

Riggins Finalist in Teen Pageant

by Jerry Garner

Kimberly Riggins, a 16-year-old freshman from Grant High School, has been selected as a finalist to compete in the 1987 "Miss Oregon National Teenagers" Pageant to be held April 18th, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Riggins is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David E. Riggins of Portland.

Contestants from all over the state will compete for over \$40,000 in scholarships, a \$1,000 savings bond and the honor of representing their state at the National Pageant in Orlando, Florida, the week of August 8-15th, 1987, visiting such attractions as Disney World and Wet-N-Wild.

Celebrating its 16th year, this year the Miss National Teen-ager program will award over \$2 million in cash and tuition scholarships to teenagers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Contestants at the "Miss Oregon National Teenager" Pageant will be



Kimberly Riggins, 16-year-old freshman from Grant, judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality and appearance. Riggins and other contestants will also perform their choice of an essay or a two-minute talent presentation.

Riggins says she enjoys dancing, shopping, collecting Cabbage Patch dolls and stuffed animals, and spending time with friends and loved ones. After graduating from high school, Riggins plans to attend the University of California at Los Angeles and to become an actress.

Rene Bagley, Miss Oregon of 1984, will serve as master of ceremonies at the pageant.

Kimberly is being sponsored by Convenient Food Mart, Robert Turner, Joe Nicholas and Ester Nicholas.



The finale of the Martin Luther King Day celebration at Whitaker School was the Community Mass Choir.

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Oregon Observes Dr. King's Birthday

by Jerry Garner

Oregonians throughout the state observed the second annual holiday honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Over seven hundred people gathered at Whitaker Middle School during a period of four hours, where scores of performers and speakers remembered the slain civil rights leader through songs and speeches.

"Dr. King's lasting contribution is that he forged unity and aroused the conscience of this nation to the gross violations of civil rights and human dignity," said Multnomah County Circuit Judge Mercedes F. Diez. Judge Diez was among several distinguished guests who attended the ceremony. Portland Mayor J.E. "Bud" Clark; Park Superintendent, Cleveland "Cleve" Williams; Ronnie Herndon, co-chairman of the Black United Front; and William A. Hilliard, editor of the Oregonian, were also present.

Williams said he was thankful to be given the opportunity to share in the celebration. "It is especially significant to me since I had the opportunity to experience this great person deliver a speech in San Francisco. It was indeed a rewarding and motivating experience."

In Salem, the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs hosted a program featuring Governor Neil Goldschmidt, Rep. Margaret Carter, Senator Bill McCoy, and other government officials. Goldschmidt pledged to sign a divestment bill on South Africa, if one is presented to him during his term as Governor.

Dr. King was killed April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He had gone to Memphis on behalf of striking Black sanitation workers, who were protesting unfair wages.

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