



Dick Bogle

Derrick Bell, Dean of the University of Oregon Law School, is a man who won't back down from a challenge.

For example, when the Black native of Pittsburgh was considering taking the job at the University, it was his understanding that during the current session of the legislature a special improvement program would be designed to correct some real and very obvious inequities between the funding of the Oregon Law School and state law schools in California, Washington, Wyoming and Nebraska.

The plan sounded good to Bell and he accepted the job. Then the money bottom dropped out as the legislature instead of increasing funds cut budgets.

When questioned about the inequities, Bell says, "At most schools, law professors make more money than history professors. Law professors salaries reflect that

should they decide to practice instead of teaching they can earn more. So, in order to keep them teaching law, they are given salaries which are reflective of what could be earned in private practice."

Bell says law professors at Oregon earn \$25,000 less than those at Harvard, Yale or other major universities on both coasts. He says there is a far less of a gap in other teaching fields.

I asked Bell if he is sorry he took the job after his hopes for improvements fell through. He replied, "I'm here now and I still have hope that something miraculous will be done."

The Oregon Law School has about 500 students with nearly ten percent minority students. But, of that ten percent, only eight or ten are Black.

Bell views this as another challenge. "It's clear we don't have very many and we certainly aren't attracting some of the students with

really top notch records who go on to schools like Stanford or the University of California," says Bell.

He continued saying, "I think there's a chance they would get as good or perhaps a better education here but we certainly are going to have to do a selling job to get more minorities, especially Blacks."

Bell doesn't see much really new in this latest wave of radical right wing activity with heavy overtones of racial hatred.

He feels historically in this country, when economic times get tougher, people become very fearful and look for scapegoats.

He says, "With inflation going up, a high unemployment rate the domestic situation is in great unease. The tendency is for whites to say we've got to tighten up and to be less tolerant of people not able to defend themselves in the main. We've seen that cycle now as we've seen it in earlier times. In such times, minorities seem to hear the

brunt of unease, threat and hostility."

I mentioned American Nazi party demonstrations and the Skokie, Illinois case in particular which went to court. The Nazis WANTED to march through Skokie which by the way has a large Jewish population.

Bell says very serious free speech issues are involved with the distribution of hate literature and that arguments can be made on both sides.

In the Skokie case, the court deemed the methods used to control that type of situation were too broad and violative of first amendment protection.

Bell says the actions of the Nazis are all part of a general trend prevalent in times of economic distress.

Next week, we'll find out what Bell thinks about the proposal to make racial harassment a felony in Oregon and his views on the death penalty.



Cindy Kules makes use of Multnomah County Library Associations North Portland Branch Library, 512 N. Killingsworth. (Photo by: Richard Brown)

Gate leaves Aging agency

(Continued from Page 1 Col 6) minorities and to develop public policies.

Among national legislation he influenced are, extension of work career by allowing employment past age 65; development and maintenance of the nutrition program; employment for older people.

He now serves on the Public Policy Committee of NCA. His activities on the national level made him one of the few Portlanders with direct access to the Carter White House.

Although he has received national prominence in his field, Gates has not had much appreciation among the politicians at home. He will be missed by the elderly - and especially the elderly poor - whom he sought to serve. Gates will remain in the Portland area, probably in the Aging field.

packaged into one program for the first time. It was published by HEW and the 1970 White House Conference, and has been copied across the country. Unfortunately, in Northeast Portland, it no longer exist.

Gates served three years as chairman of the Minority Elderly Committee of the National Council on Aging - drawing together all minority groups to develop information on conditions unique to

former medical students back in 1974 which accused Scarpelli of discriminating against Black students for the purpose of "systematically eliminating them from the school."

James Meyerson, Assistant General Counsel for the NAACP and chief counsel on the case, said the court's ruling also "proves that good faith, non-malicious efforts can be pursued by minorities and other individuals seeking to continue to march forward in the fight to eradicate racism in the institutions of our society."

The four former students are Dr. Charles Floyd, a resident in psychiatry at the University of California-Davis, Dr. Nolan Jones, a leading researcher and practicing physician in female cancer problems at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston; Dr. Ernest Turner, Assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California Medical School, in the division of hematology and oncology; and Dr. Charles K. Lee, a senior resident in thoracic surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

believe to be discriminatory in nature."

In reversing the lower court ruling, the Kansas Supreme Court declared that Dr. Scarpelli failed to comply with previously established conditions for granting judgement in libel cases involving public figures. The court concluded that actual malice, which is knowing falsity of the allegations or reckless disregard for the truth was not substantiated in the initial trial two years ago that resulted in the awarding of \$44,000 in damages to Scarpelli.

NAACP General Counsel Thomas I. Atkins also praised the ruling explaining that "the court's reaffirmation of the rights of individuals to gain access to institutions of higher learning is not the end-all in this case. Now efforts to gain more sensitivity in these institutions of higher learning will not be stifled by fears of reprisals from college administrators or others believed involved in restricting minority participation."

The original suit grew out of a civil rights complaint filed by the

Medical students win libel case

In one of the most controversial cases in years involving Blacks, the Kansas Supreme Court has overturned a libel judgment against four former University of Kansas medical students, concluding a seven-year battle to preserve affirmative action at a midwestern medical school.

The former Black medical students, who are now practicing physicians, had originally been cited for defamation of character in connection with a \$1.4 million suit filed by Dr. Dante G. Scarpelli, former chairman of the medical school's department of pathology and oncology.

The high court's unanimous decision was viewed as a "magnificent victory" by Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), whose organization had assumed the financial burden in handling the case. "This landmark affirmative action case serves to demonstrate that Blacks and other minorities possess that inherent right to challenge actions which they




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