



## Tuskegee Syphilis scandal called genocide



Scoutmaster of Boise Troop #92 helps boys board camp-bound bus. The Big Thunder District of the Columbia Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America provided campsites for 80 boys from Model Cities and Columbia Villa. Among the boys sponsored were Boise Troop #92 and Ockley Green Troop #29. The boys, including Scouts and non-Scouts, will spend a week at Camps Meriweather and Clark on the Oregon Coast.



SANDRA GAYLORD, 1971 National Hula Hoop Champion, checks out the form of her sister Teresa, age 7, who is a contestant in this year's event. The 1972 National Hula Hoop Championships, sponsored by Wham-O, makers of the popular toy, will take place for the fourth year at the Universal Studios Tour Entertainment Center, Universal City, California, on Thursday, August 24th. Regional Hula Hoop Champions from all over the U.S. will be competing for the top prize of a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

### US tests bus ban

The Justice Department last Monday asked the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to halt desegregation of Oxnard, California schools, until all appeals in the case are complete.

Substantial busing is involved in the Oxnard desegregation effort.

The department's request, filed by David L. Norman, assistant attorney general for civil rights, and William Keller, U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, marked the first time the government had gone to court to defend the federal antibusing law that took effect July 1.

As a measure of the importance the department attaches to the case, Norman will be in San Francisco to participate when the case is argued before the 9th Circuit Court, a spokesman said.

Under the new law, federal court busing orders to achieve racial balance in schools are postponed until all appeals are exhausted or the time for appealing runs out.

Lawyers for the Western Center on Law and Poverty in (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 4)



JAMES MAYES has been promoted to operations officer at First National Bank of Oregon's Midway-Division branch. He resides at 4206 N.E. 20th Street. A native of Portland, he was graduated from Benson High School and received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Linfield College.

Representative Ralph H. Metcalfe (Dem.-Ill.), chairman of the sub-committee on health of the Congressional Black Caucus, has demanded a full-scale investigation of the 40-year experiment on syphilis conducted by the United States Public Health Service in Tuskegee.

Metcalfe said he is looking into the possibility of seeking compensation for surviving victims and the families of those involved in the study.

On July 26, Associated Press revealed that the Tuskegee Study began in 1932 with 600 black men, mostly poor and uneducated, used as human guinea pigs in the study of the effects of syphilis. Four hundred of the men had syphilis but were not treated. The study was begun by Dr. J. R. Hellen, assistant surgeon general of the venereal disease section of the Public Health Service, ten years before penicillin was found to be a cure for syphilis. In spite of the availability of the drug, no treatment was offered to the men who were also kept ignorant of their disease. At the beginning of this year, only 74 were still alive.

Dr. Ronald James, a government doctor who was in Macon County between 1939 and 1941, said he was told not to treat men involved in the experiment. "Whenever I insisted on treating such a patient, he never showed up again. They were being ad-

vised they shouldn't take treatment or they would be dropped from the study. At the time, certain benefits were proffered the patients such as treatment for other ailments, payment of burial expenses and a \$50 cash benefit. To receive these benefits the patient had to remain in the program."

The matter is being discussed on Capitol Hill. Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.), chairman of the Senate sub-committee on health, has his staff making a preliminary investigation. Senator William Proxmire (Dem.-Wisc.) called the study a "moral and ethical nightmare." Dr. Edward Mazique, former president of the National Medical Association, said the experiment was not necessary. The only thing needed at the time was a treatment for syphilis and once penicillin was discovered, that removed any excuse for human experimentation.

The NAACP has called for legal action against all persons involved. "It is not enough to deplore and suspend it. All perpetrators of this racist crime must be exposed and punished. It is a further demonstration of how cheaply the conceivers and executors of this diabolic plot hold black life. They would never have subjected white persons to such an experiment."

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### U of O seeks black students

Project 75 is an educational opportunity program designed to provide the opportunity and support for Black people who want to attend college. The program began in Fall of 1968 and has grown to be the largest student-populated and student-staffed program of its kind on the University of Oregon campus.

The rationale behind the program is to advance an educational opportunity to Black people who, because of low High School GPA's or lack of funds would not have otherwise had the chance to further their educational experiences. The advantages of a college education today are many -- and the disadvantages of not having one are twice that. After a four-year college program a man has many more doors open to him and the tools or skills to open doors that have hitherto been closed to him. With these same skills he can go back to his people and teach others what he himself has learned, thereby helping them to help themselves. The Black Community can strengthen itself and grow and become a powerful unit through education and motivated minds.

With these goals in mind, Project 75 has designed into its program as many facilities as possible to meet the various needs of its students and to help them to make the best of their experiences here. First is the question of financial aid for each student. This is provided in three forms:

1. NATIONAL DEFENSE STUDENT LOAN. This is federal money borrowed by the student which must be repaid by the student over a 10 year period following the completion of his education.

2. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (EOG). This is federal money granted (given) to students to use toward their education. This money is not given in place of the NDEA loan, but is provided in addition to the loan.

3. WORK-STUDY PROGRAM. This is a federally funded program which enables eligible students (from low income families and/or financially independent) to work in a training situation (in areas related to the stu-

dent's interests) while going to school. The federal money comprises 80% of the student salaries, while the employer pays the remaining 20%.

These three financial aid programs combine to cover the average student expenses for the year, averaging one-third each of the total amount of the financial package of approximately \$2900 per year.

In addition to providing financial service for its students, Project 75 offers three other services to all its students. These services are: (1) academic advising and counseling, (2) tutorial services and (3) vocational career guidance.

Advising / Counseling Services provide a source of academic information. (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 5)

### Indian study approved

This week the United Indian Council approved a proposal by Grant-Morgan Associates of Portland, Oregon to conduct a community analysis and needs assessment of the American Indian currently residing in urban Multnomah County. This study is funded through an OEO grant under the sponsorship of the Urban Indian Program, an agency of the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, E.O.A.,

Inc. Included in the community analysis will be selected interviews with Indian Families and individuals concerning their problems, needs and aspirations. Through in-depth interviewing techniques developed by Grant-Morgan Associates for community analysis and utilizing trained Indian field interviewers, approximately 400 Indian families will be contacted for information. (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 4)

### Nero helps build community

With the opening of a luxuriously remodeled office building, David M. Nero, Jr., has taken another step in the fulfillment of a lifelong goal, that of an independent and professional businessman bringing together and utilizing minority scientists and professionals in

the delivery of services.

Nero heads both Nero Industries, Inc. and Nero and Associates, Inc., headquartered in the heart of Albina at 3525 N.E. Union Avenue.

Nero Industries, organized in the spring of 1969 for purposes of setting up several

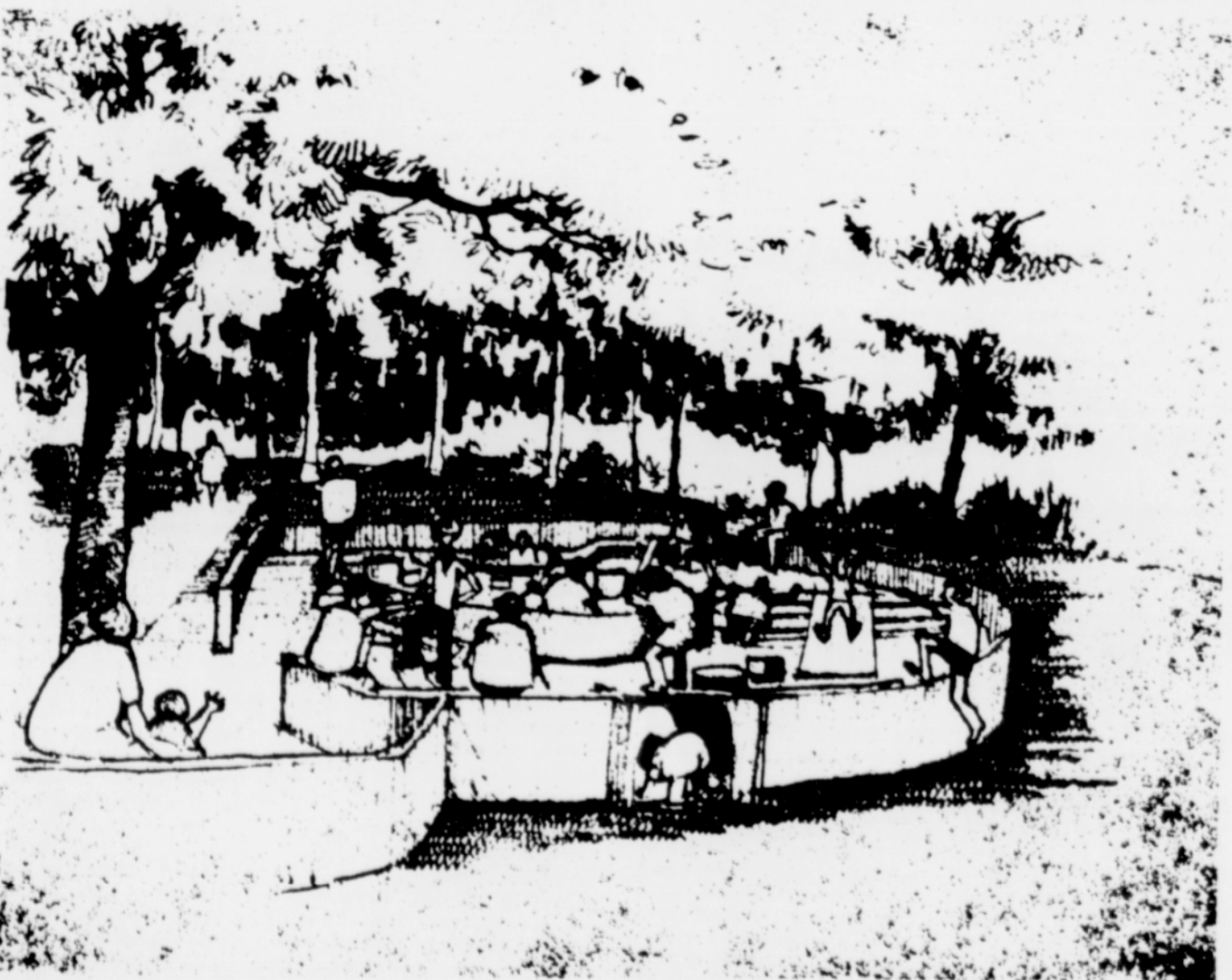
sophisticated small businesses throughout the area as divisions and to be later spun off as separate entities, was later designed as a manpower delivery organization.

Nero pointed to one of his contracts with pride. "Operation STEP-UP is a Model Cities funded contract for \$213,730 annually, dealing with the unemployed and underemployed of this neighborhood. In the Second Action Year we placed 119 Model Cities residents in higher-paying jobs. Their total monthly income before placement was \$43,562 and is now almost doubled to \$84,219 monthly. We have provided educational assistance to 181 Model Neighborhood residents in areas of technical training to Ph.D. programs."

Nero said that extensive research indicates that STEP-UP is unique. "There's not another one like it in the country that we know of, and I believe we have a concept which could be adapted anywhere and provide a need which can be measured in substantial economic terms, but, most importantly, can provide for man's well-being and independence. Industry is now willing to hire qualified minorities in wider and more responsible positions throughout the country."

"The last statement is the chief source of skepticism expressed by Nero-watchers, those looking at the enter-

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### Work begins on Irving Park project

Life begins at 52. That is the hope residents of the Irvington area hold for Irving Park where work has just begun on a long-awaited improvement project. The park, named in 1920 for Captain William Irving, a prominent Oregon pioneer, has been the subject of intensive neighbor-

hood planning over the past year. The first phase of those plans, a tot play area and new basketball facilities, is being put into action this week. Re-grading of the baseball area will begin shortly.

Residents started planning for improvements at a "happening" in the park in late Au-

gust of last year. Over 200 persons listened to music and offered ideas about the future of the park.

Irvington Community Association president, Andrew Fink, appointed Herbert Amerson to chair a committee to implement change using many of the ideas brought out at the

"happening." The committee submitted a proposal to the Portland Development Commission to use Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) funds from the federal government to improve the park.

The residents contracted through the Portland Development (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 6)



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