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State selects Williams

Mr. Harold C. Williams, Director of Portland State University Educational Center, will be taking on a new position July 9th of this year. Mr. Williams will become Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator of the State of Oregon.

Mr. Williams stated that some of his duties would include trying to make affirmative action a cohesive part of personnel, making sure all people (predominantly minorities) get a fair opportunity at state jobs; trying to sensitize those in state personnel to some of the oversights that cause misunderstandings to minorities and state trying to correct misunderstandings for both parties.

EEOC was formerly federally funded, however now it will use state money. Mr. Williams said he will follow through on the present guidelines with the help of staff, Bob Booser, Bill Cross and others.

Harold Williams, 30 years of age and a family man with two children, Jeffrey, 8, and Natasha, 2, has quite a job laid out for him. He feels that the coordinator before him, John Raynor, gave an "honest effort". The first Black man ever to hold this position in Oregon, Mr. Williams feels that his role is to now "implement the program into a positive source in personnel."

Roberts supports people programs

Recently in an *Observer* interview Senator Betty Roberts of the Oregon State Senate gave her views towards topics important to the community.

In reply to the question of whether the legislature has the responsibility to see that state agencies such as CSD, Welfare, Foster Care, Nursing Homes and Child Care, meet the State and Federal requirements, Senator Roberts said "The state does have regulations for any child-caring agency in the state in terms of the kinds of standards, safety policies and so forth."

Senator Roberts explained that there is also legislation that provides for the method of caring for children, adoption procedures that have to be followed and so on. However, she replied, "Federal regulations must be enforced by the Federal Government. If the Federal money goes directly to the private agency, they (the state) cannot intercede."

The Senator was asked that if she became Governor, what would she do in affirmative action and what would she do different from what the Governor has done as far as affirmative action is concerned? The Senator answered, "It's very hard to say at this point. I haven't decided to run for governor."

When asked her views as far as implementation of the Affirmative Action Program, she replied, "I think because of my deep concern I would be much more aggressive. The first place to start is in government. I sincerely be-



Senator Betty Roberts of Portland is frequently mentioned as a potential gubernatorial candidate.

lieve that state government and local government are probably as great offenders, if not the greatest offenders, and have more reluctance to put into operation the affirmative action programs than perhaps even private industry."

Senator Roberts went on to say "We can't pass laws and say do this when we do not do something ourselves."

The Senator expressed that the government should take the lead. She gave as an example the Labor Commissioner's office and the Civil Rights Division: "... their job is to enforce the affirmative action program of all sorts, and yet I question whether or not that department has truly done its work - it's work in select-

Jordan challenges Black Press

In focusing on the future role of the Black press, Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League, reminded the delegates to the National Newspaper Publishers Association's 33rd Annual Convention in Houston that a flowing path for justice began with John Russwurm and his *Freedman's Journal* more than 146 years ago and that the Black press has been the collective voice and conscience of all Black people. "It has surmounted one difficulty after another; both economic and political repression have failed to stifle its advocacy for Black Americans."

He stated that the Black press faces a time of testing, along with all Black people, as the period of social reform called the "Second Reconstruction" seems ended, although unfinished.

He pointed out the need for a strong and free press and said the climate for a free press seems to have improved since the *Washington Post* persistently revealed the Watergate scandal.

"But in the long weeks before the Pulitzer Committee recognized its crusade, the *Post* was subjected to vilification by some of the leading office-holders in the country, and the so-called liberal press and the broadcasting media were put on notice that they had better shape up or face economic reprisals by the government."

"That kind of story is nothing new for the Black



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press which, with far fewer resources, has uncovered and exposed the scandalous treatment Black people have faced. It was the Black press that led the fight against lynching, against police brutality, against employment discrimination and for desegregation of schools and universities long before these causes were even thought of by white publishers and editors. And

many crusading Black reporters, editors and publishers stood up to threats and reprisals - although their efforts went unheeded by Pulitzer Committees and other Establishment organs. "I believe the Black press has a special responsibility to tear the cover away from scandals even greater than Watergate. For while Watergate has rightly become a

Mississippi elects Black Mayors

State-wide general elections in Mississippi have resulted in the election of three new Black candidates - all supported by the Southern Elections Fund - to head municipal governments in the state, bringing the number of Black mayors in Mississippi to an unprecedented total of seven.

The new winners are Robert Leflore in the Delta town of Pace, James Shanks in Jonestown and Bennie

Thompson in Bolton. In addition, the election results are being challenged in Tehula where Black candidate Saul Sutton trails his white opponent (as of this writing) by only 13 votes - with over 100 ballots cast by Blacks still in dispute.

All of the above four towns have a bi-racial electorate, as does Fayette, Mississippi, where incumbent Black Mayor Charles Evers

was re-elected without opposition. The remaining three Black mayors in Mississippi were elected in the all-Black towns of Winstonville, Falcon and Mound Bayou.

Black candidates also won 32 races for alderman and 2 for city clerk in bi-racial towns and another won in Black towns. The full slate of city clerk and five aldermen was swept into

Employment opportunities revealed

There are a number of job openings which have come to the attention of the *Observer*. Positions that will soon be available with the City of Portland include: An Emergency Planning Coordinator,

Planning Director, Director of Planning and Development, City Attorney, Neighborhood Organization Director and coordinators, Neighborhood Environment Director, Planning and Develop-

ment Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Affirmative Action Officer, Commissioner's Assistant, Personnel Examiners, City Planners, Housing Planners, Research Assistants, Police Officer Trainees, Police Minority Recruiter, Information Co-ordinator, Human Resource Director and Assistant, and Clerks and typists.

The State of Oregon has Clerk 3 (typist) positions, paying \$437 to \$568; Secretary 2 (shorthand) at \$397-506; and Fiscal Auditor I at \$679-816.

Washington State University in Pullman, Washington is seeking a manager for KWSU Television, a Chicano Student Counselor, a graduate assistant in Agronomy, an acting director of Chicano Studies, a Director of Classified Staff Services, an Academic Counselor for the Experimental Education Program, a Coordinator of Activities for the Associated Students of WSU, an Assistant Manager of Student Publications. Other positions are in Elementary Education, Educational Administration, Learning Resources and Counseling and Educational Psychology.



Bryan Haynes, bottom, poses with Eagle Scout brothers Derrick, center, and Oscar Haynes, top.

Third brother earns Eagle Scout rank

Bryan Haynes, 16 years of age, will join his two other brothers, Oscar, 20, and Derrick, 19, in the highest rank of scouting, Eagle Scout. All three brothers have attended Benson High School and began in the scouting program at the age of 11.

In order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, one must first become a tenderfoot, then proceed to 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and last but not the end, Eagle Scout. A

scout can obtain awards after becoming an Eagle. They are the Bronze, Silver and Gold Palms.

Bryan said he learned about survival and swimming while being a part of the scouting program, something he might not have ever learned otherwise. Bryan will become an Eagle Scout on Friday, June 29th, at the Boy Scouts Ceremony.

Bryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Haynes, Jr.

Model Cities opens Health Center

by Rosemary Allen

If there has ever been a program to absorb much negative criticism it is Model Cities. Slammed in at least one aspect by the community or the government, anything that evolves from Model Cities is readily questioned of its importance or ultimate motive.

On Sunday, June 24th, a Model Cities funded Free Medical Clinic opened its doors to the public for inspection and information. The name of this new program in itself answers the majority of the questions one could ask. The community could quite obviously do with as much free medical care that can be offered.

The clinic is open from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Medical attention will be offered only between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m. A paid staff of 5 doctors will alternately work at the clinic. The staff of doctors are: Dr. Walter Reynolds, Dr. John Anderson, Dr. Webster Brown, Dr. John Marshall and Dr. Alfred Ono.

The Albina Health Care Center's aim is to 1) provide medical care to persons with non-emergent but active



medical problems (cuts, sudden spikes in temperature, sprained ankles, toothaches, headaches, 1st and 2nd degree burns, etc.); 2) provide follow-up services, health information and counseling as needed; 3) make referrals to

appropriate services. The staff now includes Program Director Beatrice Gilmore, who is a registered nurse; Clinic Superintendent Earline Martin, R.N.; Director of Health Education

City closes consumer program

Of particular concern had been the make-up of the Management Committee, which did not provide for viable citizens participation; the possible dismissal of the director by the OCL president; and interference by the program operation by members of OCL.

When the council terminated the program on June 15th, one reason given was that OCL president Charles Williamson did not appear at the council meeting to answer

questions about the program. Williamson was one of two OCL board members who was opposed to the continuation of the program under OCL. At that time the council agreed to consider the matter further at a later date.

The decision to terminate the staff was made at an informal hearing on June 26th and reaffirmation was made at the permanent closure of the program was made at the regular council meeting on June 27th.

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