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Young and old, Black and white, parents and students joined together in protest of the Portland School Board's broken promise to the Black community. Shouts rang out as School Board members Herb Cawthorne and Chairman Bill Scott waited. (Photo: Richard Brown)

Inmate suit challenges censorship

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a law suit challenging policies and practices regarding censorship of inmate mail at Oregon State Penitentiary and the Oregon Women's Correctional Center.

The suit asks the court to enjoin corrections officials from enforcing the policies on the grounds that they violate the rights guaranteed by the first and fourteenth amendments to the US Constitution and violate provisions of the Oregon Constitution.

The complaint alleges that the following practices are unconstitutional:

- Failure to notify inmates when Mail addressed to them is censored and failure to provide them an opportunity to challenge the censorship.

- Failure to notify senders that material they have sent was not received and failure to allow them an opportunity to challenge the censorship.

- Failure to deliver publications solely because they were not sent by a publisher or "reputable bookstore".

- Failure to deliver photocopies of news articles, photographs, drawings and handmade greeting cards on the basis that the material "is not written or is not approved to be received in advance."

- Censorship of materials that discuss or depict homosexuality.

The plaintiffs in the case are Jenny Costa, Jonathan Landre, Lionetti Haynes, Hazel Krummacher, Robert Reimers, Marvin Johnson, Gary Holt, Carol Pope and Keeton Lowery.

Jefferson hosts SF art experts

Visiting Jefferson High School this week are school and civic leaders from San Francisco. That city plans to establish a specialized high school of the visual and performing arts.

Visitors are Agnes Albert, board member of the San Francisco Symphony; Myra Kpopf, member of the San Francisco Board of Education; Matilda Kunin, chairman of the school district's arts advisory committee and director of the San Francisco Community Theater; Daniel Ryan, school district director of fine arts and Ted Moore, principal-designate of the new school.

BUF halts School Board meeting

"All fired up! Won't take no more," "McNamara's the one," "Gisvold must go," "Beeman must go," "Sneaky Rieke," and "E-I-I-O-I" rung through the auditorium as members and supporters of the Black United Front closed down the Portland School Board meeting Monday night.

The group marched into the board room, took positions along the wall and in front of the Board members' desks and chanted for approximately 90 minutes until Board Chairman Bill Scott adjourned the

meeting.

The protest was one in a series to oppose the selection of the Boise building as a site for Tubman Middle School.

School Board member Herb Cawthorne stood at his desk throughout the demonstrations. Steve Buel, who also voted for the Eliot site endorsed by the community, remained at his place as did interim-Superintendent Jim Fenwick and incoming Superintendent Matthew Prophet. Board member Charlotte Beeman left the meeting immediately and

Scott, Riecke and McNamara wandered in and out of the meeting and caucused in the halls.

Notable for their presence were several uniformed, gun-carrying School District police officers. In response to Cawthorne's question, Dr. Fenwick said there had been rumors throughout the day of a wide range of possible actions at the meeting. Cawthorne responded that any demonstration would be peaceful.

The next announced action will be a one-day school boycott on April 19th.

Jones retains parole position

Chalmers Jones has been appointed to a third four-year term on the State Parole Board by Governor Victor Atiyeh. Jones is a former director of special programs for the State Employment Service and was appointed ombudsman by Governor Tom McCall, who first appointed him to the parole board.

Atiyeh appointed Douglas Dins-

more, executive secretary and treasurer of the Lane County AFL-CIO to succeed Ira Blalock.

Dinsmore served as a counsellor for the Lane County First Offender Diversionary Program and was a member of the Lane County Jail Advisory Committee. He considers his labor background a plus in understanding the employment

problem inmates have when released.

Both appointees favor construction of added prison space.

Ira Blalock, whom the Governor chose not to appoint to another term, is a former director of MCCA (Multnomah County's war on poverty program) and of the City's Human Resource Division.

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