

### Holt to Make Debut with Portland Opera

Portland Opera General Director Robert Bailey announced today that baritone Ben Holt will make his debut with the Company in the title role of a brand-new production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. This comic masterpiece, which received its premiere almost exactly 200 years ago on May 1, 1786, and was featured in the film *Amadeus*, will be performed in English on March 15, 19 and 22 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

Tickets for all performances of *The Marriage of Figaro* are available at the Civic Auditorium box office, Stevens & Son Lloyd Center weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., G.I. Joe's in Beaverton, Rockwood and Tualatin, and at the Portland Opera office, 1530 S.W. Second Avenue, 97201, 241-1401.



David N. Cramer

(Photo by Richard J. Brown)

### Cramer Selected Director of North/Northeast

#### Community Health

by Jerry Garner

David N. Cramer was chosen Executive Director of North/Northeast Community Health Inc. Edna Mae Pittman, President of the Board of Directors of North/Northeast Community Center, said Cramer received the highest rating by the Search Committee, and his selection was unanimous by the Board of Directors.

Pittman said Cramer was selected for several reasons, one being he works for a center similar to North/Northeast that is located in an impoverished area which serves a low-income and minority population. "Equally important, he brings fiscal skills, grant writing skills, community relations skills, clinical skills, and entrepreneurial skills," said Pittman. Cramer has over twelve years of experience in working in a management capacity in the health field. He has served in Tulsa, New Orleans, and New York City.

Cramer's intensive background in management has provided him with unique strategies and techniques for problem solving and organizational matters in regard to Staff and Board. Another area of Cramer's expertise is children's services. "This expertise will permit North/Northeast to apply for contracts for Children's Services, which in turn will allow us to expand our service delivery," said Pittman. Cramer emphasizes the importance of communication with staff and his belief in staff input. When Cramer was asked whether the federal government was meeting the needs of the mentally ill, he replied, "since the Reagan Administration took office, he has given only lip service to the problem of mental health."

According to Cramer, at least ten percent of the U.S. population suffers from some form of mental illness. Cramer stated that he was looking forward in assuming the responsibility of being Executive Director of North/Northeast Mental Health Center. Cramer is coming to Portland from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was the Executive Director of the Star Mental Health Center. Cramer and his wife Cheryl have two sons, age 24 and 4. Cramer received his MSW from Fordham University in New York City, and he is a native of White Plains, New York. Cramer's wife, Cheryl, is a Phi Beta Kappa, and she holds a Master's Degree in both International Relations and Public Health Planning. Cramer will assume his position April 14.

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