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OMSI plans computer fair

The 3rd Annual OMSI Computer Fair, to be held in the Museum Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 30 through October 2, promises to top last year's event with many more product displays, educational activities — and even a Computer Games Arcade for kids!

Focusing on the theme, "The Personal Computer Goes to Work," the 1983 Fair will feature the latest in personal computers and peripherals for both business and home use.

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PCC Cascade students Sharon Walsh, Margaret Gunn and Woody Johnson are completing a mural in the school cafeteria that depicts student life. They are members of the Cascade graphics class anxious to assist small businesses in the North/Northeast area with their commercial art skills.

PCC students create mural

A brightly colored mural taking shape along the entire wall of the cafeteria at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus depicts life at that campus and shows off the talents of students in the Cascade Design Group.

The project was one encouraged by the campus Cultural Affairs committee through competition

earlier this summer. An \$800 budget was established for materials and labor.

Graphic arts students Sharon Walsh, Margaret Gunn and Elwood Johnson used existing photos of campus life, trying to balance academics, departments and people shots. They did a scale replica of the 7½ by 40 foot drawing to show the

judges.

It took the three students two and one half days to transfer the drawing to the wall and they then started to outline the drawing in the colors. Others will be hired to help fill in the paint and they estimate the total job will take two weeks to complete.

Egypt tour reveals Black heritage

GRASSROOTS NEWS, N.W. — The Black Educational Center's Evening School of Knowledge was never as enlightening as it was last Wednesday when Kamau Anderson shared his educational trip to Egypt.

Anderson traveled in a group of 234 Afro-Americans from all across the country. Their trip was sponsored by the Alkebulan Foundation and First World Alliance and their purpose was to tour the historical and archaeological genius of ancient Egypt.

Anderson was quick to point out their visit was not as a group of tourists. "We were there for a little over two weeks and we were students studying our ancient history. At times it was very grueling. It was a positive 'Can't see in the morning 'til you can't see at night.'"

He said he believed the large number of Afro-Americans in Egypt at one time was very obvious to other tourists. "Europeans would come up to us and ask what were we doing over there. As a study group, we were concentrating on the Nubians who were the original Egyptians."

During their trip from Assuan to Abu Simbel, Anderson encountered Arab racism directed at the Afro-Americans. "We were sitting in the airport aboard Egypt Airlines and



Kamau Anderson finds Black roots in Egypt during educational tour. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

an Arab flight attendant kept coming to us asking two, three and then seven of our group to get off the plane. As 17 Black people were getting off the plane, 17 Europeans boarded. At that moment, instantaneously, all people of African descent got off the plane. Needless to say, Egypt Air did not fly that day. It was an inspirational show of spontaneous unity never before seen

in Egypt!"

Anderson said all was settled the next day and as soon as they saw the splendor of the ancient African Egyptians they soon forgot the bigotry of today's Arab Egyptian.

When Anderson and his group arrived in Assuan, which has a large Nubian population, they were greeted warmly and called Nubian-Americans. "Our Nubian guide went beyond the tourist greeting of 'Ladies and Gentlemen' to 'Brothers and Sisters, welcome home.' He expressed his solidarity with us by saying, 'To show that we are in touch with you, we hope that Jesse Jackson wins the presidency.'"

Although these incidents of racism occurred, they were just incidental. The main purpose of their trip was to reinforce the correlation between the genius of the builders of the pyramids to their present day descendants — people of African descent. "The trip pushed my consciousness to new heights. If the children in schools knew all of what we had accomplished, I'm sure their test scores would improve. If Black children knew that Black people gave the world math, science and geometry that would help their self-concept. If we would only return to the source, we could rediscover our traditional greatness."

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