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New Officers on

Ernest Estes, an attorney for Bonneville Power Administration, has been selected president of the Board of Directors of the Garlington Center for North/Northeast Community Mental Health. Theresa Williams-Stoudamire has been selected vice president. Other officers include the Rev. James Faulkner, treasurer, and Rosemary Anderson, sec-

retary. Sharon Nickleberry has been elected to membership on the board.

The Garlington Center, 4950 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. a \$3 million private, non-profit organization, provides mental health services to children, adults and families at several facilities in North and Northcast Portland.

Attends Johnson & Johnson National Head Start Program

Local Head Start Leader

Ronald Herndon, of Albina Ministerial Alliance in Portland, accepts his Head Start-Johnson & Johnson Management Fellows Program certificate from advisory board members during the first annual program held at the John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California -- Los Angeles. Pictured from left are: Alfred Osborn, director, UCLA Entrepreneurial Studies Center; Wendy Logan, vice president, Johnson & Johnson Hospital Services; Herndon; Marlys Gustafson, director, program support division, Head Start Bureau; and Victor Tabbush, associate dean & director of Executive Education at UCLA

New Chairman For **Multnomah Education** Service District

Drew and Rahsaan Elected to PCC's Faculty Federation **Executive Council**

Jean Drew and Halim Rahsaan have become the first African Americans elected to the Portland Community College (PCC) Executive Council of the Faculty Federation.

Drew and Rahsaan were elected by the 1400 faculty federation which consists of instructors and counselors. The federation represents faculty in contract negotiations with Portland Community College.

Drew was hired as a small business instructor in July, 1984. She still holds that position. Rahsaan, an academic advisor, has been employed at PCC since December, 1974.

Rahsaan stated that he believes that his participation in the executive council will strengthen his advocacy for equal representation of people of color and fair treatment for all employees within the internal PCC structure.

Drew and Rahsaan have both been active members in the PCC African American Council (ACC). As a part of their responsibilities in the AAC, both Drew and Rahsaan have represented employees and assisted them in their attempt to communicate concerns and grievances to management.

Drew and Rahsaan have been outspoken regarding PCC's poor record in recruitment and employment of people of color. To this end, they were both active in the development of and have continued to monitor the Affirmative Action Policy at the college. Drew and Rahsaan have expressed their appreciation to the Federation Membership for the faith and confidence shown by their election to the Executive Council.

Housing Authority of Portland

A door of opportunity just opened President Ruby Foust, Vice-President people who live at Columbia Villa Gail Gibson, and Treasurer Angela and Tamarack Apartments in North Portland. Residents of these developments, owned and maintained by the Housing Authority of Portland, have a chance to be more involved in selfmanagement.

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The Columbia Villa/Tamarack Resident Council was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding of \$39,996 goes toward leadership training and exploring possibilities of becoming a Resident Management Corporation.

"The Resident Council and I are very excited to be awarded this grant. The Council has worked hard over the last year. They have a tremendous commitment to their community," said Myra Glasser, HAP Resident Services Coordinator. "This training and skill development will take the Council one step further in the growth of their community as well as in their own lives."

Three residents, along with Glasser, will attend a HUD-sponsored training in Boston, Mass., July 29-30. Attending are CV/T Resident Council

Purdy. Glasser and Foust will stay on in Boston to participate in a National Resident Management Corporation Conference, July 31-Aug. 3.

A two-year project, the goal of the grant is to build resident empowerment. Funds will pay for a consultant, selected by Resident Council members, who will train them in leadership and organizational skills. Future objectives for residents may include managing or operating an on-site grocery or laundry facility, or handling landscaping or painting services.

Glasser added,"For over a year, the Council consisted of these three women. Now it has 20 people committed to working hard over the next two years on this project, all the while maintaining their own jobs and families too."

Columbia Villa/Tamarack developments house 598 family and elderly households.

Training participants will be available to answer questions when they return from the conference. Contact Joleen Colombo, HAP Public Affairs at 273-4521.



Judy Chambers

The Multnomah Education Service District Board at its July 16 meeting selected Judy Chambers chairman for the 1991-92 school year. Mrs Chambers was re-elected to her position in the March election and is a homemaker

David Little

in North Portland.

David Little will serve as vicechairman. Mr. Little lives in the Parkrose School District and works for the Oregon State Employment Division. He is in the third year of his first term.

DMV Postpones Lloyd Center **Opening**

Construction delays have caused the Motor Vehicles Division to postpone the reopening of its Lloyd Center Express Office.

The office, closed since October as part of the mall-wide reconstruction project, was scheduled to open July 7.

DMV officials have rescheduled the opening for early August.

The office will be located on the Multnomah level near LaMont's and J.C. Penney, adjacent to the northeast parking structure.

BUF Upscales Community Support Techniques

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Portland's Black United Fund chapter (BUF) is hosting a program and staff development seminar conducted by Mr. William T. Merritt, president and CEO of the national organization based in Newark, New Jersey.

The local affiliate, headed by Amina Anderson, expects to greatly benefit from the considerable skills and experience provided by Mr. Merritt as he travels around the country delivering technical assistance to a number of chapters. This year's circuit will include Atlanta, Denver, Little Rock, Sacramento, the Chesapeake Bay area, and North Carolina.

The thrust of this effort will be "to expand the role of black and minority philanthropy and to encourage corporate leadership in the expansion of philanthropy in the inner city." The other side of this coin, of course, is the development of staff expertise in workplace solicitation (of funds) at the firms headed by these coroporate leaders. It is at these sites that the principal (but not all) fund raising activity of BUF oc-

curs

Members of an employer's workforce (industry or public agency) sign a "payroll deduction card" designating the Black United Fund as the recipient of a charitable donation through a regular 'Payroll Deduction Plan'. Other sources of funds are automatic contribution deductions from personal checking accounts and special community fund raisers. The organization is certified as tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service and contributions are tax deductible.

The following statement from an organization brochure succinctly states the overall purpose of BUF, locally and nationally:

"The National Black United Fund, Inc. (NBUF) and its growing number of affiliates are independent fundraising organizations operating to improve the quality of life of Black and minority people through self-help, mutual aid and volunteerism at the community level. NBUF organizes the resources of working Americans for our continued survival and development. We encourage

the community--at every economic level--to "invest" a portion of their resources in the form of ideas, skills, energy, materials, time and money. We need your help now for a brighter future."

The local chapter has provided funding and support to the following Portland organizations and programs: House of UMOJA, Portland Black Repertory Theatre, Council on Prostitution Alternatives, Sickle Cell Anemia Fund, North Portland Nurse Practitioners Clinic, Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement and many others.

Nationally, the Black United Fund (NBUF) is in its 18th year of a very innovative and successful operation. In the city of Baltimore, for instance, the organization directs and manages on a contractual basis the city's entire employee fund-raising campaign. Locally, BUF is initiating a major health care project aimed at reducing infant mortality. We wish nothing but further success for this forward-looking organization that supports our community in such commendable fashion.



BY TONY WASHINGTON

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for Spunky's Hamburgers, is happy to be in Northeast Portland. Employing residents from mainly Northeast Portland has put a boost on the employment scale.

laghan four years ago; the newest location is one of four in the metro area. Spunky's selected Northeast Port-

Douglas Reed, District Manager

Spunky's was started by Tim O'Calby and visit them.

area. Located at 7th and Broadway, Spunky's offers nearly 1/4 lb. burgers at a competitive cost of 99 cents. Mr.

Reed claims the cost is lower because Spunky's is strictly a drive-thru (the first of its kind in Northeast Portland) but also has a carry out. The Portland Observer would like to welcome Spunky's to Northeast Portland; stop

land due to the tremendous flow in the

Spunky's Comes to **Northeast Portland**