



Ora Nunley was chosen NAACP Mother by the NAACP Youth Branch.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Community celebrates unity

By Nyewusi Askari

More than a thousand Black people filled the grounds of the King Neighborhood Facility May 18th, in observance of "Community Unity Day." The activities of the day were coordinated by the BUF with assistance from community volunteers.

All areas of the Facility were in use, with the exception of office and classrooms. There were exhibits set up by local community organizations giving information on their services and programs. Articles of clothing, art work, crafts and food was sold.

The mellow sounds of "local African Drummers," which included brother Art Alexander, brother Nyewusi Askari, and Bonkole, signaled the beginning of the festivities, and it was non-stop Black movement from that point on. The Master Blaster J.W. Friday (KBOO Radio) provided the current sounds in Black music to the beat of disco roller skating by hundred of Black youngsters who had come to lend their spirits to the positive flow of the day. Out on the school yard there was basketball, a Martial Arts demonstration by brothers from the Japanese Sword Society, a Frisbee demonstration, food, drink, and a positive movement among Black people to get to know each other better.

Some of the participants in Community Unity Day were, Darrel Millner, professor PSU; Lois Berry, Local poetess; Imam Mikel Shabazz, Minister - World Community of Islam, who spirited us all with his call for brotherhood and

support of our leaders while they are living; brother Muhammad Ali, and members of his school gave a brilliant demonstration and lecture in the art of self defense, as well as why it is necessary to properly learn how to defend yourself and pass these teachings down to our children; Eddie Edmondson, poetry; James Loving, candidate for State Senate District 8; Herb Cawthorne, Love Congregation, members from the Black Educational Center, Fungai Kumbula, Ron Herndon, and a host of other Black community professionals.

Community Unity Day was a success. It shows that Black people of this community are moving toward a greater political understanding and culture awareness of why it is necessary to organize around each other. The spirit among the Blacks present was unlike any seen in Portland for a long time. This was not a call for boggie down, but a call for Community Unity and Black people responded by coming out in the hundreds. This mass participation speaks of the Black United Front's strong leadership tie with the community. It shows that the Black community here in Portland respects and supports the efforts of the Front.

We shall see, in the future, similar efforts by the Front to instill even a greater unity and spirit among Blacks in this community. The *Portland Observer* commends the Black United Front on its efforts and says "Thank You" for the spirit of life, and through your continued efforts we know the black community will eventually realize that it can obtain its dream through unity.

What do you think?

By Paul McCoy

Q. What do you think of the elections?

Diana Williams, Student PSU.

This is the first time I have voted. I haven't given politics much thought. But as I grow older I seem to be getting more involved. It would be nice and I would like to believe that elections are fair but I would not count on it.

Laura Howard, Alcohol counselor Salem.

I'm not satisfied with the way elections are run. Because I am not satisfied with it I put little energy into it. The choices they give you are not very good. The politicians say so much and do so little.

Jim Shelton, Retired businessman.

I think the election system is o.k. But most of the elections are bull. I read a lot about politics and just don't have much confidence in elections anymore. A politician may go into office with the honest intentions of doing good, but after awhile they start looking out for themselves. Look at our two Congressmen, they have been up there so long they have forgotten what they were intending to do when they first started. In this coun-

try if you have money you can get elected. You get in the paper, the T.V. and radio and you can get elected.

Lanita Duke, News reporter - Grass Roots News (KBOO).

I think the election process is the biggest pimp and the voters are the biggest whores. The money spent on campaigning would be enough to take every Black man, woman and child in this country out of poverty.

NA-IM Hasan, Instructor, TAE KWON DO Matt Dishman Center.

There is fairness in some elections. I do not vote but based on what I see there is very little variety. I'm not all the way for it, but the process has its strengths and weaknesses. My feeling is that in politics there needs to be more moral conscienceness.

Jim Seibt, Teriff and travel counselor.

The election process is right. People in this country can vote for who they want. If people do not vote then they do not have the right to bitch or complain. Elections in this country are fair and good for the people. Go to most any other country and you will find things very different. In most places there is no such thing as an election.

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church is celebrating its 26th annual Women's Day Program May 23-25 at 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, Oregon. Guest speaker Friday, 7:30 p.m., Ruth Grant, radio artist from Portland. Saturday 6:00 p.m. meet the speaker at "Salad Bar." Sunday morning 10:35, Dr. A.L. Bowman speaker from Denver, Colo., 3:00 p.m. Sunday guest speaker Mrs. A.L. Bowman, and Sunday 6:30 p.m. is the climax.

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Sandra Ford and her sons Sekeu and Lumumba enjoy Mother's Day Luncheon sponsored by Black Educational Center.

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