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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Luncheon Features Cookbook Author

Ann Wall Frank, author of "Cooking for Your Evil Twin," will be featured during the inaugural Women Against Multiple Sclerosis luncheon, Sept. 19 at the Portland Hilton Hotel. Call 223-9511 to make a reservation or for information on MS services.

Convention Center Party Friday

Picnic By The Points, a community celebration to mark the fifth birthday of the Oregon Convention Center will be held Friday and Saturday, noon to 9 p.m., on the center's parking lot. Proceeds will benefit the Cultural Recreation Band, a group committed to improving the quality of life and education of children in north and northeast Portland. The event will include clowns, face painters and an OMSI science fair for the kids.

Circus Coming To The Coliseum

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has scheduled a series of performances, Sept. 13 - Sept. 17 at Portland's Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are \$9.50 - \$13.50 for adults, with a \$2 discount for children under 12 and \$4 discount for children available at Thriftway for opening night. To charge by phone call 224-4400. Group discounts are also sold for 15 or more people by calling 797-9604.

Barbecue Cook-off Set

A barbecue cook-off to benefit the Oregon Food Bank will be held this weekend at Oregon Courtyard Square on Northeast Holladay Street between Seventh and Ninth avenues. The event will feature 11 cooks with ribs, corn on the cob, beer, ice cream and more. Live music will be provided by the Trial Band, Cross Country, Ozone Rangers, Jeff and The Revolvers and the All Night Cowboys.

Ellington Tribute Includes Workshop

A special jazz masterclass directed by Mercer Kennedy Ellington, son of jazz great Duke Ellington, will take place in Lincoln Hall at Portland State University, Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. That evening, the Schnitzer Concert Hall will be the setting for the music and dance tribute "Essence of Ellington." Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets. Part of the proceeds benefit the PSU Black Studies Department.

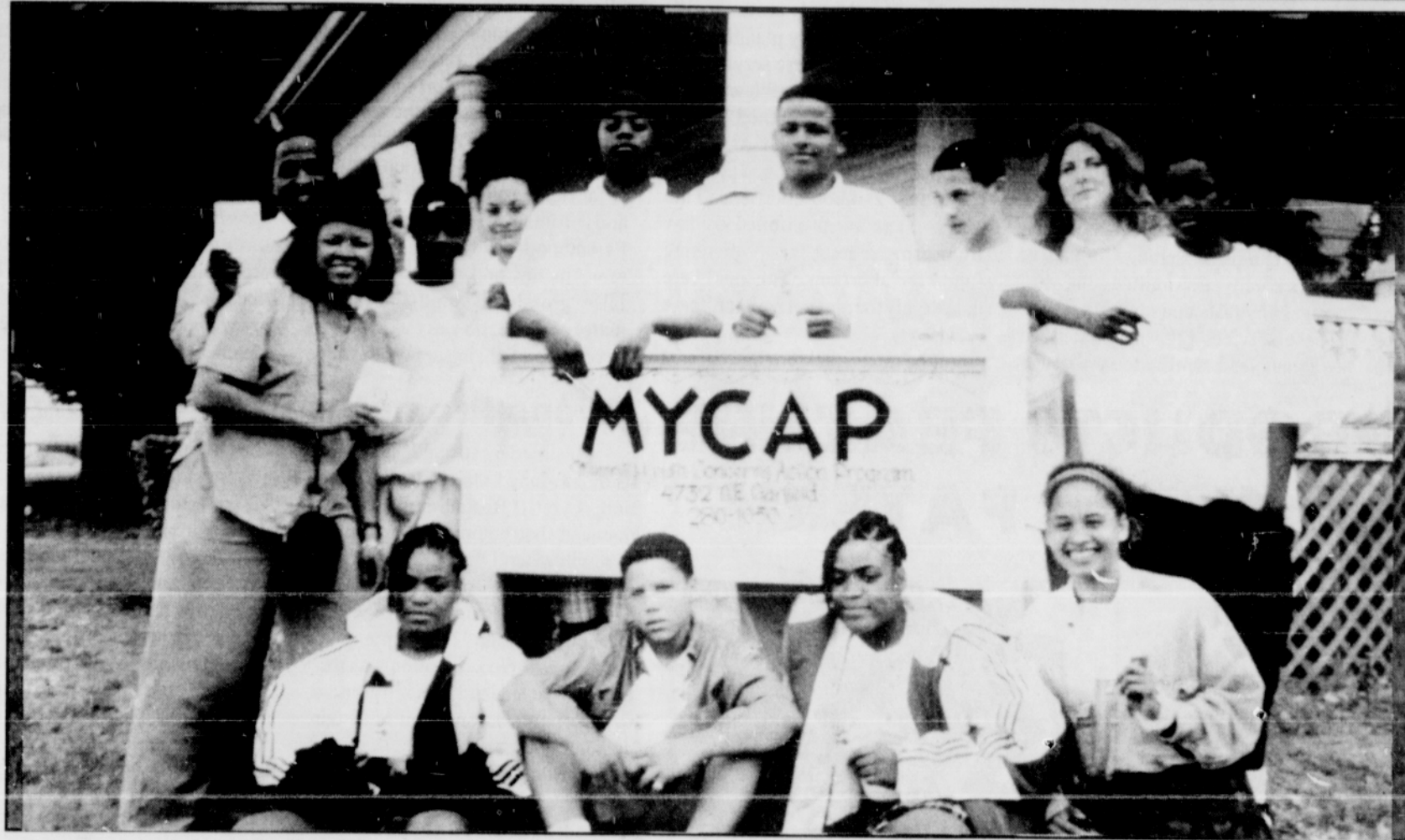
PSU Throws Party In The Park

Portland State University throws its fifth annual Party in the Park, Sept. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. marking the end of New Student Week and the beginning of fall term. A Caribbean Carnival Parade is planned to begin the festivities. A pajama dance in the park blocks will during the evening, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

OMSI Auction Sets Annual Date

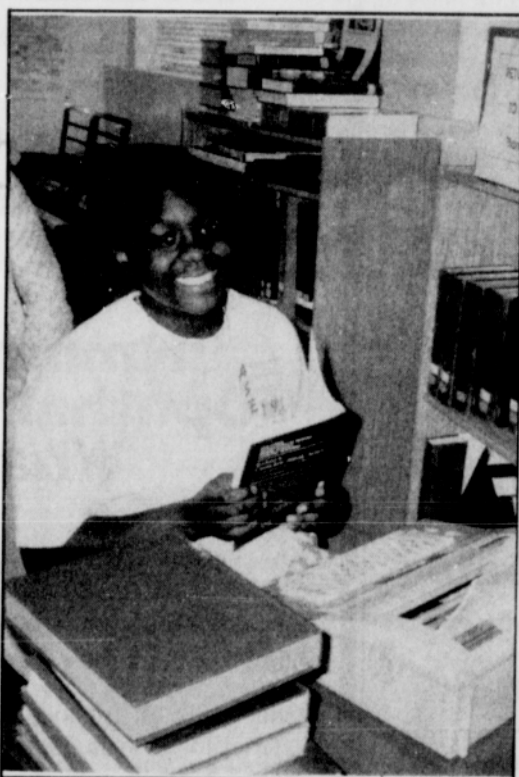
The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, (OMSI) Oregon's premier science museum, has set the dates for their biggest fund-raising event of the year, Jan. 19 and 20 at the Portland Hilton Hotel. The nights of entertainment will carry an OMSI Olympiad theme. For tickets or more information call 797-4642.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Summer staff at northeast Portland's MYCAP office (Minority Youth Concerns Action Program) hold copies of their Multi-Cultural Teen-Age Directory, a new booklet designed as a quick reference guide to resources available for youth in the Portland area. The booklet contains information on alcohol and drug abuse, pregnancy, child care, counseling, health care, sexually transmitted diseases and the tough new sentencing requirements for crimes committed under Measure 11.

North Portland Bible College Nears Opening



Alicia Davis (left) and Rev. T. Allen Bethel (right) are among the many volunteers helping in the effort to build a campus facility for the North Portland Bible College.

Community pastors, church leaders and civic leaders are among the honored guests to gather Sunday, Sept. 17 for a special ceremony marking the construction of a new home for the North Portland Bible College.

Music, a tour and refreshments are also planned during the ribbon-cutting ceremony to begin at 3:30 p.m. at the new school site at 4905 N. Vancouver.

The dream of the college moving onto a campus of its own is becoming a reality with the remodeling of two houses into a campus facility.

Thanks to volunteer labor and donations, the end of construction is almost in sight, college officials said.

Several community pastors and church leaders have lent a hand to the building project.

Rev. T. Allen Bethel, pastor of Maranatha Church of God helped nail insulation. Rev. James Coleman of Fellowship Church of God has come to the site several times to do whatever needed to be done: Running errands, painting a room, and filling nail holes

in preparation of final painting. He also extended hospitality to visiting volunteers.

Rev. James E. Smith of Allen Temple CME Church helped paint in the Gantenbein House and plans to participate in the exterior painting.

North/northeast churches represented by at least one volunteer include the following:

Berean Baptist, Allen Temple CME, Englewood Christian, Fellowship Church of God, Maranatha, Antioch Baptist, Mt. Olivet, Central Bible, Bethel A.M.E., North Baptist and possibly others.

But college officials said on many days, even weekends, site superintendent Bruce Edman is working by himself. Edman has declined a paying job to stay with the project until it is completed.

Financial and labor donations are still welcome.

Some tasks of the project that remain, include exterior and some interior painting, carpet and linoleum installation, window and plumbing fixtures, and completion of landscaping.

Classes are expected to meet in the newly renovated houses later this fall.

Program Exceeds Goal

Oregon's Child Support Enforcement Program collected \$46.3 million more than its goal during 1993-95, according to statistics released by Adult and Family Services, which administers the program.

Over the two-year period, \$335.3 million in child support was collected and distributed, exceeding the target of \$289 million set by the 1993 Legislature. The collections represent an increase of 40 percent over the previous two-year period. Over the last six years, child support collections in Oregon increased by 102 percent, going from \$165.8 million in 1989-91 to the 1993-95 level of \$335.3 million.

"Increasing collection of child support is a key part of the state's welfare reform strategy, and we're gratified to be able to announce these figures during national strategy, and we're gratified to be able to announce these figures during national Child Support Awareness Month," stated Phil Yarnell, head of AFS Recovery Services. "We have made noteworthy gains in our effectiveness, which translate into more Oregon families who are able to stay off welfare and improve their standard of living because they are getting the child support

they deserve."

Statistics also show a significant improvement in productivity since the last biennium. Collections per worker rose by 15 percent, going from \$585,300 during 1991-93 to \$676,000 in 1993-95. Yarnell credits the work of the Support Enforcement Division of the Department of Justice and local district attorneys for the increase. The agencies are partners with AFS in the Child Support Enforcement Program.

The program is also taking advantage of new legal tools to collect past-due child support. These include a law requiring employers to report their new hires to the state, the ability to suspend occupational licenses for non-payment of child support, and the ability to intercept an absent parent's tax refunds to cover back child support.

During the upcoming biennium, the program's authority to suspend occupational licenses will be expanded, and it will gain the ability to suspend driver's licenses for people owing more than \$2,500. The program is also adding 150 staff over the biennium; These new workers are expected to collect more than \$40 million above the cost of employing them.

Back To School Traffic Watch Urged

Motorists should be on the lookout for school buses and increased neighborhood traffic as area kids return to school.

"Drivers are required to stop for a school bus when its lights are flashing," said Captain Jim Stevenson of the Oregon State Police. "Remember, stopping is required not only on two-lane roadways, but also on four-lane roadways where there is no physical barrier

dividing the lanes of travel."

Stevenson said people should also be aware that children walking to school will significantly increase pedestrian traffic in many neighborhoods.

"The reduced speed limit when children are present is 20 miles per hour," Stevenson said. "Enforcement of the school bus laws and the speed limits around schools is very strict. Don't expect a warning if you fail to

stop when a bus is picking up children or dropping them off."

Stevenson said kids should also learn proper pedestrian skills.

"Parents should make sure that their kids know how to safely cross streets, how to watch out for cars and be good pedestrians. And kids should also know the rules for safely getting on and off the school bus."

Hill To Direct Portland YWCA

The YWCA of Portland has named Karen J. Hill as its executive director.

Hill has served as executive director of the Salem-based non-profit Northwest Human Services, a multi-service organization providing health and social services to over 30,000 people in Marion and Polk counties.

"We are most fortunate or have recruited a person with the stature and experience that Karen possesses," said Janice Hall, President of the YWCA Board of Directors.

In her letter of application for the job, Hill said she want to be part of an organization which empowers people and encourages self sufficiency.

"The YWCA has a unique opportunity to be a focal point for women in the Portland area," she said. "I would love the opportunity to be a part of such an organization."



Karen J. Hill

Correct Dates For Metro Training

The dates for accepting applications in the Metro Electrical Training Center's Apprenticeship Training Program were incorrect in our last edition. We sincerely apologize for this error. The applications are being taken Sept. 5 through 18th at 5600 N.E. 42nd at Killingsworth, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.