



A happy duo. Pretty 20-year-old Kimberly Kay Buchanan, Canby, was crowned queen of St. Paul's 48th annual rodeo, at ceremonies in St. Paul, Saturday night, May 14. Official crowner was "Big Ed" Whelan, popular KOIN-TV sports announcer. Whelan also will be grand marshal of the old-fashioned Fourth of July parade. She is a sophomore at Oregon State University.

Olympics beckon

NEW YORK, NY — With 13 children in the Pollard family, it was easy enough to start a pick-up game. The home court was an old bicycle rim nailed to the alley wall in the back of the house. Ten years later the hoop and the house still remain, only the players have changed.

Street ball has paid off for one family team member. She's LaTaunya Pollard, three-time All-American from California State University at Long Beach. The nation's leading scorer this season, Pollard is the newest recipient of the coveted Wade Trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding junior or senior women's college basketball player in the country.

Widely recognized as the top goal for women basketball players, the award is sponsored by Stayfree and named for the legendary Margaret Wade, former head coach at Delta State University and a pioneer in the establishment and advancement of women's collegiate basketball.

"Accepting this award means more to me than winning the national championship," Pollard says. A graduate of Roosevelt High School in East Chicago, IL, Pollard had no plans to attend college and expected to join her brothers and sisters in the steel mills, to help support the family.

"My high school coach had faith in my abilities," she says, "and handled all the phone calls and paperwork, finally convincing me to accept a scholarship."

A Wade Trophy finalist last year, Pollard, a 5'11" senior guard, led the '49ers to Western Collegiate Athletic Association Conference championships in 1981 and 1982. She holds 18 school records including most career points, 3,001, and most points in a game, 48, set this year against Marist College.

"I have never seen a woman shoot like LaTaunya," says Long Beach State coach Joan Bonvicini. "She can score from inside and outside the key." Pollard averaged 29.3 points per game during the season, adding 8.9 rebounds and 4.9 assists per contest.

Long Beach State was beaten by USC in the regionals this year but her coach speculates that if Pollard hadn't fouled out with 1:50 left to play in the game, the outcome might have been very different. Pollard says, "We have no excuses, we gave all we could give, but I'm happy for USC because they represent the West Coast."

Next stop for the 22-year-old "Player of the Year" is the trials for the Pan Am World Games in Brazil this summer. Her ultimate dream is to play on the U.S. team in the 1984 Olympics.

After graduation, Pollard, a physical education major, plans to assist coach Bonvicini, but eventually she would like to coach junior high or high school basketball.

"There are so many good players

coming out of high school and college," Pollard says, "it's a shame that we have to send them overseas to play, although there are rumors that after the Olympics a new women's league might start up in the United States."

Women's basketball gets a little bigger and a little better every year, says coach Bonvicini, Stayfree Coach of the Year winner two years ago. Right now the Women's Coaches Association is considering decreasing the diameter of the ball by 1/4-inch. Bonvicini explains that a smaller ball (easier to grip or palm) would improve the players' field goal percentage, ball handling and the prospects for the first dunk shot by a woman.

"Even without the dunk, the game is exciting," says Margaret Wade. "Players like LaTaunya Pollard demand respect," she adds. Carrying on the tradition of growing excellence in women's athletics, Pollard's accomplishments rank with previous Wade Trophy winners such as Old Dominion's two-time recipient Nancy Lieberman, Pam Kelly of Louisiana Tech University and Lynette Woodard of the University of Kansas. Montclair State star Carol Blazejowski won the first Wade Trophy in 1978.

Pollard's younger brother, who stands 6'2" and plays basketball for alma mater Roosevelt, can attest to his sister's skill on the court. "She can still take me one-on-one," he admits.



LaTaunya Pollard (left) holds Wade Trophy after receiving the coveted award for being voted the 1983 College Basketball Woman Player of the Year. The trophy is named for Margaret Wade (right) who helped pioneer the women's basketball movement in the United States.

House Democrats deny labor bills

by Charles Goodmacher

The Democratic Party controlled Oregon House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly against an AFL-CIO sponsored workers' compensation bill Tuesday and then took an about-face Wednesday approving a related measure while sending a third bill back to committee. Governor Atiyeh is pledged to veto any one or all three measures.

The Tuesday vote sending HB 2376 down in flames stunned observers. HB 2376 would have increased workers' compensation benefits for workers with temporary or permanent disabilities by 33 percent while causing only a 1.4 percent increase in costs to employers. Many liberal Democrats voted against the measure citing possible adverse effects on economic development efforts. Steve Sokoch of the AFL-CIO called the argument "irrelevant and hackneyed." The floor vote was 19 pro and 41 con.

Economic development worries didn't seem to bother the House Wednesday as it voted 36-22 in favor of HB 2379 increasing benefits paid under workers' compensations to survivors of deceased workers. Analysis by the Legislative Fiscal Office estimates a 2.1 percent in-

crease in premium costs paid by employers as a result of the proposed change. Observers note that the bill has a better than even chance in the Senate.

The third bill, HB 2378, requires that attorney fees be paid for in addition to actual awards for claims requiring legal services. The House is re-referring the measure back to the House Labor Committee.

Meanwhile the House Labor Committee voted Tuesday in favor of a fourth AFL-CIO sponsored bill, HB 2392. An increase in the scheduled portion of permanent disability payments for loss of limb type incidents is the aim of this measure. According to Chamber of Commerce data, Oregon ranks nearly last in benefits paid to this category of workers' compensation claimants.

The AFL-CIO is the lone proponent of the workers' comp bills. Sokoch notes that the package is a result of statewide AFL-CIO convention resolutions and that they "benefit folks whether or not they belong to a union." Previously, labor supported a recently implemented method for determining compensation premiums which saves employers \$80 million per year.

Famous photographer dies

World-renowned photographer James Van DerZee died at approximately 2:30 a.m., May 15, at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. On the day before, he had received an honorary degree of humane letters from Howard at the university's 115th commencement exercises. The cause of death was cardiac arrest.

His life's work of over five decades as a photographer in Harlem recorded life from the streets there and the portraits of the great and not-so-great who came through the doors of his studio on 135th Street. Not until 1969, however, when the Metropolitan

Museum of Art exhibition "Harlem on My Mind" displayed his work, was he finally recognized nationally and internationally as a great photographic artist.

Born in 1886, in Lenox, Mass., he was trained in both music and art, and excelled at piano and violin. In 1906 he moved to New York City and by the end of World War I, he had opened Guarantee Photo Studio, later changing the name to GGG Studio, where his customers included Marcus Garvey, heavy-weight champion Jack Johnson, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Florence Mills and Adam C. Powell Sr. For many years Mr. Van DerZee also

played as a musician in various bands, including his own and Fletcher Henderson's.

Although he stopped taking pictures in 1969, in 1980 at age 94, he came out of retirement and some of his recent portraits included Muhammad Ali, Bill Cosby, Lou Rawls and Eubie Blake.

The honorary degree he received from Howard was his fourth. His other honors include the Living Legacy Award, which he received from President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Mr. Van DerZee's photographs have traveled in exhibits throughout the country and a number of books of his photographs have been published.

Rumors of CIA action persist

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Smith, a former paratrooper, started out with one helicopter in 1959. Evergreen has grown since then into an international empire, including not only helicopters but large jets hauling charters and cargo all over the world. Evergreen Aviation, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. and Evergreen International Airlines, employed 2,300 people at 12 bases around the United States, and sales last year approached \$175 million.

Evergreen's helicopters are involved in logging the mountains of Oregon and Washington, off-shore oil in the Caribbean, construction on the east coast, and spraying

crops in the south.

They sprayed the entire state of Pennsylvania one summer, and have been busy along the Oregon Coast spraying controversial herbicides. In 1974, Evergreen sprayed 600,000 acres of stricken rice fields in Pakistan with pesticides.

Oil exploration and oil drilling support comprises a major part of Evergreen's work. In 1974, the company worked on contract with Sun Oil Co. to fly drilling rigs into remote jungle areas of Bolivia and Peru.

Suspicions of an Evergreen connection with the CIA began in 1975 when it bought Intermountain Aviation. Intermountain had carried out covert operations for the

CIA. When a profit-making CIA auto parts shipping scam was uncovered in 1979, Intermountain was revealed as one of the air carriers involved, and Evergreen, which also carries auto parts, was implicated. (More next week.)

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