

Urban League and Oregon Minority Lawyers Association Set Demands

The following is a statement delivered by Dr. Darryl Tukufu, President and CEO, Urban League of Portland, and Attorney Jeffrey Millner, Co-Chair, Oregon Minority Lawyers Association on August 20, 1991:

Lack of sensitivity and understanding in regards to race, sex, and other issues that can divide people, has no place in our society. The issue is compounded when public servants place themselves in sensitive positions in public or in private.

Speaking on behalf of the Urban League of Portland, and a number of organizations including the Black United Front, NAACP, Self-Enhancement, Inc., Coalition of Black Men, and Operation PUSH, we are in agreement with the action proposed by the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Therefore, we encourage District Attorney, Michael Schrank, who inevitably must take responsibility for this situation, to restore credibility to his office by taking the following actions:

1. Have all members of his office

complete appropriate sensitivity training with respect to minority issues and minority contributions to society.

2. Seek the assistance of the Urban League of Portland, the Oregon State Bar's Affirmative Action Committee, and others if necessary, with respect to a review of his office's hiring and promotional practices as they impact minorities, including making appropriate recommendations for modifications of these practices as needed.

3. Request that Norman Frink make an acceptable public apology regarding his insensitive comments which have reached the public domain.

4. Request that Norman Frink re-clude himself from all hiring and employment promotion responsibilities until he has undergone the sensitivity training described in item 1.

5. Request that Norman Frink attend African-American history courses at Portland State University for one year to help him learn the contributions Blacks have made to society and the world.

Is This The Year?



Greg Brandon, promising "halfback" for Roosevelt High School's 1991-92 football season

Roosevelt High School has high hopes for the 1991-92 football season, spurred on no doubt by the great show of talent that has turned out for this year's campaign.

We have chosen for our first highlight of this team, Greg Brandon, a 6'3", 200 lb. running back. A 16 yr. old Junior with proven potential, he was a star last year with the Arlington-Lamar (Texas) team that went to the state finals. Roosevelt Coach, Roger Casciani has great expectations for this versatile young player who also led the Texas team to a District Championship in basketball. This summer Greg played in the summer league for the City of Dallas.

He is the son of Joyce Brandon of Arlington, Texas and Glen Brandon of North Portland. Greg was a straight "A" student in Texas, with mathematics his favorite subject. His career goal is to combine computer science with a specific technology -- say, with an element of "sports medicine." That is a very intelligent way to look at the future, for a career in sports can be interrupted by injury or illness.

The Observer wishes a successful season for both Greg and the Roosevelt Roughriders football team.

Research works.



Russia In Turmoil, "The Empire Strikes Back!"



top left, Abraham Hannibal, "Negro of Peter the Great." top right, Admiral Ivan Hannibal, his son. bottom left, Pushkin, great-grandson of Hannibal. bottom right Marquess of Milford Haven, descendant of Pushkin, great-grandson of Queen Victoria, cousin of George VI and best man at the Wedding of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to Britain's throne.

Satellite television shows Moscow crowds honoring their first revolutionary hero, THE BLACK POET ALEXANDER PUSHKIN as the coup fails. With his noble and soulful masterpiece, "Ode to Liberty," he became spokesman for the poor and oppressed of his time (1799-1837). His powerful pen moved the masses to overthrow the tyranny of the Czars.

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT
While massed crowds celebrated

outside the Russian Parliament building last week upon news of the failed coup, satellite television showed thousands more gathered in the great square across the street from the new McDonald's fast food restaurant. Here before the huge statue of Russia's first poet laureate, Pushkin, they sang, cheered and chanted the lines from his poem.

"Oh shake and shiver,
tyrants of the world,
But lend an ear ye fallen

slaves, Gain courage and rise."

Even the vaunted CNN network panned through this phase of the glasnost saga rather rapidly but, fortunately, some of us have neighbors with dishes that can lock onto The Global Satellite Network. Though the commentary is often in a foreign language, you will, nevertheless, be exposed to much that is exciting (and revealing). If this is the case be sure to get a copy of "World Satellite Almanac: The Complete Guide To Satellite Transmission & Technology." I have the second edition, \$29.50, purchased last year. Order the latest from Daltons or Looking Glass bookstores (Howard W. Sams & Company).

It is always fascinating and inspiring to me that where-ever one turns a page of history--or wherever momentary contemporary events are thrust upon one--the African or African-American is found to have played a significant role. Our teachers should have no problem at all developing motivating curriculum and lesson plans from this type of material -- for black or any other ethnic group. Noted Russians like Dostoevsky and Tolstoy revered the great Alexander Pushkin. He was on a par with other great black European men of letters, such as Alexander Dumas, whose novels also were the base of the world's great operas.

A very good factual novel/biography of Pushkin's life is the "Great Black Russian," by John Oliver Killens, noted black author and historian, Wayne State University Press, Detroit, 1989, \$24.95. Also, there is "The Life of Alexander Pushkin," a Golden Legacy illustrated history magazine. You may find a copy at the branch library across from PCC Cascade Campus. For your immediate convenience I have devoted this week's "Perspectives column" on page to a reprint of my June, 1989, article on Pushkin.

Nike Expands Beaverton Manufacturing Facility

Nike Inc. announced that its Airsole Manufacturing Division will move to an expanded, modernized facility on the Tektronix campus in Beaverton. Nike has leased a 109,000 square foot section of Tektronix Building 16, which will replace its 60,000 square foot facility at 11000 SW 11th Street in Beaverton. The Tektronix campus is across the street from the Nike World Campus.

Nike's Airsole Manufacturing Division manufactures Nike's patented Air cushioning units, which consist of pressurized gas inside a flexible urethane skin. Those units for the heel and the forefoot of Nike's most popular shoes are then shipped to factories around the world who are contracted to build Nike shoes. For the last fiscal year, Nike manufactured a record 76,000,000 pairs of Air Soles to be used in a record number of pairs of Nike-Air shoes. Sales of Nike-Air shoes continue to increase around the world and the new facility is designed to handle increased demand.

The new facility at Tektronix has been designed by industrial engineers

to provide maximum efficiency and will include new production and materials handling equipment.

Nike currently employs 272 employees at the manufacturing facility, including 250 operatives on the production line. Improved efficiency will result in the elimination of 24 jobs which will no longer be necessary. For instance, where the old facility required operatives to move materials, the new facility will be equipped with conveyors. Nike expects to move into the new facility in October.

"Nike's investment in this new, expanded facility shows our continued commitment to manufacturing in the Beaverton area," said Nike President Richard K. Donahue. "Patented technology is what gives Nike our edge and we will always invest aggressively to maintain that edge."

Nike, the world's #1 sports and fitness company, had sales last year of \$3 billion. The company employs 4451 worldwide, with 2629 in the Portland area.

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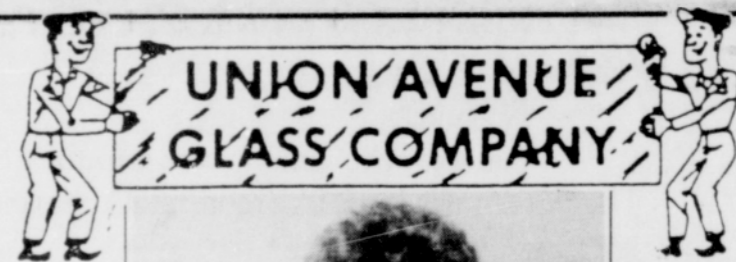
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