

# RELIGION

## Portland Christian To Upgrade Athletics

Providing additional and improved athletic programs for its growing student body and meeting its neighborhood's growing need for additional facilities for community teams and events was the goal of Portland Christian Schools when it presented Meyer Memorial Trust with a proposal for renovation of its high school track and fields last April.

In August, the trust approved the school's proposal and awarded \$350,000 toward completion of the \$500,000 project.

The renovation, which is slated for completion next August, provides for a new all-weather track to replace the current cinder track, lights for the football and practice fields, moving

and re-sodding baseball, football and soccer fields and other improvements.

"PCS was founded with the idea in mind that every area of instruction and activity should instill in our students the ability to succeed with others cooperatively, ethically and with integrity," said PCS Athletic Director Rich Rensburg. "Athletic participation is not exception to this rule and in fact, is one of the most effective and crucial tools for teaching these values to our students and the hundreds of other children in our community who use our facilities and join in our summer programs."

About 15 community groups, comprised of hundreds of children and adults, use the PCS high school

tack and fields yearly. These groups include the Oregon Youth Soccer Association and Parkrose Little League Baseball. As well, due to the growth of its student body in recent years, PCS High was advanced by the Oregon School Athletics Association from AA to AAA status, increasing the level of competition for PCS student athletes.

These circumstances combined to push the school's ability to meet the needs of its students and the surrounding community almost to its limit last year.

In gaining grant approval, PCS officials convinced the school's trustees that the proposed renovation could be completed in a relatively

short amount of time and would open up new areas for use for PCS students and the community.

Phase one of a two-phase project will create a "Community Fitness Center." This project is in fulfillment of the school's Master Facilities Plan and addresses a recommendation by one of the schools' two accrediting organizations, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Portland Christian Schools is a non-denominational, private Christian school, with classes ranging from daycare through grade 12 and a study body of approximately 900 students on three campuses, two in Portland and one in Vancouver.

## Can Character Education Save The Public Schools?, Part 1

BY TIM STAFFORD

A local junior high school displays huge hallway banners reading, "Respect and Responsibility—We Can Do It Together." Respect, this year's theme, is meant to pervade the multi-ethnic school. (Last year compassion and caring took the lead.)

At the annual back-to-school night, our principal took a few minutes to explain the theme to us parents, then turned the program over to the cheerleaders. They illustrated respect by lip-synching a bump-and-grind rendition of Aretha Franklin's song of the same name. At the final beat, they turned around, bent over, flipped up their cheerleader skirts, and displayed the word RESPECT, spelled out on pieces of paper pinned to their bottoms.

I nudged my wife: "I don't think they've completely grasped the concept."

Which is roughly what I thought when I learned of the existence of a movement in the public schools to teach children virtuous character. Are educators, I wondered, really ready for this?

Still, the very existence of the character-education movement catches your attention. For some time, public schools have been saying that values are not part of their curriculum. It is news when a substantial

group in public education says, "Yes, they are."

I have on my desk a brochure from the Character Development Foundation in Manchester, New Hampshire. Intended to attract teachers to a one-day seminar, it proclaims boldly, "You can teach kids to be smart & Good!" Good is defined in language typical of the character-education movement by the traits of self-control, respect, responsibility, honesty, courage, caring, courtesy, and friendship. Character education claims to teach old-fashioned values to kids who are not getting them at home.

It would be hard to be against such an undertaking. Surely it is part of a school's job to help parents turn their children into decent, responsible, moderately polite human beings. Yet it is also hard to entrust character confidently to the same people who embraced the values education of Planned Parenthood.

In Washington, D.C., I attended a national conference put on by a coalition of organizations called the Character Education Partnership. Most of the several hundred people in attendance were schoolteachers or school administrators, cheerful and energetic people who were launching character-education programs in local schools all over the country, or

thinking about it. Some very large school systems, such as those from Baltimore and Saint Louis, were represented, as were many smaller places.

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To be concluded next week.

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## Union Gospel Mission Wins Samaritan Award

The LifeChange Program of the Union Gospel Mission in Portland is one of the 10 national winners of the Samaritan Award by the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty.

The awards are designed to honor America's private charitable efforts that work voluntarily to solve the country's social and economic problems. From nearly 700 entries, the Union Gospel program was selected based on the results it produces, the cost to achieve them, innovation and potential for on-going success.

LifeChange offers homeless, substance-abusing men and women and a place to live, counseling, vocational training and employment opportunities. In return, residents work eight hour days, attend school and maintain sobriety.

As a Samaritan Award winner, Union Gospel will receive a \$1,000 grant and go on to compete for an additional \$10,000 grant in national competition.

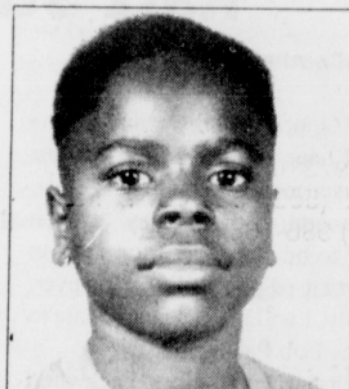
## Event Features Dinner, Music, Fashions

Greater Faith Baptist Church, 931 N. Skidmore, is hosting a dinner, musical and fashion show on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at 8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 per couple or \$300 per table of 12. For more information, contact Clarence Dorn Sr. at 253-9474 or direct inquiries to the church at 287-4345. There will also be a raffle for door prizes and cash as well as a trip to Jamaica.

## In Loving Memory Kenneth Wayne Wilson

My dad hustles for money.  
My dad has a job.  
My dad My dad kills people.  
My dad saves people.  
My dad gives me money.  
My dad gives me love.  
My dad has lots of girls.  
My dad has a wife.  
My dad doesn't care about life.  
My dad has an important life.  
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