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Portlanders comment on scandal

Watergate revelations reaching flood crest

Twofold floods are disrupting the heart of America this week.

On one hand, never in recorded history have the waters of the Mississippi River or the Great Lakes soared so high or caused so much destruction.

On the other hand, the nation has never seen the flood of political scandal plunge so deeply or swiftly than from this thing called "Watergate."

"Watergate", a political scandal that began with a small break-in at the Democratic Party's Headquarters in the Watergate Apartments in Washington five months before the 1972 elections, is exploding with an involvement of a high appointed official daily, it seems.

The blame for the illegal campaign activities confusingly remain divided among the White House aides. On any hand, President Nixon's involvement or lack of knowledge of the ordeal raises doubts in many minds.

The **Portland Observer** sought local reactions to the Watergate scandal this week.

"It's the way it always has been, the corrupt always come out on top in America," said Gregg Benton, BSU president at PSU. When asked what effect the Watergate scandal could have on the community's confidence in the Nixon Administration and Nixon himself, Mr. Benton told the **Observer**: "I could say it, but you couldn't print it. The community can now see the reality of the foolishness they've believed in, 'The American Dream'."

Mrs. Peoples, Director of Community Care Association, replied "You have people who break their backs trying to open the doors for people who say 'They want to get involved and participate.' This state fair, for example, is a golden opportunity for the whole community to get involved. It's in whistling distance from where we live, but we reach out and get Watergate that's a zillion miles from here, and ask

what is it doing to our country when we should be trying to find what we can do for our community?"

Don Fuller, high school teacher, commented "It's just white folks seeing their own face put before the world that's upsetting them so. It's always been there."

"It put the advocates and perpetrators of American Politics in the position of Walt Disney characters like Donald Duck, Goofey and Mickey Mouse," said Charles Tatum, art sculpturer. "The Watergate scandal just shows what kind of politicians America really has."

Charles Jordan, Director of Career Education at North-West Training Laboratories, told the **Observer** "Right now I'm not willing to say that the President is guilty. Both parties are making more out of it than it is. But I do feel that no one should be exempt from prosecution."

"Black people have always known that those who control those highest channels of social, political and economic

power in America were both corrupt and morally decadent," said James Rogers, PSU professor. "It is possible that with this exposure of Nixon and company that the majority of white people will begin to understand how the government works against the people rather than for them."

"Nobody will really know what's going on for 20 years. By then there'll be no point in doing anything about it," said Cleve Allen, commentator of the KGW radio program, "To Do With Blackness". "They're all just lying and they'll continue to lie. Nixon will not be impeached because that would imply certain things about a nation. If anything, he would resign."

Vernon Chatman, Director of Education at the Urban League, told the **Observer** "I think it indicates that some major overhauls need to be made in this present system of government."

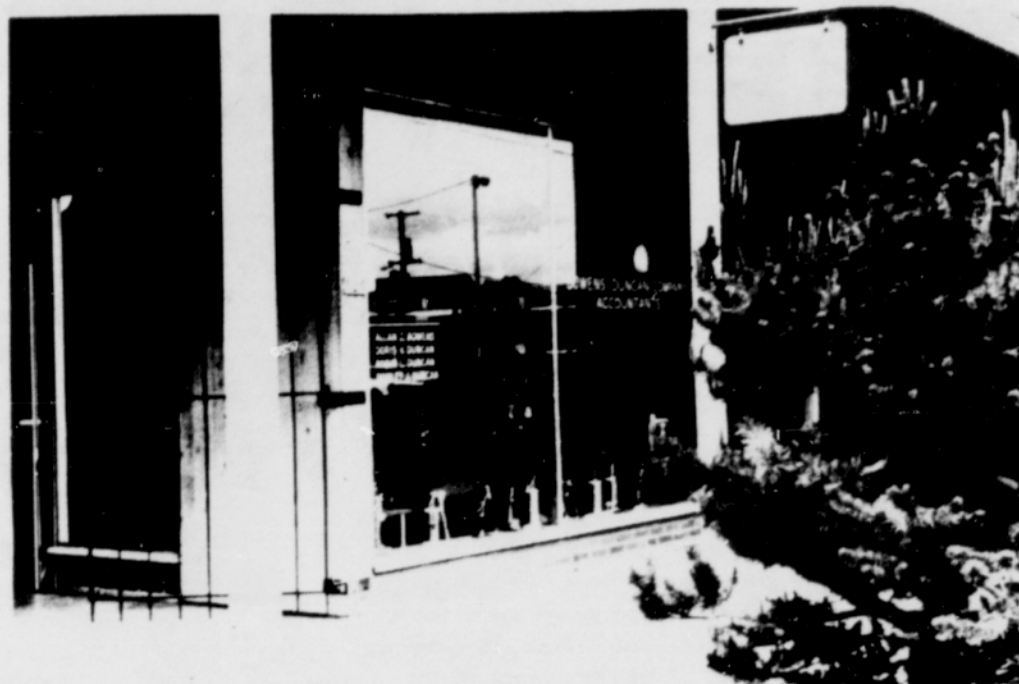
Contacted at his office Wednesday morning, Almose Thompson, Director of Black

Studies at PSU, told the **Observer** "Everybody involved ought to be slapped with a piece of time. Nixon not having knowledge of the scandal defies logic. If he didn't know what was happening he is incompetent. He should resign for the pure fact that he didn't know what was going on."

"Everybody but his daddy was involved and he didn't know what was happening? And his only excuse is 'It wasn't me, it was my lieutenants. We all make mistakes, but now I'm cleaning house' isn't enough."

On the national level, some of the response raised even larger doubts. "It is inconceivable to me that they (the Waterbuggers) would not have told the President about this matter, or that they wouldn't have asked for his approval or disapproval," said Senator Edward Brooke in expressing his fears that the blame lies at the very top - President Nixon himself.

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The new offices of Bowens-Duncan, Accountants, located at 525 N.E. Killingsworth.

Salute to Black Business: Bowens - Duncan Company

by Rosemary Allen

For years Black businessmen have been "allowed" by the "establishment" to endeavor into such businesses as Funeral Parlors, Beauty Parlors, Restaurants and the like, only. "They", were not particularly anxious to perform the last necessary duties on our dead bodies, didn't know what to do with nappy hair, and agreed that no one could cook Bar-B-Qued Ribs like a Brother or Sister.

However, time has quickly passed by and change has slowly but surely taken its toll. Black faces are beginning to pop up in areas that have absolutely nothing to do with singing or dancing. Example? Read the following!

Allan Bowens has been a resident of Portland for approximately 21 years. Majoring in Business Administration during college, Bowens worked in an accounting position with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for 12½ years. 2 years ago, in March of 1971, Allan Bowens, along with a friend, Mrs. Doris Duncan, decided to venture out on his own.

Consequently, Allan Bowens and Doris Duncan founded the corporation Bowens-Duncan Company, Accountants. But, they soon found that two people could not effectively handle the job. That's where junior partners Robin Duncan and Ronley Duncan came into the

picture. The four partners then set forth to establish a comprehensive accounting package. "Our idea was to, on a contract basis, provide a full accounting office for small businesses who were not large enough to staff an accounting office for themselves," explained Allan Bowens.

Their efforts were not in vain. "I hadn't anticipated this type of growth," Mr. Bowens said. In January of 1972 they started staffing. The need for a secretary soon arose. By 1973 there was a need for additional office space. They thought along the lines of building a

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ACLU charges discrimination

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon will file suit Tuesday, May 8 in the U.S. District Court of Oregon on behalf of Larry R. Slopak, an inmate of Oregon State Penitentiary who was denied parole.

The ACLU claims that the action of the Parole Board deprived Slopak of several constitutional rights. It alleges Slopak was denied due process of law at his September 7 parole hearing because the Parole Board: (1) failed to afford Slopak an opportunity to examine and rebut or explain the information on which the decision would be based and to provide him with notice as to the issues that would be raised or considered; (2) failed to provide him with counsel or other advocate; (3) failed to gather and consider fairly all relevant information that was available; and (4) failed to state in writing the facts, reasons and rules upon which the decision was based.

The suit also alleges that the parole Board's decision was based in part on a religious test in that William F. Newell, Chairman of the Parole Board, questioned Mr.

Slopak regarding biblical references to homosexuality. The ACLU claims this to be a violation of the freedom of religion clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

It is further claimed that the Parole Board discriminated against Slopak because he is a homosexual. This is in violation of the equal protection and due process clause (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 4)

United 'cares'

United Air Lines Portland offices are seeking to go a little farther than simply filling minority hiring quotas. It is seeking to build an image of a company that cares.

A "something special" program geared towards more personalized service has been initiated by the Black agents in United Air Lines Reservations office.

To date, United has Black employees in varied positions: Karen Chandler, United ticket agent; Jonetta Reddit, lobby receptionist; Jackie Duehart, maintenance clerk. In the Reservations Department, there's: Connie Brunner, Wally Davis, Blake Johnson, Tina Lewis, Joyce Tuttle, Rose Carol Bryant and Gail Jones. The (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 6)



Jesse Owens

Owens honors scouting

Jesse Owens, world renowned Olympic Gold Medal Winner with 4 gold medals in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, will be speaking at an assembly at Jefferson High School in North Portland at 10 a.m., May 16. Any and all high schools are invited to bring their track teams to the assembly.

Ernie Warren of Columbia Pacific Council Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts is handling all arrangements. Mr. Warren has extended

invitations for guest appearances to basketball player Stan McKenzie and Dallas Cowboy's football star Mel Renfro.

A program featuring Jesse Owens will be held for the public at the Civic Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay, May 16, 1973, at 7:15 p.m. Admission price will be \$1.00 for an evening of music, inspiration and ceremonies. The program will be the 57th annual "Salute to Scouting".

State investigates MSC

Secretary of State Clay Myers said last week his Division of Audits is investigating alleged fiscal irregularities at the Albina Multi-Service Center in Portland.

Myers said fraud investigators from the Department of Human Resources and the State Police are cooperating in the investigation. The alleged irregularities

involve falsification of expense accounts and travel mileage vouchers by some volunteer workers at the center, Myers said.

Myers said his office has contacted Multnomah County District Attorney Earl Haas to advise him of the situation and to see the assistance of his staff in pursuing the matter.

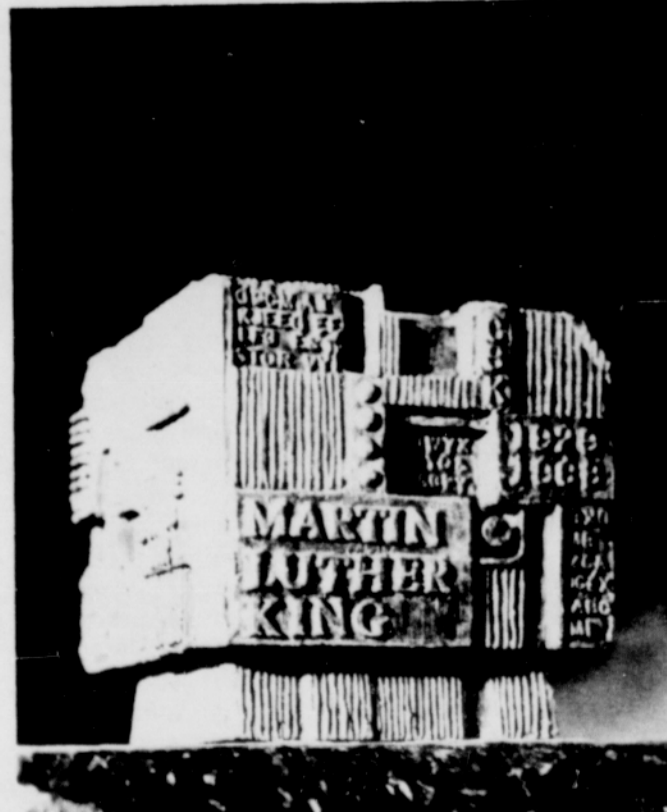
King monument rises in New York

Hard by New York City's prestigious Lincoln Center, where a new high school bearing the name of Dr. Martin Luther King is rising, sculptor William Tarr is fashioning a massive, personalized weathering steel sculpture in memory of the late civil rights leader.

The sculpture will be one of the largest of its type. In the form of a cube, it will be approximately 27 feet high, 27 feet wide and 27 feet deep. It will weigh about 125,000 pounds, and its ruggedness will symbolize the strength of character of Dr. King. Memorable dates in his life and some of his better known declarations will be emblazoned on its sides. Actual location is at 66th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and erection of the memorial on the site began April 25.

Mr. Tarr, the nationally-recognized artist, says his work is being guided by "a profound respect for Dr. King and a desire to create a personal memorial." He never met Dr. King but says that he has spoken to people who knew him and read "everything" he could get about him. "I feel I know him now," he says.

"Many memorials are impersonal," Mr. Tarr points out. "For instance, most of the ones for George Washington could just as well honor Abraham Lincoln. There is nothing about them which relates to Washington's life or his character. I've tried to make Dr. King's



A model of the massive Martin Luther King memorial which is being erected at 66th Street and Amsterdam Avenue in New York City. The weathering steel sculpture, measuring 27 feet in each dimension, will be next to a new high school bearing Dr. King's name and near the Lincoln Center. William Tarr, the nationally recognized sculptor, says his work is guided "by a profound respect for Dr. King and a desire to create a personal memorial. Quotations and important dates in his life will be emblazoned on the piece." The sculpture is made of weathering steel provided by Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

memorial a relevant one. His life and times are a fabric of the sculpture."

Typical of Dr. King's displayed quotations will be:

"Let us be dissatisfied until every man can have food and material necessities for his body, culture and education for his mind, freedom and (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 3)

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