

Carter: the reflection of a legislator

by Nathaniel Scott

Two months after the legislative session has ended, State Representative Margaret Carter continued to work at a whirlwind pace.

Rep. Carter said, "It's a very, very hard job. Your time is not your time."

However, she has no doubts about the future.

"I intend to run for reelection [and] divestment [of state funds from South Africa] will be the first thing on my agenda," she said, as she reflected upon the ordeal of being a working single parent and state legislator, too.

Even though it's a very demanding job, Rep. Carter said, "I've been able to adjust."

Rep. Carter continues to travel and speak on behalf of the things she believes in. Recently she joined representatives from both the house and the senate who petitioned the Oregon Investment Council to monitor its investment ties with South Africa. Last month she was in Atlanta, GA, for a forum entitled Black Women in Politics in the 80s. And recently she and her Joyful Sounds spiritual group were in San Francisco, CA.

Rep. Carter said what keeps her going is her "very strong conviction as life relates to God."

"I am a single parent and that is



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really tough," she said. "When I go to the legislature I lose pay."

She is excited that the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday became

Postal head blasts Administration

"The Administration appears relentless in its effort to dismantle civil rights enforcement programs," said Robert L. White, President, National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees.

"Now, the White House proposes to remove the only protection minorities and women have against the use of public funds by federal contractors for discriminatory, hiring purposes," he added. White's comments came in criticism of a proposal in the form of a draft executive order to rescind Executive Order 11246 which requires major

federal contractors to set numerical goals and timetables for hiring women and minorities.

"Eliminating that which works is ludicrous," said White. The union leader said the affirmative action program embodied in the executive order signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 has opened up the labor force but discrimination remains.

White also said, "As long as discrimination on the basis of color and gender exists in our society, color and gender blind approaches to civil rights enforcement will be bad policy."

Jazz Festival success

Final figures on the 1985 Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz indicate this year's event was the most successful to date. Attendance records show the greatest increase occurred on Saturday, Aug. 3, with 6,865 people attending, a 14 percent increase over 1984. Sunday's attendance was 8,220, an increase of 2 percent over last year. "This year, for the first time, reserved seats were completely sold out for Sunday. The increased popularity of the more expensive reserved seats really helped our financial bottom line," said Festival Manager Bob Dematteis.

As in past year, the atmosphere at the Festival was laid back and pleasant. "People continue to remark to me what a polite and well-behaved crowd we have each year. It is a real compliment to jazz lovers," Dematteis added.

Food and beverage sales were well ahead of last year and most souvenir items were sold out by late Sunday afternoon. However, several of the items are available through a special mail-order program which will con-

tinue through Christmas. "We hate for anyone to be disappointed, so we will special order our T-shirts, sweat-shirts, visors and caps. We also have all four posters and postcards available by mail order," Dematteis said. Interested persons should contact the Festival by mail: P.O. Box 696, Gresham, OR 97030.

"Three years of experience, a great line-up of talent and a great deal of hard work all contributed to our success this year," said Festival Chairperson R. Stephen Nicholson. "We set some very high goals for the 1985 Festival and I am very pleased with our measure of success," he added. The Festival is sponsored as a community service by the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz Foundation, Portland Bottling/7-Up, Maletis-Columbia Distributing/Michelob Beer, KINK-FM 102, Plain Pantry Markets and Fred Meyer One-Stop Shopping Centers. Alaska Airlines serves as the official carrier for the Festival. The Festival is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Senior 'free day' at zoo

The tenth annual Senior Free Day will be held at the Washington Park Zoo on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three to four thousand are expected to attend the event, which includes free admission, train rides and other special activities for seniors and their escorts.

Seniors are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Food service areas will be open for those who wish to purchase their lunch at the zoo. Free coffee and juice will be provided.

Activities scheduled for the day are varied and numerous. Visitors can listen to a band, watch a troupe of tap dancers, sing old favorites in a "sing-along" and even take in a Kung Fu demonstration.

Birds of prey shows and zookeeper talks are scheduled at various locations around the zoo throughout the day. The Zoomobile will be on hand with small animals to touch and pet, and zoo volunteers will have bones, pelts horns and skulls on display.

A special feature this year will be an art exhibit entitled "Interpreting Nature." The exhibit will be comprised of works submitted by seniors in a drawing and painting competition. The seniors-only art competition was made possible by a grant from the Metropolitan Arts Commission. The exhibit, which will formally open on Monday, Sept. 9, will be on display in the zoo's primate house art gallery until Nov. 1.

Senior Free Day is sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell. Joining zoo volunteers to help with the day's activities will be Pacific Northwest Bell

Foundation to give free shade trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free shade trees to people who become Foundation members during September, 1985.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote fall tree planting throughout America.

A Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Red Oak, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, Silver Maple, Tuliptree, European Mountainash, and Red Maple tree will be given to members joining during September. The six to 12-inch trees will be shipped this fall at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. They will be sent postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

These trees were selected because they provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and fall colors, according to John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director. They are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting. The Foundation will give the 10 free trees to members contributing \$10 during September.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to: Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 1985.

a state holiday. "I am really excited that we will be able to honor this great American," she said.

Rep. Carter is also perturbed over Rev. Jerry Falwell's recent remarks about what Black South Africans do and do not want. She said the thing that perturbs her is when Rev. Falwell returned from South Africa he said all was well. Then we found one of our Black ministers, the Rev. Allan Boesak, got arrested.

"This so-called white Christian ethic makes me ashamed to be in the same category as Rev. Falwell," she said. "Racism is what keeps people down."

Rep. Carter said she will continue to work for economic development in the Northeast. I have received contributions from PG&E, Fred Meyer and Safeway, she said. "We are on our way to something that is going to be big. It will render us some success in the long run."

Rep. Carter views prostitution as an "economic/social problem."

"One of the solutions is: if you stop the demand you don't have to worry about the supply," she said, as she expressed outrage over seeing prostitutes chit-chatting with police officers.

Rep. Carter said, "I know I have a job to do . . . because the people of my district didn't have to elect me."

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