

## NAACP discusses job training

The Portland Branch NAACP will address the problem of Vocational Training for black youth at their regular branch meeting the third Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 North Vancouver Avenue, according to Hazel G. Hays, Branch President. The Branch will also receive a report from Representative Ed Leek of District 18 on H.B. 2416, a bill on deadly force introduced by Representative Leek.

Vocational Village, as part of the Portland School System, affords an opportunity for students to learn trades and skills and to prepare them for membership in trade unions. Thomas L. Vickers, NAACP Educational Chairman, who was with the Vocational Village for a number of years, has talked with Superintendent Matthew Prophet and they both agree that black students are not taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by Vocational Village. Vickers, in charge of the Educational portion



of the meeting, will introduce Paul Erickson, the Director of Vocational Village, who will discuss with the Branch the opportunities for vocational education, and explore reasons why more black students are not taking advantage of the Vocational Village. Parents who are interested in learning about Vocational Village are especially invited, as are young people interested.

## Action Girls have fun

Saturday was a very rainy day but at the home of Holli Trotman, the All Kind of Action Girls, who are high school young ladies of high scholastic abilities sponsored and programmed for by Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, had a fun afternoon.

At each meeting there is a special experience planned for the group. Mrs. Bobbie Nunn, a member of the chapter and a retired educator from Portland Public Schools, gave a demonstration of Wok Cooking. The recipe was "Stir Fry Chicken and Vegetable Dinner."

The fun came when the dinner was tasted. You could hear the girls saying "Um!" and "Ah!" For a while they forgot the rain storm.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha members who are sponsors are Mrs. Barbara Ward, Mrs. Marian Jacobs and Mrs. Mattie Iles—all members of Zeta Sigma Omega. "All Kind of Action Girls" will meet at Marchelle Keener's home in May.



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## Budget strips Park Bureau

by Brenda Braxton  
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The upcoming Budget Committee hearings threaten to cut Park Bureau funds and impair community programs and services, said Commissioner Charles Jordan of the Park Bureau.

Budget Committee meetings on the Park Bureau begin Monday, April 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Commissioner Jordan encourages the public to attend and testify. "If they (the public) feel cuts are not acceptable they have a right to ask that the services be restored," he said.

Jordan is submitting a \$12.4 million budget, while Mayor Frank Ivancie supports one of \$11.8 million. Mayor Ivancie and Commissioner Jordan do not agree on Park Bureau budget allocations. Commissioner Jordan stated, "We will go into the budget sessions at odds... If I can't get my budget approved for 1983-84 we cannot maintain our parks at an acceptable level."

Cuts would delay the opening of Portland's eleven outdoor pools until after July 1st. Operating hours will also be reduced. Those pools targeted for early closure include Woodlawn, Peninsula, Dishman, Grant, and Pier.

"One neighborhood (Sellwood) has met with my office and they want to fund their pool's early opening," said Jordan. Approximately \$2400 per week will be needed to operate the pool.

"I'm concerned about the basic maintenance of certain park facilities that will have to be delayed simply because we do not have the personnel to do it," said Commissioner Jordan. Proper upkeep of restrooms, cutting the lawns periodically, and spraying to eliminate harmful insects will be affected.

There will be no supervised playgrounds in the parks until after July 1st, summer Park Blocks concerts will be cut, and community centers' hours of operation will be reduced.

"I don't think that we can continue to reduce the amount of programming we are now providing in our community schools and in our community centers and still provide adequate recreational opportunities for our citizens," said Jordan.

"Citizens will see a visible decline in our open space resources and the standard of maintenance will be lowered considerably. I have a responsibility to inform the public what to expect, so they will not wake up June 1st and find that services are not being delivered," said Jordan.

Jordan emphasized that "what will happen in the remainder of this year and next year will only happen if the Mayor's budget is approved. If I get my way we will not have such a negative impact on the park systems," said Commissioner Jordan.

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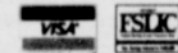
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