



City Council closes OCL program

The Portland City Council on June 13th voted not to fund the Oregon Consumer League's Model Cities Consumer Protection Agency until further study is made. Council members Invancie, Anderson and Schwab, in voting against the funding of the program, gave as their reason the internal problems in the agency and the inability of the council to get explanations. Charles Williamson, President of OCL, was not present at the council hearing, although other representatives of OCL were present.

The Council will consider the renewal of funding at a later date. As of the date, funding discontinues June 15th and the office will be closed on that date.

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Consumer League had voted on June 12th to continue as delegate agency for the program. They

instructed Charles Williamson, President of OCL, to sign a contract with the city by June 15. The only dissenting voters were Charles Williamson and Molly Weinstein.

The OCL board also agreed to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of obtaining secure funding for the agency.

There has been conflict within the OCL board on whether they should continue to sponsor the Model Cities Program. There have also been complaints from the community that OCL did not allow the required community participation. The disagreements reached a crisis when Charles Williamson indicated to Model Cities that it might be necessary to dismiss director Russell Dawson. Dawson replaced J. Alton Page, who was terminated by OCL. Dawson is now on 30 days probation.

Model Cities residents question why the program is operated by a management committee made up of four members of the OCL executive committee and 2 Model Cities residents. Some suggest the director should have the authority vested in the Management Committee and that the program should be operated by a policy board made up primarily of Model Cities residents. Or if there is to be a Management Committee, the majority of the members should come from Model Cities.

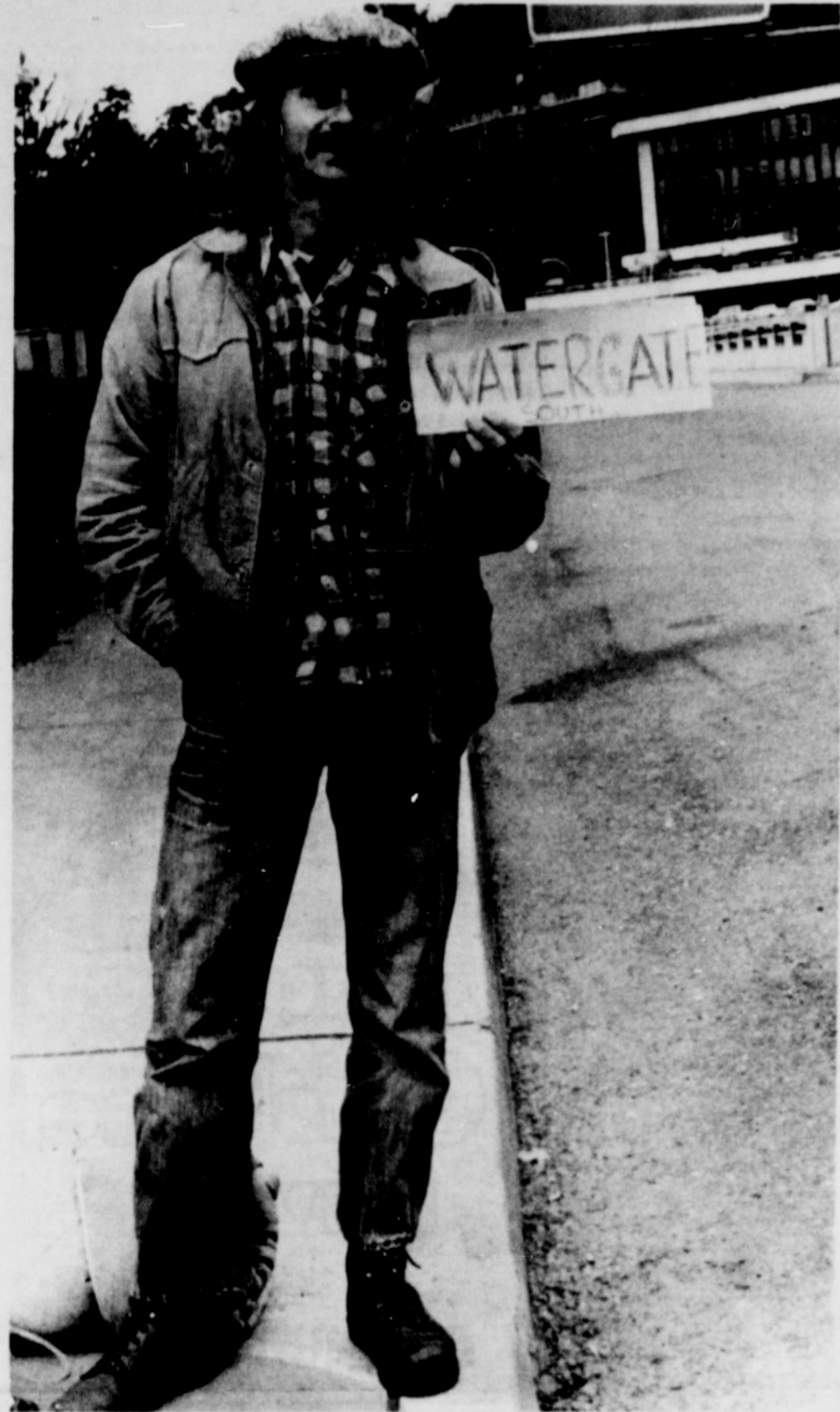
One of the sources of conflict was Molly Weinstein, a member of the OCL Executive Committee who was a member of the Management Committee and was for a time also a member of the supervisory staff of the Consumer Protection Agency. At the time Mr. Page was terminated, the Model Cities Citizen Planning Board asked

that Ms. Weinstein's relationship with the program be severed. Ms. Weinstein, however, continued to serve on the Management Committee. She has now resigned from that committee, but will remain a member of the OCL board.

Ms. Pat McAuley also was reportedly a source of problems within the Consumer Protection staff and had told Mr. Williamson that she could not work with Mr. Dawson. Ms. McAuley has also resigned.

The Consumer Protection Agency is oriented toward educational programs to assist residents in purchasing, contract buying, resisting consumer fraud, etc. Cases requiring legal action must be referred to Legal Aid or other agencies. Residents feel that legal assistance should be available through the program.

The OCL board had agreed to consider the feasibility of greater citizen representation and possible reorganization of the policy boards.



Watergate replaces Woodstock. The usual hunt for excitement follows the closing of school. However, the action seems to have relocated itself. (Photo by Rosemary Allen)

A sapphire, not a rose

by Rosemary Allen

The Rose Festival, the sparkle, the excitement and the thrills, began 84 years ago in 1889. It began with a rose show in a tent, and in 1902 the Portland Rose Society was organized. In 1907 the first annual Rose Festival was held.

Twenty illuminated floats on flat cars, riding on the rail of Portland's electric trolley system, were the main attractions of the first Rose Festival Pageant, produced by George L. Hutchin.

From 1908 through 1913 the ruler of the festivals was the king, Rex Oregonus. His identity was kept a secret he removed his huge beard at the Festival's annual ball. A festival Queen, selected

from young Portland socialites, ruled each year from 1914 to 1930.

Since 1930, the Queen has been a Portland high school senior. In 1932, when the present Rose Festival Association was incorporated, the present method of selection of a queen from the court of princesses was adopted. Each princess was chosen by the student body of their respective schools. The princess chosen queen wears a crown valued at \$5,000, containing sapphires, zircons and rubies. She also wears a beautiful robe and carries an impressive scepter. The crown was created in 1922.

Portland is proud of it's

Festival of Roses. Through the years the Festival has grown and matured until it now comprises 10 full days of varied events.

But regardless of colorful excitement of Rose Festival festivities, there seems to be something missing more and more each year. The Rose Festival seems to generate a feeling that it's celebration is for the middle or upper classes only.

Speaking quite frankly, festivities seem to be directed towards whites only; the white media, the white businesses, white high school students and the white side of town. Even the entertainment was directed towards a predominantly white audience; Sandler and Young Show, Milk Carton Boat Races, Brady Bunch Show, etc.

The only entertainment which Blacks could appreciate was the Indian Pow-Wow held at East Delta Park. However, there were no buses traveling out that way, so transportation services were inadequate.

The princess selection, which inevitably leads to the Queen Coronation, has disappointed Blacks and other minorities for years. Since the Rose Festival Association adopted the present system of selecting a Queen from high school princesses in 1932, there have been 11 young Black ladies chosen as princesses. Adams (a fairly new high school) has picked none; Cleveland High has chosen 2; Franklin has chosen none; Grant 1; Jackson 0; Jefferson 3; Lincoln 1; Marshall 0; Monroe 3; Roosevelt 0; Wilson 0 and Washington's number is undetermined due to the fact that the secretary, Mrs. Bowmen, who was asked for the information, thought there were so many that she could not recall the exact figure at the time.

Had my imagination not been so limited at the time, I would have ventured to ask her if she could recall the number of Black Queens chosen in recent years. However that figure is too exact for even me to figure: Zero.

The judges picked for the Queen selection are, of course, all-American. They have money, position and a ranch-style house in the suburbs. This year's judges met up to their qualifications in every way. Example one: Mr. Colin De Silva, President (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 6)



Abu foils attack

A nineteen year old student, Diane Grover, was stabbed and beaten in her room at the Portland State University Student Service's Montgomery dormitory.

Abu, a Black musician and radio commentator and also a resident of the dormitory, responded to the girl's cries for help. Rushing to her aid, he paused to alert the manager, whose apartment was next door. Failing to catch the assailant, Abu returned to find Ms. Nichols lying in a pool of blood. He carried her to the apartment of the manager and was told not to put her on the bed or the couch, but on the kitchen floor.

Abu told the Observer that none of the other resi-

dents of the dormitory came to assist Ms. Nichols, although her screams for help were clearly heard. After the attacker had escaped, still no one came to help the injured girl.

Abu states his concerns about the living quarters operated by PSU student services. This is a private non-profit corporation operated in the interest of the students and is not connected with the university. According to Abu there is no security for the residents and robberies are common. There was a similar attack one year ago, although the resident was not severely injured. Many parents assume the buildings are under

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Senators support affirmative action

Oregon Senators Ted Hallock and Bill Stevenson expressed their views on the state's affirmative action responsibility this week.

Hallock is dissatisfied with the progress the state is making in the field of minority hiring and is pushing to see that state agencies meet their responsibilities in this area. Hallock has put affirmative action into practice by hiring a Black administrative assistant, John Toran.

Stevenson also considers progress too slow and feels that encouragement by himself and other elected officials would help. Some ways to insure results are a more positive attitude toward the program, giving more direction to the Labor Commission and increasing the affirmative action program budget, he said.

The latest available figures reveal only 108 Black employees among a state civil service of 18,375.

Stevenson agrees that gov-

ernment should take the lead in minority hiring.

Senator Hallock resents any measures that make Albina a ghetto. Having been raised in the Albina area he considers it a community of people doing things.

Regarding the insurance problems faced by the people of Albina, Hallock believes the State Insurance Commission has the authority to prevent discrimination, and if he cannot he must be aided by new legislation.

Senator Stevenson expressed an interest in the labor Commissioner's office if Commissioner Nilsen does not run for re-election in 1974. He will leave the governor's race to others. Senator Hallock claims he has no aspirations for higher office. He wants to be a good Senator, and believes each time he is returned to the Senate he can do more for the people of Oregon.

Shades of Brown tours Japan

A local Portland Band, Shades of Brown, are planning a tour to Japan during the month of July. Shades of Brown play a variety of music that includes soul, rock, blues and jazz. Their group is comprised of Gregg Smith, lead vocalist and band

leader; Thara Memory, band director, trumpet and flugelhorn player; Lester McFarlan, bass guitar; Rob Manning, lead guitar; Calvin Walker, drums; Jerry Paris, organ; and Cleo Young, tenor saxophone.

The trip to Japan is a

result of their signing with the Phil Downing Agency. Recently, during one of their daily practices for preparation for the trip, a Portland Observer reporter watched the band in action.

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IWW organizes harvest workers

The Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) announced intentions to organize harvest workers in the Oregon berry and bean fields. Speaking at a press conference William Alsdorf, spokesman for the group, said that the committee's goals included: (1) recognition of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) as the collective bargaining

agent for field workers; (2) a minimum wage of \$2.50 in the fields; (3) the end of forced work for welfare recipients in the fields; (4) health safety standards set for the fields; and (5) establishment and use of a Union Hiring Hall for all Harvest work.

The AWOC plans to hold an open community meeting concerning the drive June

15, Friday, at 7 p.m. at Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church at Ninth and SE Ash. The meeting will have legislative as well as direct action on its agenda.

Mike Zaharakis of the Foodstuff Workers Industrial Union 460 of the IWW said that the policy of the AWOC is direct, nonviolent action in organizing. "The violence that the current work situation in the fields creates will be met with our use of creative nonviolence," he said.

Spokesmen for the AWOC said that the committee was composed of union and non-union members alike and that membership was open to anyone who supported the program. The temporary phone number for the group is 236-6125.

ACLU honors chairman

Margie Pitts Hames, Georgia attorney and member of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak Saturday, June 16 at a dinner honoring Charles Davis, Portland businessman. The E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award will be formally presented to Mr. Davis by the

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Clarence Larkins, co-owner of Incense and Implements, posed for the Observer photographer amidst unusual novelties offered in his shop.

Salute to Black Business

This week's Salute to Black Business travels to a shop that caters primarily to the younger set. Now when I say young, I mean from ages 12 to 35. In my book, under 12 you're still a child and over 35 you're over the hill (until I reach the age of 35, of course).

Incense and Implements, located at 3606 N.E. Williams right next to the House of Sounds record shop, is the name of this store. Owners

Bruce Smith and Clarence Larkins offer a delightful array of ordinary and unusual items.

They sell incense, bumper stickers, black light posters, t-shirts with names like Boone's Farm on them, body oils of different scents for men or women. They also sell incense holders, sew-on zodiac and Black Power patches, and all types of jewelry. Much of the jewelry (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 6)

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