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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Party Introduces Singer

Vocalist David Cooley, described as Portland's Frank Sinatra and the Apostle of Croon will be introduced with artists George Mitchell, Dave Captien and Carlton Jackson on Wednesday, May 10 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Red Lion Downtown. The event celebrates the release of Cooley's CD and cassette Fly Me to The Moon.

Concert In The Park

You can spend an evening listening to jazz with Michael Allen Harrison on Friday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary School, 6300 S.W. Wilson Ave. in Beaverton. There will also be food, desserts and coffee. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Call 626-1029 for information.

Help For Debt Management

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit organization, presents a free debt management seminar to help people who are in financial trouble. The event is Thursday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Clark County PUD, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Women Of Excellence Feted

Delta Sigma Theta presents its 17th annual "Women of Excellence" luncheon on Saturday, May 20 at Shenanigan's on Swan Island. Scholarships and awards will be presented to deserving women and youth in the African American community. Key-note speaker is Mona Humphries Bailey, retired deputy superintendent of Seattle Public Schools. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth. Call 253-4924.

Clay Art For Show, Sale

Oregon Potters presents the northwest's largest exhibit of Clay Art for show and sale, May 12-13 at the Oregon Convention Center. Members will also be demonstrating forming and decorating techniques.

Schindler's List Author Coming

Thomas Keneally, best known for his award-winning novel Schindler's List, presents his latest novel A River Town, at Powell's Books on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. The new book is a story about Tim Shea, who has fled with his family from the unyielding class system and poverty of British-controlled Ireland to a small Australian town.

Rejecting "The GOP Contract"

In honor of May Day, the Freedom Socialist Party invites the public to a panel discussion on how to beat back the attack on affirmative action, unions, welfare and immigrants. The forum begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St.

Firefighter To Lead Parade

Capt. Dave Sprando of Portland Fire Station 22 is the Grand Marshall for the 33rd annual St. Johns Parade, Portland's third largest parade with floats, bands, clowns and the Rose Festival courts. The parade is held May 13 from noon to 2 p.m. in the St. Johns neighborhood of north Portland.

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ALBERTA COFFEEHOUSE JAZZ'S IT UP

Joe Johnson on sax and Charles Denton on drums provide the good sounds at the newly opened Roslyn's Garden Coffeehouse on Alberta Street at 14th Place.
(Photo by Chuck Washington)

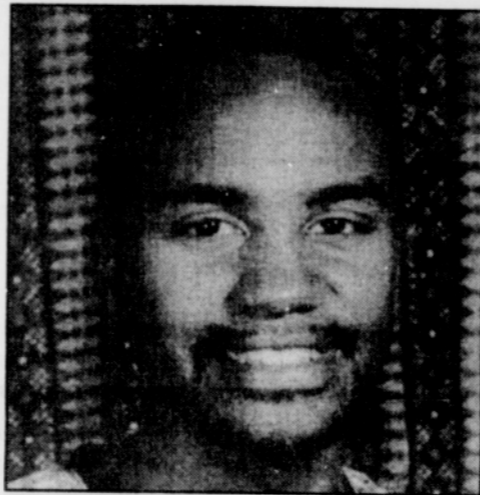
Local Educator Gets Chance Of A Lifetime

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Mr. Dan Bundy, science teacher at the Black Education Center (B.E.C.), has been selected by The Citizen Ambassador Program to be a member of its Minority Education Delegation to the People's Republic of China during the month of May.

This exciting program enables minority educators from around the nation to meet and exchange ideas and teaching techniques with their counterparts in other countries. The program was founded several decades ago by former President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. In line with his widely-recognized concerns with the enhancement of communications and intercultural understanding among the peoples of the world, he created this organization as a vehicle for building such bridges on a global scale.

Local sponsors are Mr. Jonnie A. Gage,



Dan Bundy

Director to the House of Umoja and Mr. Jonnie W. Gage, Director of the MYCAP program. They also operate the Miracles program which will be the site of a benefit. Others wishing to make a much-needed con-

tribution may do so in care of the "Dan Bundy Education Fund" at the Hollywood Branch of the Washington Mutual Federal Savings Bank. We note that Mr. Bundy has made a significant personal contribution toward the 5000 needed for such an extensive Asian trip and learning experience.

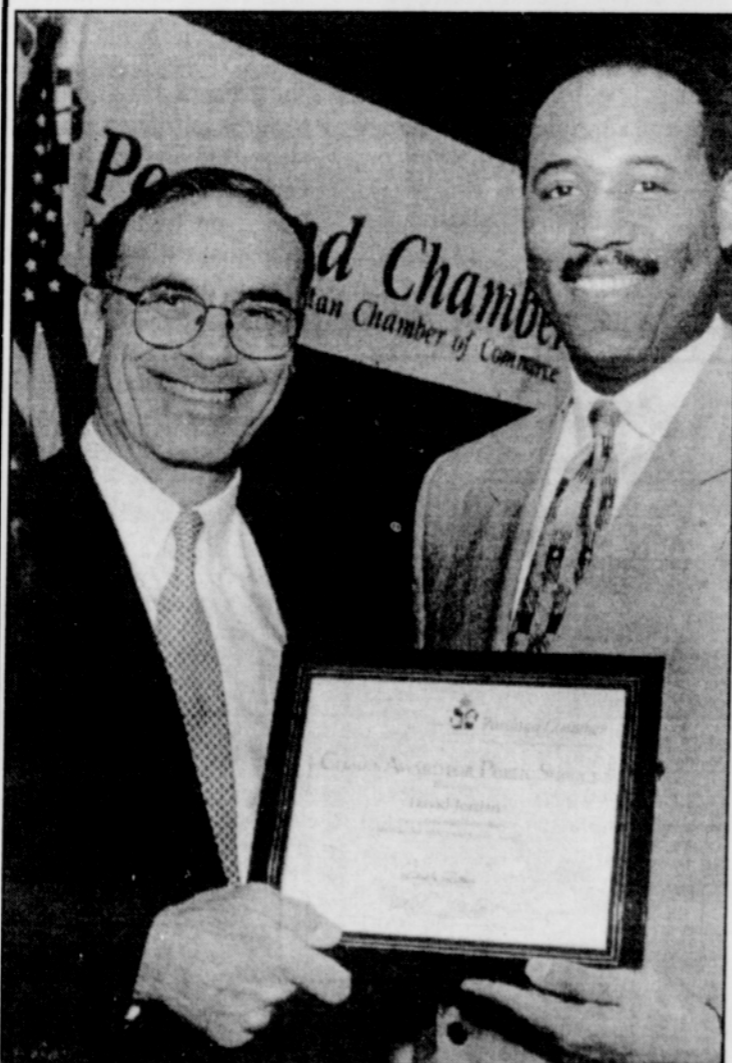
The month-long trip will begin with a visit to the Museum of Minority Nationalities to receive an overview of the culture, history, and artistic traditions of the region and of specific ethnic groups. Throughout the trip the group will meet with various Federations of Minority Nationalities and local government officials. Discussions will include such topics as the role of the government in creating minority education policy, education issues specific to ethnically diverse regions, and contributions of ethnic groups to Chinese culture and history.

A typical day would highlight the professional exchanges with professors, educa-

tion advisors and administrators at the Yunnan College of minority nationalities. Discussion topics would include professional goals of the students, issues regarding ethnic assimilation into modern culture, and the contributions of minority people in the areas of the arts, sciences and businesses. Other days would center on informal and personal exchanges with representatives of ethnic groups. These will focus on ethnic environments; preserving culture language, and arts; and family and community structures.

All in all, this experience-broadening excursion abroad should significantly expand the professional abilities of our local educator from Portland's Black Education Center. Again, lets get behind one of our own and help make this trip a worthwhile educational experience for all of us. That which educates and expands the horizons of our young people will do the very same for us all.

Parks Coordinator Wins Praise



Donald S. McClave of the Portland Chamber, presents Portland Parks and Recreation employee David Jordan (right), with an award for public service. (Photo by Max Gutierrez)

Coordinator for the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau has received the Chair's Award for Public Service by the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

David Jordan was honored for his work in building the Youth Golf Trust Fund and working with at-risk youth.

The trust was established four years ago from a surcharge on golfers using Portland municipal courses.

The monies are funneled back into the community and are available to community groups with recreational programs in need

of funding. Jordan is charged with evaluating grant requests and doing the follow-up once the grants have been awarded.

"Jordan's job impacts thousands of kids all over Portland," said chamber chair Richard G. Reiten. "It means kids who have never been camping get that opportunity because the trust fund provides the money for supplies and transportation."

The award recognizes and publicly thanks civil servants whose individual achievement, dedication to their job and commitment to the ideals of public service have greatly benefitted the community.

Minority Business Advocate Honored

A northeast Portland contractor is being honored for his work as an advocate for minority business.

O.B. Hill, chairman of the board for the National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon and President of Construction Supportive Systems, Inc., was named the Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year for Oregon by the Small Business Administration.

The award pays tribute to persons who contribute their time and effort toward furthering minority business development.

Hill said he views the recognition as a testament to the work of contractors in his organization.

"Much of the credit given me is only a reflection of the hard work and dedication of others who have placed their trust and various resources behind me," Hill said.

Hill represents the interests of minority contractors as a lobbyist with state and local governments to ensure that minority contractors have the opportunity to participate in a

wide range of contracting jobs.

He serves as the publisher of the Advocate, an organizational newsletter and has written articles in the Portland Observer and other media promoting minority employment and minority business subcontracting on public and private construction projects.

He was instrumental in ensuring minority business participation and employment in Portland's new northeast Precinct as well as on Tri-Met's Westside Light Rail project, SBA officials said.

Hill serves as chairman of the Black Dollar Days task Force, a non-profit organization formed to improve the economic conditions of Portland's African American community.

SBA District Director John Gilman said Hill contributed an enormous amount of time and energy to ensure that government programs have the intended positive impact on minority businesses.

"He has taken a leadership role in promoting the participation of minority contractors in our local marketplace," Gilman said.

Carter To Hold District Meeting

The "War on the Poor" will be the topic of a legislative district meeting by Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility.

Joining Carter will be Sen. Bill McCoy, D-Portland, Rep. Dennis Luke, R-Bend, chair of the House Committee on Human Resources and Education, Ellen Lowe of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Chuck Sheketoff of Multnomah County Legal Aid.

Carter and her guests will be discussing various state budget issues that affect low-income people, including the JOBS Plus bill, the Oregon Health Plan, a variety of proposed laws that would reform state public assistance programs.

"The 'cycle of dependency' is a myth," said Carter, "but getting out of poverty is still a hard reality."

"Getting off welfare and moving up

out of poverty are not the same. Welfare reform bills currently before the Oregon legislature do not address issues such as affordable, quality child care; health care benefits for people who make too much to qualify for the Oregon Health Plan but do not hold jobs that provide such benefits; and collection of all over-due child support.

"One of the most disturbing aspects of the entire welfare reform debate," Carter said, "is the focus solely on women. Why do so many of these bills seek to punish or deprive the one parent who is assuming responsibility for these children? Where is the discussion on fathers, on support enforcement, on programs to get young, unemployed men to work so that can support their families?"

"We need to refocus the debate onto helping families become independent," Carter declared.