

BLACK EXCEL: Offers Free 100 Black Colleges List

Writer Isaac J. Black, founder of Black Excel, a nationwide service that assists minority students make informed college selections, is now offering a free list of over 120 historically Black colleges, including schools where African-Americans make up over 75% of their student bodies. Black Excel is making this list available, because many students of color are not aware of the wide range of possibilities available to them. The list includes school names, addresses, and admissions department numbers so that catalogs and review materials can be obtained for study. Black Excel is able to send out its free list because of the enthusiastic responses it has received from students across the country.

In the past year, Isaac Black and Black Excel have helped students select school and narrow their choices. Students who have used the service, have not only been accepted to historically Black Colleges like Spellman and Howard, but to schools like Pratt, Syracuse, Ohio State, Cornell, the University of Maryland, Wesleyan, Stony Brook, and Hofstra.

Isaac and his team sends students profiles and "insider" reports, including supplemental material about financial aid, etc. Another plus is an essay voucher system which allows students to get personalized, handwritten evaluations from a professional writer. Isaac, winner of the Gwen-

dolyn Brooks Literary Award for Fiction and several writing fellowships, says that a student who uses Black Excel will be so knowledgeable, he or she will be able to give classmates "the scoop" about schools and "admissions."

Those who are interested in obtaining a free college list and information about college enrollment and assistance, can write Black Excel at 28 Vesey Street (Suite 2239), New York, N.Y. 10007 or call (718) 527-8896 for a speedy response.

Oregon Pushes Health Care Plan Forward

by Senator Bob Packwood (R-OR)

What years ago seemed only like a dream, is today closer toward being reality. The 450,000 Oregonians without health insurance, some 18 percent of our state's population, are closer to receiving the necessary health care they deserve.

You have all heard about the Oregon health care plan that will offer basic health care services to all Oregonians. Well, the good news is that the enactment of this plan is closer now than ever before.

The Oregon Health Services Commission spent 18 months developing a prioritized list of 709 health care procedures. Then, the Oregon state legislature determined how many of the benefits would be offered under the plan. Based on public testimony and the Health Services Commission's prioritized list, the legislature decided the benefit package should include all health services through line 587 of the possible 709 items on the list.

The Oregon legislature has completed its job. It is now up to the federal government to approve a waiver of federal Medicaid law so that the health care package can be provided to low-income Oregonians through Medicaid, and by 1995, will be offered by employers to their employees.

At the moment, which branch of the

government will be charged with the decision of whether to grant the Medicaid waiver remains unclear. Oregon will push for the waiver through the Department of Health and Human Services in the executive branch of the federal government. Efforts are already underway to educate senior members of the Bush Administration of just how important the waiver is.

I invited Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, to Oregon in July to talk about our basic health care plan and other health initiatives. We toured and spoke with residents at two Oregon health care facilities--Regency Park in Beaverton and the Virginia Garcia Clinic in Cornelius. Dr. Sullivan's trip was a huge success. I have heard from numerous sources that he was impressed with the state's broad support for the health plan. This sort of reaction can only serve to help us in the long run.

Another senior health member of the Bush administration is planning a visit to Oregon as well. Gail Wilensky, Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which administers the Medicaid program, is coming to Portland on August 9, along with a group of nationally-recognized health care experts, for a day-long con-

ference I am co-hosting on Oregon's health care plan. The conference is called "The 1991 Conference on Health Care: The Oregon Solution," and Dr. Wilensky will be the keynote speaker. The conference is open to the public so all are encouraged to attend and participate in what will certainly be a lively and informative discussion on our innovative and revolutionary proposal. For more information about the conference, please contact Karen Belding in my Portland office at (503) 326-3370.

In the event that Oregon decides to also look for Congressional approval for the Medicaid waiver, I stand ready to introduce legislation and am confident that I could push it through the Senate. However, there is strong opposition in the House of Representatives, particularly by Congressman Henry Waxman of California.

During the waiting period, you may wonder what you can do to make our health care plan a reality. In short, the answer is to write to as many government leaders and opinion makers as possible. Letting decision makers know how strongly Oregonians feel about our health care proposal will stand us un good stead as we wait for a final decision on whether we can implement our plan.

Census Bureau to Collect Employment Data Here

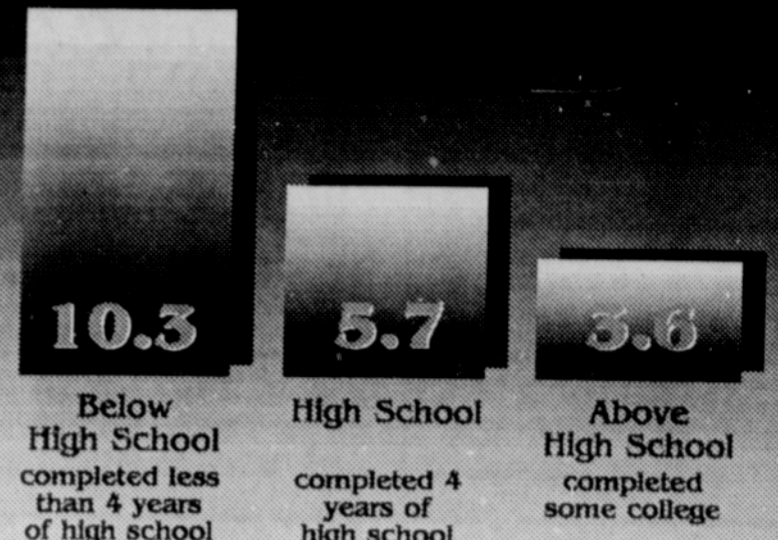
The U.S. Census Bureau will collect data on employment and unemployment from area residents the week of August 18-24, according to Leo C. Schilling, director of the bureau's Seattle regional office.

The local data will contribute to the national labor force picture to be released September 6 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Information supplied by individuals to the Census Bureau is kept confidential by law. Only statistical totals are published.

The graph shown represents the kind of information that comes from this survey. It compares the unemployment rates in April 1991 for various levels of education.

Unemployment Rate by Education Levels



(source: current Population Survey, April, 1991)

Search For New UO Law Dean Launched

The University of Oregon Provost Norman Wessells announced he is appointing a committee to conduct an extended local search in Oregon for a new dean for the School of Law.

"Dean Maurice Holland, who has been a very effective advocate for the law school for the past five years has agreed to continue as dean until June, 1992 or until a new dean can be appointed, whichever comes first," Wessells said.

"If a statewide search is successful in finding the right candidate to lead the school of law in these challenging times, we should have a new dean on the job as early as January. If a state search is unsuccessful, then a national search will be launched in September."

Wessells said that in a mutual agreement reached with the law dean, Holland will return to the faculty and resume his teaching and research. He also has agreed to lead the school's efforts to organize and establish a new International Institute for Natural Resources Law.

"Dean Holland and I agree that successful development of the international, interdisciplinary institute is one of the keys to ensuring the UO School of Law's future academic strength, fi-

ancial success and international distinction. The possibilities are very exciting. Much credit goes to Holland for proposing and developing the original concept for the institute. It capitalizes on two areas of legal studies which are of growing international importance and in which UO law faculty have already established a reputation for excellence--international law and environmental law.

"Despite the difficulties posed by a variety of controversies, inadequate state funding and the American Bar Association's Warnings on Accreditation standards faced by Dean Holland during his tenure," Wessells said, "the UO School of Law is stronger and much better positioned today to deal successfully with the challenges ahead. Dean Holland has built a good foundation for the future dean."

James Reinmuth, dean of the UO College of Business Administration, will head the search committee. Other persons asked to serve as committee members include Leslie J. Harris, associate professor of law; Ralph James Mooney, professor of law; Jon L. Jacobson, professor of law; Laird Kirkpatrick, professor of law; Nancy Brucker, assistant dean at the law school and associate director for planned giving at the UO Foundation; Duane Bosworth,

attorney and president of the law school board of visitors; and both another member of the Oregon legal community and a law student who will be named later.

"I very much appreciate the service that Maury Holland has given the university and the school during his tenure as dean," said UO President Myles Brand. "He has been a very effective advocate for the law school, and succeeded in marshalling a broad range of support from the university administration, the chancellor's office, the state legal profession and alumni for addressing the school's needs."

"Dean Holland is to be commended particularly for making progress in diversifying the ethnic makeup of the law faculty and in building new and strong relationships between the law school and the legal profession in the state," Brand said.

Holland became the eleventh dean of the UO School of Law in July 1986 following a national search for a successor to Derrick A. Bell. Holland is just completing his second three-year contract as dean.

Wessells said the search committee will seek applicants from the state's legal community and law school faculties.

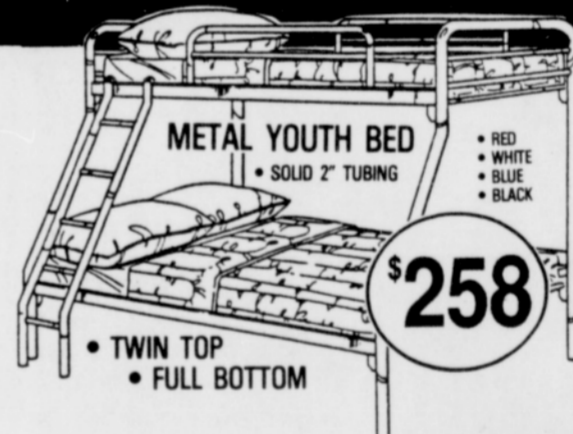
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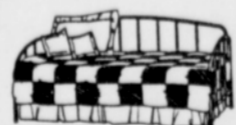
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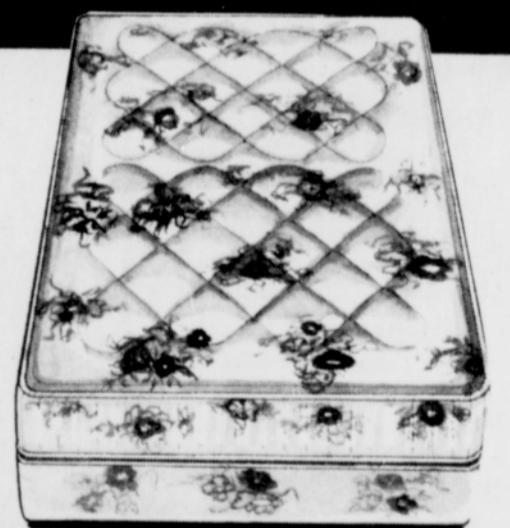
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