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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Network Reaches Out To Women

Women Aglow, a network of caring women, welcomes all women to their next meeting Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-cultural Senior Citizen Center at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth. For more information call 284-7901.

Girl Scouting Camps Offered

The Columbia River Girl Scout Council is taking a popular day camp program to six Portland and Vancouver area parks this summer. The camps offer younger girls a chance to make new friends in a warm and secure environment while learning outdoor skills, exciting crafts and energetic games and songs. Older girls may serve as program aids and gain valuable leadership skills while having fun assisting in camp activities. Call Laura at (503) 524-5035 or the council office at (503) 620-4567 for more information.

Music By Blue Lake Series To Open

Metro's 11th annual Music by Blue Lake summer concert series begins July 6 with a lineup of national and international acts and local favorites. The Thursday night series at Blue Lake Regional Park features a variety of performers and music styles designed to appeal to a broad range of tastes. On July 6, the Dan Balmer Group with Tom Grant presents West Coast jazz.

Rummage Sale Coming To Boise

A huge neighborhood rummage sale comes to Boise School at 620 N. Fremont Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Housing Our Families and residents the Boise neighborhood, proceeds will help pay for a neighborhood festival to be held in July. Donations of good quality new and used items will be accepted through Friday. For information call 335-0947.

Bonnie Raitt Headed To Schnitzer

Singer and Grammy Award winner Bonnie Raitt will help feed Oregon's hungry July 11, 12 and 13 when she comes to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall for three performances. Raitt is asking ticket holders to bring non-perishable food for the Oregon Food Bank. Tickets to the concerts are sold out.

Swim League Recruits Members

Summer Swim Leagues aren't for superstars. They're for novice swimmers with emphasis on fun and personal improvement. The leagues are run by the Portland Parks and Recreation Department and open to all young swimmers through age 17. There is a fee of \$45 per swimmer. For more information call 823-SWIM.

Hyalite Seeks Volunteers

Hyaline, Inc., a non-profit organization that uses art, culture and the history of African Americans to enhance self-esteem for urban boys is recruiting volunteers. For more information call 220-8282.

Foodstock Returning To Laurelhurst

The annual Foodstock festival for Loaves and Fishes, the meals-on-wheels people, returns July 22 for the third year to Laurelhurst Park in southeast Portland. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the event, call Kristy Wood at 777-2424.

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Creative Inventions Bring Honor



Preparing to march in the Rose Festival Junior Parade are Pacific Power Rose Scholars posed after a parade during the last Rose Festival, (from left) William Richmond, Nathan Ross, Stephanie Kostick, Sadonna Downs, Ruth Hotchkiss, Raymond Moore, Joe Manning and Kim Currie.

Twenty four of Portland's most creative students were honored this month at the Pacific Power Rose Scholar awards.

Portland superintendent Jack Bierwirth joined Shelley Faigle, vice president of

PacificCorps and Jonathan Nicholas of the Oregonian to host the awards reception for students, their teachers and parents.

The students were selected based on essays they wrote answering the question: "If you could invent something that runs on

electricity and makes life better for people, what would it be?" Pacific Power sponsored the contest in north and northeast schools.

The scholars were also spotlighted at the Rose Festival Junior Parade.

Bierwirth congratulated the students for

their creativity and writing skills.

He also gave praise to Pacific Power.

"This essay contest and Pacific Power's continued involvement with Portland schools is the kind of partnership we need," Bierwirth said.

Female Crew Improves Shelter Living

The small rooms at the women's shelter are freshly painted, the furnishings are humble. It's not glamorous, but it's friendly and caring and it's a haven for some 22 women and their children fleeing abuse or homelessness.

The problem was, in the summer months, the downtown YWCA Women's Shelter was also very hot and uncomfortable.

Last weekend, however, at least that problem was solved thanks to the efforts of the YWCA's crisis services staff and an all volunteer crew of female electricians.

The 11 journey-level and apprentice electricians from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48, teamed up and donated their skilled labor to install nearly a dozen cooling ceiling fans in as many rooms at the shelter.

"With social services going by the wayside these days, it's important to do what we can to help people," said Jill Axtell, one of the electricians on the job. "Personally, I especially liked the idea of women helping women."

Leslie Williams, a professional vol-



unteer for the YWCA Women's Resource Center, called the labor group to ask for help.

"We had the donated fans," Williams explained. "But we couldn't afford to have them installed."

The YWCA shelter in downtown Portland houses battered women and their children as well as homeless women and their children.

It also provides a five week program that attempts to connect shelter resi-

Cooling fans are installed at the YWCA Women's Shelter in Portland thanks to an all-female crew of volunteer electricians from the Portland area, representatives of the shelter.

dents with other services, such as job programs to help them get back on their feet.

"We really appreciate the help," said Susan Winter, director of crisis services for the shelter. "This is a godsend."

Portland MESA Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Portland MESA, a program that encourages youths from grades 6 through 12 to pursue a college education and careers in math, science and engineering, celebrated its 10th anniversary on June 13, at the Smith Memorial Center, at Portland State University campus.

About 150 Portland middle and high school students who have participated in this year's MESA program was recognized for their achievements. In addition, several college students and college graduates who are former MESA participants were honored during the June 13 program.

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) was formed in July 1985 to help increase the number of ethnic minority students in the math, science and engineering fields. It was developed by Chik Erzurumlu, dean of PSU's School of Engineering and Applied Science, along with Matthew Prophet, former superintendent of the Portland School district, and Prophet's assistant superintendent, Ernest Hartzog. The three modeled MESA after a program begun in California in 1970.

MESA consists of a combination of af-

ter-school and weekend workshops, field trips and projects. Participants learn about potential math, science and engineering careers from current professionals. A summer program of activities also is offered. This year's program served 350 students from 18 middle and high schools in the Portland metro area. Of the 350, about 60 percent are students who are historically underrepresented in math and science, and 66 percent are female.

To become a MESA graduate, participants must attend at least 80 percent of scheduled program activities.

Since it was formed 10 years ago, MESA

has reached more than 1,600 students from throughout the Portland area. Of 81 MESA graduates, 79 pursued higher education, and three were National Merit Scholars. More than 100 MESA students have been placed in summer internships since 1986, and MESA graduates have received a total of \$166,000 in scholarships designated for MESA students only.

MESA is based at the School of Engineering and Applied Science on the PSU campus. For more information about the program, contact MESA director Joan Kurowski at 725-4665.