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Recognition for Don O'Neill



The American Counselor Association recently named Don O'Neill, David Douglas High, as "Counselor of the Year."

Don O'Neill, clinical specialist and guidance counselor at David Douglas High School, was named Counselor of the Year by the American Counselor Association on Tuesday, April 6, at their national convention awards banquet.

The David Douglas counselor was chosen from 8 nationwide finalists at the convention after being screened from candidates throughout the fifty states. O'Neill was submitted as a nominee by a fellow counselor, Mrs. Clarice Roehm. A popular and dynamic school counselor at David Douglas High School since 1964, O'Neill has achieved local, state and national attention by pioneering a volunteer telephone counseling service for youth and adults seeking help in solving drug, home and personal problems. His

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MULTNOMAH OUTDOOR EDUCATION IN RETROSPECT



Warren Gilfillan, Director of Outdoor Education, takes notes as he discusses Spring Outdoor School with Robert Burgess, Coordinator of Outdoor Instruction.

Five years ago on March 14, 1966 the name Regional Outdoor Education was painted on the door at 1441 S.E. 122nd Avenue, a new office a mile south of the Health and Education building on Glisan Street. Thus was born the "Outdoor" branch of Multnomah County Intermediate Education District and one of its most exciting and fastest growing services.

Regional Outdoor Education was conceived by a group of Portland metro-

area educators, governmental agency people, and industry representatives who had banded together under the name P.A.R.E.T. Committee. Their eponym was derived from the development of their first venture into outdoor instruction, the Portland Area Resource Education Tour (now Forest Park Nature Trail). Former I.E.D. Superintendent Errol Rees and his assistant Marcia Erickson were leaders in the group.

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**WARREN GILFILLAN,
DIRECTOR OF
OUTDOOR EDUCATION**



"Mr. Gil" as he is known at Outdoor School, grew up in Seattle, Washington, but back-packed the trails of the Cascades and Olympics as a "country" kid during his youth. After service with the Army Air Corps during World War II he graduated from Washington State University in Wildlife Management, and worked for a time with both Washington and California Game Departments. Coming to Portland in 1953 he worked professionally as a District Scout Executive in the Portland Area Council, and directed their Conservation program. In 1958 Gil was named Director of Camping for the Scout Council and administered their five summer and six weekend camps. In 1963 he left Scouting to become information-education officer for the Oregon Fish Commission and engaged in conservation teaching in schools as a part of his responsibilities. In 1966 Gilfillan was appointed Director of Outdoor Education for the Regional Outdoor Education project, a Title III, E.S.E.A. program, for which the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District was fiscal agent. He remained as Director of the Multnomah Outdoor Education program when the I.E.D. as-

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In 1965 the propitious passing of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act gave this evangelistic group the instrument to finance their next dream, a

**BOB BURGESS, COORDINATOR
OF INSTRUCTION
OUTDOOR EDUCATION**



Bob Burgess, an Oregonian since age six, graduated from the University of Oregon in education and taught sixth grade in his home town of Eugene for eight years. During that time he took his class to an experimental Outdoor School at Camp Silver Creek in 1964. In 1965 he directed an Outdoor School for two elementary schools in Eugene and was "bitten by the bug." In the spring of 1966 he was appointed as Instructional Assistant to the emerging Regional Outdoor Education program.

"Mr. Bob," now Coordinator of Instruction for Multnomah Outdoor Education divides his time between Outdoor School curriculum and the recruitment and training of the 1,000 plus Junior Counselors needed each year.

Burgess is a Korean veteran and living in the Rockwood District. White-water-running in a McKenzie river boat is a hobby of his.

sumed full sponsorship in the summer of 1968, after Federal money ended. Gilfillan received his M.S. in Recreation from the University of Oregon in December 1969.

pilot outdoor school project, encompassing the four county metro area. Their proposal was accepted by the U.S.O.E. with the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District named as administrative agency. A search for a staff ended in the choice of Warren C. Gilfillan as Director and Robert A. Burgess as his

Tri-County Prototype

The concept of management of instruction through objectives is being pursued vigorously by a group of metropolitan Portland educators. Under the co-directorship of Jack Allen and Peter Wolmut -- with coordination by Bob Allenbrand of the Multnomah County I.E.D., planning and the beginning of implementation of a project on Course Goals Development has started.

Some 20 master teachers will work this summer to attempt to produce a comprehensive set of K-12 educational outcomes at the "course" level in the program areas of Language Arts and Science. They will be assisted in this effort by representatives of the Superintendents of the local school districts in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. These representatives will feed the individual goals of their districts to the above "Course Developers" who will then fit each such goal into the above comprehensive set.

All training personnel involved is being conducted under the leadership of Dr. Victor Doherty, Assistant Superintendent of Evaluation for the Portland School District No. 1.

Widespread interest is centered on this project, running the range from local district level to Oregon Board of Education. It is felt that if this can be carried out successfully, it will be the prototype for future school planning and development.

Instructional Assistant. Because of the experience and ability brought to the task by these two men, and the groundwork laid by pioneer Oregon Outdoor Educators, the first large-scale, long-range outdoor education program in Oregon got quickly underway. By April 1, 1966 Camp Colton had been chosen and equipped as the first Regional Outdoor School site, and a teacher's workshop held there. Two weeks later the first 125 excited sixth graders arrived and by mid May 500 charter youngsters had had the experience of a week in the out-of-

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doors school with their classes and teachers.

During the summer of 1966 Federal money was made available to send eight per-cent of the sixth graders in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Columbia Counties to Outdoor School in the next school year. With a switch to the Trout Creek site some 1,303 sixth graders from 48 classes participated in fall and spring sessions in the 1966-67 school year. The Regional Outdoor Education project was again renewed by the U.S.O.E. at the same level, for 1967-68.

By the beginning of the 1967-68 school year, enthusiasm for the Outdoor School led several school districts to request contract service from the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District so that a higher percentage of their students could participate. As a result, two Outdoor School sites (Trout Creek and Colton) were leased to accommodate the total of 2,078 students expected. Twenty-eight classes from three other counties were included.

The Federally financed Regional Outdoor Education program was due to terminate on June 30, 1968 so steps were taken to assure its survival. The Multnomah County Intermediate Education District proposed that the resident Outdoor School program be added to its list of services offered the 14 school districts within the county. This proposal was accepted and Multnomah Outdoor Education was born.

With nearly 9,000 sixth grade students in Multnomah County it became obvious that adequate Outdoor School sites and sufficient trained staff could not be made immediately available to serve all of the youngsters. It was decided to start with one-third or 3,000 Multnomah students the first year and expand at that rate for the next two years until all 9,000 could be accommodated. Additionally, in the interest of keeping the Outdoor Education program going in the other counties originally served by the project, the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District offered to

"DIGGER"



Rudy Bohm teaches an eager student how to split shakes at Outdoor School.

Rudolph Bohm, Jr., is hardly known by his true name — but rather as "Digger," his Outdoor School moniker. Digger has an extraordinary background in the natural sciences, both from his college training and from his extensive

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accept contract service at the "actual cost" of each student's participation.

In the 1968-69 school year the program doubled in size with 4,857 students participating, 1,952 of them from the Hillsboro, Beaverton and Oak Grove Districts and from Sherman County. In addition to Trout Creek and Colton, Canby Grove Camp was added in the fall and Camp Adams the following spring to handle the increase. Mr. Rudy Bohm was added to the Outdoor Education staff as an Outdoor Education Specialist on a nine-month contract. Bohm had joined the program as a part-time employee in its first session and has been a constant contributor.

The 1969-70 participation excluded contract schools but rose to 5,943 students from 229 classes in Multnomah County. This was approximately two-thirds of the available sixth graders; Mr. Martin Kuns, long time participant in the program joined the staff as a nine month Outdoor Education Specialist.

In this current school year another Outdoor School site, Nate Creek Camp, was added in the fall and now Camp Collins brings the total to six. By May 28 every sixth grade student in the 14 school districts in Multnomah County will have

"MR. SPIKE"



Martin Kuns, or "Mr. Spike" at Outdoor School, discussing a developing leaf bud with a curious sixth grader at Collins Outdoor School. Kuns has been an enthusiastic staff member at Outdoor School since the fall of 1966 when he was first hired as a Senior Counselor. Since then he has been a Resource Specialist in Animal Life (Spike is a wildlife

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had the opportunity to attend a week at Outdoor School with his class and teacher.

Happily, as a result of the impetus provided by the Regional program and contract help from Multnomah County, Washington County Intermediate Education District was able in 1969-70 to initiate their own resident Outdoor Education program for 3,000 sixth graders annually. Clackamas County is following close behind with a full time Outdoor Education Director employed.

That Multnomah County Outdoor Education (nee Regional) is one of the few Outdoor Education programs that has survived the end of E.S.E.A. financing, is a tribute to the quality of the program and the hard work and dedication of the Multnomah County staff. Superintendent Thomas J. Sommerville's leadership of the I.E.D. since July, 1969, has been instrumental in strengthening the position of Outdoor Education as a viable education method. High on the list of commendations too, are the 14 school districts, their parents, teachers, administrators, and school board members, who have allowed the continuation and expansion of the program. In the last analysis this is the truest evaluation.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS VITAL LINKS IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION

To truly evaluate Outdoor School we must look at the experience as seen through the eyes of a Junior Counselor. These juniors and seniors in high school volunteer for this experience with sixth grade students and must have the approval of their teachers, counselors, and parents to take part in the program. After initial selection through the various metro high schools, they attend two training sessions in town and spend one weekend in preparation for their counseling experience. They soon learn that Outdoor School is not a week of being "sprung" from school, but hard, serious work.

During the week they are in residence at an Outdoor School site they assume the responsibility for a cabin group of boys or girls, each an exciting individual. They also have an opportunity to help sixth graders learn about natural resources and conservation by becoming members of a teaching team. As they are not experienced teachers, they learn they must rely on their unique abilities to communicate with sixth graders in an enthusiastic manner.

During this current school year approximately 1500 of these outstanding



young people are being involved as Junior Counselors. This experience is unique in their high school career and constitutes their finest opportunity to learn self reliance, responsibility, leadership, and character training. It is interesting to note that this year many of the Junior Counselors are students who participated in the program as sixth graders.

That Junior Counselors are such a vital part of the program has prompted a staff member to remark, "We have never had a bad week of Outdoor School with good Junior Counselors and never a good week with poor ones." These high school students are, for the most part, a truly dedicated group of young people. The only reward they get for this very unique experience is when, at the end of a week, a sixth grade boy or girl says or thinks, "When I get into high school, I want to be just like my Junior Counselor."

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tremendous capacity to give himself to the student, school and community has commanded a high regard by those who have been in contact with him. These acclamations of contributions and the leadership abilities have placed him in many roles of leadership within his respective field.

Don O'Neill, 32, received both his bachelor and masters degree in his native state at the University of Idaho. He received additional training at Fitzimmons School of Psychology, Brooke Army Medical Center and Oregon State Uni-

versity. Previous to his David Douglas assignment, O'Neill taught and counseled in the U.S. Army Dependents System in Japan and was director of guidance and counseling at La Grande, Oregon.

Don O'Neill's impressive and lengthy list of offices and organizational affiliations is headed by the presidency of the Oregon School Counselors Association, coordinator of high school relations for the Columbia Pacific Council of the Explorers, liaison officer for the Boy Scouts of America and executive board of Oregon Personnel and Guidance Association.

Hotline, one of Don O'Neill's most outstanding contributions in his profession, has mushroomed dramatically from a meager beginning in the summer of

Collins - New Outdoor School Site



Camp Collins is the newest site of the six now needed to handle the nearly 9,000 Multnomah County sixth graders attending Outdoor School annually. Collins, owned by the Portland Y.M.C.A. lies on 120 acres of heavily forested land on a big bend of the Sandy River east of Gresham. Oxbow Park, next door, with its 1,000 acres of similarly forested land, helps make this area an ideal location for the nature study presented at Outdoor School.

Collins has been recently endowed with a spacious new dining hall, mainly through funds supplied from the Collins family foundation - long time supporters and originators of the camp. Recently completed are new staff and teacher quarters in the old lodge, along with a separate, modern lavatory building for staff. Student cabins are completely insulated and equipped with fan blown electric heaters, hardly a place for roughing it!

With its excellent location and renewed facilities, Collins Outdoor School site is one of the best.

1970 to metro wide counseling aid for troubled youth. His innovative project of providing a volunteer counseling service for youth was projection of his basic professional makeup. For three years he directed night counseling groups for his district during his so called "off duty" hours. The David Douglas superintendent, Dr. Howard Horner, seemed to sum up his professional attitude by saying,

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"Hotline" Counselor, April Cooper takes an evening call from distressed youth.

"Mr. O'Neill is an unobtrusive person who achieves a remarkable success without overpowering and coercive tactics. He is an untiring worker who devotes his weekends and evenings to students."

When these demands became impossible, O'Neill organized "Hotline." Believing that peer group counseling combined with a scattering of professions could effectively expand coverage, he soon solicited office space at the Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church. With housing provided for phone lines and counseling space, O'Neill began to train his first group of counselors. The initial 37 volunteers were trained during 5 two hour sessions by experts in suicide prevention, drug control, pharmacy, criminology and psychology. The volunteers trained were largely youth who wanted to help others, with a segment of teachers, school counselors, ministers and businessmen.

The tremendous demand placed upon the phone and "walk in" counseling service soon created a need for expansion. A second group of 64 volunteers were trained. Additional phones were installed and the David Douglas community unselfishly extended "Hotline" to the Greater Portland Metropolitan area. Last month the nightly service recorded 1016 phone calls and 715 "walk ins." To accommodate this deluge of calls, the annex of the Savage Memorial Presbyterian

LYNCH HONOR BAND CHOSEN

The Lynch Honor Band provided the music for the Friday ceremonies culminating the Mt. Hood Community College Dedication Week during April 19-24. The 60 piece band directed by Lynn Teadtke, music supervisor for the Lynch District, played the processional, recessional, National Anthem and God Bless America for the dedication ceremonies held at the college Mall at 11:00 a.m., April 23rd. Following Governor Tom McCall's message, the Lynch Honor Band played a medley of marches as Mrs. Poly Schedeen, a member of the founding committee of the college, dedicated the college with a stone marker.

Following the ceremonies, Director Lynn Teadtke stated, "These kids have really been thrilled to play in the presence of Oregon's Governor McCall and sharply sensed a deep feeling of honor in participating in this historical event."

Church at 139th and Mill Streets was opened from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on weekdays and nearly all around the clock on weekends.

Many of the youth trained to serve as counselors are youth who have previously had direct or indirect experience in the drug scene.

The impact of peer counseling has greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the program according to director O'Neill.

April Cooper, a 1970 Centennial graduate reports, "This is something I really enjoy. I feel like I have helped the world. To help just one person is important." She described her training as effective and thorough. So thorough, in fact, that she said, "Answering the phone seems almost anti-climactic. The problems and simulated emergencies given us in training made me apprehensive if I could rise to each occasion. Consequently, I have been able to face my routine calls with confidence."

Don O'Neill and "Hotline" may be rapidly becoming Portland Metropolitan institutions.



Lynch Band Supervisor, Lynn Teadtke, directs Honor Band at Mt. Hood Community College Dedication.

However, these 60 accomplished musicians had once before tasted the intoxication of fame as the result of a tremendous fall experience. On November

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work in teaching teachers and children in the out-of-doors. As a very competent Oregon historian he combines his natural and historical talents for a unique "Social Science Approach" to the teaching of Natural Resource Conservation. Bohm was a Senior Counselor with the Outdoor School during its first session in the spring of 1966 and has been an enthusiastic staff member in every session since. He became a 9½ month contracted "Nature Specialist" with Multnomah Outdoor Education in the 1969-70 school year. Digger is a naturalist's naturalist.

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student from Oregon State University) and a Site Supervisor at the Trout Creek, Colton and Collins Outdoor School sites. Kuns now carries the title of Outdoor Education Specialist and is a 9½ month contracted employee with the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District program.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS NOW BUSSED TO OUTDOOR SCHOOL



How does one go about transporting over 125 high-school-age Junior Counselors and all their personal belongings to six different Outdoor School sites weekly? With the growth of Multnomah Outdoor Education a new problem had developed. While the program was still growing, Junior Counselors were transported in the cars of Outdoor School staff members, each of whom had to hold expensive and high-liability insurance coverage. Mileage reimbursement was made to them. The coordination of pickup points and times was a monumental job, however, and the additional hours a drain on much-needed staff free time on weekends.

This school year it was decided a more feasible and economical system was needed. The answer was to contract with a commercial transportation company and to establish routes throughout Multnomah County to serve the most counselors. Now, three buses pickup students at 12 high schools in Multnomah County and rendezvous at the Multnomah County I.E.D. parking lot. There, on Sunday afternoons, there is a dramatic "reshuffling" of high schoolers as they load and board one of four buses assigned their Outdoor School site. One bus each goes to Canby Grove and Colton Outdoor Schools, while the "in-line" camps of Collins - Trout Creek and Adams - Nate Creek each require a bus. On Friday afternoon a similar frantic scene is enacted, only in reverse.

Supervisors Meet



Joe Bragato, instructor at Oregon Supervisors Spring Conference, watches Ken Speedie operate Hewlett Packard Terminal.

The Spring Conference of the Oregon Association of School Supervisors was held at the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District on April 19. The full day conference was designed around the theme, "What can a well trained computer do for my school?" The expertise was provided largely by educators presently using computer education programs in local schools. Lecture, demonstration, panel discussions and actual classroom instruction was provided by Mike Dunlap of Centennial High, Hal Leaming of Sellwood Elementary, Joe Bragato of Wilson High, Jeanne Steed of Jackson High, Earl Phillips of Reynolds High, Stan Holm of Jefferson High, Walt Ide of David Douglas schools and Bert Fraser of Floyd Light Middle School.

Jim Norton, math and computer education specialist, and James Hansz, computer programmer of the Multnomah County I.E.D. also participated in parts of the program.

Jerry Hamann, Assistant Superintendent of Lynch Public Schools directed the day's conference.

The new transportation program provides a potentially safer service and assures prompt arrival at the Outdoor School site in time for vital training of counselors. As the Multnomah Outdoor Education matures, many such positive

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The Trombone Section of the Lynch Honor Band practices for the Mt.Hood Community College Dedication.

19th, these same eighth graders performed for the Oregon School Boards Association at the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. As the first elementary school group ever invited to perform at the Oregon School Boards Association banquet, they apprehensively accepted the invitation to later find themselves the first group to receive a standing ovation at the banquet.

The honor band was originally formed in 1966 to provide special music for the annual Lynch District Music Festival. Since that time, the band's activities have expanded to a variety of concerts and T.V. appearances. All eighth grade band members of the seven elementary schools have an opportunity to participate in this musical enrichment program.

All of the weekly rehearsals are scheduled outside of the school day on a volunteer basis. Participation in such a large performing group affords them an opportunity to enjoy an extremely high level of musical accomplishment, as all members are quite mature and able musicians.

steps are taken to provide better service for participants and their school districts. The School Bus Service Company of Gresham was the successful bidder for the busing contract.