

NWMC place youth in industry, provide classes

"Self-help programs and the self-help concept will be the key to success for Black people in this country," says Eugene Jackson, Executive Director of the Northwest Minority Contractors Association.

Organized in 1974, the NMCA was designed to help minority contractors and businessmen in the construction industry, and to begin to establish an economic base in the minority community. To do this the NMCA, under the leadership of Eugene Jackson and his assistant Alfred Wingfield, has provided numerous minority business with technical and managerial assistance and has aided them in seeking and negotiating contracts.

In 1976, the NMCA, through the unyielding efforts of Jackson and Wingfield, was instrumental in getting the State of Oregon to approve a ten percent Set-Aside Program minority business enterprise. This became the first Set-Aside Program in the nation and laid the groundwork for the national program approved by Congress in the Public Works Bill of 1977. "Wingfield and I shared a copy of the Oregon Set-Aside Program with several business people in the White House and Congressman Parren Mitchell. Mitchell was very impressed with its provisions and indicated he was currently working on a similar

program on the national level. The Oregon program served as a model for the nation. We were able to get several local governments to accept our Set-Aside Program however, the City of Portland and Mayor Goldschmidt have refused to accept any Set-Aside efforts to economically assist minorities in business and construction industry."

One of the recent efforts of the Association is to recruit young people in the minority community through the Governor's Youth Training Program. The program is just in the pilot stage, but through it's overall success, the Association hopes to secure complete funding next fall to expand the program on a full-time basis. "Last month the Association placed thirteen young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two in good meaningful, lasting jobs," says Jackson. "Private enterprise in the area has been working quite well with us. If the city would cooperate, we could do even more for the youth in our community."

One of the Association's most recent projects is to conduct a series of training sessions in construction and business technology to men and women involved in operating small local businesses. These sessions are sponsored in cooperation with the Civil Rights Division of General Ser-

vices Administration, Region 10, under the direction of Russell O. Rogers, Administrator. "Russ Rogers should be commended for his outstanding contributions to minority contractors and businessmen in this region," says Jackson. "It was through his efforts that our Association was able to conduct similar classes a few years ago."

In an increasingly complex society, the small businessman must keep up not only with his craft, but with a great deal of paperwork and with current laws and statutes regarding banking, insurance, and local, state and federal regulations. It is keeping up in these areas that can make or break a small businessman. This series of classes, held every Wednesday night in the King Neighborhood Facility, emphasizes such critical concepts as basic blueprint reading, banking, bookkeeping/accounting, bonding and insurance, as well as how to fill out forms. The classes are conducted by a group of volunteer instructors with expertise in various areas of management and construction technology.

The classes are free to anyone in the community. The nearly twenty men and women enrolled in the classes are currently in business, not only as contractors, but as suppliers, salespeople, secretaries and others in fields related to the construction in-



Eugene Jackson
dusty. "We also encourage the men to bring their wives along. Many of the small businesses are run out of the home and the wives can play an essential part in success," Jackson said. "Certificates will be issued to all participants who complete the course."

Many of the former students and members of the NMCA have been quite successful, having reached between \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 in contracts. According to Jackson, "We like to think of this as success, but we know we still have a long way to go to accomplish our goal of meaningful economic stability and prosperity in the minority community."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the declared policy of the City of Vancouver is to assure equal opportunity to all persons, free from restrictions because of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestral or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver, pursuant to that policy, has established a Human Relations Commission, an Office of Affirmative Action, and enacted a Vancouver Fair Employment Practice Ordinance, an Open Housing Ordinance and other legislation assuring equal rights to all citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, since it was founded in 1909, has worked within the framework of our executive, legislative and judicial branches to eliminate racial discrimination in housing, to increase job opportunities, to promote equal education opportunities, to secure a free ballot for every qualified American citizen, to end mob violence and police brutality, and to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation from all aspects of public life in our city; and

WHEREAS, there is more hope for all citizens working together to build a strong and peaceful city, state and nation, without hate or fear, by working to achieve the goals of the City of Vancouver and the NAACP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Justin, Mayor of the City of Vancouver do hereby proclaim July 3 - 7, 1978 as

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in Vancouver to honor the outstanding contributions of the men and women of this fine organization in their continuing efforts to make our community a better place for all citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Vancouver, Washington to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of June, 1978.

Jim Justin
Mayor

Mt. Hood CC cuts programs

A 29 percent reduction in money for student activities, athletics, and student government plus increases in tuition and charges for recreation facilities were among the measures approved Wednesday night by the Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education following the June 27th defeat of the college budget levy.

The board agreed to raise tuition by five percent beginning with the fall quarter, increase swimming pool fees, begin charging for public use of the tennis courts and other recreation facilities, and allocate less money to student activities and athletics.

"In addition to staff and class reductions, we have to look at these changes to increase our revenue and balance the budget," said Dr. R. Stephen Nicholson, college president.

Allocations to the associated student body for student activities, athletics and student government will be reduced by \$8.50 for each full-time equivalent student, a cut back of 28.8 percent.

This money, an estimated \$50,000 for the year, will be used for instruc-

tion in vocational and transfer programs.

Tuition is expected to increase by about five percent for the fall quarter. The new tuition schedule is being prepared and will be published in the college's fall class schedule.

Increased swimming pool fees will be effective July 1st. The family annual pass for district residents will go from \$40 to \$80 and for out-of-district residents from \$50 to \$100. Individual swims will be increased to 50 cents for preschoolers, \$1 for students, and \$1.25 for adults.

The board also agreed to begin charging for public use of the tennis, handball, and racquet ball courts, the gym, and the weight training room. Specific fees are being developed.

In other measures designed to increase revenue and help offset the levy loss, the college will increase the rental charge for the food services contract and also increase rent assessed the bookstore to three percent of gross sales. Currently the bookstore operator pays one percent of gross sales.

Workshop studies food stamps

North Community Action Council in cooperation with Legal Aid is providing a free workshop for anyone who wants to know what their rights are concerning Welfare and Foodstamps.

A Representative from the Legal Aid Welfare Hotline will be available to answer questions or discuss any

problem concerning welfare and foodstamps.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Workshop being held Thursday, July 13th, at 9:30 a.m. in the NCAC offices at 6965 N. Fessenden. The agency will provide free baby sitting during the workshop.

PPS provides free lunch

The Portland Public Schools will sponsor again this summer the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to attending children under nineteen and will be provided without regard to race, color or national origin.

The district will provide noon meals to students in 64 recreation and education programs and sup-

plemental snacks such as fruit juice and cookies for those programs lasting longer into the day.

The federal government picks up the cost of the special summer food service program.

The program provides meals to students in programs such as the city of Portland's Summer '78 activities and the Portland Park Bureau's summer programs among others.

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