
State Federal Savings and Loan, was taken over by
federal regulators Dec. 6 and reopened Dec. 9
as Freedom Federal.

Lauren Nussbaum, Foreign Languages, spent
1985 on sabbatical at the University of Leiden
the Netherlands) and at the University of
Konstanz (Germany), where she continued her
research, started in 1984 at the Leu Baerck
Institute, New York City, on the life and
works of
German
novelist
and
essayist
Georg
Hermann during his exile 1933-1941 in the
Netherlands.

Jagdish Panella, Sociology and Urban Studies,
and co-author Marvin C. Gibbons, Mathematics,
visited the Universities of Agra, Allahabad,
Indore,
and
Delhi
in
India;
Aug. 26-sept. 25.
He gave invited talks and participated in
discussions on distribution and estimation

Kenneth Daiker, Urban and Public Affairs,
has
been
appointed
in
a seven-member
citizen
panel
to
assist
in
the
development of TRAMET'S
1986-87
mass
transit
district
budget.

Don C. Gilbous, Sociology and Urban Studies,
and co-author Maryn Q. Koonen Rain, the fourth
edition of Development Behavior published by
Prentice-Hall, Inc. in November 1985.

Ulrich H. Hardt, Curriculum and
Administration, recently completed six years as
State Coordinator of the International Reading
Association. During that time, the organization
tripled in size, earning the President's Cup for
1985. Hardt also chaired two Western Regional
IRA Conferences in Portland during that period.

Med Katz, Art, served on the eight-member
review
and
selection
panel
of
the
Visual
Arts
Program of the National Endowment for the
Arts, which met Nov. 18-21 in Washington
D.C. The panel conducted a peer review of
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Ernest "Pokey" Allen, new Viking head football
coach, answers questions at news
conference where he was introduced to the
campus and news media by Athletic
Director Roy Love (right). Allen, former
defensive coordinator for the Portland
Breakers of the US Football League,
replaces Don Read who is now at
University of Montana. Allen, who has
coached at Simon Fraser University,
University of Montana, Eastern
Washington and California, says his
Vikings will feature a wide-open passing
attack. He arrived on campus in early
January, turning immediately to player
recruitment.

Allen named
new football coach

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Dmytryshyn brings academic distinction

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Church-Slovanik, German and French.
A number of his books are annotated translations of the original writings of Russian statesmen, scholars and explorers — primary material that offer unusual insight into the Russian character.
Dmytryshyn's latest book, *Russian Statecraft*, with co-author and Berkeley mentor John Letiche, was touted by a Nobel prize-winning economist as more useful preparation for the recent Reagan-Gorbachev summit than *Das Kapital*.

These translated writings of the 12th century Croatian Jesuit scholar Jurij Krizhanich "reveal the strengths and weaknesses of the Russian state and the Russian people," said Dmytryshyn. "You scratch a Russian Communist," Dmytryshyn believes, "and you find a Russian Russian."

In Dmytryshyn's mind, Russia has long been a country worried about its security and demanding strict allegiance to its powerful central government. "The more they expanded, the more fear they had to introduce in order to maintain what they had conquered," explained Dmytryshyn.

"The question that has puzzled me over my entire teaching career," said the Russia scholar, "is how it became possible for a little city and a little state like Moscow to emerge into an entity that occupied portions of three continents." Dmytryshyn's dogged and meticulous research and writing and exploration into this and other questions.

"Indeed, Dmytryshyn on television has become a familiar sight for Oregonians." — Jim Heath

Dmytryshyn's expertise has made him a favorite of the local media for commentary on Russian affairs. "Being in the teaching profession," he explained, "I like to share whatever information I have, not only with students but with anybody who asks for it." And he welcomes the opportunity to influence public opinion, which he sees as somewhat intransigent, clinging to over-simplifications.

Most of all, teaching, writing and public speaking are proving grounds for the scholar, Dmytryshyn feels. "Every professor owes it to himself, his family, his former professors, his students and his University to publish and explore, to demonstrate what he or she can do. You reveal either your wisdom or your ignorance."

Dmytryshyn's involvement with PSU's International Trade and Commerce Institute is just one more opportunity for him. "Sitting in one's ivory tower is not healthy," says the history professor. "I have always felt, frankly, that there must be a better relationship between academic and civic and business institutions."

Through the institute, Dmytryshyn has a hand in helping businesspeople learn about the culture and customs of the countries with which they want to trade.

...a unique commitment and concern for his students that transcends the common. — David F. Aiken, former student, Curriculum Vice Principal for Roosevelt High School, Portland

It is easy for an international scholar to forget the students back in the classrooms of his university. But Dmytryshyn approaches his undergraduate and graduate classes in Russian history and expansionism, Eastern Europe, World War II and even Western Civilization, with the same zest he exhibited as a young professor. The trick is in "being able to present something new, rather than the same old stuff," he says.

Dmytryshyn also likes to keep in mind the notion that "No one has a monopoly on stupidity or wisdom." His classrooms are open places, where students' ideas count. "Questions raised by students in the classroom force you to reconsider many ideas, perceptions and views you've entertained but never asked yourself directly."

Last summer, a student came up to Dmytryshyn at a conference in Paris and asked if he could come study with the PSU professor. Many a graduate student who has sought out or stumbled into Dmytryshyn's tutelage has later benefited from a well-placed phone call to a university Ph.D. program or to an employer. And the interest often goes on beyond graduation.

Dmytryshyn — the teacher, the researcher, the author, the administrator — exemplifies all that academia demands of its practitioners. No one would blame him if he relaxed a bit. But he's always ready to take on one more task, one more student, one more challenge.

What's more, the 60-year-old scholar manages it all with the seemingly effortless grace of someone just hitting his stride.

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Nixon, 75 Lincoln Hall, Free.
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Feb. 13 John Short, tenor; Dennis Montgomery, baritone.
Feb. 18 Deimos Piano Quartet (James McClellan, violin; Judy Bokor, viola; Mary Ellis Dinmore, cello; Jay Hamagino, piano).
Feb. 20 PSU Clarinet Ensemble.
Feb. 25 A Portland Opera Preview, "The Marriage of Figaro."

Mar. 4 Paintings by David McCosh.
Mar. 5 Comedian Robert "looking Up," videotape of Wycherly, 4:30 pm, 323 Smith Center.
Mar. 8 Los Angeles Gilar Quintet, 8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium.
Mar. 15 Canadian Piano Quartet, 8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium.
Mar. 19 Composition Students of Bryan Johnson.
Mar. 22 "Jazz: Cam Newton, Michael Bard, Rob Thomas." A Pickup Group.
Mar. 26 "A Midwife's Story." 12:00-1:30 pm, 294 Smith Center.

FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC MINI SERIES
8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium. $10 general; $5 students & adults (except for May performance).
Feb. 6 Cordelia Wilkanski-Meidel, cello; Artist-in-Residence from Unv. of Puget Sound.
Mar. 6 Performing Arts Services.
Mar. 11 Jon Stanford, clarinet.
Mar. 13 "Jazz: Cam Newton, Michael Bard, Rob Thomas." A Pickup Group.

PIANO REPERTOIRE SERIES
8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium. $10 general; $6.50 PSU faculty, staff, & adults.
Mar. 18 Anton Kuerti, Vienna-born Canadian artist, student of Horszowski & Serkin.

GUITAR SERIES
8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium. $6 general; $4 students & adults.
Mar. 18 Los Angeles Gilar Quintet.
May 17 Bryan Johnson with Tom Svoboda.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE SERIES
8 pm, Lincoln Hall Auditorium (unless otherwise noted). Call 229-4440 for tickets: $8 general; $7 students, sr. adults (except for May performance).
Mar. 11 Karole Annitage.
Apr. 10-12 The Company We Keep.
May 15-17 Blanka Zizka (Shattuck Studio Theater, room 112, $6 general, $5 students, sr. adults).

CABARET/THEATRE ARTS COMMITTEE
Nixon, Smith Center's Parkway Commons North, Free.
Feb. 19 "Looking Up," videotape of a day in the life of a handicapped student from PSU.
Mar. 5 Comedian Robert Jenkins.
Mar. 12 Highland bagpipes of Clan MacKay.

THEATER ARTS
Thurs., 7 pm, Fri., Sat., 8 pm Lincoln Hall Auditorium. $5 general; $3.50 students, PSU faculty, staff, sr. adults. Call 229-4440.
Feb. 14 "As You Like It," Shakespearean comedy.

Sports

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
7:30 pm, PSU's main gym. $3 adults, $2 students & children. (Mountain West Conference Game)
Feb. 15 Idaho State*
Feb. 28 University of Idaho*
Mar. 1 Boise State*
Mar. 4 University of Washington

Visual Arts

GALLERY 299
8 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri., 299 Neuberger Hall, Free.
Feb. 10-28 Exchange exhibition between painting students from PSU & Univ. of Nevada.
Mar. 3-21 "Karen Dinesen ."
Mar. 4-28 "Jeffery, 12-2 pm, 299 Neuberger Hall, Free.
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LITMAN GALLERY
12-2 pm, Mon.-Fri., 250 Smith Center, Free.
Feb. 3-27 Paintings by David McCosh.

WHITE GALLERY
8 am-8 pm, Mon.-Fri., 2nd floor south Smith Center, Free.
Feb. 3-27 Cartoons by Callahan.

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Campus Notes

WOMEN'S UNION FILMS
Free: Call 229-4452 for details.
Feb. 13 "Choosing Children." 2-3:30 pm, 323 Smith Center.
Feb. 19 "New Relations: A Film About Fathers & Sons." 2-3:30 pm, 329 Smith Center.
Feb. 27 "All My Babies: A Midwife's Story." 1-3:30 pm, 290 Smith Center.
Mar. 3 "The Emerging Woman." 12-1:30 pm, 333 Smith Center.

NORTHWEST QUILTERS SHOW
10 am-6 pm, Smith Center Ballroom (third floor). $1.25 general, 75 students, sr. adults.
Mar. 23-30 Displays, demonstrations, slides. Call 252-2636 for details.

Women's Union Lecture Series
12-1:30 pm, 294 Smith Center, Free.

Women's Union Lecture
11 am, 338 Smith Center, Free: Call 229-4928.
Feb. 20 "The Scientists as Moral Exemplars." David Hollinger, History of Science, Univ. of Michigan.
Apr. 3-4 "The Influence of Mathematics on Philosophical Method, I and II." Ted Humphrey, Director, Honors, Arizona State Univ.
May 5 "The Profession of Science in America: Their Ambivalent History." Daniel Kevles, History of Science and Technology, California Institute of Technology. (Call for specific dates.)

GEOGRAPHY LECTURES
3:30 pm, 418 Cramer Hall, Free.
Feb. 19 "Demographic Problems of Multinational Yugoslavia." Zlatko Pepecnik, Univ. of Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LIT. LECTURES
1 pm, 462 Neuberger Hall, Free. Call 229-3522.
Feb. 12 "A Thousand Years of Russian Culture." (with slides). Sandra Rosengrant, Russian section.
Feb. 19 "Peter the Great: Russia and the West." Carolyn Wilbog, French section.
Feb. 26 "Green Politics in the Federal Republic of Germany." Karin Herrmann, German section.
Mar. 5 "Karen Blixen - Isak Dinesen." Inger Osen, German section.
Mar. 12 "The Non-Russian Lands of the USSR." Tom Poulsen, Geography Dept.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES LECTURES
Nixon, 33 Smith Center, Free. Call 229-3455.

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8 pm 'til midnight, Smith Center Ballroom, $15 per person; call 229-4911.
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