

# METROPOLITAN

## Scholarship winners announced

Three high school students were presented scholarship awards at Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's "Women of Excellence" Luncheon, Saturday, May 19th. They were chosen for outstanding academic achievement while finding time for extracurricular activities and employment.

**Renee Baugh**—Sunset High School student and daughter of Gerald and Virginia Baugh; cumulative grade of 3.61; participation on the basketball and track team and rally squad; voted "Most Athletic" in senior class; member of 1984 Links' Debutantes, Jack and Jill of America; volunteer for United Negro College Fund and the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon; was chosen as 1 of 3 student research apprentices from the Portland metropolitan area to work in a research laboratory on a study on retinal pigmentosa (a non-curable disease of the eye); plans to obtain a medical degree with a major in chemistry; employed by Carrousel Fashions.

**Angela Braxton**—Thomas Jefferson High School student and daughter of Princess Braxton; cumulative grade of 3.12; member of human relations committee, Model United Nations Club and varsity tennis; secretary of Urban



Seated (l-r) Rosalie Douglas, Malinda Bradwell, Barbara Thompson, Irene Cranford. Standing (l-r) Evelyn Hairston, Delta president; Maudine Cooper, League Youth Advisor Council, president of Jefferson High's Wind Ensemble; Who's Who in High School Achievement Award, U.S. National, member of Rose Festival Court; plans to major in pre-medicine and minor in music.

**Darcell Mason**—Madison High School student and daughter of Gracie Mason; cumulative grade of 3.63; advertisement manager of the school newspaper; chairperson of student advisory committee and captain of varsity tennis team;

honor roll for 4 years and national Honor Society; 1984 Links' Debutante, member of YWCA youth group, church choir and usher board; employed by Nordstrom Department Store; plans to become a broadcast journalist.

fighting for the freedom of South Africa. Also, the Pan-Africanist Congress and the Southwest African People Organization.

Marchers will assemble at King School at 11:00. Led by the Jazzmin Community Marching Band, marchers will coordinate their concerns at Irving Park by 1:00. Other entertainment includes: The Talking Drum Dancers, Ebony Strutter, the Street Music Band, poetry and food.

## African Liberation Day March planned

By Lanita Duke

**GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W.**—The overt signs of solidarity with people of African descent will occur Saturday, May 26th, under the banner of African Liberation Day.

Since 1972, Afro-Americans in Albina have marched in unison with Africans across the country on this day which is also used as a grassroots protest against the oppression of Africans in South Africa.

Coordinator Kamau Sadiki said ALD is more than a cultural march. "It is a cultural statement to profess our cultural identity with Africa. Our statement of solidarity means we are in total agreement with any type of struggle the indigenous (native born) people are engaged in to eliminate their oppression."

The correlation between Africans in South Africa and Afro-Americans in Albina is also economic, Sadiki added.

"When Hyster Corporation closed

down, there were a number of displaced workers. They did not tell the public that they were doing good business in South Africa with cheap labor. Hyster is not the only one. There are other firms in the Pacific Northwest who are shutting down and reopening in South Africa."

He also stated the historical connection between Afro-Americans and Africans. "We shared a similar oppression and the same oppressor. We both have been victims. Their apartheid was our our Jim Crow."

There were very few movements that survived the confrontational era of Blacks in America. In Portland, ALD is among the few observances that is looked forward to year after year. "People cannot tolerate injustice. It is linked up to the statement Portland made against Frank Ivancie. The public is tired of arrogant and oppressive types of politics. African Liberation Day and the struggles in Africa are on the minds of Afro-Americans in

Albina."

With input from Portland Organized for Southern African Freedom, American Friends Service Committee, the Black United Front, Better Entertainment Attraction Network and the Black Educational Center, African Liberation Day, 1984 has an impressive agenda of international speakers and cultural events.

There will be speakers from the African National Congress which is

### Programs available at PCC Cascade

Students wishing to apply for microelectronic process technology, optics and interpreter for the deaf programs located at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus will fill available slots for fall classes on first come, first qualified basis.

All three programs require ap-

titude testing and are limited in size by the laboratory space available, according to Bill Blake, student services coordinator

Applicants should stop in the lower level of the Cascade Student Center to make arrangements for testing.

### Drive safe and sober Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Weekend is to honor those who have died in battle for our country. It is ironic that during this weekend hundreds of Americans will lose their lives in traffic accidents. The *Portland Observer* recommends that you:

Use your safety belts and protect youngsters by fastening them in child safety seats. Obey the posted speed limit. Drive defensively. Maintain a safe following distance, and let a sober person drive if you have been drinking.

### Deadline approaches for property tax

May 31st is the deadline for all real and personal property owners to file property value appeals with their county boards of equalization. Appeal petitions are available from county clerks' offices.

Under a new Oregon law, the May board of Equalization in each county will hear all real and personal property value appeals. The new system is intended to simplify

the appeals process, since all appeals must be filed by the May 31st deadline.

The board of equalization in each county has the authority to reduce property values if the owner can show a different value is correct.

For more information on property value appeals, property owners can contact the office of their county assessor.

### Allen Temple holds Mammoth Tea

The Allen Temple C.M.E. Church will hold its Twenty-third annual Mammoth Tea May 27, 1984, at the church, located at 4236 N.E. 8th Ave., from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year is, "The Church:

One God, one faith, one family." Gertrude Morris, chairperson, Regina Greene, co-chairperson and Rev. E.J. Edwards invite the entire church community to come and join in this festive occasion.



**BLACK LOVE**—Mary LaVerne Strayhand and John Dennis Howard said "There is no way the institution of marriage is dead." They connected their love Saturday, May 19th, at Allen Temple C.M.E. Church. The bride's father, Rev. Thomas L. Strayhand, from Washington, D.C., flew to Portland to help officiate the ceremony. "What got us here is communication. Don't be afraid to make a commitment. Don't settle for second best."

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