

A photographer's journal of Nicaragua



Richard J. Brown, photographer for the *Portland Observer*, spent seven weeks in Nicaragua learning about and meeting its people. His photographs will appear here as a weekly feature.

Many of my experiences in Nicaragua will stay with me forever. Among them will be meeting Rosa Maria Munoz. I first noticed the pretty and shy 14-year-old Rosa with a couple of other teenagers as we got off the bus at Ernesto Acuna. I later met Rosa in her capacity as "nurse" of Ernesto Acuna, less shy, but competent and professional in her manner as she arranged little boxes and bottles on the shelves of the poorly-stocked Puesto Medico. Rosa has had no medical training except what she has learned from her father Ramon, a health "brigadista." She is looking forward to going to Matagalpa to begin a year of training and then returning to Ernesto Acuna as a real nurse.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Sixth annual Black colleges conference

A special day for approximately 600 students, parents, teachers, counselors, and other interested parties is planned for Saturday, Oct. 19, 1985 at the Red Lion Inn/Jantzen Beach in Portland.

The Black Colleges Committee, Inc., invites you to participate in their Sixth Annual Black Colleges Conference. This year's theme is "Black Colleges: Achievement Against the Odds."

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, N.Y., will present the morning address during the opening general session at 8:00 a.m.

Thirteen Black colleges and universities in the United States will be featured in the morning College Spotlight session.

Afternoon workshops include:

Financial Aid, Ms. Teletha Benjamin, Financial Aid Specialist, Portland Community College; *Becoming a Successful College Student*, Dr. Clarice Lowe, Professor, Chair, Department of Communications, Texas Southern University; *Careers in the 80's*, Ms. Myrna Anderson, Manager, City Ticket Offices, Eastern Airlines and Ms. Marsha Taylor, Flight Attendant Supervisor, Eastern Airlines; *Career Opportunities in the Federal Government*, Mr. Sam Lyons, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, United States Department of Fish and Wildlife; *Testing in your Life*, Dr. Dorothy Alexander, Evaluation Specialist, Northwest Regional Education Laboratory; *Financial Aid*, Mr. Ken Adair, Financial Aid Officer, Portland Community College; *Science Can be*

Fun and Profitable, Dr. George Neely, Professor of Physics, Fisk University; and *Alumni*, Mr. Thomas Dortch, Jr., President, Council of National Alumni Associations.

The conference says to young people that you can make your life better through attending college and that the Historically Black Colleges and Universities offer you a mechanism for achieving your educational goals.

To pre-register for the October 19 Black Colleges Conference, contact Pearl S. Gray, Corvallis, 754-3556 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or June Key, Portland, 287-9669 (after 6 p.m.). Cost for the all-day conference is students \$9.75 and adults \$13.50. Registration begins at 7 a.m. in the Foyer, Red Lion Ballroom.

Albina Library — a lot to offer

Despite the recent departure of the Tradewell store and the county health clinic from N.E. 15th and Fremont, the Albina Branch Library is still going strong at that location. Multnomah County Library feels a strong commitment to provide library service in this community, and no immediate plans for change have been made.

Librarians Candy Bertelson and Bobbi Jackson encourage everyone in the neighborhood to use the library. We would like to see it become a busy, active, integral part of the local community. Getting a library card is easy if you are a resident of Multnomah County: adults need some ID with their current address, children need their parent's signature.

As a result of a recent change in book ordering, we are receiving more new books, particularly best-sellers, faster. For children, we have movies on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and a Halloween Party coming up on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2:30. November brings National Children's Book Week, and we'll have puppet shows and banner-making on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. (All library programs are free.)

We also have a meeting room available to the public, a manual typewriter for public use, and we make photocopies at 10 cents a copy. Video equipment and videotapes are available to use in the library for people studying for the GED test. There is a lot going on at the Albina Branch Library — come in and check it out!

The Multnomah County Library announces the following schedule for the month of October:

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m., 3605 NE 15th, phone 287-7147, Children's Films — "Drummer Hoff"; "Seasons Change"; "The Mole and the Lollipop."

Thursday evening, Oct. 17, 7-10 p.m. for ages 3-6; Friday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5, Preschool Storytimes, 512 N. Killingsworth, phone 284-5622, Preschool Storytimes



Anti-abortion and pro-choice supporters converged on downtown Portland Saturday with signs and chanting. At a fund-raiser at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) and Rep. AuCoin (D-OR) spoke to the Oregon

chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League. Not far away at the Portland Hilton Hotel, Oregon Right-to-Life was holding its annual convention.

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