

## Leading history

### Black History Month person of the day

Sarah Breedlove Walker was born Dec. 23, 1867, in Delta, La. She was orphaned at age 6 and widowed at age 20. Then she moved with her daughter to St. Louis and began working as a hotel washerwoman. In 1904, she started making hair remedies to relieve her alopecia.

Walker soon began selling her hair products and developed the "Walker Method" of hair care. In 1905, she moved to Denver and in 1906, she married newspaperman Charles Joseph Walker. She then founded the Madame C. J. Walker Manufacturing Co. and expanded her products to include hair straighteners and strengtheners, scalp treatments, toiletries, fragrances and facial treatments.

Walker developed new marketing techniques, trained "Walker agents" to sell her products door-to-door and added a huge mail order department. In 1910, she opened her first factory; by 1914, the company had sales in excess of \$1 million per year; and by 1917, it was the largest black-owned business in America. Walker was the first black woman millionaire.

She was also a social leader among the black middle class, leading the way in charity and educational work. She established scholarships for women at a number of colleges and supported black chapters of the YWCA. Walker died on May 25, 1919.

— Michael J. Kleckner

## Sigma Nu

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Officers reported that most of the estimated 250 individuals at the party emerged from the basement and were "clearly under (age) 21 and drinking," EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf said.

Four MIPs, including Blodgett's, were issued. The fifth citation was issued to Miles, 20, for furnishing alcohol to minors — a finable violation — and harboring an unlabeled keg, which is a criminal misdemeanor.

Miles confirmed his involvement in the incident but refused to speak for the house as a whole.

To be recognized by the University, Greek houses must comply with a number of standards mandated by University President Dave Frohnmayer and the Greek Life Office. These requirements were established during spring 2002, but fraternities were not required to follow the guidelines until Dec. 15. Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity chose not to comply.

"Those chapters made a delib-



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Police issued five alcohol-related citations to University students early Saturday at a party at Sigma Nu fraternity, located on East 11th Avenue.

erate choice against staying affiliated," Greek Life Coordinator Shelley Sutherland said. Because of their decisions, Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Alpha are no longer members of the Interfraternity Council.

"Up until now, local chapters have not had the experience of being disinvented," Leavitt said, "but they've been close."

Prior to the new requirements, only issues of financial collapse, low member retention or poor recruit-

ment have resulted in the University "pulling the charter" of a chapter, Leavitt said. In more escalated situations, inappropriate conduct brought certain Greek chapters very close to being removed from the system, but those cases were more commonly addressed by house corporations or alumni associations, she added.

Miles will be in court Feb. 14.

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students, faculty and community members who have had a positive impact on the community. BWA will also host a black heritage fashion show. Dates and locations will be announced.

Other campus events include a talk by highly acclaimed poet, writer and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, sponsored by the UO Cultural Forum. Angelou is scheduled to speak Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Event Coordinator Windy Borman said the response to Angelou's arrival has been overwhelming, with more than a thousand tickets sold already.

"I've always enjoyed what she writes and speaks about," Borman said. "It's a great opportunity for the campus."

Students point to different leaders who have been positive role models in their own lives.

Senior Ndid Unaka, also a member of the BSU, says she really admires the work of civil rights leaders and pioneers, such as Martin

Luther King Jr., whose fight for civil liberties afforded black people the rights they have today.

"He exemplifies what it is to be a true Christian leader," Unaka said. Unaka says blacks like King paved the way for the younger generation. However, she notes there are many issues that black people must still deal with today like access to education and the large population of black men in prison in relation to other ethnicities.

Aside from the historical greats, Kuto also commends today's black leaders like Angelou and Oprah Winfrey.

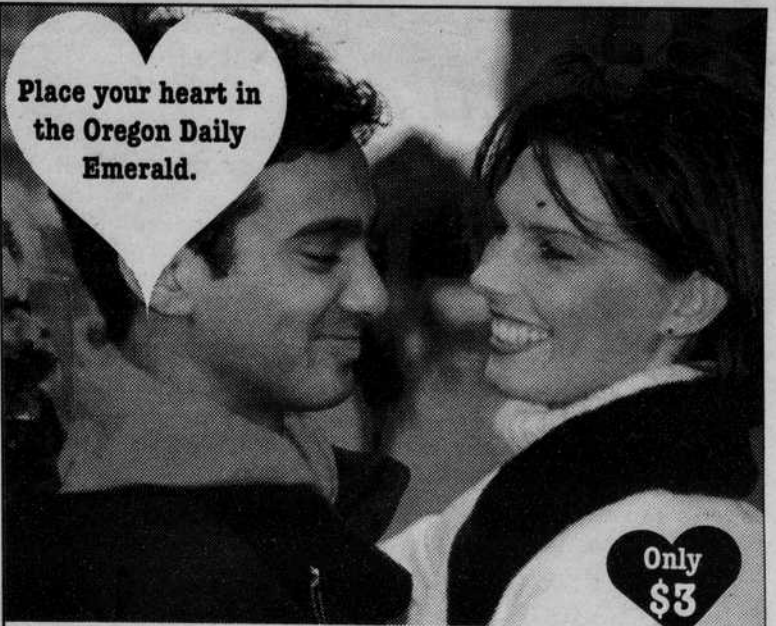
"Oprah has definitely done a good job of representing African Americans," Kuto said. "Against all odds, she's successful, she's one of the richest women in the world and she happens to be black."

Even after February rolls away, these black students hope their culture and people's contributions will not be cast aside until next year.

"For me, it's not just a February thing," Unaka said. "It's something I take pride in every day."

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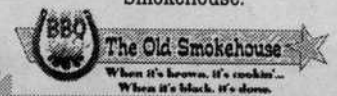
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