



Bill Little Awarded President's Award

William Little, associate professor of Black Studies and Urban Studies at Portland State University, was

given The President's Award by the National Council of Black Studies at the council's recent national conference. The President's Award is given to an individual who has provided outstanding service to the NCBS.

The award recognizes Little's contributions in three areas: promotion and development of Black Studies; scholarly achievement; and leadership in the African global community.

Little, who has been on the PSU faculty since 1976, earned his Master of Social Work and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Washington.

NAACP Monthly Meeting

The NAACP will hold its monthly general membership meeting on Sunday, April 26, at King Neighborhood Facility at 4:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

"For Colored Girls" And "Able Met A Brick" On Stage

Oregon State University's Cortright Studio Theatre presents a twin bill: Ntozake Shange's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" and an original production of "Able Met A Brick", directed by Ron Ben Jarrett.

Both plays will be performed April 16, 17, 18 and April 23, 24, and 25th at 8:15 p.m. in the Cortright Studio which is located in the Education Hall of OSU Campus Corvallis, Oregon.

Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$2.00 for students, and \$3.00 for all others.

Free Workshops For Seniors

Seniors will receive information on home security and Medicare at a free, one night workshop held at Alameda Community School, 2732 NE Fremont. For registration information, contact coordinator Janice Dolan at 284-1686.

Senior Home Security, Friday, May 1, 10-11 a.m. Group discussion of special security concerns of senior citizens, led by a City Crime Prevention Specialist.

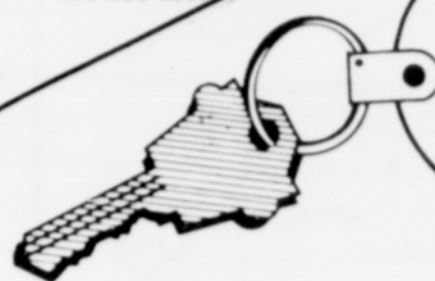
Medicare Information, Friday, April 24, 10-11 a.m. (Session 1) or Friday, May 22, 10-11 a.m. (Session 2). Discussion led by Healthchoice.

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Reunion

The Cleveland High School class of 1967 has scheduled its 20-year reunion for the weekend of August 7. A Friday evening get-together at the Rafter's restaurant is slated for alumni only. Saturday evening the activity moves to the Columbia River Red Lion, with a buffet and dance for alums and their spouses. Sunday afternoon is family day at Woodstock Park.

For more information about reunion activities, or if you can help locate missing and out-of-state graduates, call Gary Purpura, 775-2461 or Joanne Fuller Johns, 254-0113.

Policeman Gives

Limited Testimony

Before Auditing

Panel

by Jerry Garner

Last Thursday, three Portland policemen were scheduled to testify before the Police Internal Investigations Auditing Committee (PIIAC) concerning a police misconduct charge brought before the Committee by a Black man. However, only one policeman testified briefly.

Although a Multnomah County district judge had ruled that the Auditing Committee has the power to make police officers testify before it, the actions by the policemen shows that the Portland Police Association is still trying to circumvent the Committee's authority.

When members of the Committee asked one of the policemen involved in the case specific questions regarding the incident, the policeman repeatedly claimed faulty memory or told the Committee that the questions were outside their jurisdiction. After this went on for several minutes, Committee members and the policeman's attorney agreed to cease questioning until each officer reviewed the taped interview they made with the Bureau's internal investigation regarding the incident.

The case was brought before the Audit Committee back in 1984 by Barry J. Franklin. Franklin alleges that in March 1984, two Portland policemen on horses stopped him in the downtown area without justification and proceeded to physically abuse him with their horses. He said the officers pinned him against the wall with the horses, grabbed him, shouted racist epithets and obscenities. Franklin said the officers then told him that he had ten minutes to get out of downtown. He said then the officers chased him on their horses, and that he was forced to run into the Meier and Frank store.

Franklin later filed a complaint against the officers with the Bureau's Internal Investigation Division. The Bureau ruled that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate his allegations. He accused the Bureau of not investigating his complaint in an adequate manner to reach for the truth, and that there was selective questioning on the part of the investigator.

Franklin stated that although he was frustrated with the fact that his case hasn't been resolved after almost three years, he is determined to press on until he finds out why he was attacked by the officers. He praised the Audit Committee for attempting to find out the truth. "They are trying as hard as they can to seek the truth and get these officers to testify. This is a new situation for them [subpoenaing the officers]."

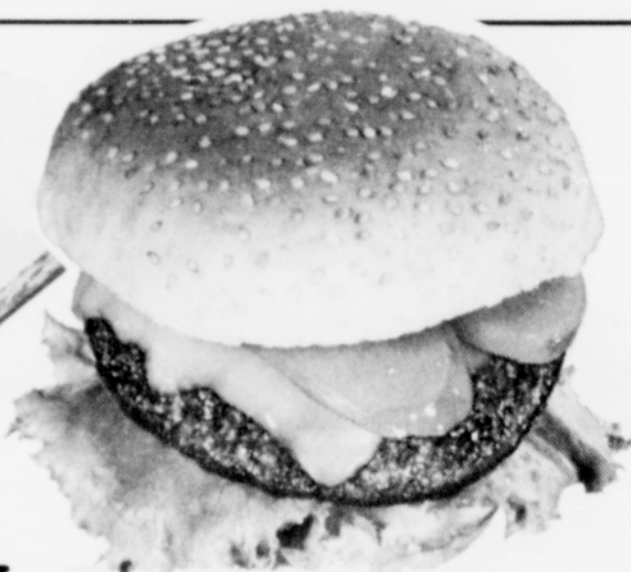


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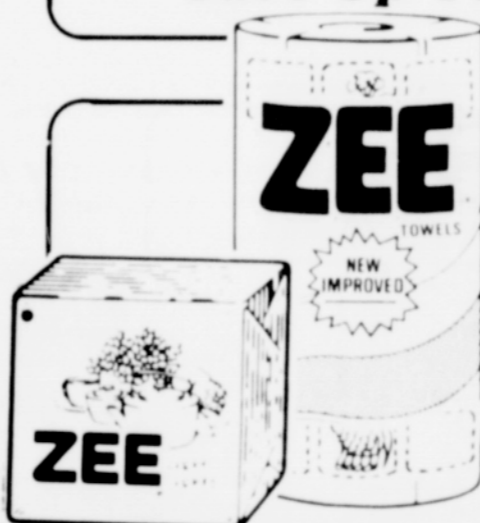


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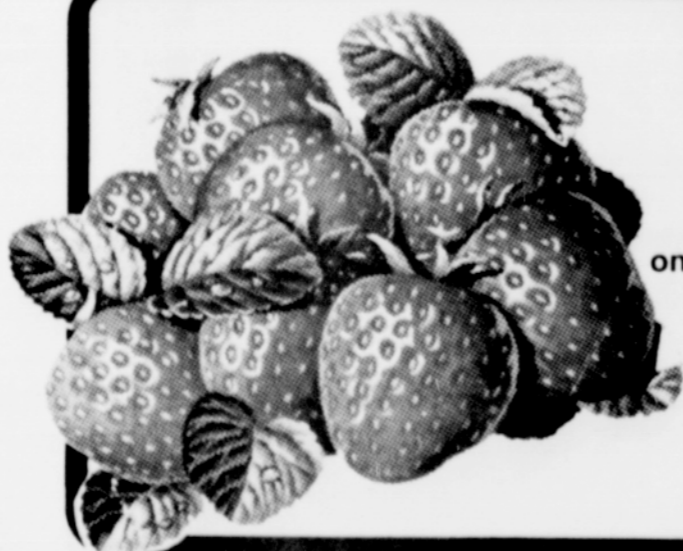


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