

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission report, "AIDS and Discrimination: A Local Government Response," has been published, capping off the research portion of the Commission's effort to combat discrimination based on disability. The report follows the Commission's April forum entitled, "AIDS and Discrimination: Rights and Resources." The forum brought together over 150 persons from throughout the state to share information and strategies for pursuing the civil rights and general health and welfare of all persons in the state regardless of disability.

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission will advocate for implementation of the fifteen recommendations to local government included in the report. In North/Northeast Portland, Copies of the report are available at the following locations: Urban League of Portland, 10 N. Russell; Neighbors North Office, 2410 N. Lombard; American Friends Services Committee, 2249 E. Burnside, NE Neighborhood Office (King Facility), 4815 N.E. 7th Avenue and Central NE Neighborhood Office, 5540 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Urban League Announces Voter Registration Drive

The Portland Urban League plans to take an active role in voter registration activities. On Saturday, August 13th, the League will launch a nonpartisan voter registration drive at the Union Avenue Safeway Store. Urban League staff members will make voter registration cards available to unregistered Oregon voters, and to voters who have changed, or who wish to change political parties. Other sites will be added as the general election draws nearer.

This local drive is being held in conjunction with the National Urban League's 90-day Countdown Campaign, which spans the period leading up to the November 8th general election. According to National Urban League President, John Jacob, the 90-day Countdown Campaign is designed to increase black political participation in the November election by 10% through targeted voter education, registration and get-out-the-vote efforts.

Local Women Attend Delta Convention In San Francisco

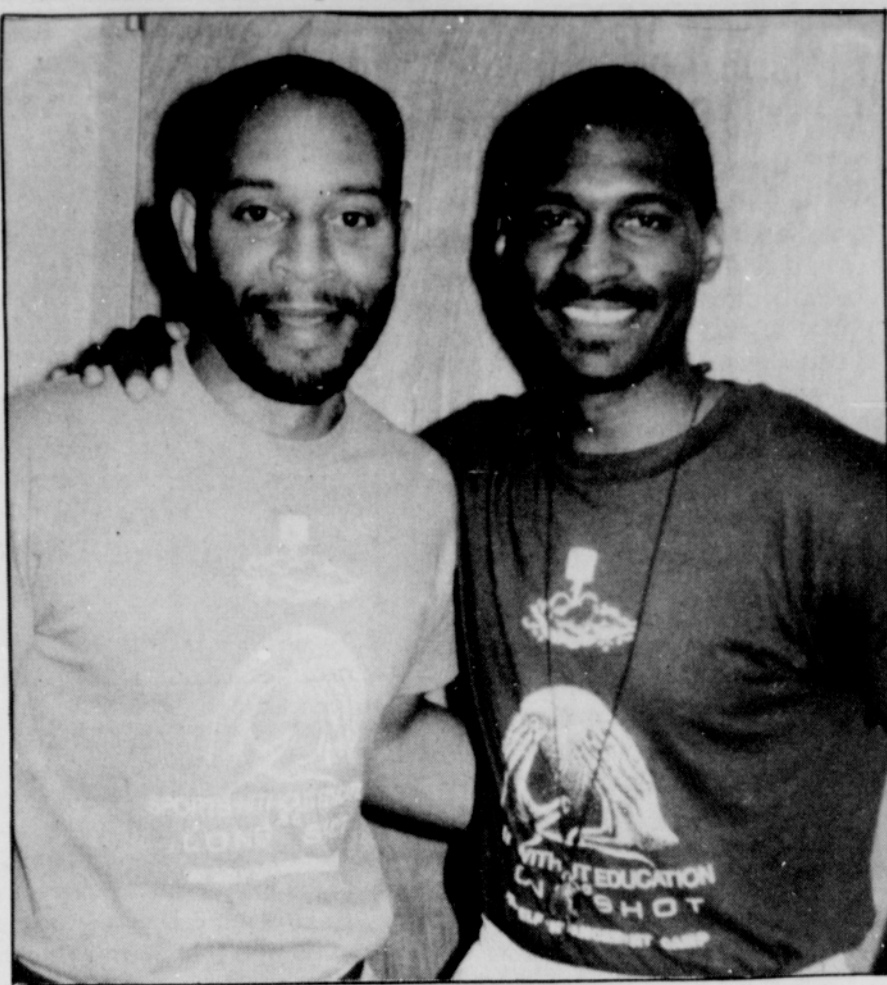
Chapters of the Delta Farwest Region hosted the 39th National Convention and Diamond Jubilee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in San Francisco. A 28-member delegation, lead by President Lessie Houston, represented the Portland Chapter.

The week was star studded, featuring participation by prominent African-Americans in politics, entertainment, sports, media, business and other fields.

The 10,000 Deltas, plus family members and friends, heard from Rev. Jesse Jackson, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, four Black women presidents, entertainers Nancy Wilson, Marlon Jackson, Roslyn Burrough, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee and Boxer Sugar Ray Leonard, all in the course of one whirlwind weekend.

With some 175,000 college-educated black women as members, Delta is the nation's largest Black women's organization.

Each mentor, who will be selected through an application process, will also agree to make a minimum of two telephone contacts per week and two face to face contacts per month. Commissioner Bogle said,



Tony Hopson and Ray Leary

"Task forces and summit meetings are all necessary, but being part of a government, professional response is not enough for me. I must also respond in a personal way to this monstrous threat to Black children."

Citing his responsibility to make decisions and take actions to improve the City's livability, Commissioner Bogle said,

"Drugs and other gang related crimes are literally destroying some neighborhoods..." "This threat places an entire generation of kids at risk ... at risk of drug addiction ... at risk of being coerced into gang membership ... at risk of never realizing their highest potential for a life of good citizenship with freedom to achieve and accomplish. In order for any youngster to succeed in life, he or she needs positive role models."

"Welcome

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sive. While pastor of the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Louis, he successfully gained numerous advantages for the disadvantaged while working with the NAACP; was the first pastor to develop an Adult Education Program through which scores of persons received high school equivalency certificates; was a member of a small group of citizens who initiated and built the first Black-owned supermarket, and, as a community leader was an organizer and Chief spokesman for the Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial March, attended by some 25,000 people.

Widely travelled, Bishop Anderson has preached and lectured in the Caribbean, South and West Africa and has made tours to the Middle East, Europe, the South Pacific and Russia. In 1972, he was a member of a team of four persons visiting New Zealand and Australia, sponsored by the World Council of Churches' Program to combat racism. In 1976, he and other Black churchmen were invited to visit Nationalist China by the Taiwanese Government. He has been a delegate to five world methodist conferences: 1961, Oslo, Norway; 1966, London, England; 1971, Denver, Colorado; 1981, Hawaii and 1986, Nairobi, Kenya. Since 1981, he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

In January, 1988, Ebony Magazine honored Bishop Anderson with their Annual Religion Award, and, he was selected the Distinguished Alumni Honoree by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education in March, 1988.

Bishop Anderson is also an author. As Chairman of the Commission on Worship and Liturgy of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he developed a new church hymnal, "The Bicentennial Edition" and the first "A.M.E. Book of Worship." Both were presented to the General Conference of 1988. He established and edited the "Connector," a Bicentennial information publication. He produced and edited "A Syllabus for celebrating the Bicentennial; compiled and edited" Proclamations From A Bench; wrote the introduction to "Our Own Vine and Fig Tree," (Carolyn S. Beck, author), and contributed an article

on "What is the Ecumenical Agenda?"

The Portland Observer is proud to welcome Bishop and Mrs. Anderson to Portland and its very proud African-American community. May your presence and inspiration remain and be remembered by us, forever.



Straight "A" students: (back row, L-R) Timeca Briggs, Rukaiyah Adams, Shannon Wilson; (front row) Mercedes Bentun, Re-Shawn Lewis-Jones.

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THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY—Recently kicked-off its 75th Convention in San Francisco, California with a Delta Diamond Jubilee Celebration Gala and a reception to honor its 1988 Delta Diamond recipients, distinguished honorees of the sorority. The reception, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., was hosted by celebrities Ozzie Davis and Ruby Dee, with entertainment provided by Roslyn Burrough and Company.

Henry Brown, vice president for marketing development, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. is shown at the reception presenting the sponsorship check to Delta Sigma Theta National President Hortense Canady (right) and Frankie M. Freeman, past sorority president.

BOOST Educational Talent Search Loses Funding

Two months after assuming the duties as Director of the BOOST Program at Portland State University, Cleverne Jackson, along with her staff and University officials, is faced with saving a program that has become an institution in Portland. By notification from the U.S. Department of Education, the BOOST Talent Search Program grant for the 1988-91 funding cycle has been denied funds, and unless the decision is reversed, BOOST will close its doors September 30th.

BOOST, which stands for "Bettering Oregon's Opportunities for Saving Talent," is a counseling and financial aid support program that encourages high school students to stay in school, graduate and pursue post-secondary education. The program further assists students by helping them complete college applications and the complex financial aid form, securing fee waivers, and facilitating the admissions/acceptance process.

Portland State University has filed an appeal with the Department of Education for a re-reading of the BOOST proposal. Meanwhile, Miss Jackson and her staff have been diligently seeking letters of support from BOOST participants and supporters to Oregon's congressional representatives encouraging their assistance and backing in the granting of the appeal and the restoration of program funds.

Letters of support may be sent to: Senator Mark Hatfield, Attn.: Ray Naff, 475 Cottage St., Salem, OR 97301; Senator Bob Packwood, Attn.: Hanse Haney, 101 S.W. Main St., Suite 240, Portland, OR 97204; Congressman Les Au Coin, Attn.: Bernie Bottomly, 1220 S.W. 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204 and Congressman Ron Wyden, 500 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 250, Portland, OR 97232.

For additional information call Cleverne Jackson at 464-3815 or Bob Vieira, Acting Vice-Provost of Student Affairs at 464-4422.

Commissioner Bogle Announces Mentor Program

Commissioner Dick Bogle has announced the creation of the "Commissioner's Mentor Program" which recruits people to serve as positive role models for youth. The Commissioner's Mentor Program is a component of Ray Leary and Tony Hopson's Self-Enhancement Program where youth enrolled in that program will be matched with a mentor. The program will provide one-on-one contact between adult mentors and co-ed middle school kids for a period of one year.

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