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"The Eyes and Ears of the Community"

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Introducing:

Langston Hughes' Musical
"Simply Heavenly"
Portland State University
Aug. 25th - Sept. 11, 1988



Arnold Pitre as Bodiddly and Michael Holiday as Melon (Pictured, left to right).



Jeanette R. Brown as Zarita, and Neal Thomas as Simple (Pictured, left to right).

Introducing!



Kathleen Saadat
State Director of
Affirmative Action Office
of the Governor



Sue Bubby
Executive Director
Interstate Firehouse
Cultural Center (IFCC)

(Because of a prior printing error ... we are publishing another picture of Ms. Bubby).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Religious Editor, Ms. Mattie Spears, became ill Tuesday night and is recuperating at Holladay Park Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery and send our love and prayers to you, Mattie!

Portland Observer's Staff

Happy 43rd Birthday
Nyewusi Askari, News Editor,
Portland Observer

From The
Observer's Staff,
Keep Kicking!!!

NEWS MAKERS OF THE WEEK



Griffith Sekese

Two Black South African students arrived on the Lewis & Clark College campus Monday, August 15, to begin their Lewis & Clark undergraduate studies fall term.

Griffith Sekese and Thabiso Mofokeng will be the first South Africans ever to study at Lewis & Clark College, according to Greg Caldwell, director of International Students Services. Their studies are being funded in part by contributions raised by the South African Action Committee, a group of Lewis & Clark students.

"We've received great support from Lewis & Clark students and faculty," said Richard Lewis, committee spokesman. "Lewis & Clark students feel a strong commitment to the South African issue."

Thus far, the group has raised about \$3,200 toward its \$6,000 goal through a pledge campaign, donations and a bake sale. Other funding is from USAID and Lewis & Clark College.

"Lewis & Clark is such a small

school, that every person who comes here is real important," commented Lewis. He pointed out that the South African students will live in the dorms. "Lewis & Clark students will have a chance to have first-hand contact with South African students," said Lewis.

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Both Sekese and Mofokeng plan to major in the sciences. Sekese plans to major in chemistry and biology and to pursue a career in teaching and research in the industrial/commercial field. He was the top student in his junior certificate, which earned him a Coca-Cola merit award. Mofokeng plans to major in physics and mathematics and minor in computer sciences and engineering. He plans to teach after graduation.



Thabiso Mofokeng

Both students were recruited and selected in South Africa by the Educational Opportunities Council, headed by Bishop Desmond Tutu. The council has no affiliation with the South African government.

According to Aurora Associates, Inc., the minority-owned consulting firm responsible for placing the students, "The scholarship program responds directly to a need expressed by Black South African students for training opportunities abroad."

Aurora's program has received bipartisan support from Congress, which authorized funding through the U.S. Agency for International Development. Aurora has sponsored 101 Black South African students since 1983.

Contributions to help finance the education of these two South African students may be sent to:

South African Student
Scholarship Fund
c/o International Student Office
LC Box 192
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, OR 97219

ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK



She is warm, caring, gentle, soft-spoken and highly respected throughout the African-American community. When she speaks of children and their welfare, her eyes sparkle like diamonds. One of the common expressions you hear about her is "if she can't help you, she will find someone who can."

Since 1980, Mariah A. Taylor has been the Executive Director of the North Portland Nurse Practitioner's Community Health Clinic (NPCHC) located at 5311 North Vancouver Avenue. She possesses a B.S.N. from Southern Oregon State College; 1977 M.S.N., P.N.P., University of Colorado, Medical Center. She has received a number of honors and is a member of the Oregon Nurses Association, American Nurses Association and the Metropolitan Club of Portland.

This week, the Portland Observer is proud to salute Ms. Mariah Taylor as our "Role Model of the Week."

Exclusive Interviews With Mayoral Candidates

Campaign '88

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by Stephen E. McPherson

When November rolls around and the voters of Portland go to the polls, they are going to have the very difficult task of choosing not only the next President of the United States, but also the person who is going to control City Hall for another term.

In Portland they will either return the populist mayor to office or replace him with Ron Still, a former chief of police. Several curious characteristics distinguish the two candidates from each other. The challenger is suave, ponderous and clean-shaven. The mayor is flamboyant, garrulous and bearded. Ron Still, a former Democrat, was a public servant for 30 years before joining the private sector. Bud Clark, a former Republican worked in the private sector for 25 years before entering the public sector. Both are 56-years-old, were reared in the Portland area and educated in its public schools and local universities. Their attitudes toward issues are almost identical. Clark and Still consider gangs and illegal drug trafficking to be high priorities for the ensuing administration. They both support the governor's new proposal in that regard. They also believe that the commissioner form of government is an anachronism which should be replaced with something less cumbersome and amenable to the exigencies of the '90s. Both candidates agree that the police pension system should be merged with the state retirement system in order to eliminate certain abuses. Neither was very clear as to how the city might regain control of the defunct urban renewal project sponsored by the Emanuel Hospital Center. Other than an obvious difference in personalities, the only other striking contrast between the two candidates might be their management style. The following is an exclusive, in-depth interview, that each person gave to the **Portland Observer** on separate occasions. —



Mayor Bud Clark

Mayor Clark: consider the convention center to be the main achievement of my tenure. It was only a month after I had been elected in the primaries that I went out to the convention bureau which is now the Portland, Oregon Convention Bureau. We went to the tri-county area rather than just to the people in Portland. It had been too long that the people of the city were paying for those things that the entire metropolitan area enjoyed. I campaigned very hard and won their support. This was instrumental in bringing the communities together whereas before there had been a lot of division among them.

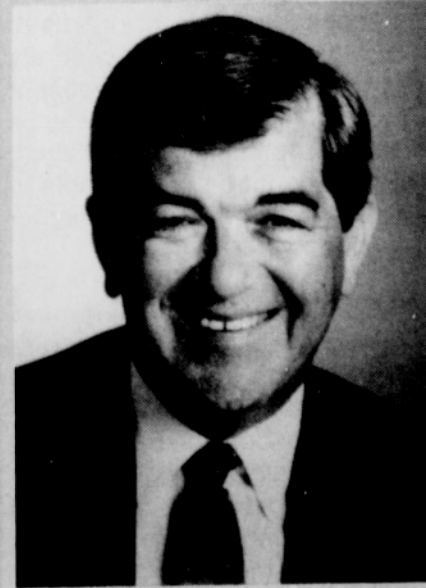
The other thing I did was to get development going on the East side of the river. I have moved the economic development of the city from the West side of the river to the East side.

Another thing I assisted in getting started, following the lead of

Question 1:

Why do you want to be the mayor of Portland?

Mayor Clark: I thought this city needed a better promoter. I thought it needed a newer positive approach and there were a number of areas in which I thought it needed improvement and a change of attitude. The city was in a stale position, too. The mayor wasn't willing to go ahead with a convention center. He would not put his head on the line for that. The convention center would not ever have been proposed if I had not run for mayor. The community has wanted it to happen for a long time. Seattle built one 25 years ago. That's the way I conceived it even before I took office. It was only a month after I was elected in the primaries did the measure pass. —



Ron Still

Question 2:

What did you achieve during your tenure in office?★★★★★★★★★★

Roger Beaseley of U.S. Bank Corporation, was the leadership round table. In short, it brings together Mat Prophet, myself, the Private Industry Council and Tom Nelson from the Business Youth Exchange. We pool all of our funds and identify a spectrum of kids at risk such as those who are difficult to hire. We identify what can be done to keep kids in school. Make it so that they can have a stake in the community and so that they can have long term futures. This is the solution to gangs. This is the long term solution to drug abuse. This the long term solution to idleness in the streets. It is the long term solution to a whole lot of social problems. The Reagan administration continually takes money away from the city. We have been struggling with economic problems ever since I took office. Talk about good management, it is good management that has maintained our triple AAA bond rating. —

Still: It was March of 1981 when we had the infamous opium incident and May of 1981 when we had the drug scandal. I became Chief on June 1, 1981. My job was to regain credibility for the bureau. When when I left in 1985 they had a situation when Chief Harrington was in office. That was when the choke hold incident was followed by the T-shirt that read " Don't choke them, Smoke them."

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Still: The reason I am running for mayor is that I love this city. I love the people. We have a lot of potential. I hate to see it go the way of Newark and some of the cities that have deteriorated. I am trying to make this a non-personality race. It is not always that way. Because of my educational background, my knowledge of the city and my interest in urban planning I can do a better job. I have an interest in tourism. I was convention manager in 1984. I know business and I know public relations. The city needs leadership and I want to provide it. So I have been willing to give up two years of my life to aspire and work towards getting the job. I am also willing to give up four years of my life to clean up the city. —

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