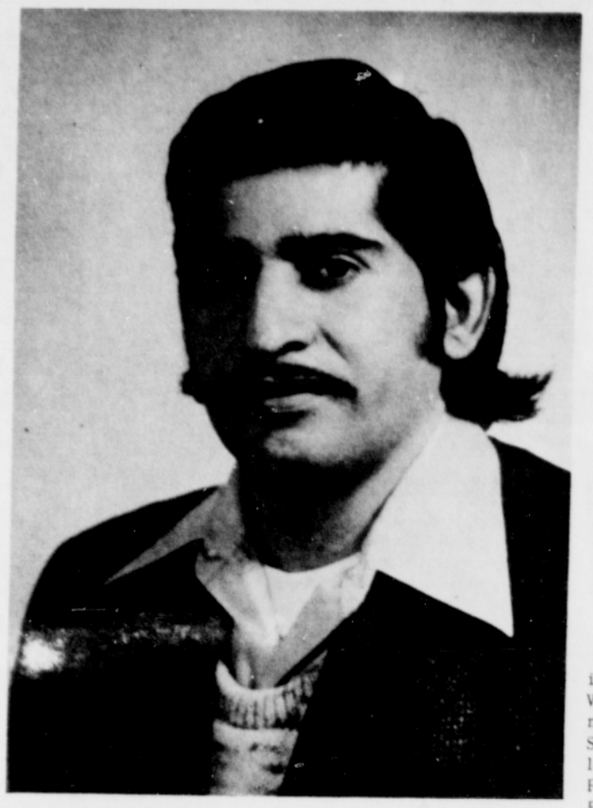
Hernandez moves to E.C.



Portland State University Educational Center has a new Assistant Director, Mr. Jose Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez, a native of Olmito, Texas, is 34 years old, married, and a father of three children. He entered the Navy in 1956 and served until 1968. After separation from the Navy he began to study for a secondary education degree at Clackamas Community College. He received his A.A. from Clackamas and then transferred to Portland State where he received his B.A. in 1972.

During his senior year Mr. Hernandez was an admission counselor for Portland State. In his capacity as prime contact for minority and disadvantaged students he assisted students with admission problems, especially those enrolled through Operation Plus. He also served in the Advisory Board and in the Selection and Retention Committee for Operation Plus.

Mr. Hernandez believes that the Educational Center is a vital part of Portland State University and that through the Center a change can come about in the educational structure. He would like to see the Center expand to other areas of the city where education can be made available to all walks of life. He would like to include bilingual, bi-cultural courses through the Center in order that non-native English speaking persons may participate and thereby become involved with and part of the political and social structure of our city, state, and the nation.

Stated simply; his goal is to provide knowledge and skills to those who society has forgotten so that they can report the current "Bosses" who have long neglected and ignored them. Knowledge and skills are things which nobody can take away from them, and once they are equipped with thise tools, the people can effect change.

Schools schedule Sickle Cell screening

Students in 14 Portland Public Schools participate in tests for sickle cell anemia later this month.

An estimated 2,900 to 3,600 elementary and secondary students in North and Northeast Portland are expected to have blood samples taken by medical volunteers for the Portland Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

Affecting both blacks and Caucasians with ancestors from the Mediterranean Basin, the hereditary blood disease impairs oxygen flow to vital organs.

The foundation whose board of directors includes representatives of civic, religious and governmental agencies -- has a $62,420 federal grant to test 10,000 juveniles and adults and provide public information about the disease.

Expected to involve 18 school days from November 20 to December 21, the testing will be conducted at Grant, Washington, Benson Polytechnic and Roosevelt High Schools and Faubion, Woodlawn, Eliot, Peninsula, Sabin, Portsmouth, Gregory Heights, Buckman and Whitaker Elementary Schools.

Medical staffs from the American Red Cross and Multnomah County Health Department can process 40 students per hour and a normal testing day is approximately five hours. The staffs will spend up to two days at Grant, Washington, Woodlawn and Sabin.

Robert Layne, assistant vice-president for outpatient services at Emanuel Hospital, is administrative officer for the project. Walter Reynolds M.D. is the project's medical director.

(For further information, contact: Laurence Winter, associate superintendent for metropolitan liaison, or the foundation, 281-1209)

Notice

Persons interested in opening their home to children are invited to an evening program sponsored by the Foster Parents Association and The Children's Services Division to be held at Portland Federal Savings, 8135 SE Division, Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m.

A special need exists for Foster Homes for teenagers, handicapped children and children of mixed-races. Experienced Foster Paretns and Children's Services Division staff members will be present to answer questions.

For more information, those interested in providing this service may call 226-1650.

Bostic

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agrees with many things Mr. Nixon has done including his Supreme Court appointments and his attempts to ammend the United States Constitution to forbid bussing. Bostic also believes that Blacks should be involved in both political parties in order to make the best use of the political system.

It was which in Japan in the Marine Corps, at the age of 17, that Bostic made the decision to obtain an education. He strongly believes that education is the way to broaden the perspect in life and the avenues of choice. Obtaining an education has been a struggle for him, but without it he feels that he would still be confined to 15 block area of Philadelphia with a job he didn't like and no goals for the future. He believes that breaking out of the frame of mind that confines ones sights is the main thing and after that comes the hard work of preparation. One of his main words of advice to young people is to set goals for themselves, knowing they will be difficult to obtain.

Bostic is divorced and has two children living in California, a daughter 13 and a son 12 years of age.

Parnell discusses school requirements

by Julie Sterling

Dale Parnell, Oregon Superintendent of public instruction, will discuss new minimum state requirements for high school graduation at an open forum sponsored by Schools for the City, today, Thursday, November 16, at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church at 8 p.m.

Parnell will also describe the bill currently being worked on by the basic education subcommittee of the Interim Education Committee of the Oregon State Legislature which will define the state's commitment to educating elementary and secondary school students.

The new minimum requirements for high school graduation were recently approved by the Oregon State Board of Education and will become effective with the graduating classes of 1978.

Gerry Newhall (Mrs. David), chairman of the Schools for the City Committee, urges SFC members, friends and the public to come prepared with questions for Parnell. "A good part of the meeting will be open discussion," she said.

Schools for the City is an organization of citizens who are interested in quality education in Portland. It is dedicated to the support of adequate financing of education; research and investigation into the educational process; and the promotion of better school-community relations and understanding.

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Blacks gain

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district is 41 per cent black and 72 per cent Democratic.

Mrs. Burke was the first black woman in the California Assembly and will be the first Congresswoman from California in 22 years. An attorney, she obtained her law degree from the University of California in 1956.

Andrew Young of Georgia is executive vice president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, running in Atlanta's Fifth Congressional District. His district is 38 per cent black.

Andrew Young of Atlanta became the first black from the Deep South to be elected to the House of Representatives since 1901.

Black incumbents who were re-elected to Congress are: Ron Dellums and Augustus Hawkins of California; Walter Fauntroy, District of Columbia; Ralph Metcalfe and George Collins, Illinois; Parren Mitchell, Maryland; John Conyers and Charles Diggs, Michigan; William Clay, Missouri; Shirley Chisholm and Charles Rangel, New York; Louis Stokes, Ohio and Robert Nix, Pennsylvania.

Oregon elected its first black legislator, Bill McCoy, and Robert Lewis of St. Louis Park is the first black in the Minnesota Senate. Raymond Pleasant of Bloomington became the second black elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Arkansas voters elected blacks to the state legislature for the first time since Reconstruction. Henry Wilkins of Pine Bluff and Richard Mays and Dr. William Townsend, both of Little Rock, were elected to the House and Dr. J.D. Jewell of Little Rock won a seat in the Senate.

Nine blacks running for state-wide offices were defeated. Blacks now holding state-wide office are California Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles and Richard Austin, Michigan Secretary of State.

Harvard-fellow Joseph Rhodes, Jr., 24, the youngest and most vocal member of the President's Commission on Unrest, was elected to a two year term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Senator Edward W. Brooke, who won a landslide reelection victory, said he is contemplating running for the presidency in 1976. He told a news conference that Spiro Agnew is "not the heir apparent" to the Republican nomination.

"I just don't want to rule myself out or anyone else," the senator said. "I'm going to give it serious thought. I'm going to wait and see."

Brooke said this election proved the people will not vote for anyone on the extreme right or the extreme left. He did not call Agnew an extremist, but said, "he certainly is to the right of center."

Brooke criticized President Nixon for the erosion of congressional power. "We are getting presidential government and it is wrong."

Alexander opens shop

Nillie Alexander began her career in the cleaning business 20 years ago in Waukegan, Illinois. She came to Portland in 1963 and opened Portland Cleaning Works in 1967.

Since then Mrs. Alexander has remodeled and improved her plant, located at 3954 N. Williams Avenue.

Mrs. Alexander recently opened a cleaning concession in the Bonneville Power Building. She is one of eight minority persons operating concessions in federal buildings. Mrs. Alexander was also the first black woman to open a business in a white business area. She employs seven persons.

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Black optician

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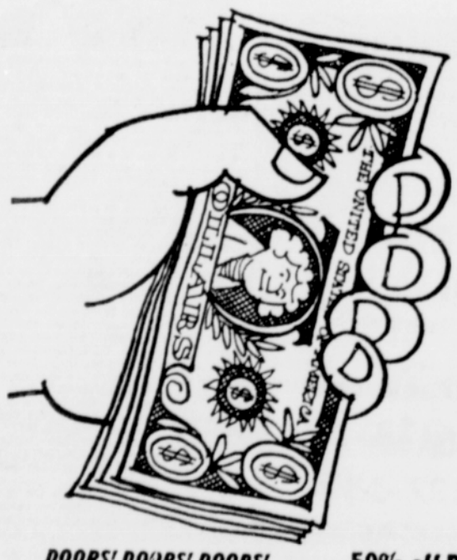
period at the University of Southern California. When asked how he managed to pick this particular line of work, he will quickly reply "it was the Lord's doing." Not only does he stand tall and proud as a young Black man should, but he also realized his shortcomings and 6 years ago accepted the Lord as his personal savior.

Although he is a native of Los Angeles, he likes the slow pace of the Portland area. He finds that the opportunity is great and the need for Blacks to advance is now. He hopes that more young Blacks will look into the opportunities of job careers in the Optical field.

Sidney hopes to continue his education in the Winter semester, and hopes to eventually become the first Black Optometrist to open a practice in Portland. A man who has been a great inspiration, and has given him a chance to look forward to a brighter tomorrow is Dr. Wesley Aplanap (owner of Binyon Optical) who is giving Sidney a chance to prove that it can be done. Although the struggle to break into the Optical field has been a long hard struggle, Sidney is determined that success is just a night away. With concerned people to help and give him the chance to gain the experience and education needed, he feels assured that he will make it.

Part of his struggle to move forward is motivated by his loving wife Dianne, who is always trying to encourage him to go a little farther. As the saying goes, "behind every good man there is a good women", and Dianne is always trying to make it so. The Thomases' are expecting their first child in the early part of next year.

The late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King once said that if we were only striving to become the best Black in the profession, then we have already lost the race .... Sidney does not want to be the best Black Optician, or the only Black in the field; he simply wants to be the best!



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