

Black Studies head faces cuts

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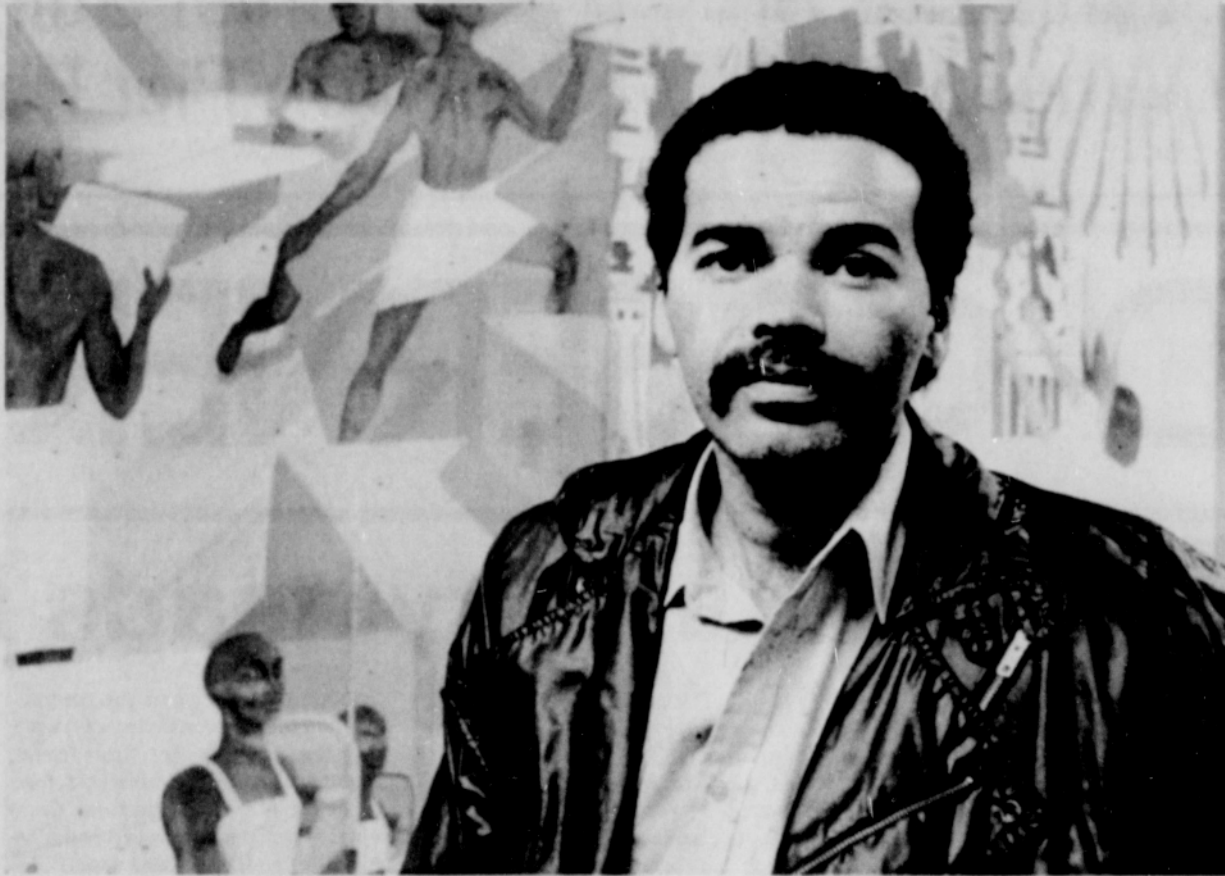
The saying, "It's lonely at the top," must be especially true for Darrell Millner, who became director of Portland State University's Black Studies Department in the Spring Term of 1983. He has been a faculty member for ten years and was Acting Director in 1976-77.

Dr. Millner combines his directorship at PSU with being a multi-ethnic specialist with the Portland Public School District. Working out of the curriculum department, he is in the process of "instituting a comprehensive modification of the school district's curriculum"—the creating of new ethnic plans and revising the school district's scope and sequence documentation, which will affect the guidelines that teachers must follow. The bottom line is that the public school system is fast becoming a dispenser of factual information that includes the Afro-American and the African experience.

Director of Black Studies at PSU, Dr. Millner oversees the only Black Studies department in the state, a department that has gone from five full-time faculty members to three, with no "funds for part-time professors or undergraduate teaching," which, he said, "are important."

Adding to those woes is the fact that once again PSU is faced with the crisis of declaring financial exigency. Nevertheless, Dr. Millner realistically scans the horizon of the future.

"I think there is a distinct possibility that the University will try to cut out Black Studies in response to the very severe budget cut the University is facing," he said. "It's im-



Dr. Darrell Millner, Director of Portland State University's Black Studies Department and multi-ethnic specialist with the Portland School District. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

portant for the Black community to understand this not to be any expression of hostility to the concept of Black Studies at PSU, because many other academic units are facing the same possibility." He added that the elimination of the Black Studies department would have a greater impact on the Black community than eliminating any other department would have on the white community.

"This [PSU] is the only school in

the state that has Black Studies," Dr. Millner said. "The loss of Black Studies eliminates that aspect of education in this state."

Dr. Millner views his frustration this way: "It's very difficult to work under these psychological conditions."

Regarding PSU's dilemma, Millner's first impression is, "We are going to try to survive. And we are going to try to deliver a quality academic product that looks at world

and Black history."

He is concerned about the "negative impact on history," and vowed to work with other institutions, such as the Portland Public School District, to change that negativism.

"Many ethnic students, by the time they reach college, have been made immune to their own background by the process of education."

Reflecting on PSU's Black Studies Department, Dr. Millner said, "I've seen it grow, I've seen it shrink and I hope to see it grow again." He added that, "We are doing a good job now but we certainly haven't reached the full potential we have." He invites the community to contact him with any suggestions or ideas.

African leaders visit Harlem

Harlem gave the red carpet treatment to two visiting African leaders who were in New York to address the United Nations General Assembly.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone were received and honored on Harlem in ceremonies just two hours apart in the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Building (formerly Harlem State Office Building) on 125th Street, a common stopoff for visiting dignitaries.

The two respected heads of state were invited to Harlem by the Harlem Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) and its Harlem Third World Trade Institute. HUDC is seeking to develop the Harlem International Trade Center on a permanent sidet at the corner of 125th Street and Lenox Avenue. A scale model of the complex was presented to each of the distinguished visitors.

Each leader addressed Harlemites gathered in the large Art Gallery on the third floor of the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Building.

President Nyerere recalled his first visit to Harlem in 1956 "when I came to the U.N. to agitate for my country's independence."

Having achieved "freedom of a sort," the man called Mwalimu (The Teacher) in Africa, instructed his audience that today's freedom struggle must be directed towards economics and trade.



From left to right: Donald J. Cogville, President and Chief Executive Officer, Harlem Urban Development Corporation; Dr. Siaka Probyn Stevens, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; Baloz Harvey, Executive Director, Harlem Third World Trade Institute—on the occasion of Dr. Steven's visit to Harlem, September 28, 1983.

President Stevens, who requested a special meeting with Black businesspersons, also stressed trade and economics. He spoke of his country's needs in hydro-electric power and agriculture and encouraged Black Americans to "participate as partners in the development of my country."

Donald Cogville, president of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation (HUDC), said "African and Caribbean leaders see clearly the need for a permanent trade center and the tremendous oppor-

tunities it presents for trade and economic development here and abroad. Their support of the project is most encouraging."

Baloz Harvey, head of the Harlem Third World Trade Institute—a subsidiary of HUDC, said, "Presidents Nyerere and Stevens join a long list of African and Caribbean heads of state who have made special visits to Harlem to lend their support not only to the Trade Center project, but to its location in Harlem."

Motor vehicle fees to go up soon

It will cost you more to get your first driver's license or to renew your license after October 15th. That's when many driver's license fees, as well as some vehicle registration fees, go up as a result of changes approved by the 1983 Legislature.

Here's what the increases will be, according to the Motor Vehicles Division:

First-time driver's license—an increase of \$5 for a total of \$21.

Driver's license renewal—an increase of \$2 for a total of \$13.

Instruction permits—up to \$6, from \$5 to \$11.

First-time (original) identification cards—an increase of \$5 for a total of \$10.

ID card renewals—up to \$2 for a total of \$7.

All duplicate driver licenses and identification cards—up to \$6, for a

total fee of \$10.

Totals for first-time and renewal driver licenses include \$4 collected for the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund and \$2 for the Student Driver Education Fund.

Fee changes for driver license and ID cards will generate about \$4.5 million in revenue. Motor vehicle officials say the fees are needed to help offset the cost to provide driver services.

The only major change in vehicle registration fees set to take effect in mid-October is one for recreational vehicles where fees for campers, travel trailers and motor homes will be upped to help support State Parks and, for the first time, some county park recreation sites.

Campers and travel trailers will pay a base fee of \$36, plus \$3 for each foot over 10 feet. Motor homes over 10 feet will pay \$56, plus \$3 for

each foot over 10 feet. Six dollars of the \$16 base fee increase will go to county parks. The fee changes are expected to generate an added \$2.7 million in revenue for parks during the current biennium.

Another measure provides that certain vehicles, such as privately owned buses over 8,000 pounds, will pay a fee based on the weight of the vehicle. Currently, about 2,000 privately owned buses are paying only the \$20 biennial passenger registration fee. Under the new fee schedule, these vehicles will pay an annual fee based on weight. A 24,000 pound unit, for example, will pay \$70 a year. In addition to the higher fee, these units will be issued new plates to more correctly identify them.

Drivers also may find themselves paying higher fines for violating certain traffic laws.

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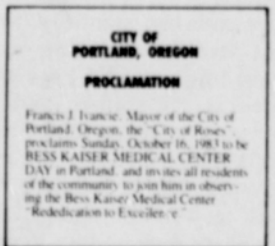
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