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The Overlooked Gem

Kimbro Kidds

by Dan Bell

Delores Dillard a former retail clerk at Clackamas Town Center has found her way into an instrumental position that provides college fellowships for people of color at Warner Pacific College.

Mrs. Dillard serves as the coordinator of Multi-Cultural students enrollment at Warner Pacific College.

She is also a student there. Her journey toward her present status began when she a member of Marantha church she heard about the Garlington Fellowship from then pastor Wendall Wallace, Sr.

Ms. Dillard maintains that both the existence of the Garlington Fellowship and Warner Pacific College are two unfamiliar and low visibility assets to community.

The Garlington Fellowship which is grant given to students of color who have maintained a 2.75 or better grade point average was instituted in memory of the late John Garlington and his wife in 1987.

Ms. Dillard became a student at Warner Pacific in 1991. At this time, the administration of the Garlington Fellowship and recruitment of minorities lacked focus and a person to administer the program.

Kenneth Thomas program director sought Ms. Dillard because she had developed a reputation for being a vocal student regarding African-American affairs. She mentored other students, and more importantly her devout faith in christianity.

She accepted the challenge and now serves as the coordinator. In this capacity she serves a myriad of functions including supervising and recruiting, campus orientation and retention efforts for African-American, Mexican-American, and His-



From left to right: Tiffeny Shockey, Ryan Shockey, Delores Dillard (Center), Regina Morgan, Isabel Ramirez

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panic (non caucasian), Asian-American and native American students. In addition she provides academic advisement to students of color and international students and counsels and mentors students from various ethnic and culturally diverse backgrounds. She selects the recipients and administers the colleges'

Garlington Fellowship. Provides in-service work shops designed to heighten awareness of the issues affecting the needs of multicultural students are among some of her duties.

However she spoke most passionately about her efforts to reach young people and her attempt to transmit some hope to young people. She

relates, "That to often high school students communicate to a sense disillusionment and resignation citing their grades are not good enough to get into college."

Consequently she hit upon the idea of speaking to middle school students to help them see that college is an attainable goal.

Ms. Dillard graduates next year at which time she intends to pursue graduate school for the ministry. Warner has offered a position there and she has other employment opportunities as well.

Whatever her decision her talent and aplomb will be deeply appreciated wherever she goes.

A chance to witness the creative talents of inner-city youths aged 10-16 will take place at a press conference held at the Columbia Boys and Girls Club, 7602 N Emerald, at 10 a.m. Aug. 9.

Kidd Graphic Design is a new company formed by six high school-aged youths with their eyes on the future. Led by Marcel Irving, the youths have already secured service contracts from two clients and have begun discussions with several others. The materials created for these clients--as well as layouts of other finished work--will be on display. The completed business plan of the company will also be available.

Also on display will be a newspaper named The Portland Informer, a newspaper created by Kimbro Kidds and made possible in part by The Vanguard at Portland State University. The Portland Informer is the result of efforts made by a group of Kimbro Kidds, aged 10-13 and headed by Shalon Irving. They took charge of all aspects of newspaper publishing, including reporting, writing, editing, photography, layout and design.

Marcel and Shalon Irving, creators of Kimbro Kidds, a non-profit, community-based organization, believe early business training and motivation can spark natural entrepreneurial talent. Kimbro Kidds has sponsored a summer pilot project to teach youths aged 10-16 business basics while providing the real world employment experience they need to own and operate a small business.

We invite you to investigate the credibility of the designs and the commitment to the public shared by the youths. A panel representing both Kidd Graphic Design and The Portland Informer will be available to answer question and provide more detailed information about these exciting projects.

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Reward Offered in Woman's Disappearance

Allnet Communications Inc., the employer of Katherine Eggleston, who was recently reported missing, announced a reward of up to \$5000, for information which would assist Detectives in determining the whereabouts of Eggleston. Anyone with information which they feel may assist investigators in this case should call the Portland Police Detective Division at (503) 823-0400. The investigation is continuing.

Hatfield Votes No On Budget Package

Senator Hatfield issued the following statement after the Senate's vote on the Budget Reconciliation Bill:

The problem I have with this package is that it simply doesn't really address the deficit and it fails to deal with a massive problem that makes up the biggest part of the bud-

get--entitlement spending. Entitlements and mandatory spending now take up almost \$1 trillion of our \$1.5 trillion budget and, taken together, represent 96 percent of spending growth over the next several years.

I am also deeply concerned with the effect this package will have on small business, a vital sector of the

economy that created 4.1 million new jobs between 1988 and 1990. Small companies make up 95 percent of the 81,000 businesses in Oregon. Ultimately, taxes will have to be a part of any deficit reduction plan, but this plan raises taxes immediately while delaying spending cuts to the so-called out years; in 1997 and 1998.

Another School Year: The Curtain Rises

By Prof. McKinley Burt

If this were a play in the legitimate theatre, the house lights would have dimmed and an anticipatory hush would have passed through the audience; Then the crackle of programs being put away and the soft rustle of garments as the audience settled back. And the critics would be poised with their sharp little deadly pencils.

But, our scenario is, instead, another 'back-to-school' stampede -- one that no community is ever quite ready for; not budget-wise, not capacity-wise, not teaching-wise, not nurturing wise. What most communities across the nation seem quite ready for -- our opinion shaped by recent readings of selected media -- is a full resumption of urban education struggles in both big city and rural areas as antagonists and protagonists setting forth to do battle, comfortable and assured in their well-rehearsed roles.

Most of these scripts are the hole cards of what you might call "stock companies" or local education repertory theatres -- time-proven productions that guarantee each year a full (if belligerent) house. The standard

plots include classroom size, pupil load, length of school year/day, site-based management, parent involvement (power), bussing, tracking and its myriad metaphors. Retail management takes it all in and position personnel and stock for the back to school rush.

In the state capitals and in Washington D.C., there has been little change if any in the educational scenario (read "bureaucracy"), according to my correspondents. It has been seven or eight years since I've been in D.C. for any personal interaction with members of the educational establishment. There was no meaningful change then from the first go-arounds I had in 1969, 1970 and 1971--The days when I was bright-eyed and bushy tailed to push through the Programs and projects I had designed. Naively, I believed that because I'd won that National Science prize for "The Dalles School District", my experience-proven projects would be snatched up like hot cakes. Again, I learned "you do it yourself".

These thoughts occur to me as I review a series of news articles on the appointment of Sharon Porter

Robinson to the position of Assistant secretary of Education in the Clinton Administration. It will be interesting to see if, twenty years later, minorities with excellent program packages such as I had will be given any better reception than I had with the regime of Dr. Regina Goff, a black woman who was head of the "Office of Education" during the Nixon administration.

So, another black female has entered the hallowed, higher halls of bureaucratic education, this one fresh from a key position in The National Education Association. It will be interesting to see if she will have any more real power than that given to Dr. Goff those several decades ago -- when, after I was sent on any number of "fool's errands" around the D.C. grant and program divisions of her office, I got the confession, "we really don't have any power around here -- I'll see if I can get you some help out there in Oregon". I'm waiting!

Here in Portland, I believe the issues this fall, will center primarily around site-based management (parent involvement), "tracking"

(no matter by what name you call it), and "Test Scores". The latter instruments of course are a measure of the level of education the children are receiving. The first week of last July saw the release of district achievement test scores and the community was shocked (district staff only disappointed). These spring semester test measured reading and math skills for all district third graders, and eight schools, all in north and northeast Portland, fell below the baseline.

You well know the familiar ring of the names, Ball, Humboldt, King, James John, Meek, Sabin, Vernon and Wilcox, equally well you know the stock explanations, many of which have not changed the past 25 years (check out the exploding gang population on the streets). District administrators tell us of a geographically unstable population, a "sudden" influx of children without preschool experience, and a lack of parental involvement". This last wall of mistrust (experienced - based) has to be solved and it will take more than the usual rhetoric from either administrators or activists. More next week.

"Spirit Of Portland Awards"

Nominations are being accepted through September 10, 1993 for the "Volunteer Recognition Award", "Neighborhood of the Year", "Outstanding Public Service Award", and "Business of the Year".

Nominations are now being sought for the 1993 Spirit of Portland Awards. Among these awards is the Volunteer Recognition Award, which is given annually to volunteers, either groups or individuals, who have contributed to the quality of life in Portland through programs or special services. Approximately one hundred citizens have been recognized for their volunteer efforts since Mayor Bud Clark established the Awards in 1985.

In addition to the "Volunteer" award, the Mayor's office will be recognizing a neighborhood, a city employee, and local businesses for their outstanding service to citizens.

The "Neighborhood of the Year" will be awarded to a Portland neighborhood which best exemplifies the "Spirit" of Portland. Past recipients include Brentwood-Darlington and Piedmont Neighborhoods.

The "Outstanding Public Service" award will be given to a City employee who has demonstrated extraordinary efforts to assist citizens and projects beneficial to Portland.

The "Business of the Year" award will be presented to Portland businesses who have demonstrated a commitment to both aiding community and revitalizing the local economy through their actions.

Nominations for the awards will be accepted from any citizen or group through September 10, 1993. Nomination forms are available at District Neighborhood Offices, the Mayor's Office, City Commissioner's Offices, and at the Office of Neighborhood Associations. Selections for the awards will be made by a committee of citizens and representatives from the Mayor's and Commissioners Offices.