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Trail Blazers To Participate In National Fishing Week



Photo by Veronica Green

Portland Trail Blazer Buck Williams will talk with kids about "getting hooked on fishing, not drugs" at an assembly was held for 700 students at Sabin School in Northeast Portland On Thursday, at 1:30 p.m.

The assembly, hosted by Sabin School and the Forest Service, will kick off National Fishing Week and "unveil" a poster featuring Williams and Kevin Duckworth and the National

Fishing Week theme, "Get Hooked on Fishing, Not On Drugs."

"The Trail Blazers and fishing are two of the things Oregonians love most. Getting them together to reach out to the young people in our community with a drug-free message is an exciting opportunity," said Regional Forester John Butruille.

Sabin School is one of seven Early Education Centers in the Portland area

and is an active participant in the Success for Students at Risk (STAR) Plan. The STAR Plan outlines various programs and activities to help students at risk meet their full potential in school and in the community.

The assembly will be held in the school gymnasium and will last about half an hour. Sabin School is located at 4013 NE 18th (NE 18th and Shaver). Members of the media are encouraged to attend.

Noted Scientist Addresses New Banking Association

Dr. Julian Earls, a nationally known scientist, will be the keynote speaker at the first annual recognition Banquet sponsored by the Oregon Association of Urban Bankers (OAUB).

The Oregon Association of Urban Bankers is a new organization formed to promote and develop minority professionals in Oregon's banking and financial industry.

The Portland chapter is affiliated with the National Association of Urban Bankers which represents over 1,700 minority professionals in 30 chapters located throughout the United States.

"The chapter was formed in order to give minority professionals in the financial services industry in Portland a forum to exchange ideas and to establish a network of support," said Valerie White, formerly a vice president at U.S. Bank and the chapter's first president. "We felt it was important to have an organization that could nurture professional relationships within a corporation and among member companies."

Membership in OAUB consists primarily of minority professionals from Oregon's major banking institutions. Representation includes U.S. Bank, First Interstate Bank, Security-Pacific Bank, Seafirst Bank and West One Bank. OAUB welcomes minority professionals from smaller banks as well as from related financial industries such as insurance, brokerage and securities, finance and real estate.

"We have received tremendous support from the top management at all of the large banks," White said. "In



Dr. Julian Earls

addition, we have been very encouraged by the interest shown by people in professions such as insurance and accounting."

OAUB is launching its first annual Recognition Banquet by featuring Dr. Julian Earls on Thursday, April 25. Dr. Earls is the director of Health Services at the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. His many awards and honors includes election into the inaugural class of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame for his scientific achievements and unselfish record for the welfare of others. Dr. Earls was inducted with such distinguished individuals as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The OAUB banquet will be held at the Portland Hilton Hotel starting at 6:30 p.m. The evening begins with a reception featuring the Jefferson High School Jazz Combo and includes a Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction and banquet will benefit OAUB's Minority Student Scholarship Fund. Admission to the dinner is \$50, and ticket information can be obtained by contacting June Clarke at 295-1461.

MYCAP Celebrates Its Third Year Anniversary

BY TONY WASHINGTON

April 14, 1991 marked three years that the Minority Youth Concerns Action Program has been in existence. MYCAP was co-founded by Lonnie Jackson, Minority Affairs Coordinator at McClaren School and Samuel Pierce, Executive Director of MYCAP, along with four other community activists.

MYCAP is an organization that works with African American male youth between the ages of 15-20 years. While MYCAP services a wide range of youth needs, one of its specialties is achieving success with gang affected youth. In only three short years MYCAP is now in over forty states. Through local and national presentations, the organization is fast becoming a national model for treatment of gang affected youth.

MYCAP is the first organization in the country to introduce the concept of a "treatment model" for working with gang youth. According to Lonnie Jackson, "The concept is taking hold and gaining approval all across the country where I've done presentations. Whether in Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Michigan, etc., people are amazed at our approach to this problem." At press date, Mr. Jackson is the main speaker at a national conference in Los Angeles.

Tim Holt, who is MYCAP'S Program Director, and conducts its Transition School, was recently in Washington, D.C. for a national youth conference. Although he was not there as a presenter, "once they heard about what we were doing here in Portland, they asked me back next year as a presenter for the conference."

Executive Director Pierce is very



Mycap Martin Luther King Celebration

pleased with MYCAP's progress but remains modest about its national reputation. "Yes, we have come a long way, but we still have much further to go. One would think that an organization who has been as successful as ours would not have to be running down donations, but today we are still struggling financially." According to Pierce, the organization needs about \$100,000 this year to provide the kind of quality service that MYCAP is noted for.

Said Pierce, "The media often portray our children as being bad, but I don't buy it. You would be surprised how caring and loving most of these

young people are. They just need positive adults who are willing to invest in their lives. They need to be taught how to become a man in a society that consistently attempts to strip them of their manhood."

Currently the organization works primarily with males, but due to the number of female participants and referrals, a female component is in the works.

Other MYCAP staff include Steve Huffman, Activity Director, Leslie Abbott, Administrative Assistant, Eric Williams, Live-in Supervisor and Demetrius Taylor, Case Manager Trainee.

"The Black Family Crisis"

The National Black Police Association (NBPA) is holding its Western Region Conference Thursday, April 25, 1991 through Saturday, April 27, 1991.

The Oregon Black Law Enforcement United (BLEUS) is hosting the conference, which will be held at the Westin-Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 228-2000.

Friday, April 26, 1991

BLEUS Community Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \$28.00
Featuring commissioner of Police Willie L. Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Keynote Speaker
Chief Tom Potter - Portland Po-

lice Bureau
Chief Mac Lockett - Portland Public School Police

Awards will be presented to members of the community in recognition of their commitment to public service.
Saturday, April 27, 1991

Prayer Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$10.00

Guests include

Pastor Phillip Nelson,

Allen Temple C.M.E.

Panel Discussion -

The Black Family Crisis

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Dance & Show

9:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. \$10.00

YMCA Slates Camp Sign-Up Week

April 22-26 is Camp Sign-up week for all eight branches of the Columbia-Willamette YMCA.

Special events will highlight summer day and resident camp programming for children and youth, ages K through Grade 12 throughout the four-county area. Parents can register children for Day Camping, Summer Discovery Days (full-day childcare). Special Interest and Sports Camps.

In addition, pre-registration forms for the YMCA's full facility camp, Camp Collins, 8 miles east of Gresham on the Sandy River will also be available. Included in Camp Collin's activi-

ties for children Grades 1 through 12 are Resident Camps, Teen Camps, Leadership Camps, Horse Camps, Rafting Camps, Cross Culture Camps, Family Camps and Mini-Camps for children, ages 6 and 7.

Camp Collins will be having Open Houses on Sunday, April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Sunday June 9th from 2 to 4 p.m. Interested parents and campers are invited to meet camp staff and visit and tour the grounds and facilities.

Financial assistance is available for campers in all of the summer camping programs. For more information call, 223-YMCA.