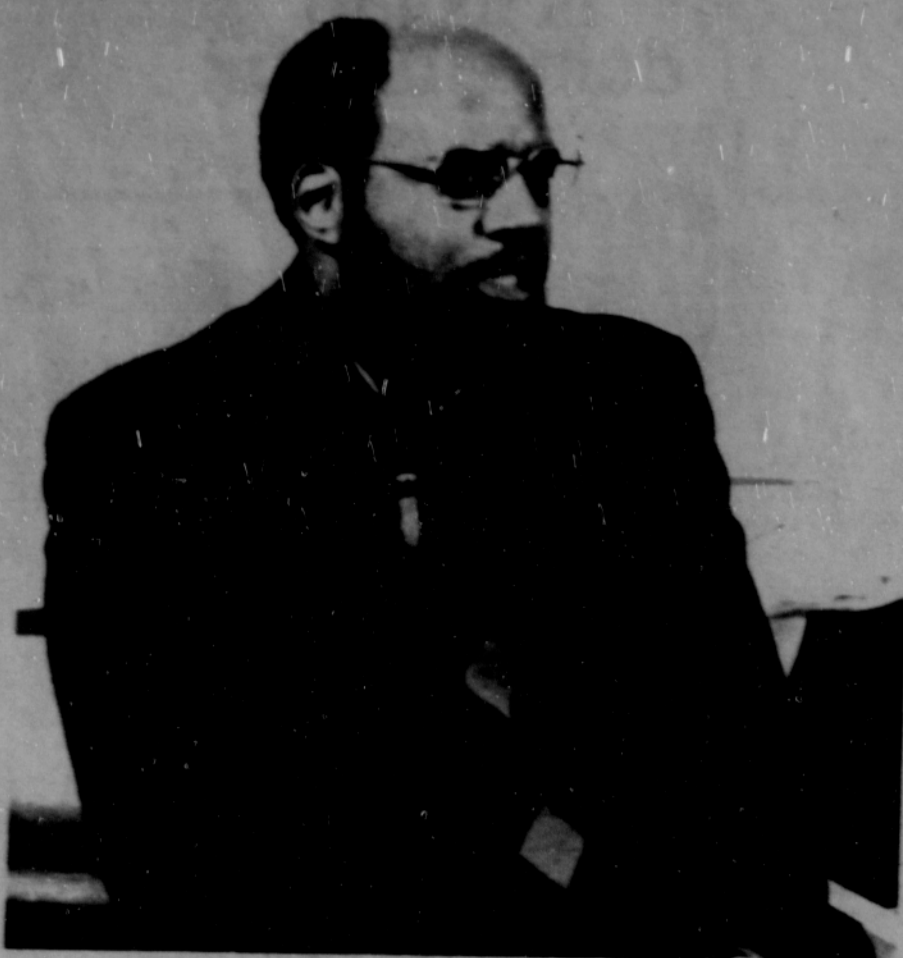




DR. HARRY EDWARDS

Edwards: Political activist

by Ulysses Marshall

Harry Edwards, political activist and professor of the sociology of sports, continues to bring the injustices of organized athletics to public attention.

Edwards gained national acclaim for his organization of a Black boycott of the 1968 Olympics. The boycott was successful in that it brought national attention to the racism practiced in athletics in the United States and led to the expulsion of medalists John Carlos and Tommy Smith from the Olympic Village.

Edwards feels that the Black community has overemphasized the role of the Black athlete - partially because it is one of the few visible successes open to Blacks. "Ninety percent of the Black elementary school boys have professional sports as their goal," he explained. This is not realistic since few men can be successful in professional sports. "We do not see ninety percent of the white students seeking a career in sports - but these unrealistic goals are held out to Blacks."

"America demands that Blacks be twentieth century gladiators." Sports have been associated with manhood, so if a young man is big and strong and does not play basketball or football, he is regarded as less than a man. There is no room for the young person who is

interested in science or the arts.

"Athletes are developmental dwarfs." He explained that so much energy is used to excel in athletics that there is no time for other things. Athletes tend to have little knowledge of politics or other important areas of life, he said.

Edwards does not advocate giving up sports, but believes sports should be a means to an end and not an end in themselves. He accuses the high schools and colleges of using the talents of Black youth without insuring that they receive an adequate education.

Edwards teaches sociology of sports at the University of California at Berkeley, and as a former athlete has donated much of his time studying the sociological and political ramifications of sports. Although athletics gave him the opportunity to obtain an education, when the time came that he had to choose, he chose to continue his studies.

Edwards is currently embroiled in a dispute at Berkeley, where the administration has refused to give him tenure. Calling this an organized effort to eliminate Black professors, Edwards has pledged to fight for his position.

Edwards was in Portland last week as the first speaker in a series sponsored by the Black Studies Department and the Black Cultural Affairs Board at Portland State University.

Prairie Dog Day expectant

Will the prairie dog jump out of its mound? Come to the Washington Park Zoo on Wednesday, February 2, between 10 and 11:30 a.m. and honor the zoo's prairie dogs in celebration of Groundhog Day.

For an "eye opener" the Washington Park Zoo's Women's Activities Council will serve free prairie dog punch to the public. The Oregon Dairy Council created the prairie dog punch concoction and is donating twelve gallons of milk to make

this traditional non-alcoholic beverage.

The Banks High School Band will serenade morning visitors, featuring "Me and My Shadow."

Our prairie dog mascot will greet early birds arriving at the zoo, so join us as we await the annual decision on whether or not we will have an early spring...or six more weeks of winter!

Ride Tri-Met direct to the zoo from downtown Portland and Beaverton Park and Ride on Bus #62.

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Seniors, police discuss crime

On February 2, 1977, at 1:00 P.M. the Portland Police Bureau and the Oregon Gray Panthers will hold an informational hearing to discuss with senior adults the possibility of new strategies to prevent crimes against the elderly. The meeting will be held at the PACT Senior Citizens Center, 3588 S.E. Division at 1:00 P.M.

The hearing is being held because of the increasing fear among elderly that their streets and communities are becoming increasingly dangerous crime risk - and that despite the already massive efforts that have been undertaken by area law enforcement agencies to protect the elderly, violent crime against seniors continues.

The meeting will not be a presentation by law enforcement personnel of existing crime prevention programs for the elder-

ly. It will be an opportunity for seniors to discuss their viewpoints and ideas about how to make those services more effective, legislative reforms in criminal justice, the court system, and concepts being considered for future use such as an escort service operated by both young and old volunteers.

Senior organizations, advocacy organizations, government agencies are strongly encouraged to attend, because the participation and well being of their clients and members hinges on a crime free community for our elderly. The hearing on February 2, 1977, will permit us to hear from the elderly themselves with their comments about law enforcement, and "where we go from here" in our programs to reduce crime against seniors.

Community Calendar

The County Reform Committee will hold its second Citizens Forum to discuss "You and Your County" on Monday, January 31st at St. Mary's Chapel on the University of Portland campus, 5000 North Willamette Blvd. This Forum is being conducted for citizens of District 3. District 3 was created during the November general election and is represented by Commissioner Alice Corbett. Many problems facing Multnomah County will be discussed.

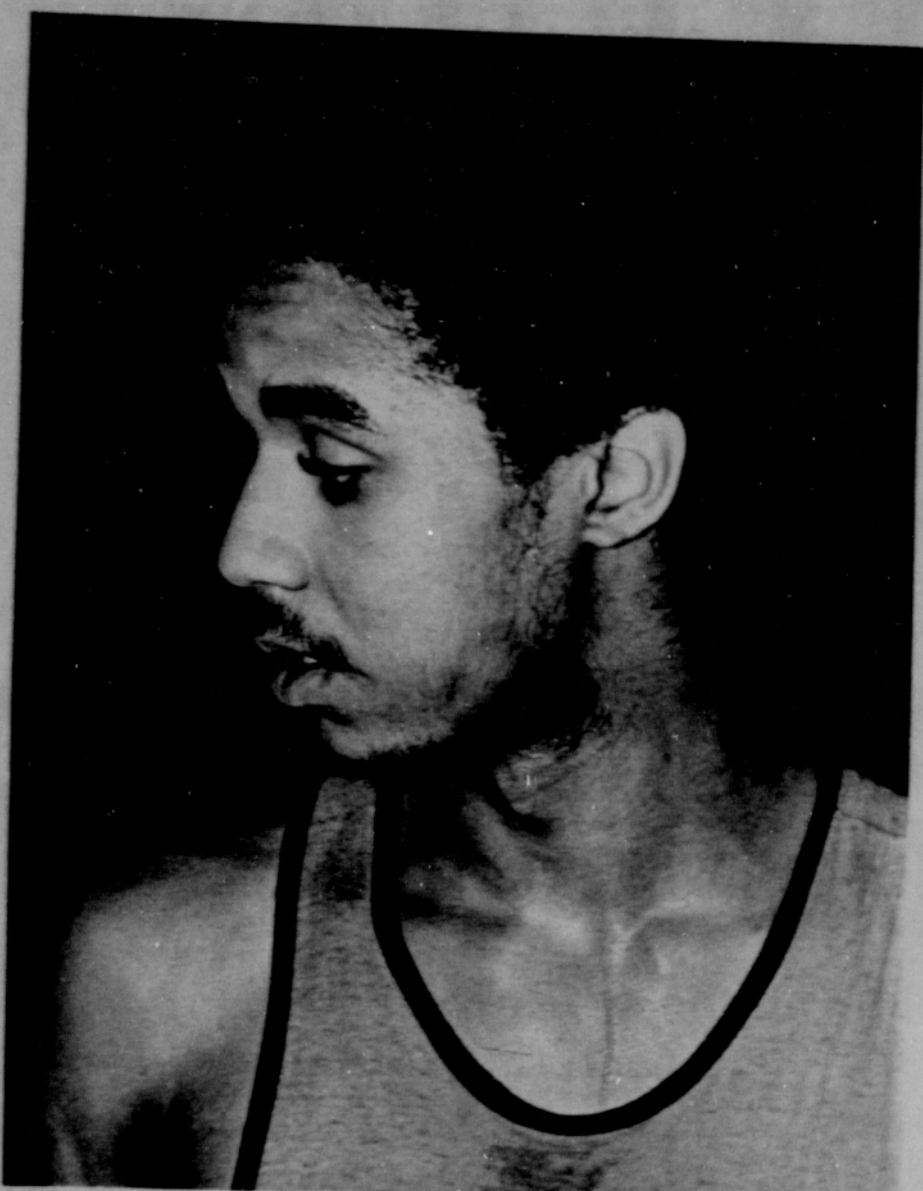
A reading workshop for teachers, tutors, parents and their children will be led by Betty Gerold, learning disability specialist, Augustana Lutheran Church, 15th and N.E. Knott, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 288-6174.

Greenpeace Oregon is sponsoring an evening of films on February 6th. Featured will be the Oregon premier of "SAVE THE SEALS", a 1976 documentary of last year's anti-sealing campaign. With it will be a 1975 film on the whale-saving expedition. The show starts at 7:30 P.M. at the Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Avenue in Portland. Advance tickets are \$1.50 and are available through Greenpeace at either 811 NW 23rd or at the Galleria.

The North Portland Branch of the Multnomah County Library has scheduled a special Valentine's Day Program on Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 p.m.

School age children are invited to attend the program which will feature valentine making and a film.

Admission is free. The North Portland Branch is located at 512 N. Killingsworth Street. For additional information please call 284-5622.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Virgil Allen, Jefferson - 6 foot six junior center scored 18 points and pulled down 16 rebounds as the Demos took over first place in the PIL West Division with a 73-66 win over Jackson. Allen scored 23 points and 14 rebounds in a lopsided 106-71 triumph over the hapless Washington colonials.

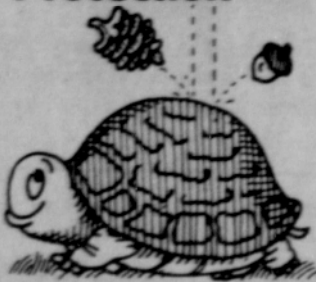


Sport Talk

Mr. Sykes is taking a short vacation. His column will return February 3rd.

by Ron Sykes Sports Editor

There's no natural Protection



Birth defects are forever. Unless you help.

March of Dimes

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Pearls from the Poet

by Ulysses Marshall

Done gone and done it
Done told my baby goodbye
Now I sit around my room and cry.

Done told her no longer her do I need
Now there's nothing left to do but grieve.

Done put her out of my life
Now my life is filled with strife

I couldn't live with her
Now I can't live without her.

Done gone and done it
Done got rid of the woman I love
But in her heart for me there was no love

Done gone and made myself less of a fool
But I still feel foolish without the one I love.

Done gone and done it.
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