



Seminars were conducted to give students information on opportunities and requirements of various careers.



Everyone received a "Career Day" T-shirt.



Herb Cawthorne presents a token of appreciation to Vernon Chatman, who arranges the annual Career Day.

Career Day success

The Portland Urban League's Career Awareness Day was held this past weekend on November 8, 1980, and turned out extremely successful. The Urban League has sponsored the Career Awareness Day for the past six years, mainly for minority high school students. Through the years, the ideas have been expanded and improved by holding various workshops to answer particular questions, any of the students may ask.

The Awareness Day is designed to provide an overview of the world of work, ideas of the skills required for various job categories, and any additional information in areas of specific interest to the student.

There were representatives from various local business, education, and government levels to inform students on expectations, preparations, and benefits of their companies.

The Urban League is the prime sponsor of the Career Awareness Day along with fundings from private companies; some participating in the program. The program is planned yearly, one month after the previous Career



High school students register for Career Day.

(Photos: Richard J. Brown)

Day, to improve on the mistakes from past programs.

Vern Chatman, one of the Executive Directors of the Urban League, sees the future of the Career Awareness Day as promising, but he feels it is critical for the continuation of the

program. He was very impressed by the attendance of the students, who sacrificed their Saturday in guidance of their future.

The program consisted of various

workshops, an inspirational speech by Herb Cawthorne, introduction of the various representatives, music by Jefferson High School Jazz Stage Band, and free lunch.

Justice reports racial incidents increase

The Community Relations Service (CRS) of the Department of Justice responded to 1,431 alerts to racial disputes or racial incidents during Fiscal Year 1980, a 6.6 percent increase over Fiscal Year 1979.

CRS Director Gilbert G. Pompa said today that of the 1,431 alerts, the CRS helped to settle 923 cases, carried over 261 into Fiscal Year 1981, which began October 1, 1980; and turned away 214 as lacking sufficient volatility to warrant removing staff from potentially more explosive problems.

CRS defines a case as flaring conflict of the type that occurred in such places as Miami, Florida; Nampa, Idaho; Flint, Michigan; Wichita, Kansas; and Wrightsville, Georgia,

or a dispute or disagreement with real potential for erupting into open conflict or violence.

Mr. Pompa said that cases showing the fastest growth rate were those related to minority allegations of police use of excessive force, Ku Klux Klan activities, and the influx of Indochinese resettlements.

CRS logged 249 cases alleging police use of excessive force during Fiscal Year 1980, a 92.8 percent increase over the previous year. Sixty-three percent of the cases stemmed from Blacks' complaints, 32 from Hispanics, and four percent from American Indians.

The complaints were fairly distributed nationally, with com-

munities under 100,000 accounting for 53 percent and those larger than 100,000 for 47 percent.

There were 68 cases related to Klan activities and 32 to Indochinese refugee resettlements, increases of 55 percent and 540 percent, respectively.

The Klan activity occurred across the nation, but the cases were mainly in the Southeast with cross-burnings, armed rallies countering minority protesters, firebombings, challenges to police, and general harassment of Blacks and Hispanics precipitating the trouble.

The Indochinese refugee resettlement were mostly in the Southwest and over housing, jobs, and shrimping issues.

Mr. Pompa said that requests for help in disputes by citizens, governors, and other officials of public and private agencies and organizations indicate a growing interest in the emerging field of racial and ethnic dispute resolution.

He said that Federal district judges increasingly are calling on CRS to mediate, as an alternative to litigation, in certain civil rights cases and to help to peacefully implement school desegregation orders.

Among CRS' present efforts is one of conciliating the mounting racial tensions resulting from the rash of killings of Blacks in Atlanta, Buffalo, and a number of other cities.

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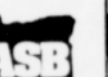
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