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'Reach For Success' UO Visitation Set April 24

Eugene—More than 300 people throughout Oregon are expected to participate in the seventh annual "Reach for Success: visitation day for 10 to 14 year-old students of color and their parents, scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at the University of Oregon.

The preregistration deadline is Friday, April 9.

sponsored by UO Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Admissions, this free program is designed to encourage African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Chicano/Latino and Native American students from Oregon middle and junior high schools to consider higher education, according to Marshall Saucedo, director of the UO Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Reach for Success" has traditionally been a stepping stone for students who might not otherwise explore the option of higher education," said Saucedo. "Many young students of color do not feel they have the ability or opportunity to pursue college. We want to tell them: 'Yes, you can pursue college!' This year's visitation day will provide students an opportunity to experience life on a university campus. As part of the hands-on introduction to the courses and activities at the university students will touch a human brain, conduct a college-level physics experiment and visit the UO Museum of Art. "Our program is unique," said Saucedo, "Because we also invite parents to participate in the day's events by offering them information and advice regarding prepara-



tion of their children for college." Workshops for parents will address topics such as college funding, admissions options, campus/community resources, cultural survival in a diverse society, and rights and responsibilities of parents. Some of these workshops will be offered in Spanish. Community members and UO faculty will lead the parent workshops. UO students and faculty will act as teachers, mentors, group leaders

and discussion facilitators for the students.

Event registration will begin at 9am in the Ballroom of The Erb Memorial Union (EMU), 122 E. 13th Ave. Activities will conclude by 4pm.

Art Ochoa, a language arts teacher and athletics coach at Bonanza School near Klamath Falls, will welcome participants and deliver the keynote address at 10am in the EMU Ballroom. Translators and limited child care for

children ages 30 months to 7 years will be provided on a space-available basis. Bus transportation will be provided from central locations in Portland, Salem and Woodburn on a space-available basis.

For more information or to receive a registration application, contact Rebecca Pardo, Office of Multicultural Affairs, 314 Oregon Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, or call 346-3479.

200 Elderly Women To Enjoy Mother's Day Extravaganza

Mother's Day is a special celebration for mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, and the families who love them. Unfortunately, there are some elderly women in this community who have no family in the area, and may spend this holiday alone. For these women, Volunteers of America Oregon will host a special Mother's Day fete.

On Sunday May 9, 1993, Volunteers of America will offer the "I Remember Mama" Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. This will be a feast to remember for 200 elderly women who would otherwise spend the day alone. Each woman will be greeted with a corsage, assisted to the table by a volunteer, and will enjoy a luxurious, nutritious meal followed by entertain-

ment. The women attend for free.

The cost of the event is underwritten by PACC Health Plans of Oregon, and local businesses will sponsor individual tables. The event will raise funds to support Volunteers of America Oregon's senior programs.

Volunteers of America is a nationwide social service organization with branches in over 200 communities. Volunteers of America Oregon, Inc. serves the community through child care, family preservation programs, a shelter for homeless women with children, a senior center, senior health clinic, adult day-care program, residential alcohol and drug treatment facilities, a shelter for homeless adolescent girls, and a Christmas Assistance Program.

State Finalist In The Miss American Coed Pageants

Miss Kifah Nelija Fluker, age 10, daughter of Mrs Cynthia Harris & Lance Fluker from Portland, Oregon has been accepted as a State Finalist in the Miss American Coed Pageants, Pre-teen Division to be held on May 21-23 at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

The Miss American Coed pageants is for "Tomorrow's Leaders." It is open to girls between the ages of 4-19, with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, appearance, and an "All-American spirit for family fun and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Contestants are judged on poise, personality, stage appearance, and personal interview. The State Winner will receive a cash award, crown, banner, trophy, flowers and a trip to the National Pageant.

On the state level awards are presented to the runners-up as well as in the Optional Talent, Speech, Volunteer Service, Academic Achievement, Photogenic, Model, Personality and



Kifah Nelija Fluker

Outstanding Program Participation Competitions. For additional information on the pageant you may contact: Miss American Coed Pageants, 3775 Emma Lane, Vista, California 92084, Telephone: (619) 727-9624.

Miss Kifah's hobbies and interests include Gymnastic classes, Tennis for fun, Math, and Reading are her favorite subjects in school. She also enjoys being assistant helper to the Curriculum Coordinator, and the Vice Principal of Boise Eliot School.

Smith-Watkins Family Reunion



Pictured are Ken and Robin Smith

The Smith-Watkins Family is a family that feels that there losing a grip on the youth of the family. In an effort to rebuild the family strength and unity. They decided to start having family reunions on an annual basis. The Smith-Watkins Family boast a three generation representation with the oldest family member being Evelyn Watkins 80 years old who is a resident of Vancouver, Washington. The

youngest is Sherr'ie Smith, who is only three months old of Portland, Oregon. The Smith-Watkins family will have several fund raising and family activities to support their up coming reunion on July 24, 1993 at Columbia, Park. You may also be able to catch them on Going St. between Rodney and Mallory. For more information contact Dolores James at 284-9281.

Easter Bunny Visits Washington Square

Color with the Easter Bunny on Wednesday through Saturday, April 7th to 10th from 10am to 2pm at the Washington Square-Nordstrom Court. Come color

with the Easter Bunny at Washington Square. He'll have crayons, coloring sheets and bunny ears for everyone. Don't forget to bring your camera!

News From Bob Packwood

U.S. Senator For Oregon

Supports Legislation To Help disadvantaged Youth

Oregon Senator Bob Packwood co-sponsored a bill to make the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) a permanent provision in the tax code. The TJTC program provides financial assistance to employers who hire and train disadvantaged individuals who

may need increased training or supervision. "In today's difficult job market, this program is an economic lifeline for people who may lack job skills or adequate education. In 1990, nearly 6000 Oregonians were working because of the TJTC. That includes more

than 2000 disadvantaged youth, more than 1000 disabled people, more than 300 Vietnam Veterans--and more than one million others nationwide. These hard-working people are productive an self-reliant thanks to this program," said Packwood.

Oregon Seniors Wanted!!

Oregon Senator Bob Packwood announced that he will participate in the 1993 U.S. Congressional Senior Intern Program. Packwood will select two Oregon seniors to participate in this year's program, which will be held from May 9-14, 1993, and will be coordinated by

the Close-Up Foundation. Close-Up is a non-profit, nonpartisan civic education organization, and has conducted programs for older Americans for the past 8 years.

Topics for this year's discussions have yet to be announced, but typically include issues such as

health care, Social Security, Medicare, and other government programs of interest to seniors. Oregonians selected for the program will also meet with Senator Packwood and his staff. Seminars, workshops and tours of points of interest will round out the program.

Individuals interested in partici-

pating should send their name, address, phone number, background information, letters of support and a brief statement of why he or she would like to participate to:

Senator Bob Packwood
101 SW Main Street, Suite 240
Portland, Oregon 97204

Packwood Hails Approval Of Medicaid Waiver

Oregon Senator Bob Packwood applauded the Administration's approval of the Medicaid waiver which will allow the state to implement the Oregon Health Plan, and provide health care coverage to all residents. "I am delighted that the Administration has approved Oregon's innovative health care plan. We are ready to offer access to health care to 450,000 uninsured

Oregonians and this Medicaid waiver is the catalyst for our program. Oregon is a beacon for American on health care reform," said Packwood.

"In Oregon right now, more than 450,000 people--about 19 percent of the state's population--do not have health insurance. Oregon came up with a solution to the challenge of providing health care to those people.

Oregon decided that the current system that leaves so many out in the cold is simply unacceptable. The Oregon plan will expand Medicaid coverage to 120,000 additional low-income people. The plan will cover the rest of the state's uninsured through an employer-based system. We will extend coverage to the working poor and the medically uninsurable," he continued.

"Oregon took a courageous stand in conceiving it's plan. We don't have unlimited resources. We made tough choices to come up with a plan that offers solid affordable health care to everyone in our state. I'm very pleased that his Administration has given us the chance to try something new. Oregon will lead the nation in health care reform," he continued.