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Community Calendar

Jefferson Art Students Exhibit At Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

Jefferson High advanced arts students are "on exhibit" until May 27 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue.

Some 18 pieces of student art are on display in the show, which features the theme "Struggle." For more information, call Jefferson art teacher Carol Egan at 280-5180.

UO Arts And Cultural Events Highlights

Wednesday, June 1

8 p.m. the University Symphony will feature top student soloists in its annual Concerto Competition Concert in Beall Concert hall, UO School of Music, 961 E. 18th Ave. Tickets, available at the door, are \$4, general admission; \$2, students and senior citizens. For information, call 346-5678.

Noon. UO Associate Professor of Anthropology Carol Silverman will be the featured speaker of the Women's Faculty Seminar Series. Silverman will give a slide and video presentation on "Gender, Politics, and Ritual: Balkan Roma (Gypsies) in the 1990s." The lecture takes place at 360 Condon Hall, 1321 Kincaid St. Free. For information, call 346-5114.

Thursday, June 2

4 p.m. UO Professor of Geography David Greenland will lecture on "Forecast for Overlord: The making of a Weather Forecast in Support of the Normandy Landings in WWII." The lecture is part of the Geography Tea/Seminars and takes place in Room 106 of Condon Hall, 1321 Kincaid St. Free. For information, call 346-4555.

Friday, June 3

6 p.m. The Friends of the UO Museum of Art will hold their annual fundraising meeting with dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Dinner is at 7:15 p.m. The event takes place at the Casanova Athletic Center, 2727 Leo Haris Parkway., adjacent to Autzen Stadium. Dinner is \$30 per person. For information, call 342-8236.

Saturday, June 4

8 a.m. Instructor Dennis Lueck will lead a walking tour of the Coburg Hills. The tour will explore the area which has been host to railroad logging and now contains designated spotted owl habitat. The class emphasizes the forest history and changes since the arrival of Euro-Americans. The event is sponsored by the UO Museum of Natural History. Classes are \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members. For information, call 346-3024.

Local Producer Wins Regional Honor



LANITA DUKE, PORTLAND PRODUCER FOR GRASS-ROOT NEWS AND VIDEO/FILM PRODUCTION COMPANY, RECENTLY WON AN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN THE BEST OF THE NORTHWEST VIDEO FESTIVAL.

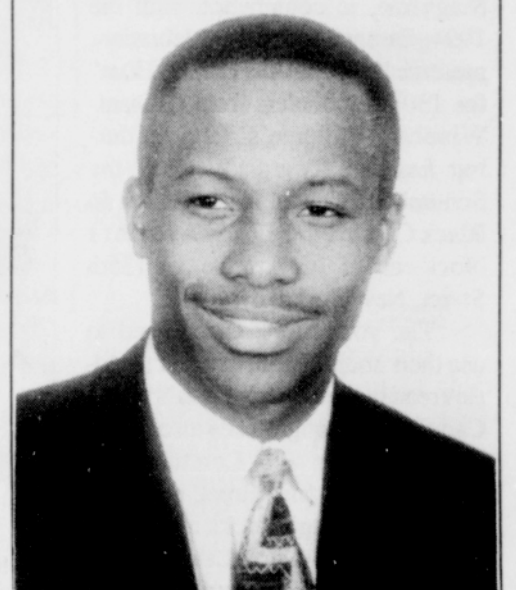
The 1994 festival drew 180 entries from throughout the northwest region, including the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Duke's entry, The Duke Report won in the category of talk show.

"That episode dealt with the problems of Black women, family, health care and contemporary issues without the filter of political correctness," Duke said.

The award is significant because the Duke Report is a grassroot news production without benefit of outside subsidy.

Portland video/film producer Lanita Duke

New Deputy D.A.



Randy R. Richardson

Randy R. Richardson graduated on May 15 from the Syracuse University College of Law in New York and will return to Portland to serve as a deputy district attorney for Multnomah County. Richardson will begin his new post upon completion of the Oregon State Bar Exam this July.

Richardson graduated from Benson High School in 1987 and received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1991 from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

This past March, Richardson was voted "Best Overall Advocate" from among 23 teams from Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, at the National Trial Advocacy Competition (Moot Court).

Randy is the son of George and Dorothy Richardson of Northeast Portland. Dorothy is a personnel management specialist for the U.S. Forest Service. George is the manager of federal and local government relations and community affairs for Northwest Natural Gas Company.

Pierce Received A Sponsorship

The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Outreach, Inc. collaborated to sponsor Sam Pierce, National expert on gangs and youth-at-risk, to attend the Second Annual National Conference on Gangs, Schools, and Community, in Orlando, Florida that happened on May 14-16, 1994. The conference is believed to be one of the largest of its kind in the country; focusing primarily on gangs and violence reduction in schools and communities.

Pierce, who attended the conference as an "ambassador" of the Commission on Black Affairs, representing the State of Oregon wrote a report and will be available to give public speeches after his return. The report will also be avail-

able for public use and review. In addition, he will also author a report that focuses on gang issues and solutions by agencies and organizations in Portland OR.

Pierce says, "I think we take for granted the great strides we have made in Portland in the area of gangs. I have had the opportunity to do some traveling nationally, and whether it is a conference on gangs or education, or some other issue--such as "reinventing government, Oregon is invariably mentioned."

Lurlene Shamsud-Din, Chair of OCBA stated that "Sam is an exemplary example of what the Commission is looking for as we send OCBA Ambassadors

throughout the nation to represent our interests and the progressive work that we are doing in Oregon."

Oregon State Police Superintendent, LeRon Howland seen the conference as an excellent opportunity for collaboration. "We support community people working with the State Police to jointly solved problems. We are aware that Mr. Pierce has been active with law enforcement, including the Oregon State Police, and we think the collaboration is a good investment."

Oregon Outreach Executive Director, Becky Black said that, "Sam's work with Portland's gang youth has been an inspiration. Oregon Outreach was honored to be co-sponsor to this conference."

Business May Boom With New Police Base

BY PROMISE KING

By the time the Portland Police Bureau's new Northeast Community Policing Precinct opens its base next month at the corner of N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Killingsworth, it may find it has also opened a floodgate of possible economic activities in the area.

The community is optimistic that the police precinct will encourage business activities, attract home buyers and rekindle the area's lost socio-economic glory.

Investigations already show that businesses around the precinct are resurrecting. Hopes are high that when the police base swings into action there will be enough protection to encourage commercial activities.

"Those who used to fear being robbed around here will have nothing to fear anymore," said Kenneth Smith, 61, a long-time resident of the community. "I am sure this will encourage business in this area. It depends on the police to insure it sustains security."

The precinct will be home to the Police

Activities League and the Tactical Operation Division which includes the Gang Enforcement team. A deputy district attorney from the Multnomah County District Attorney's office will also be on the site. The Northeast Precinct will house about 200 officers and support staff.

"We are excited about moving into the heart of the community and looking forward to working closely with citizens, community groups and the neighborhood associations," said Bruce Prunk, captain of the Northeast Precinct.

Currently, the Portland Police Bureau has

three precincts in its arsenal. The Central Precinct, East Precinct and North Precinct. The current North Precinct will be divided, creating the new Northeast Precinct. The East Precinct will also be split, creating the new Southeast Precinct. The police say this additional precinct is in response to citizens calling for a greater police presence.

The Northeast Precinct will provide service to the area within the boundaries of I-5 to Northeast 33rd Avenue and I-84 to the Columbia River.

Coalition Of Black Men Partner With Tri-Met On Outstanding Student Program

The Coalition of Black Men (COBM) initiated a partnership with Tri-Met to recognize and honor local students working on self-improvement. Beginning this week, Tri-Met bus and MAX interiors will feature distinctive black and yellow posters honoring the "Outstanding Student of the Month." These "channel cards," on display in vehicles for one month each, will feature students from inner-city middle and high schools.

Robert Smith, a senior from Jefferson High School, was selected as the first "Outstanding Student" to be honored in May. His picture and statement are featured on the cards. Alcena Boozer, principal of Jefferson, commented that "with the support of the greater community, lives are being rerouted in positive directions." Featured students and their schools will each receive an actual channel card to commemorate their participation.

Tri-Met has launched an organized ef-

fort to work at a grassroots level with the community to make the general atmosphere on the bus as safe and comfortable as possible for customers. The "Outstanding Student" program is a continuation of this outreach effort proposed by the COBM. Members of the group wanted to develop a program that would shift the focus to recognition of the positive aspects and achievements of youth.

Ockley Green teacher and COBM member Joe Franklin was responsible for selecting

and contacting represented schools. Each participating school selects one student a year who exemplifies positive change and self-improvement. In addition to Jefferson High, participating schools include Ockley Green, Portsmouth and Tubman Middle Schools, and Grant and Benson High Schools.

Tri-Met hopes this program, which highlights the good potential found in our young people, will continue to promote the positive achievements of our students.

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