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Master drummer Abo Addy's music was so intense that participants in PSU Association of African Students' Annual Cultural Night were moved to dancing on the stage. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

African Cultural Night at PSU

Nathaniel Scott
Portland State University's (PSU) Association of African Students' annual cultural night, Friday, May 24, was a glittering affair of African foods, fashion and traditional African music by Master Drummer Abo Addy. And as an extra added attraction to the culture, was the speech delivered by Oregon's first, and only, black female legislator.

State Representative Margaret Carter, who represents Portland's 11th District, delivered a speech that earned her an outstanding ovation.

Rep. Carter's speech outlined the legacy of apartheid; what apartheid presents; and why she considered apartheid a priority issue.

She said that even with such problems as nuclear proliferation, hunger, starvation on the African continent and civil wars, "the tension in South Africa could lead us into a third world war."

"South Africa presents an eminent danger unparalleled in history," Rep. Carter said. It's a danger that could turn this civilization into a bitter struggle between the races.

Rep. Carter was the principal sponsor of House Bill 2001 which passed the House last Thursday. The bill calls for "divestiture of state funds from corporations in South Africa." And in her speech last Friday night, Rep. Carter outlined what apartheid is, and what it stands for.

She said the apartheid form of government exists only in South Africa.

Only in South Africa will you find the suggestion of racial, political, economic, social and spiritual segregation, she said. "South Africa is the only country that has institutionalized racism. (It is) entrenched... and has the full support of the law," she added.

Rep. Carter said violence against Black people in South Africa is escalating: Black union leaders are dying mysteriously and the police are killing people at random when they gather at funerals or public meetings.

As American citizens, "Divestiture is one of the few tools we have... for non-violent change in South Africa," Rep. Carter said. "We (Blacks) will never support apartheid."

Rep. Carter and PSU's Black Studies faculty were given awards "for outstanding services to African students." The awards were given by PSU's Association of African Students' organization.

In South Africa the white minority, some four million, rule more than 27 million people of color, she said. The majority, Blacks, Asians, and East Indians, have access to only 13 percent of the land and their "mobility is controlled by a piece of paper known as 'the passbook'."

The people of "color" are paid one-tenth of what their white counterparts earn and Black husbands are separated from their wives and children under a law called "superfluous appendages," she said. "South Africa is the only country in the world to have brought charges against people for 'illegally harbouring wives and children'."

Adopt a cat in June

June is the 11th Annual National Adopt-A-Cat month at more than 700 animal shelters, including the Oregon Humane Society, SPCA. The month-long festival, sponsored by a cat food company for the American Humane Association, is dedicated to finding good homes for the thousands of kittens and cats that are left homeless each year.

According to Erin Forell, education/information coordinator of the Humane Society, cats are enjoying a well-deserved surge in popularity. More than 48 million of them occupied U.S. households in 1984, only

2.7 million fewer than dogs.

"During the summer months we will receive up to 75 cats and kittens per day," according to Forell. "Because of these horrendous statistics, we urge people to adopt a cat or kitten from our shelter and to make sure all of their pets are spayed or neutered."

Serving once again as national spokesperson for the Adopt-A-Cat campaign is Morris, who himself was discovered and adopted in an East Coast animal shelter. Erin Forell invites all cat lovers to visit the Oregon Humane Society's Moreland Cat Shelter, located at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., and find a Morris to call their own.

Cascade holds "Spring Fling"

The student association of Portland Community College Cascade Campus invites vendors with food or crafts for sale to set up booths at the college's "First Annual Spring Fling," June 7, from 3-10 p.m.

The student organizers are inviting neighborhood residents, as well as fellow students and staff, to enjoy the end-of-term celebration.

Booths will be set up on the mall at the center of the campus, located at 705 N. Killingsworth. There will be live music, a tug-of-war, a dunk tank, trike races, and other activities throughout the afternoon. A street dance is scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m.

There is a \$7.50 charge for vendors who wish to set up a booth. The street dance, with music by "Last Call for Rock and Roll," is free.

For further information about the events or to sign up for a booth, contact Bruce Miotke, 283-2541, ext. 356, or Chris Cady, ext. 303, at the Cascade Campus. Vendors may sign up and pay for their booths as late as the day of the event.

Fremont Fest

Business joins with community to bring you the 1st Annual Fremont Fest, Saturday, June 15, 11:00 a.m. - dusk, at Northeast Fremont between 42nd and 49th Streets, a party seven blocks long sponsored by the 53 merchant members of the Beaumont Business Association.

The day's activities will include live musical entertainment, Portland Mime Artist — David Immel — a beer and wine garden, Pee Wee, the clown — Hank — the Frisbee Dog as seen at Saturday Market, and a host of events for the entire family.

Merchants will offer free drawings, a potpourri sidewalk sale, and sidewalk cafes featuring a wide sampling of the area's fine restaurant fare.

Preview tour Emanuel Plaza

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — The Portland Observer was invited to a preview tour of St. Vincent DePaul/Emanuel Plaza, located at 2830 N. Williams. The plaza is Portland's newest apartment complex for practical handicapped living.

Providing a foundation of self-sufficiency, the 30-unit complex is conveniently located in the Emanuel Hospital campus, near medical services and public transit. Financed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the rental fee is 30 percent of the applicant's monthly income.

Gordon Shields, director of St. Vincent DePaul's Rehabilitation Services, said the reduced rent would increase the residents' disposable income. Shields added that a tremendous shortage still exists for independent handicapped housing.

The 30 units consist of nine studios, 18 one-bedroom, three two-bedroom and two wheelchair access.

Shields proudly points to the sun-deck, cable hook-ups and in-house laundromat. "We have all the advantages of modern technology," he added.

To qualify for rental assistance, tenants must be handicapped adults capable of independent living with an income not exceeding \$12,000 for one and \$13,700 for two.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is a 150-year-old charity which serves those in need, regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.

For further information or applications contact St. Vincent DePaul Rehabilitation Center, 4949 N.E. Union or call 281-1289.



Jessica Allen and 7th grade classmates enjoy using her computer during a recent visit to the Allen home. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Students visit Jessica Allen

By Robert Lothian

Jessica Allen's Tubman Middle School classmates visited Jessica at home last week and presented her mother with \$854 they had raised at school.

"We're glad to see you, Jessica," said Tubman principal Herman Washington. "We're glad to see that you are doing well and we'll be looking forward to seeing you in school again."

Jessica is recuperating from injuries suffered when she was struck by a rock thrown from a freeway overpass she rode in the front seat of her parents' pickup truck.

"She's come a long, long way," said Jessica's mother, Alice Allen. "She feels good about herself... she's having a good time. She's more embarrassed about the furniture than anything else."

Jessica and 7th grade classmates Heidi Wood, Kevin Cannon, Anna Green and Terrance Dickens played with a video game donated by another well-wisher.

"The students and staff were all very shocked for Jessica that some-

thing so needless and thoughtless could have been done," said Washington.

Student body president Valerie Peterson said students gave up their Allowance and lunch money for the get-well fund. A teacher has organized a card and visit schedule that will last through the summer, she added.

"That's one thing about Tubman: we all stick together," said Peterson.

With an additional \$1,500 from auctioning a 1954 Willys Jeep, the Tubman contribution will rise to at least \$2,354, said Washington.

Alice Allen said that Jessica's return to school will depend on when she feels she is ready. A series of surgeries means that Jessica could be out of school for two years, and tutoring will be necessary, she said.

"I'll tutor her," said Jessica's grandfather, Charles McDonald.

Mrs. Allen said she supports State Highway Division efforts to put up overpass barriers that could prevent future accidents. "This is going to happen again," she said, unless preventive measures are taken.

Scientologists' Reveal IRS Abuses

The Church of Scientology has, for many years, been one of the most outspoken critics of U.S. government agency crimes and government abuses of individual liberties.

The Church has worked unceasingly to preserve this nation's heritage of freedom, as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and to reform those parts of government which, by abusing their powers, threaten our rights and freedoms as Americans.

As the harassing and abusive policies and tactics of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inimical to the spirit of the American Constitution, this agency has been the subject of many Church exposés over the years.

For example, the Church's journal, FREEDOM, recently reported the case of a former IRS employee who attempted to correct the criminal overassessment of a taxpayer and was harassed so relentlessly for her efforts that she was finally forced to quit her job.

Later, according to an employee still working for the IRS, agents interrogated the former employee's associates, searching for scurrilous information with which to smear the woman's reputation and thereby render her less credible if she attempted to expose IRS crimes.

FREEDOM recently released sections of the IRS's secret Law Enforcement Manual, a guide for IRS employees which reveals the IRS's discriminatory tactics in enforcing the agency's regulations.

Sections of the manual were received from an anonymous source as a result of ads that were run by FREEDOM in papers around the U.S. that asked for people to come forward with information regarding IRS crimes and abuses.

This manual, which reveals a consistent pattern of blatant disregard for and violations of citizens' privacy rights, has been intentionally hidden by the IRS from public view, based on the claim that the contents are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The editors of FREEDOM felt, however, that because the American government is responsible to the people, the people who are paying for the government have a right to know the procedures and methods used to collect their taxes.

Despite the IRS's claim that they do not target specific individuals and groups for special enforcement procedures, this manual shows otherwise.

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