

METROPOLITAN

N.E. YWCA offers after school tutoring

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — If your child's report card is not satisfactory and you know your child can perform at a much higher rate than the school system expects, you need to contact the Northeast Young Women's Christian Association at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church. The YWCA is sponsoring a tutorial program for grade schoolers.

The YWCA has operated for 15 years out of their Mallory Avenue site. Delores Sezer, director of the N.E. YWCA, said they have discovered a "fantastic need for after school tutoring in math and reading. We were doing adult tutoring and found out that kids who were having problems were being passed into grades they were not academically ready for. With the after school program, we

can make up for this and assist children with their homework.

Sezer said there exists a need for volunteer tutors and indicated that tutorial fees are minimal. "We encourage students to become members of the YWCA (\$8 per year), but will not refuse a child who needs help and cannot pay."

The YWCA's tutorial program runs concurrent with the schedule of the Portland Public Schools. They offer a variety of other programs including sewing, drawing and karate. For young ladies in the community, the YWCA offers two clubs — Little Sisters and Trendsetter. "In these clubs we try to cover some of the things that the YWCA offers, such as cooking, sewing, field trips and good grooming."

For more information regarding services, call 288-5173.



Volunteer tutor, Mrs. Edith Roberts, helps 7-year-old Lashawanita Spears with her reading skills. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



BURDETT F. EMERY

PCC executive dean chosen

Burdett F. "Bud" Emery has assumed the role of executive dean at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus effective December 1. Under the terms of his reassignment, Emery will continue his administrative responsibilities as executive dean of PCC's College Centers.

Emery, who has worked for PCC since 1968, received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology from University of Portland. He also holds a master of education degree from that institution.

He has worked as a psychiatric case worker and community relations officer for Multnomah County Juvenile Court, a probation and parole officer for the U.S. Probation and Parole Department in Portland, and a

sheriff for Multnomah County. He currently serves as director and chairman of the board for St. Mary's Home for Boys, and advisory board member for Multnomah Juvenile Court.

At PCC he served as coordinator and department chair for the college's Government Services Department, was director of public safety and dean of community education prior to his tenure as executive dean.

As executive dean for the Cascade Campus, Emery replaces James Van Dyke who was reassigned to a position as executive dean at PCC's Sylvania Campus.

Report due on police handling of complaints

BY Robert Lothian

A report will be out soon on an investigation by Commissioner Mildred Schwab's office of the Portland Police Bureau's Internal Investigation Division's handling of citizen complaints.

Michael Bloom, and aide appointed by Schwab to review the internal investigations process, said his report would go first to Commissioner Schwab, who would then decide whether to let the report go public or to make a public statement about its findings.

Bloom said he was "right in the middle" of putting the report together and declined to make preliminary comments about its content.

He was assigned to the investigation by Schwab in mid-November after she received complaints from the civilian Police Internal Investigations Committee and other sources about the way citizens' complaints were processed by the IID.

The Portland police Bureau essentially investigates itself through its Internal Investigations Division, with review of the process conducted by the civilian Police Internal Investigations Auditing Committee. When citizens have complaints about the police, their complaints are handled by the Internal Investigations Division, IID.

The opossum incident of 1981 was a catalyst for setting up the internal investigations process, said Sandy Herman, staffperson for the civilian IID watchdog group.

Schwab said that she had been in-

formed that citizens sometimes didn't file complaints against the police because they felt intimidated. She also expressed concern about the courtesy shown by IID members toward citizens and their witnesses, and about complaints that the IID routinely taped telephone interviews without informing the complainant that the recording was taking place.

Herman said she had been in contact with Schwab's office during the investigation. "I don't have a clue whether everything is fine or whether the entire process will be revamped," she said. "I do know that the idea of taking the function away from the police has been kicked around."

Herman said there have been three investigations of the Internal Investigations Committee since its beginning in 1982, besides the ongoing reviews carried out by the civilian watchdog committee. "We continually look at the process," she said. "We have had some problems with the police, but we have had some cooperation too."

Herman said that with the new mayor stepping into office soon and the old police chief stepping down, "everyone expects there will be change."

Lt. Dan Noelle, in charge of the bureau's Internal Investigations Division, said the division had cooperated with Bloom but that he had no idea what was in the report. He declined comment on the investigation until after the report is out.

Police hold Christmas at Madison

On Saturday, December 15, 1984, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Madison High School, 2735 N.E. 82nd Ave. The Portland Police Bureau will host its Fifth Annual Christmas Party for needy children and their families. Between 500 to 800 people are expected to attend. Turkey dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will hand out presents to children. This party is made possible each year solely through donations, including a cash donation from the Portland Police Association. For more information contact either Officer Jackie Insley at 796-3171 or Officer Henry Groepper at 796-3126.

CAP agencies offer energy education

This year four Community Action Agencies in the Portland area will be offering energy education in addition to fuel assistance to their Low-Income Energy Assistance clients. The goal of the educational component is to provide information which will help clients reduce energy costs. The EIEAP intake centers at PACT, Urban League, NCAC and MCCA will be showing a video tape entitled, "Saving Energy Dollars: 16 Cheap and Easy Ways." This 12-minute tape, produced by OSU Energy Extension, shows simple, no-cost ways to cut energy costs by \$150 or more.

Demos back Cawthorne

Herb Cawthorne, candidate for Portland City Commissioner Position 4, was endorsed by the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee at its meeting on Thursday, December 6, 1984.

The Democratic Party in Multnomah County conducts a straw ballot before all elections. Its rules provide that any candidate receiving 75 percent of the votes is endorsed. Cawthorne received well over the required 75 percent.

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