

# METROPOLITAN

## Economic development focus of PSU report

by Nathaniel Scott

"State Legislative District 18 (problems and promises): a general overview, is the data base for my thesis. Which is, the modernization of the Oregon Legislature and District 18 in general," said Jordon "Matt" Mathies, a graduate student in Portland State University's (PSU's) political science program.

In this "data base" study, a 71-page report, Mathies' focus point was neighborhoods in District 18: Savin, Piedmont, Concordia, Irvington, Veron, Humbolt, King, Eliot, Boise, Woodlawn and Lower Albina.

Lower Albina "is included" in the study, he said, because of its close proximity to other neighborhoods.

"Jobs and economic development are the central focus of the report," Mathies said. "The problems don't appear to be being addressed by either local government or the state legislature. For instance," he said, "the King neighborhood, one of the young neighborhoods in regards to the median age of the population in the district, is a blue-collar neighborhood but it is deteriorating to the point that it may go into urban decay if some of the questions I raise in my paper aren't addressed. Such questions as income, education, housing and economic development."

A very significant problem; perhaps the overriding one, the author of the copyrighted report said, is structure. "The problem appears to be, there is no formal connection between addressing problems and solutions to some of the problems in the community (District 18)."

District 18 is "44 % Black," which accounts for "20,641 of Oregon's 37,060 Black" citizens, the report states. Mathies adds: "All the neighborhoods (in District

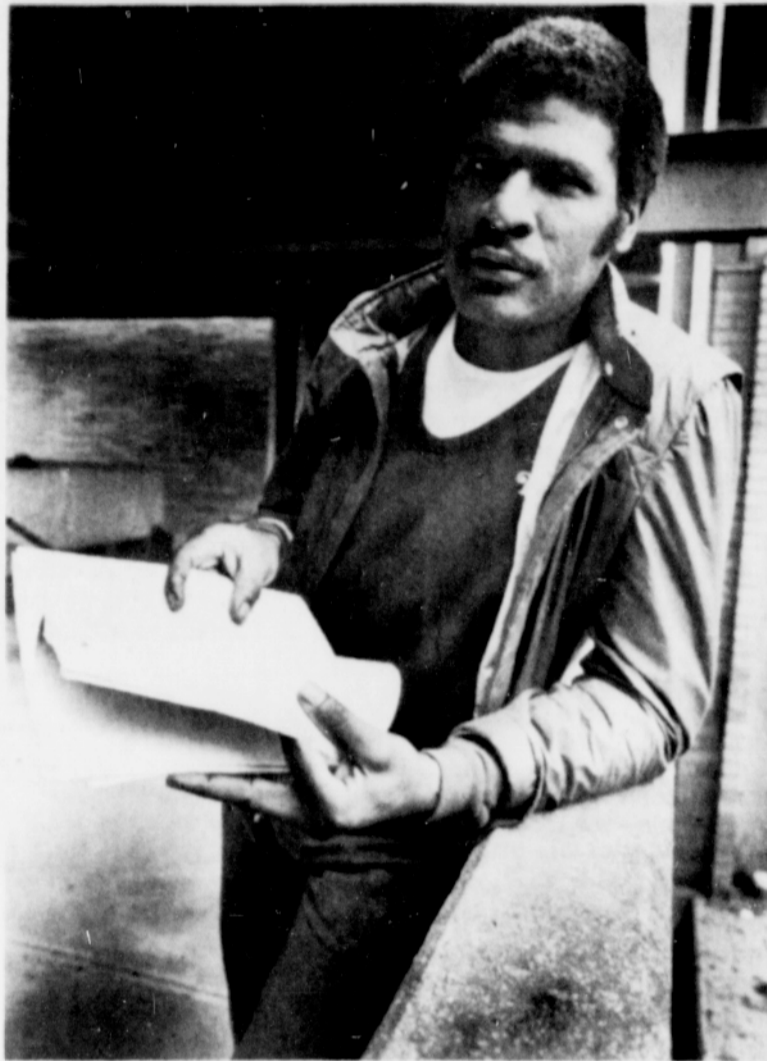
18) have problems, but ...some problems need to be addressed immediately; particularly youth services in King, Veron, Humboldt and the Irvington neighborhoods." He added that from "1982 to 1983," the number of youth being serviced in those neighborhoods "declined approximately 60 percent."

Mathies' field of study is political science. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oregon and is receiving scholastic honors in PSU's political science program. He admits to being a "political" person, and his goals include acquiring a law degree so he can "practice" in the Portland area.

With such training and aspirations, he is concerned about articulation. "Someone to articulate" the needs of the district. He is not concerned about who; he is non-biased. His concerns stem partly from what he will find when he "correlates" the facts of his report. He maintains that some disturbing facts have already materialized. Such things as, "District 18 was the only district not to have received street funds for the entire district, although there are street problems that need to be addressed: curbs, sidewalks, lighting, potholes and the general repair that results from neglect."

He is concerned about some parts of the police report finding that is incorporated into his report. "The major problem with the police report is in the area of manpower allocation," he said. "The high crime neighborhoods in the district are receiving low response time (when responding to crimes) and the low-crime neighborhoods are receiving high response time."

In his example, he cited Eliot as the "number one" crime neighborhood in the district and Humboldt, "number four."



JORDON "MATT" MATHIES (Photo: Jerry Taylor)

According to the police bureau's data sheet portion of the report, Eliot exceeded Humboldt in every criminal category. Yet, the response time, for 1982 and 1983, was as Mathies claimed:

Eliot's emergency response time was 4.4 in 1982, and 3.8 minutes in 1983. Non-emergency was 6.9 in 1982 and 5.7 minutes in 1983. On the other hand, Humboldt's emergency response time was 3.2 in 1982, and 3.3 minutes in 1983. Non-emergency response time was the same for both years; 5.4 minutes.

Mathies said he sent copies of his report to the Governor's Commission on Black Affairs, and also to the Office of Fiscal Administration. He added, without a targeted, intensified effort by "our" state representative, the needs of the area "will be ignored because of the lack of exposure."

"(The) problems need to be defined so a comprehensive plan can be developed," he said; expressing a willingness to share his "data base" report with any responsible person.

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The day's events begin at 11:30 with a band concert by The Sounds

of Jefferson and opening ceremonies featuring a parade of dignitaries in vintage cars at noon.

Other events include a decades dance, class reunions, and a reception for over 500 present and former faculty members.

### Emanuel gives Citizen Award

Citing his philanthropic leadership and dedication to the quality of life for Oregonians, the Emanuel Medical Center Foundation is presenting the David E. Abram Distinguished Citizen Award for Philanthropic Leadership to Moe M. Tonkon. In 1936, Tonkon established the Lawfirm of Tonkon, Torp, Galen, Marmaduke and Booth, and has been with the firm since.

The Abram Award, created in 1979 by the Emanuel Hospital and the Foundation, was designed to give recognition to an individual who has shown outstanding stewardship responsibility for sharing with charitable institutions.

Tonkon was born in Bender, Russia and became a United States citizen in 1912. He attended Reed College from 1922 to 1924 and Northwestern College of Law from 1924 to 1928 where he obtained the degree of LL.B. He was awarded the Honorary Degree of Law by Reed College in 1970.

Tonkon's philanthropic support has been evident in many community enterprises, notably, Reed College, St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center, performing arts programs and, as chairman, since 1970, of the



MOE M. TONKON

Board of the Ralph and Adolph Jacobs Foundation and member (1975-82) of the Review Committee of the Oregon Community Foundation.

Prior to receiving the David E. Abram Award, Tonkon's contributions had been recognized by Lewis and Clark College by receipt of the Aubrey Watzek Award in 1977, as recipient of the "Boss of the Year Award" by the Portland Legal Secretaries Association, and by designation as the 1984 Distinguished Graduate of the Northwestern College of Law Alumni Association.

### High school leaders to confer

The annual High School Leadership Conference, sponsored by American Red Cross Youth Services, will be held August 19th through 24th at Camp Adams (near Molalla, off highway 211).

Last year, nearly 100 young people enjoyed five full days of activities. These included exercise and interesting speakers in a variety of fields; medicine, law, cross-cultural issues, self-evaluation, and communications skills, and Red Cross health courses. Students are encouraged to assess their own

capabilities, to grow from their experience, and to share what they have learned with their fellow students, families, schools, and communities.

The conference is funded by Red Cross/United Way funding and private donations. A registration fee is set at \$30.00 per student, but full scholarships are available.

For more information, call James Mason, Urban League, 288-6708, or Berta Delman, Red Cross Community Services, 243-5279.

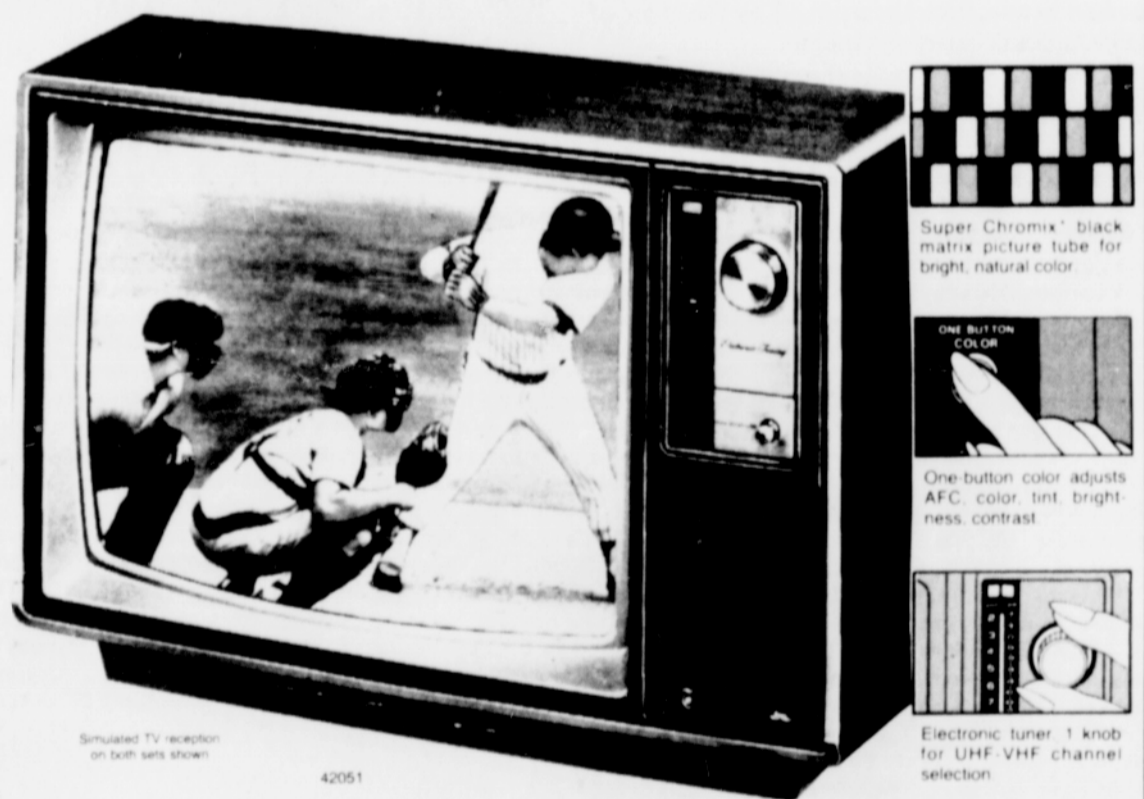
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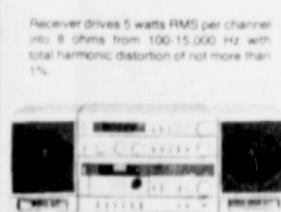


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