

METROPOLITAN

Griffin receives Peyton Award

The Russell A. Peyton Human Relations award will be presented to Father Bert Griffin of St. Andrews Church. The award is given annually by the City of Portland/Multnomah County for contributions to human relations.

Dr. Arthur Flemming, outgoing chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, will speak at the Awards Banquet Monday.

Dr. Flemming, a former President of the University of Oregon, was named to the Civil Rights Commission in 1974 by President Nixon. This December he was removed by President Reagan following his criticism of the negative impact of Reagan's proposed economic policies on minorities and on equal rights and civil rights enforcement.

Rev. Griffin, 49, was born in L.A. and raised in Portland, where he has been at St. Andrews for 11 years. At a time when parish membership was dwindling, Rev. Griffin initiated and built up such programs as a legal clinic and an emergency food and clothing project. He also was an original sponsor of Oregon Fair Share and is currently president of Albina Fair Share, a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Portland Opportunity Industrialization Center.

He is being cited for "outstanding work in promoting interracial and



FATHER BERT GRIFFIN

intergroup understanding," said Susan Hunter, human relations specialist at the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, which gives the Peyton Award. Hunter said Griffin is being particularly honored for his work in establishing CAP (Community Action Programs) before federal funding was available.

The banquet will be held at noon at St. Andrews Church. For reservations call 248-4187.

Dr. Flemming will also participate in the "Celebration of Unity" at Benson High School Monday evening at 7:30 pm. The week of January 10th to 16th will be proclaimed "Week of Affirmation" to celebrate the racial diversity of the metropolitan community by the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

The Week of Affirmation is sponsored by Project Affirmation, an ad hoc coalition of community leaders who are concerned about the increase in racial and religious harassment in the state of Oregon.

The Coalition, chaired by Dr. Frank Shields, Pastor of Sunnyside Methodist Church, includes a cross-section of leadership from the Judeo-Christian Community as well as spokespersons from business, civic and labor organizations.

The primary purpose of the week of affirmation is to educate the public about various forms of racial and religious harassment occurring in our community and to encourage citizens to make a personal commitment to recognize and support the variety of ethnic, religious and racial groups that make up and enrich our society.



Snowy days in Portland: school children have a day off to play in the snow. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Washington joins Tri-Met Board

Gail E. Washington has been appointed to the Tri-Met Board of Directors by Governor Victor Atiyeh.

She will join the seven-member board following confirmation by the Oregon State Senate. She replaces Paul Cook who asked not to be reappointed. Her term runs from December 4, 1981 to December 3,

1985.

Ms. Washington is business agent for the Oregon Public Employees Union. From 1977 to 1979 she administered the Health Help Center of St. Andrews Catholic Church. Previously she was an x-ray technician at Bess Kaiser Medical Center.

Ms. Washington studied at Portland State University, Marylhurst Education Center, and learned x-ray technology at Kaiser in Los Angeles. Her community activities include service at the YWCA Board, the City Club, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and Oregon Women's Political Caucus.

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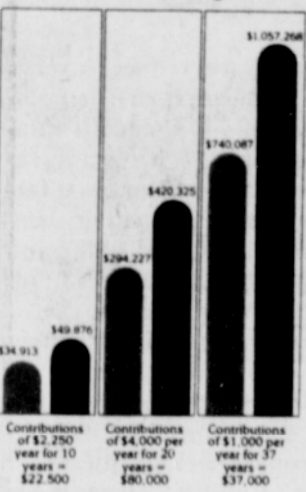
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