



### Jefferson Class of '38 Plant Commemorative Tree

Members of the 1938 Graduating Class of Jefferson High School planted a Red Oak tree Tuesday, April 5, next to the campus statue of Thomas Jefferson.

A statement prepared by the planning committee said:

"In planting this tree we reach out to the future of a great school. We are responding to a quote of Thomas Jefferson on the base of the statue. 'The greatest service which can be rendered to any country is to add a useful plant to its cultures.'"

The statement of the 1938 Class, celebrating its 50th anniversary this September, went on to say:

"The tree is also in memory of so many of our classmates who

served in World War II. The Class of 1938 suffered some of the heaviest casualties of any Jefferson High School class in the second World War.

"Our reunion is not just another exercise in nostalgic revelry, but an opportunity to express our loyalty and our support to the future of Jefferson High School and to its faculty and student body."

Class members participating in

Tuesday's tree planting with Principal Dr. Nathan Jones were: George Lind, Alan Bartholemey, Helen Duley Bartholemey, June Justice Rousseau, Ruth Morey Schneider, Charlotte DeLin Sorenson, Laura Smith Geisler, Harry Kraus, and Oliver Larson.

## CALENDAR

### Brush Up on Writing Grammar

Reviews the basics, the eight parts of speech, their functions and the four basic sentence types. This class meets **Sat., April 16**, from 9am-2:30pm in 103 Cramer Hall, 1721 S.W. Broadway. Fee: \$40.

### AIDS-Related Discrimination Hearing

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1220 S.W. Fifth Ave., **Sat., April 16**, 10 a.m.

### PSU Community Culture Youth Day

Emphasis on Science, Technology, and Math. Info on how to obtain financial aid and get to know the university environment. **Sat., April 16**, 10am-2pm.

### Candidates Forum

Sponsored by NAACP, Portland Chapter. **Sat., April 16**, 1-3pm. Ainsworth United Church of Christ, NE 30th and Ainsworth Sts. Free.

### Classrooms on Parade

Lloyd Center, **April 16-17**, shows what students are learning today with 27 displays of student work from 27 schools. 8 performances and classroom demonstrations.

### Candidates Forum

Sponsored by National Organization of Women, Portland Chapter, **Mon., April 18**, 7-9pm, Willamette Center, auditorium, 121 S.W. Salmon. Free. Accessible.

### "How to Help Your Child Say 'NO' to Sexual Pressure"

The Prince of Peace Fellowship, 5004 NE 6th Ave., **Wed. nights, April 20-June 8**, 7:15 p.m., Room 5.

### "When I'm In Charge"

Peninsula Park Community Center, 6400 N Albina St., 1 1/2 hr class for 3-5 grade students covering safe "home alone" practices. **Thursday, April 21**, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Free.

### Business Success Workshop Slated

Small Business Administration, Clackamas Community College, and the Service Corps of Retired Executives are co-sponsoring a Business Success Workshop on the college campus on Wednesday, April 13. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. The workshop is intended for those wanting to start their own business or those already in business.

Subjects covered will be success and failure factors, marketing and sales, money management, SBA programs, recordkeeping and legal considerations. Each subject will be taught by a different instructor with practical experience in dealing with small business.

There will be free kits of publications distributed, and time for questions and discussion. Admission is \$10 for the day, and the room will be the Small Dining Room in the Community Center Building.

For information and registration, call 294-5211.

### Psychology — Con't From Page 2

that the high infant mortality rate, prematurity and malformation among Blacks are closely related to the lack of prenatal care.

He further discusses maternal malnutrition, hereditary birth defects, family size intelligence, and lactose intolerance (inability to digest milk properly).

Among his proposals for solutions to the problems of prenatal care are increased government support for vital health services and educational programs for pregnant Black mothers.

In another section on language and culture, Wilson argues convincingly for greater interest and responsibility by Black parents in the education and socialization of their children. And I believe we must agree The Saturday School is a step in that direction.

The controversy over Black English is examined and Black parents are encouraged to accept Black dialect as a legitimate form of expression. On the other hand, Black parents are urged to teach and support their children in learning standard English in order to function effectively in a middle-class caucasoid society.

After brilliantly analyzing causes of apathy, dependency and anti-intellectualism among many Black parents, particularly among the lower socio-economic group the author calls for a "complete cultural revolution in the Black community." This can only be achieved by concerted effort to re-examine and develop new values, attitudes and beliefs. It is imperative that the Black child be reared in self-love, self-knowledge and self-esteem. The importance of a positive self-concept cannot be overstated.

Other chapters included are: "The Pre-School Years: The Effects of race Awareness," "Psychogenic Brain Damage and the Black Child," "The Role of Play in Development," "The Black Child — Intellectual Development as Revealed by Standardized Tests" and "Socialization and the Black Child."

Throughout the pages of "The Developmental Psychology of the Black Child", Professor Wilson has succeeded in clarifying, edifying and sensitizing his readers to the unique world of the Black child.

## Magnum Stars: Players With Academia in Mind

by Fred Hembrey

On Thursday, March 31st, I had the opportunity to view a youth basketball team comprised of the best talent Portland has to offer.

One usually thinks, "That's great, but are they going to graduate from high school, or make it in college?" For those skeptics of the great basketball irony — not to worry, they will. These individuals will do so with flying colors.

The Magnum Stars AAU basketball team (ages 13 to 17) are normal in respect to high playing standards. What makes them unique is this — they expect each of their athletes to maintain a year-long Grade Point Average of 3.0. Grade standards like this give the children work to do on and off the court.

The program is coached by Marvin Johnson and Vernon Baker. I spoke with Vernon about his people and program.

Vernon and Marvin began their strategy after realizing the great numbers of kids who were herded through the public school system on the court, and in the classroom, only to find average education skills, and no further play outside of "streetball." With this, they began with a team of elementary age boys, and monitored them on and off the field of play. "In the beginning our objective was for our group to do well in school, with basketball being supplementary to this, not vice-versa," Vernon states.

Over an eight-year period, this group has grown into the shoes of high-schoolers. Some of them are: Ali Dirks, Grant; Pat Strickland, Wilson; Charles McKinney, Wilson; and Erin Cowan, Jefferson.

Erin is one of the Magnums' oldest (in terms of playing years) products of their program. Erin is also called "Jo Jo" by his

coaches and teammates, a nickname given to him because of his playing style likeness to college standout Jo Jo White. Erin has been playing basketball since age 10. He maintains a 3.0 grade average. His favorite subjects are math (his strongest) and English. Erin, who also like journalism, aspires to major in the field of Business Administration in college.

"My coaches and parents make sure that I do well in school. Even though they're on me, I like school a lot," he says. Erin would like to attend an east coast college after graduation next year. "The schools back east are a lot more competitive than western colleges in basketball. I think that would be good for me."

Erin has a zest for school and sports. In addition to basketball, he has played tennis, gone to State in cross country, and runs the 800 (2:00 best) in track. Erin is a great example of what a positive program, coaches, and parents can do for our youth.

The Magnum Stars have been state AAU champions and have ranked nationally for three years. Last summer they were eligible to travel to the east coast for the national championship tournament, but were unable to attend due to finances.

Sponsorship for local tournaments are funded by Magnum Protective agency, owned by Carl Johns. This alone will not be enough. Donations for the team would be greatly appreciated.

More sports programs of this nature should be enacted to help athletic youth reach their full potential. A job well done, Vernon Baker and Marvin Johnson!

Send all tax-deductible donations to: Magnum Stars Basketball Program, c/o Marvin Johnson, 54 N.E. Wygant, Portland, OR 97217.

### Economic Development Department Names Deputy Director

Carlene Jackson has been appointed Deputy Director for Administrative Operations for the Oregon Economic Development Department (OEDD), according to Richard G. Reiten, Director. Jackson moves from the State Executive Department where she served as budget supervisor. The appointment is effective immediately.

In her new position, Jackson will be responsible for managing the budget, accounting, personnel, management information system, and technical marketing operations for the department, as well as development of its budget for presentation in the next Legislative session.

"We are very fortunate to be able to attract a person of Carlene's ability and background for this position," Reiten said. "Her contributions and leadership will be critical as we manage the state's economic development activity and work with the legislature on refining our programs."

As a budget analyst for the Executive Department since 1979, Jackson's assignments have included the budgets of nearly every major state government, including Education, Human Resources, Workers' Compensation and Economic Development.

For the last three years, she has been the budget supervisor responsible for economic development programs, including those financed by lottery proceeds.

Jackson joined state government in 1973 after working as a teacher and supervisor of a Head Start Program at Mt. Angel, Oregon, and as an elementary school teacher in various school districts in Oregon and California.

An Oregon native, Jackson has been active in promoting Black history and an awareness of Black culture. She has written curriculum guides on Black history for school districts, and co-authored and co-hosted a television series on Black history. She and her husband, Eugene, own and operate a cattle and horse ranch in the Molalla foothills.

### Second Annual National Candlelight Vigil

The Association for Children for Enforcement of Support (ACES) is sponsoring the Second Annual National Candlelight Vigil.

The theme of the vigil is "Light a spark of hope for forgotten children in the United States". The vigil is intended to draw public attention to children living in poverty. ACES will also put pressure on elected officials and law enforcement agencies to protect the rights of children a provide an efficient legal system to collect child support.

The candlelight vigil is being held in each of our fifty states and is free and open to the public.

The vigil for Multnomah County will be held Wednesday, April 27, 1988, at 1021 SW 4th at 6 p.m.

For more information please call 236-6802.

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### Changes in Workforce Will Offer Minorities 'Real Opportunities,' Labor Secretary Says

PHILADELPHIA — Changes in the makeup of the labor force will offer minority group members "great opportunities." But these opportunities could be lost unless future workers acquire the necessary skills, Secretary of Labor Ann McLaughlin said in remarks to the students at the University of Philadelphia's Wharton School.

The secretary observed that during the next 10 years, the labor force will grow more slowly than at any time since World War II and the profile of the work force will shift dramatically.

"Eighty percent of the new entrants to the work force will be women, blacks, Hispanics and immigrants," McLaughlin said. "American-born white males will account for only 15 percent of new entrants."

The jobs created in the near future will be more complex. They will demand better reading, writing and reasoning skills and very few jobs will be created for those who can't read, follow directions or use mathematics, she said.

She warned that in a period of growing demand for labor, the country faces the "ironic prospect" of an underclass of hard-core, so-called "unemployables." "This is a situation we cannot allow," she added.

She observed that the country is headed for a significant and expensive skills gap, adding that "if we move quickly, through education and retraining, over the next ten years, we will be able to offer a job to everyone who wants one."

McLaughlin said, "We must improve the quality of the American work force, and by that I mean their self-esteem, their skills, their education and their adaptability."

"We have to sharpen the learning curve of everyone working in this country. Only then can we assure the high quality of American products and services, and a better standard of living at home."

The secretary noted that over the past five years, 15 million new jobs have been created — an average of 250,000 jobs a month for 62 months in a row.



Relative Happiness — Following January's Super Bowl, Washington Redskins' quarterback Doug Williams said, in a national commercial, he would be going to Walt Disney World. That wasn't a solor promise. Williams arrived with his daughter, Ashley (Mickey's right hand is on her shoulder), and nine cousins and neices for a family vacation. Copyright 1988, THE WALT DISNEY CO.



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