

# Governor's Race Dead-Locked

The New Governor's Campaign in Oregon for 1990 between Attorney General David Frohnmayer and Secretary of State Barbara Roberts is virtually "dead-locked" according to the study commissioned by the law firm of Vick and Gutzler of Portland and Salem.

The Vick and Gutzler commissioned study asked 600 voters statewide during the week of February 14-16, 1990 who would be the choice for Governor. The results were not as some Republicans in Oregon had predicted.

According to the Vick and Gutzler study, a survey conducted by the Withlin Group of McClean Virginia, Frohnmayer had a slim 33% to 28% lead over his gubernatorial opponent, Barbara Roberts, who recently entered the race after incumbent Democrat Neil Goldschmidt announced he would not seek re-election.

Vick and Gutzler's study showed that after many months of organization and campaigning, A.G. Frohnmayer has considerable weakness statewide. "This is particularly important in that Mr. Frohnmayer's lead over Goldschmidt has virtually vanished with Roberts in 'the race,'" said Glen Comuntzis, the Vick and Gutzler CMO and Analyst for the study.

"Dave and Barbara are virtually tied in the tri-counties with Dave leading somewhat in the Willamette Valley and East of the Cascades, but Roberts does well on the coast and holds her own in Southern Oregon," according to the report.

"This also portends some trouble for GOP candidate Frohnmayer who, after ten years of service as A.G. of Oregon finds that he can barely muster a little over 30%. As a consequence, Comuntzis stated that Frohnmayer has a decided problem within his own Party statewide "which a Republican cannot afford in a state like Oregon with a decided edge in registration to the Democrats," he said.

The Vick and Gutzler study "is good news for the fledgling Roberts' Campaign, and, I would think very disturbing news to the Frohnmayer Campaign." Comuntzis reported, "Usually at this point in time in a campaign in Oregon, virtually 80% of the electorate are decisive in their perceptions for Governor. Yet, this one is barely 60%! This means that the Republicans will be forced to rethink, to re-strategize, and to reconsider the entire process."

Comuntzis reported, "Mrs. Roberts must be pleased because the study shows that the playing field of Oregon politics is now level, and she is free to engage her political opponent." With the election only nine months away, voters in Oregon are taking a more than usual wait-and-see attitude about their next governor.

Given the statistical error rate in the study, the 33%-28% result makes this race a virtual tie if the election were held today. Chief Marketing Officer of the firm Vick and Gutzler, Glen Comuntzis is the former Political Field Director of the Republican Governors Association, and former Research Director of the National Republican Congressional Committee, both in Washington, D.C. Vick and Gutzler maintain law offices in Portland, Salem, Eugene, and Hillsboro.

## "Women and Racism"

Thursday, March 8, 1990  
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

- \* What causes you more discrimination, your gender or your race?
- \* How (when, where) have you experienced discrimination?
- \* What can we do to change things?

On International Women's Day, come to discuss these and related questions at the Multnomah County Public Library, Main Branch, S.W. 10th and Yamhill, Meeting Room A. No admission fee.

Sponsored by the Undoing Racism Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Portland Branch. For more information, call 224-5190.

## Don't Lose Federal Child Care Tax Credit

If you are paying for child or dependent care to allow you to work, there is a federal income tax credit that can help defray some of that cost. It's called the Credit for Child and Dependent Care.

This year, you could lose that tax credit if you don't supply the identifying number of the person or company providing the child care. Under changes in the law, you are required to supply the dependent care provider's correct name, address and identification number (the Social Security number, if the care is provided by an individual) when you file your tax return for 1989.

This is true even if your child care is provided through a program sponsored by your employer. The only exception to this requirement is if the care is provided by a tax exempt organization, such as a church.

You can use an IRS Form W-10 to obtain this information from your child care provider.

Further information is available in IRS Publication 503, "Child and Dependent Care Expenses," which is available free by calling 1-800-424-3676 (FORM).



# Research Center Documents Black History

by Henry Duvall

Millions of Americans may observe Black History Month every February, but to a university-based research center in the nation's capital, Black history is "an everyday experience."

Such noted Black figures as civil rights activist Mary Church Terrell, actor/singer Paul Robeson and former Ghanaian president Kwame Nkrumah come to life among the thousands of materials making up Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.

The center is so rich in materials documenting historical experiences of people of African descent that author Taylor Branch conducted research there that contributed to his award-winning book on the American civil rights movement, "Parting the Waters."

Author David J. Garrow also found material that led to his biography of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., "Bearing the Cross." And noted historian John Hope Franklin has relied on the facility for some of his work.

This past December, Moorland-Spingarn celebrated an anniversary: 75 years of growth from a single donated collection to a research facility recognized today as being one of the world's largest and most comprehensive repositories on the history and culture of Black people in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States.

To honor the center for its "outstanding collection of cultural and historical material," the District of Columbia City Council declared last Dec. 16 "Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Day" in the nation's capital.

"Here the history of Black people is our business—our only business," says Thomas Battle, Ph.D., director of the center.

What's significant is that "Moorland-Spingarn has the resources to document the contributions of Black people in world civilization," he stresses in an interview.

Housed in the historically Black university's Founders Library, Moorland-Spin-

garn has more than 115,000 volumes and some 400 collections of manuscripts and personal papers of such notables as former Urban League president Vernon Jordan and former Congressman Charles C. Diggs Jr., as well as archival records of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, among others.

It also has a collection of Black newspapers, 700 tapes and transcribed interviews from the American civil rights movement, several thousand recordings of Black artists and more than 3,000 pieces of sheet music from Black composers.

"Part of our mission is to broaden the understanding of Black history, to disseminate information, and to preserve Black history wherever Black people have gone," Battle explains. "Every month is Black History Month at Moorland-Spingarn. Black history is an everyday experience."

The 43-year-old director, who says he has a "deep-seated commitment" to Black history and preservation, points out that in addition to students, researchers, writers and scholars from around the globe pursue research at Moorland-Spingarn.

Further, many requests for historical materials, including photographs, come from government agencies, public and private schools, community groups, professional organizations and the news media, especially around the time of Black History Month, says Battle.

As early as 1873, when New York abolitionist Lewis Tappan donated material on anti-slavery activities, Howard University began to establish a library documenting the history of people of African descent. But it wasn't until 1914 that the effort gained momentum.

In December 1914, Jesse Moorland, a Howard alumnus and trustee who was a secretary of the YMCA, donated his private library of some 3,000 books and other historical material on Black people to start what has grown into the present-day research center.

Instrumental in the center's development was Howard alumna Dorothy Porter

Wesley, who was one of the first Black women to earn a master's degree in library science from Columbia University. In 1930, she became the curator of the Moorland Collection, and later played a major role in acquiring another sizable collection, the Spingarn Collection.

In 1946, the university acquired the collection of Arthur B. Spingarn, a civil rights attorney who served as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1940 to 1965. The Spingarn Collection is comprised of works by Black authors in more than 20 languages, including rare material from Afro-Cuban, Afro-Brazilian and Haitian writers.

Wesley spent 43 years building the collections until she retired in 1973. "We view Dorothy Porter Wesley as our matriarch," says Battle. "She has taken the various threads—collections and resources—which have been woven into the fabric that makes the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center."

Although the 1914 Moorland donation was the cornerstone for the creation of a major repository, it wasn't until 1973 that the university's collections were reorganized and expanded to form the present-day Moorland-Spingarn Research Center. It includes manuscript and library divisions, and houses the Howard University Museum and archives.

Today, Moorland-Spingarn is in the process of developing several collections, including the documentation of the Black Panther Party. It is also documenting the work of Black Panther Party. It is also documenting the work of Black architects, anthropologists, journalists, lawyers, physicians and social scientists.

For the future, Battle would like to develop an international organization of "friends of Moorland-Spingarn" to provide additional support for the center's collections. He also hopes for a bigger facility "to accommodate and maintain our vast holdings, and provide research and exhibition space, as well as expand our preservation program."

# The Locker Room

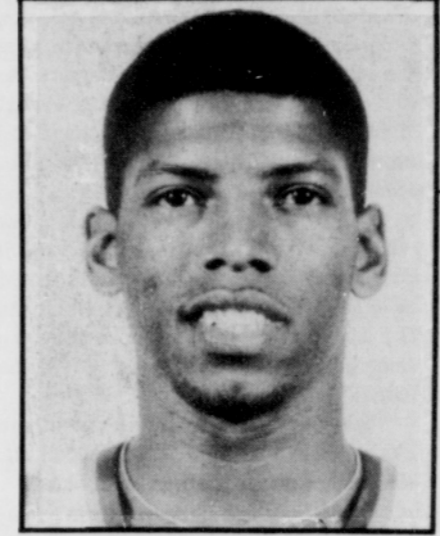
by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.



Not only is Kevin Johnson one of the finest point guards in the NBA, he is a decent human being with a strong sense of community and social responsibility.

After renegotiating a very lucrative contract with the Phoenix Suns last year, the first thing he did was buy a piece of property in Sacramento on which he plans to build a community center. KJ said that he wanted to give something back to the neighborhood he grew up in. People gave to him as a youth and he wants to do the same for future generations. The center will be called St. Hope Academy.

"When I speak about my success as an athlete, I have to give credit to a lot of people. There were so many people who helped me along the way and who were important to me at certain stages of my life," said the third year Cal-Berkeley product.



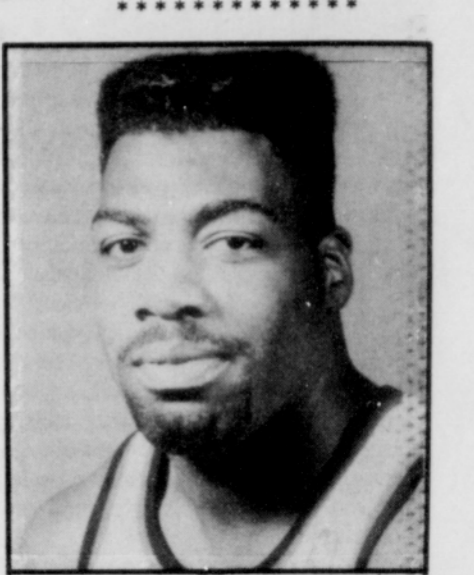
Currently averaging 21.1 points per game and 11.0 assists per game, Johnson's objective is to enrich the lives of youngsters culturally, educationally, and spiritually. He wants to bring joy and hope in their lives also.

"I see so much confusion with young people today," he said. "I want them to know that someone cares about them and encourage them to keep trying. It's so easy to give up. The whole goal is to teach

someone to try. You can climb any mountain. Success is based too much on whether you win or lose, not enough on trying."

With the inspired play of Johnson, the Suns are staying hot on the trail of the Blazers and they should make a solid run down the stretch. KJ made the NBA Star game this year also.

"We use to be the underdogs but now we can't sneak up on anybody," he said. "It's a nice challenge. I'm excited about our chances and the way we have progressed this year."



My heart goes out to Mark Bryant of the Portland Trailblazers. This has been a very tough year for him. First, his best friend is still in a coma from a December car accident and now, he loses his mother (Harriett, 53, of South Orange) and aunt (Ora M. Lance, 54, of Montclair, N.J.) in a fatal crash. Stephen Bryant, his brother, suffered a broken leg. His mother and aunt were pronounced dead at the scene. Cards to Mark can be sent to Trailblazers, 700 NE Multnomah St., Portland, Oregon 97232. Please, Portland Observer readers, lend him your support.

Mark, if I can say anything to comfort you, don't put a question mark where god has put a period. God bless you, during your times of trouble.

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