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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### King, Garlington Tribute Set

A special tribute will be made in honor of slain national civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. John W. Garlington Jr., the late Portland minister known as "the bridge builder of our community," Saturday at 3 p.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave. For information call 284-7563.

### Career Fair Coming

People looking for a new job or career path will get a good start at the "Northwest Career Fair," Saturday, Jan. 14 from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Representatives from local and regional businesses, agencies, industries and colleges will discuss what their companies have to offer, provide literature, offer applications and conduct interviews on-site. Fourteen free presentations will be offered in two stage areas, continuously during the event.

### Wave Pool Rides Provided

Water slides and rollicking waves are star attractions at the new pool in the Clackamas Aquatic Park in Vancouver. The site includes a wave pool, three water slides, a kids play area, lap swim, diving pool, whirlpool and concession area. The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department is offering transportation from the Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin at 6 p.m. with return by 10 p.m. For more information call the pool at 696-8236.

### DePriest To Open Family Concerts

The DePriest Project of family jazz concerts starts its fourth year Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Buckley Center Auditorium on the University of Portland campus. Bennie Maupin, a multi-instrumentalist on 38 jazz albums who just completed a tour with Herbie Hancock, will perform with Janice Scroggins, Andre St. James and Akbar DePriest. Music will feature African American composers in a salute to Black History Month. Tickets are \$10.

### Help With Step Parent Concerns

Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, will conduct a day long seminar on step-parenting Feb. 4. The session will provide an informative yet lighthearted look at the complicated realities of blending families in the 90s with insight into building relationships, disciplining effectively and dealing with the ex-spouse. A \$20 fee is charged. To register call 667-7391.

### Monograms Coming To Portland

A student matinee performance of Monograms, the story of Oregon poet Hazel Hall and her struggle against disease and poverty to establish herself as a major literary voice in the early part of this century, will be performed Feb. 1 at the Portland Repertory Theater. All tickets are \$9. Call 224-4401.

### Activist To Report On Caucus

A report on the November caucus of National Comrades of Color in Oakland, Calif. will be hosted by the group Radical Women on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Norwest Service Center's boardroom, 1819 N.W. Everett. Phillis Whitmore, black community activist and Adrienne Weller, Jewish anti-Nazi organizer, will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the social movement. A buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m. for a \$5 donation.

### Powell's City Of Books The Literary City

Wednesday the 18th at 7:30; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Readings. Jefferson High School's creative writing students return to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King, 1005 W. Burnside Street, Portland OR 97209; Tel 503-228-4651 Toll Free 800-878-7323 TDD 226-2475

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## Labor Dispute Hits Community College

**P**art-time faculty at Portland Community College are in a deadlock over a labor contract.

The Portland Community College's Faculty Federation, representing 750 part-time teachers, said pickets were set up last week to inform students and the community about a breakdown in negotiations.

A state fact-finder will make recommendations on resolving the outstanding issues in the talks before the federation can legally engage in a strike.

Federation officials said salary and scheduling issues are the main areas of dispute.

They argue that part-time faculty, who teach almost half of PCC's courses, receive only 59 percent of the salary paid to entry-level full-time faculty on a course by course basis.

The salary gap does not include the fact part-time faculty do not receive health insurance.

The federation has proposed that the pay of part-time teachers raise to 85 percent of an entry-level, full-time salary. The group also wants its more senior part-time members to be assigned to teach more classes when the classes are available. Currently, all part-time faculty members are only assured of receiving one class assignment per term, about one-fifth of a full-time workload.

"PCC's treatment of its part-time faculty is endangering the quality of instruction being offered," said Roy Dancer, the federation's lead negotiator. "The poor pay and unpredictable work schedules are becoming a strain that is too much to bear for many of these teachers."

Federation officials said the college has recognized the problems caused by its reliance on part-time faculty. They argue that PCC's most recent accreditation self-study listed the college's steady rise in the use of part-time faculty as one of the college's primary weaknesses.

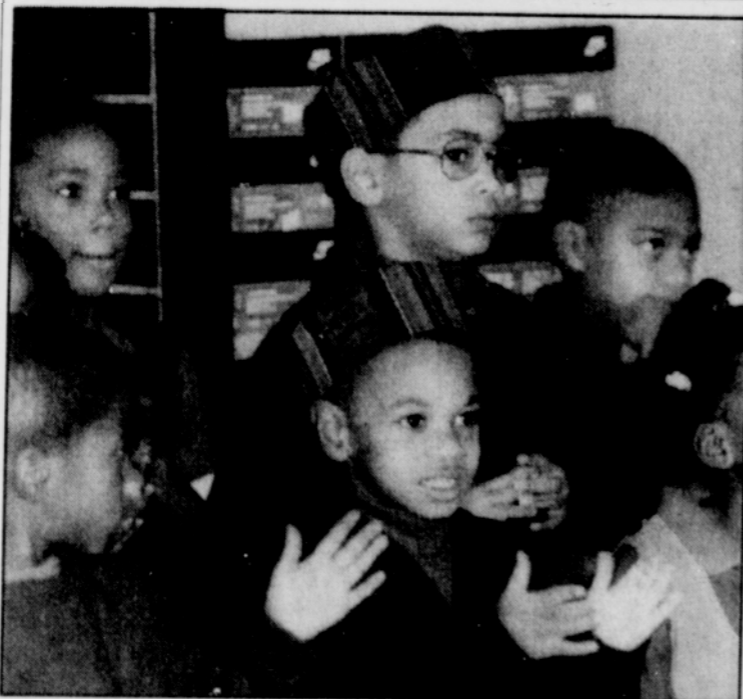
This growth in the number of part-time faculty occurred even though the college has publicly committed itself to having full-time faculty teach 70 percent of its courses, federation officials said.

"PCC has not lived up to its word," Michael Dembrow, federation president said. "It's time for them to put their promises in writing and sign a contract that gives part-time faculty the time and resources they need to remain dedicated to the teaching profession."

The fact-finder appointed to make recommendations in the dispute is expected to convene a hearing in early February with results made public sometime this spring.



An information picket went up Tuesday at the Cascade campus of Portland Community College in north Portland. Part-time teachers at the school are in a labor dispute with college directors.



### Nike Does Kwanzaa

Children from the Black Educational Center in Northeast Portland clap hands during a Kwanzaa celebration at the NIKE Factory Store on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. NIKE paid tribute to the African American holiday and donated \$50,000 to area civic groups.



**STARTING A NEW TERM:** Portland City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury takes the oath of office during a ceremony held last week at the Fred Meyer Hollywood store in northeast Portland. Rev. Rodney Page and former Mayor Bud Clark also participated in the event.

## City Supports Neighborhood Groups

**F**our neighborhood associations have won grants from the Portland City Council to help business districts in their communities.

The council earlier approved the initiative by Mayor Vera Katz to make \$50,000 available to Portland's Neighborhood Business District Associations.

Nine associations applied for \$20,000 direct city support of projects through the new program, of which four of those groups

won grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to support specific physical improvements to their business districts. Matching contributions totalled \$23,000.

The projects include facade and street improving, signage and flower planters in Parkrose, tree lights in the Nob Hill neighborhood of northwest Portland, flower planters in the Beaumont neighborhood of northeast Portland and facade improvements on West Burnside as part of Operation About Face in Old Town/Chinatown.

## Party Says Yes To Music, No To Drugs

**A**dance for Portland teenagers will be held Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Portland Art Museum, 1119 S.W. Park Ave., hosted by the Regional Drug Initiative Youth Coalition.

The dance theme is the 70s era, with Deejay Rich Ellis of Z100 playing the hits. Trail Blazer tickets will be given as door prizes.

All teens 14 to 18 are invited. Admission is \$2 plus identification. Secu-

urity is provided.

The event underscores the importance of providing teenagers with safe social events and serves as a reminder that fun doesn't have to include drinking and drugs.

The coalition includes 25 teens who are leaders for their peers by maintaining a lifestyle free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Coalition members develop and appear in anti-drug media campaigns.