

# Multnomah County mulls charter changes

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Review Committee presented 18 separate amendments Friday to the Multnomah County Commissioners. The amendments to the County charter will be adopted, or rejected, by voters in the November election and cover a wide range of changes.

The 13-member citizen committee, headed by Rev. Frank W. Shields of the Sunnyside Methodist Church, offered the amendments after holding 41 public meetings over 14 months.

Each of the 18 Multnomah County

charter changes recommended by the committee will appear as a separate measure on the November ballot.

One of the biggest changes would be the elimination of the office of county executive, reduction of the commissioner districts from five to four, and appointing, rather than electing, the county clerk and county assessor. One amendment would allow the county to hire a lobbyist for the state legislature. The other recommended changes are listed below.

## Charter changes for Multnomah County

- The office of county executive would be abolished, to be replaced by the chairman of the board of commissioners. The chairman would have a legislative vote equal to other commissioners and also retain all powers of the executive except the right to veto. The five-member board would be retained. The chairman would be elected from the county at large, but the number of commissioners elected by district would be reduced from five to four.
- Ballot slogans would be eliminated. The deadline for reapportioning commissioner districts after a federal census would be extended to Aug. 1, allowing more time than the 30 days after certification now required.
- All county employees, as well as elected officials, would be bonded.
- Charter language would be updated to refer to existing departments and delete references to department that no longer exist.
- Salaries for elected officials, subject to voter approval every two years, would be recommended by a citizen committee appointed by the auditor.
- Appointed public officials would be able to run to succeed themselves. Vacancies in elective office would be filled by an election if the vacant term was longer than one year, by appointment if from 90 days to one year, and not filled if less than 90 days.
- The county position of District Court clerk would be eliminated because courts are now a state function.
- Elected officials would be limited to two four-year terms in office within a 12-year period.
- Agencies and departments would be required to respond to an official audit.
- An elected official could run for another office in midterm.
- All candidates would appear on the primary election ballot instead of on the November ballot, as it is currently. The winner of a majority in the primary would be declared elected and would not appear on the general election ballot.
- The county could sell revenue bonds without a specific vote of the people, but any sale would be subject to referral to the people by petition.
- Another charter review commission would be named and would report before the 1990 general election.
- The county would create an Office of Citizen Involvement.
- Any act of the county commission would require three affirmative votes, instead of the current situation where two affirmative votes pass a measure as long as a quorum of three members is present.



New staff for the Portland Community College Small Business Development Center met to plan strategy before they start working directly with small businesses in the district. Staff includes, from left, Andy Delaney, Bill Geiger, Jean Drew and Herman Houston. They will provide free information counseling and workshops to small businesses.

## PCC boosts business

Staff for the new Portland Community College Small Business Development Center started out into the field this week to identify ways they can work with new small businesses.

Cascade Campus Executive Dean Jim Van Dyke announced the appointment of the following representatives: Andy Delaney will serve as director; Jean Drew will be located at the Southeast Center and cover the east side; Bill Geiger is to serve the west side of the district and be centered at the Rock Creek Campus; and Herman Houston will provide short-term and long-term counseling for the entire district and will be located at Cascade.

Cascade Campus will house a resource and information center which will coordinate programs already available for small

businesses through the other agencies in the metropolitan region.

Each of the three outreach representatives will plan training and workshops appropriate for their section of the community, according to Van Dyke.

The program will also offer one-on-one counseling and technical assistance at no charge to the business, a separate instructional format at a very reasonable cost, and access to the PCC degree programs and business classes.

The new center is partially funded with a \$14,000 grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, \$25,000 from the State of Oregon, and \$46,316.54 from the Small Business Administration.

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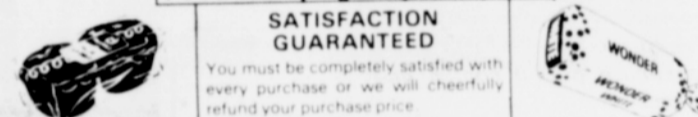
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FROM THE SIDELINES  
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



**I**N EVELYN Minor-Lawrence, 28, the zest of life is strong and enthusiasm for her commitments seems boundless. Evelyn Minor-Lawrence is the new assistant dean of admissions at Lewis and Clark College.

Minor-Lawrence came from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where she was admissions counselor for several years. Her early life was in Detroit. Her higher education was received at Michigan State University and at University of Wisconsin, where she earned a masters degree in counseling.

Grinnell, a small college community, did not offer the courses in physical therapy that were sought by 29-year old Dwight Lawrence, husband of the vivacious young counselor, so the couple began to look for a place that could supply advantages for both of them. They began to look westward in their search, according to Evelyn. "I read about Portland where Dwight has cousins," she said. "I read about Lewis and Clark College and there seemed to be a challenge for me here. Dwight is registered now at Portland State for his physical therapy classwork."

"Large universities," Evelyn Minor-Lawrence said, "are good for some students, but they are not for everyone. In small colleges there is a chance to be analytical, to learn oral and writing skills and there can be help to obtain scholarships. Sometimes Black students cannot make it in a large school—they have a hard time getting to know the faculty. Whereas, here, there are about 20 students (or fewer) in a class.

"I would like to see Black students take advantage of a small liberal arts school. Lewis and Clark is moving to add to its minority population. In Grinnell, there were only 11 students when I arrived. When I left, there were 80.

"I taught aerobic dance classes at Grinnell, jazz dancing at Michigan State, and I was in a local dance troupe of 15 in Milwaukee. I've taught modern dance to elementary



Evelyn Minor-Lawrence

students. I like African dancing and also the style of Martha Graham. I'm in training now in aerobic dancing here in Portland. Meanwhile, I am a runner. I jog. I run cross country. I run in the mornings, during lunch hour, and some evenings. There are woody trails to explore near where I live and I get in about 1 1/2 miles now and expect to get up to three miles before long (after the lay-off we had in traveling when we moved to Portland)," she paused to explain.

"I want to meet a lot of young people. My hope is to give something to my own young Black sisters and brothers—to tell them of the advantages there are at Lewis and Clark."

**P**ATRICIA WALKER, president of the Portland Chapter of the National Organization of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., announces that a new chapter of Jack and Jill has been formed in Vancouver, Washington. The new chapter will be installed in a Portland ceremony to be held Sunday, August 19th, at the Interstate Firehouse. Cora Smith, in the capacity of new chapter committee chair, will be in charge of the affair, which will draw to Portland the president of the national organization, Ramona Arnold, of Los Angeles, and the regional president Barbara Duell of Seattle.

A public reception following the formalities will be held at the Firehouse, Walker stated.

**T**HE 1984 SUMMER commencement of University of Portland, held on the college campus last Friday evening, featured an address to the graduates by H.J. Belton Hamilton, an Oregon Federal Administrative Law Judge. Presented by Dr. Harold Westby, master of ceremonies, Judge Hamilton shared program responsibilities with the Rev. Thomas C. Oddo, D.S.C., Ph.D., president of the University of Portland, who conferred the degrees.

Judge Hamilton's subject matter, titled, "Surviving and Thriving in the Labor Market," was treated lightly in the presentation, but it was weighted with a serious and undeniable message to the graduates on how to obtain and hold a desirable place in the job market. Appropriate creative thinking, honesty, integrity, flexibility, good judgement, ambition, initiative and attitude all received Hamilton's humorous attention.

Hamilton's final caution to the graduates emerged as, "Don't take yourselves, your degree or your career too seriously. Join the rest of us in the game of life with a sense of humor and resilience."

**E**LEANOR MAY BUTLER, an 18-year old Roosevelt High graduate, was a lucky recipient of one of



Eleanor Butler

several scholarships awarded by the Oregonian Publishing Company recently. Butler was among 46 Oregon young people, all of whom were high achievers recognized for

their abilities and potential by school officials. They were given the scholarships based on their need of help to pursue higher education.

Butler was awarded \$3,000 by the Oregonian. In an interview, she expressed her gratitude to the Oregonian for this gift and to her high school counselor who advised her to apply for the scholarship. She has applied and has been accepted at Willamette University where she will begin her studies in the fall. Butler's grades gave her a 3.6 average over the last two years at Roosevelt. A pianist, she enjoyed music classes and playing the clarinet in the school band. Her art classes were important also to Butler. "I like fashion and design and I like to do pencil drawings and paint with water colors. I hope someday," she said, "to go to a New York school of design."

Eleanor, the daughter of Dorothy and Cleophus Butler, regularly attends Maranatha Church. She has a sister, Katrina, 15, who is a student at Lincoln, and brother, Timothy 17, who attends Benson.

**A** NEW BABY IS BEING welcomed at the home of Mary-Anne and Anthony Allen. Christopher Robert Allen was born Sunday, August 5th, at Good Samaritan Hospital where both his parents are employed. Christopher weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 22" long. He is the great-grandson of W.D. Allen, the proprietor of the Golden West Hotel, a popular landmark in downtown Portland, in the early part of this century. His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Charles Robert Allen of Los Angeles. Maternal grandparents are Horace (Ace) and Rose Harmer of Lake Oswego.

**I**NVITATIONS ARE IN the mail for the wedding of Zoe Ann Wilson, of Portland and Salem, to Jesse Price, of Indianapolis. The wedding is to be an event of Saturday, September 1st, at the Greater Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ in Portland.

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