

FRED PRINCE GIVES TOUGH LOVE TO THE EARN AND LEARN SUMMER STUDENTS



By Jimi Johnson

Anticipating a long hot summer, Governor Neil Goldschmidt asked that something be done in the North/Northeast community for "gang affected" and "gang associated" youth. As a result, the Earn and Learn program was born with the assistance of Portland Public Schools, Private Industry Council, and Portland Community College (Cascade Campus). The program is geared to urban youth in North/Northeast Portland ages 14 through 21. The focus is on self-esteem, education, and employment readiness.

Students who attend the program are paid a stipend of \$100 a week, and are given classes in computer training as well as the basic skills in

education. Students are penalized for unexcused absences, disrespectful behavior and wasting time, by having their pay deducted in a specific amount of dollars.

According to Mr. Prince, the attendance rate is "approximately 90%, and for the population of students (40 out of 45 slots were filled) that's really great".

Prince a "street wise" former gang counselor with the Urban League of Portland says, "I came to know and love these students, and I can't think of anything better to do with my life than working with inner city youth".

"Mr. Prince has been kind of like a dad to me, he really tries to help, and he really cares about you", stated

Bradley Mercer a summer student.

Besides attending classes, students frequently visit various work places such as IBM, Xerox, and many others to give them a glimpse of the "real world".

"I wish this program would never end", stated Nicola Spears a 14 year old freshman. The Earn and Learn program will end on August 18th.

T. West, a computer instructor, is looking at some older students being placed on jobs, once the the program is over.

At least for the time being, some young people in our community received a real chance to earn and learn.

CASCADE BUSINESS CENTER HAS WORKING CAPITAL

The Cascade Business Center Corporation and the Oregon Resources Technology Development Corporation announce the creation of a loan fund designed to assist the growing businesses in N.E. Portland. The loan fund is financed by ORTDC with an initial principal investment of \$40,000. It is hoped that other organizations with an interest in economic growth at the small business incubator will add to the revolving loan fund.

"It's a unique partnership between the two organizations and a needed special approach to financing for emerging businesses in Cascade," said John Beaulieu, ORTDC president.

The Cascade Business Center Corporation operates two business incubators in Northeast Portland, located at the PCC Cascade Campus and on North Vancouver Avenue with a total square footage of 36,121. The Center creates an environment in which new and existing businesses develop. Services provided include leased space, administrative services, and most important, management assistance.

After two years in operation, CBCC now includes 15 member businesses, four of which have joined CBCC this year. Currently, six businesses are applying for the remaining space and services.

"The program will allow CBCC member businesses to act quickly on market opportunities and gain finance experience," said Tom Hampson,

Cascade Executive Director. According to Hampson, financing is critical to small business success, yet the risks inherent during the early years of growth in new businesses make conventional financing difficult to obtain. "Cascade has added the loan fund to assist businesses with selected types of financing to support sales until conventional financing can be obtained," he said.

An additional presenter to the Cascade project is Northwest Capital Network, a non-profit business/investor referral service that brings together entrepreneurs requiring capital with investors seeking specific venture opportunities. Through a computerized system, NCN systematically matches capital-needy businesses with appropriate investors. NCN makes the vital link quickly and efficiently while protecting the identities of all parties.

Six scholarships (free 12 month entrepreneur NCN subscriptions) given to the Cascade Business Center are sponsored by Pacific Power & Light (PP&L), Portland General Electric (PGE) and tektronix, Inc. These 6 subscriptions are to be given to emerging businesses that are looking for capital infusion and are members of the Cascade family.

Representative Margaret Carter, Chairperson of the Trade and Economic Development Committee, will be the key presenter for the event.

For information Call: Tom Hampson (503) 284-3830.

MEETING NOTICE

The North-Northeast Economic Development Task Force has scheduled a community meeting on August 16, 1989 at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th. The purpose of this meeting will be held in the Cafetorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

It has been brought to our attention that the Coalition of Black Men, Oregon Business League, and the Black United Fund of Oregon were omitted from our list of acknowledgements. We apologize for this oversight and publicly go on record thanking these groups and their members for their contributions and efforts. If you are aware of any omission of a similar nature, please bring it to our attention at the meeting.

BISHOP ARCHIE RAY HOPKINS TO BE HONORED

by Dee J. Walker

Bishop Archie Ray Hopkins will be honored by the attendance of the International Bishop J.O. Patterson of the Churches of God in Christ at a banquet this month in Portland.

Bishop Patterson will be the guest speaker at the official Inauguration Banquet, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd.

Appointed to the position in November 1988, Bishop Hopkins has displayed his leadership and concern for the community. He has worked to bring about the restoration of a historic landmark in Northeast Portland, McKenney Temple.

As Bishop of Oregon First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Pastor Hopkins has shown himself to be a man with a vision by restoring McKenney Temple to be the state headquarters.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE BLACK MALES BECOMING EXTINCT?

Cityscope explores this controversial and sensitive issue.

The program will lead off with excerpts from the community and some startling facts. Featured guests include, Dr. Darrell Milner, chair of Portland State University's Black Studies Department; PSU students Ron White and Kenneth Groves; Useni Perkins, executive officer of the Urban League; and Leon Harris, general manager of the Portland Observer Newspaper. Also, cameo appearances by the late Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Panel guests include Harold Williams, co-chair of the Coalition of Black Men; Jack Ryan, Franklin High School educator; and Ray Wilson, chair of the high risk committee for the Multnomah County Juvenile Services Commission.

Other program repeats are YOUTH ALTERNATIVES on August 19...SEXUAL ASSAULT on August 26...MIND ABUSE BY CULTS AND OTHERS on September 2...THE CLOSE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE on September 9...Fall programming will start September 16, 1989.

Cityscope, KPDX's all new locally produced public affairs show is co-hosted by Gayle Rich and Steve Leader. Cityscope can be seen Saturday mornings at 10:30. IT'S WORTH WAKING UP FOR!

Mrs. Freddye Petett resigns from AFS

Yunker report vindicates her of any wrong doing but she feels Oregon not ready for the type of vision she has for disadvantaged people. Governor praises her work

By Stephen E. McPherson, Special Correspondent

In the aftermath of Mrs. Freddye Petett's immolation, a very careful post-mortem dissection confirms that her demise was totally unnecessary.

It is very important to know that the Division of Adult and Family Services has been on the whipping rack of both the legislature and voters for more than two decades. At the time Neil Goldschmidt became governor, the AFS was one of the areas he targeted for change. Keith Putnam, a loyal party hack, was replaced with Mrs. Freddy Petett. That change did not bode well with the democratic hierarchy but Neil Goldschmidt was like the knight on a white steed who could do no wrong. Whoever were his political nemeses at the time acquiesced.

Mrs. Petett made many changes that modernized the division, reduced costs and improved services to their clients. Many of the changes did not set well with the senior staff who had allied themselves with Mr. Putnam.

When the legislature reconvened, an infight already was brewing among the democratic leadership. Vera Katz, the powerful president of the senate, frequently expressed her displeasure with the lack of direction she had received from the governor's office with reference to new legislation.

It is very significant to record that she hired Keith Putnam, the deposed former head of AFS, to advise her on matters regarding the entire Division of Human Resources. It was during this period that Mr. Kevin Concanon came under very serious criticism. It is surprising to observe that he has been able to survive the onslaught.

During the interim Beverly Clarno, the bellicose freshman legislator from Bend, thrust herself into the conflagration. She made no secret of the fact that she abhorred clients of the AFS and the process of the welfare system in particular. She contended that the state was underwriting immorality and also contributing to the dissolution of the family. She then set about to prove that moneys were being wasted in that effort. She focused her attention on Tom Waters, the administrator from her own region.

For six months all sorts of accusations were levied against Adult and Family Services. Mrs. Freddy Petett temporarily relinquished her position as administrator of the division. She did so in order to protect her near \$1 billion biennial budget which was in jeopardy of failure in the state legislature. This selfless act of contrition probably contributed to Mrs. Petett's undoing. At the time this column reluctantly concluded that when Mrs. Petett stepped aside temporarily from her position as administrator of the AFS such a move would be permanent. It is indeed remorseful to acknowledge the accuracy of



that prediction.

Governor Neil Goldschmidt appointed Jon Yunker to assume the temporary leadership of the division. He was given the responsibility to investigate its operation and then report his findings to the governor for further evaluation.

Curiously, Jon Yunker also engaged Keith Putnam, the deposed head of the division to assist him in his investigation. Predictably, he made a number of recommendations which in effect rescinded the organizational changes Mrs. Petett had made during her short tenure in office.

It is interesting to observe that soon after assuming his new role, Mr. Yunker became very proactive in the day to day operation of the division. He called an early press conference to announce a number of administrative changes which would go into effect immediately. He later coupled that action with a number of personnel changes which sent a clear signal to the public that he would not content himself solely with an investigation but also would toy with several nuances of the basic organizational structure.

In short, most of the changes that Mrs. Petett had made reverted back to the system devised by Mr. Putnam.

At that juncture it did not take a soothsayer to predict that it would be impossible for Mrs. Petett to reclaim her former position.

The press conferences organized around her resignation were a poorly contrived orchestration of deceit. Both Mr. Yunker and the governor praised Mrs. Petett for the excellent job she

had done during her two and one half year tenure. To be sure, the final Yunker report clearly vindicated Mrs. Petett of any wrong doing or incompetence.

Of the 29 specifications of the charges examined, none was of a serious nature. Then why should Mrs. Petett feel compelled to resign the position in which she had distinguished herself for the past two years?

Then why should Mrs. Petett have been subjected to this sacrifice? Perhaps Governor Goldschmidt offered the best explanation when he said that when bad news is generated, we have a tendency to shoot the messenger. He indirectly implicated his own lack of leadership when he said that at one point much of the furor that arose out of this problem could have been averted if he had responded with immediate disciplinary action. That lack of response gave opponents a certain advantage which eroded the public's perception that then could be placated only by being handed somebody's head.

The second personal sacrifice that Mrs. Freddy Petett has made to re-establish the credibility of the present administration probably will cause other potential servants of the state government to reconsider any opportunities which would avail them of the chance to make a difference in a fickle and changing society. Mrs. Petett's parting words that "Oregon is not ready for my kind of vision," might apply to many others who also would shun government service.

THE PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS ARE HOLDING TRYOUTS FOR THE BLAZER DANCE TEAM

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday, August 12

Memorial Coliseum Assembly Hall

Applications available at the Blazer office.

All dancers must be 21 years of age by Nov. 3, 1989.

First round of competition will be freestyle dance.

Each contestant must be prepared to dance freestyle for one minute to music provide by the Trail Blazers. Contestants will be judged in three categories: dance ability, enthusiasm and appearance. Cuts will be made after each round.

2nd round contestants will be taught a basic dance routine. After the 2nd round cuts we will break for lunch.

The third and final round will consist of learning a portion of a jazz routine which will be evaluated that evening. All 2nd round finalists will return the next day at 8:30am for the last portion of the jazz routine which will be taught and performed. Approximately 30 dancers will be selected and asked to attend two weeks of rehearsal. At the end of this two weeks period, 13 dancers will be selected to represent the 1989-90 Blazer Dance Team.