

New Hotel Named Pioneer Place Suites

Portland new Kimpton Group Hotel, formerly the Frederick & Nelson building on the corner of Washington and Fifth Avenue has been named Pioneer Place Suites.

The name was chosen from a contest and entry from Grant Brackett, a 20-year Portland resident.

"Since the new hotel is so close to Pioneer Place, 'Pioneer Place Suites' seemed like an obvious name," Brackett said.

Brackett will have a room in the new hotel named after him as part of his prize. He will also receive a week-

end for two at the new hotel, dinner in the new adjoining restaurant and a weekend for two in San Francisco at the Hotel Monaco with dining for two at the Grand Cafe.

Pioneer Place Suites is scheduled to open next spring. The first class hotel features 160 suites, 60 deluxe rooms and four grand suites. It will also offer approximately 6,000 square feet of meeting and catering space and will be able to accommodate groups from 10 to 200.

For more information on the hotel, call 226-6855.

'Fall Into Fashion' Senior Style Show

Join us for our "Fall Into Fashion" Senior Style Show to be held Friday, August 25, 1995 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at Forest Grove Residential Center. We're featuring lovely, new fall fashions from K Mart, Mervyn's J.C. Penney, Raintree Town and Country and My Sister's Closet.

Door prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

There is no charge for our enjoyable afternoon and reservations will be accepted through August 22nd. Call Barbara or Judy, 357-3288.

Come join the fun.

NAACP Youth Delegates Urged To Find Inspiration And Guidance In African American History



NAACP Promotes Education -- Earl T. Shinhoster, Acting Executive Director, NAACP, second from left, joins Kimberly Weaver, NAACP National Youth Work Committee, second from right, in welcoming honored guests to the recent Roy Wilkins Scholarship Luncheon during the Association's 86th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. With them are Dr. Roger Wilkins, Professor of History and American Culture, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., keynote speaker, and Ms. Kim Reed, Territory Development Manager, Pepsi-Cola Company.

Dr. Roger Wilkins, Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., told NAACP youth Convention Delegates that young Blacks can better meet the challenges presented by the recent "re-emergence of racism" if they are armed with a knowledge of their own history.

Dr. Wilkins made his remarks at the Roy Wilkins Scholarship Luncheon, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company, at the 86th Annual NAACP Convention here.

The nephew of the late NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins, Dr. Wilkins said history shows that government at all levels worked to limit opportunities for Blacks for generations, giving racial preferences to whites.

Wilkins encouraged young NAACP members to draw inspiration from the pioneering efforts of African American heroes such as Harriet Tubman, A. Philip Randolph and Sojourner Truth.

Dr. Wilkins cited the widely-held belief among non-racist whites that America is a country where anyone who works hard can succeed. Many of these individuals say the

proof of this lies in the experience of their grandparents, who arrived here as poor immigrants in the late 1800s or early 1900s, worked hard, educated their children, and watched their families succeed -- all without ever owning slaves or hurting Black people.

But Dr. Wilkins pointed out the flaws in this argument, outlining the historical events that served to benefit immigrant whites while keeping blacks within clearly defined regional, occupational and economic parameters.

He said that in "the rotten deal of 1877" -- known as the Tilden-Hayes Compromise -- members of the House of Representatives, attempting to settle a closely-contested presidential election (between Samuel J. Tilden and Rutherford B. Hayes), agreed to a compromise that sent Hayes to the White House. Other parts of the agreement assured the North's control of national industries while the South was to regain its agricultural prowess through low-income Black laborers. The agreement took place 14 years after the emancipation of the slaves.

This resulted, Dr. Wilkins said,

in northern industries welcoming European immigrants for factory work for generations and building a white working and middle class. When African American migrants moved to northern cities and factory jobs earlier this century, they found themselves too late for the peak of America's Industrial Revolution.

Dr. Wilkins said that helping the poor who still suffer because of historical inequities must be "a priority" for the NAACP. He quoted Harriet Tubman's famous words, "I am not free until the least of my brothers and sisters is free."

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Wilkins encouraged the delegates to recognize the NAACP as "the strongest weapon in our arsenal" in the struggle against racism.

As the nation's oldest and most powerful civil rights organization, the NAACP has a long and proud history of battling inequity, Dr. Wilkins said. But, he said, the organization's constituents now face a new hurdle that can be seen in the widespread "playing of the race card," especially as it regards affirmative action, by cynical political forces across the nation.

The Encore, Part II:

There Are Ways To Deal With Things Before Its Too Late

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

That was a rather mild response to that "y'all come" appendage to last week's article of this series, but a number of us are betting that this will change as the community seeks to assess or even comprehend that volatile article in last week's "Oregonian Newspaper" (See my Perspectives" column, page 2A).

Several of us who consider ourselves to have a better than average understanding of how the Portland infrastructure works (and "has" worked over several generations) see a pressing need to build and launch new, innovative systems that are based on such reality and experience. The imitation and replication of economic programs designed decades ago in the hey day of President Johnson's "Great Society" leave you "behind the curve":

Above all, "there is an additional need," I tell in my peer group and many others with whom we come in contact at initial information meetings: Share the knowledge! Lets get away from the cliques and blocking, the envies and jealousies that have so crippled the minority community for so long. Early this century, blacks had a saying, "Slaves don't have secrets."

When we inspect and analyze the paperwork and processes subtending many current social and "economic" programs, I am taken back to my early 1970s experience as administrator/accountant for a large U.S.

Department of Labor training program designed by Washington, D.C. planners to "escalate the quality of life for the inner-city disadvantaged." The "maze" is still "amazing."

Some of my industry acquaintances on the far west side, accustomed for the most part to the smooth-working systems and forms for production, processing and quality control, shake their heads in disbelief. They have already learned in their plants, for instance, that no computer in the world can do a decent job of accounting if the system designer wasn't an experienced accountant.

And, of course, industry still has the complaint that I articulated here several years ago: If, in an alleged effort to save money, an economic program is heavily loaded with recent graduates armed only with the jargon, idioms, vernacular and slang of the game (and good intentions), then the game may be lost quite early on.

The economic successes will be the office supply houses, van-leasing companies and the coin machine operators. The targeted clientele will be just beginning a long-term merry-go-round ride, as happened during "Model City" days: from program to program.

It is important, we feel, that a community should learn from its experiences and should develop its own systems and paradigms for dealing with an exploitive world. Just as it was with "Urban Renewal/Model

Cities," the "planners" know exactly what they are doing, and as much of the process is designed to fail, as to succeed. They have always worked hand-in-hand with the commercial interests. If not, they would never have had their programs funded. That is the "American Way."

Of course my personal forte has been in the science/math mode and I have had time to update those early designs that won the National Science Award. There seems to be a good start on evading the past roadblock of a less-than-innovative Portland School System (despite protestations to the contrary). Several education publishers and game manufacturers have been out to monitor some demonstrations in outlying districts - with industry backing. You can do it too!

Especially liked is the innovative "Science Club" mode I started in The Dalles, Oregon several years ago, but had been brushed off by two former Portland school superintendents. Others in the community have started doing their thing, moving around the "blockers" with our encouragement.

More and more minorities with inventions are calling me for directions (mostly female). Two of the west side plants with guest facilities are putting up out of town visitors for us this summer and providing a shuttle bus (educators, publishers and a major foundation.)

Next week, "Real Estate."

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