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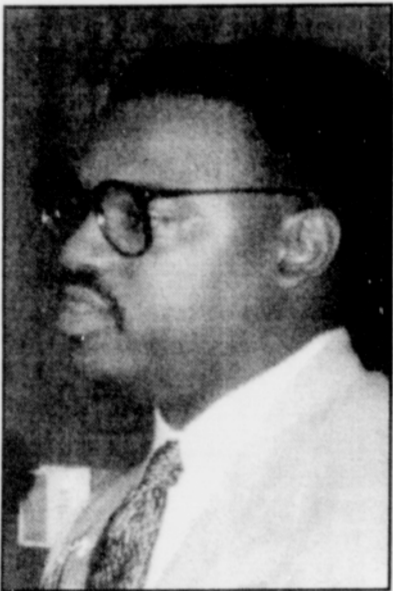
A Black Achievers Program is being introduced to the Portland area by the North/Inner Northeast Branch of the YMCA.

The program is part of the national Black Achievers Network and will be housed at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott.

The program's principle focus is to help middle and high school youth develop career and educational goals.

The objectives of the program are accomplished by recognizing adult black achievers in various occupations. Adult achievers serve as role models and counselors to the youth who are selected to participate in the program.

The effort involves several components, including company and organization sponsorships, speakers bureau, shadowing program, career/entrepreneur day, career clusters, youth workshops,



Curtis Scott, Black Achievers director.

industry awareness tours, mentoring and college tours.

For more information contact the YMCA North/Inner Northeast Branch at (503) 294-3355.

Portland Airport Sets Record Again

Portland International Airport reached two milestones in August as it handled more than one million passengers and 18,000 tons of air-freight in a month, each records achieved for the first time in its 54-year history.

Portland's August 1994 passenger count was 1,073,161, a 14 percent increase over last year and nearly 80,000 more passengers than in July, which was the airport's previous record for a single month.

The August's activity lifted Portland to over six million passengers

for the year, putting it at 16 percent ahead of last year. August also was the 28th consecutive month that the airport as established a monthly record.

"Reaching one million passengers in August is significant because it demonstrates PDX's continued advancement as one of the top airports in the country," said John Brockley, Port of Portland aviation director. "The next milestone is 10 million passengers in one year. We have a good shot of reaching that one this year."

School Health Centers To Host Candidates

Many of Oregon's 19 school-based health centers will hold an open house for policymakers from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Oct. 6. The purpose of the open house is to provide a first-hand view of how school-based health centers work and to demonstrate how the centers can help build healthy communities in Oregon.

"Young people often shun conventional health providers," said Dr. Grant Higginson, Acting State Health Officer and Director of the school health center planning project. "In school-based health centers," he said, "Students can find comfort and help right in their neighborhood schools."

School health centers provide student-oriented services including treatment of acute illness, sports physicals, immunizations, counseling and family planning information. They are Oregon's primary strategy for reducing high-risk behavior in teens, a major focus of the Oregon Benchmarks. Experience shows that

school-based health centers are valuable in promoting health, reducing drug abuse, counseling violent or suicidal students and preventing teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Oregon may have an opportunity to expand the number of school health centers in the state. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest health care philanthropy, last year awarded Oregon and 11 other states grants to plan for additional school-based health centers. Early next year, as many as 10 of these states will receive grants of up to \$1.8 million to support new centers. If Oregon receives an award, the state can develop up to three new school-based health centers.

The planning grant encourages states to expand school-based health centers to elementary and middle school children and requires communities to look for ways to develop new public/private partnerships and funding options.

Police To Enforce Seat Belt Law

Portland police this week joined other law enforcement from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia in a campaign to increase seat belt usage in the Pacific Northwest.


This is the third time this year that such a joint mission has been conducted. The other campaigns were in February and July when Portland police issued 1,688 citations and warnings for seat belt violations.

The compliance rate rose from about 75 percent to nearly 83 percent

between February and July. The compliance rate is estimated by an actual count of drivers in selected locations during a specific period. Officers will be monitoring vehicles for seat belt and child safety seat usage. While the emphasis is on education and voluntary compliance, vehicle occupants can be cited.


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