

Upward bound

PSU's student program brings together a team of svelt scholars to win competition and prove eight minds are better than one.



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Oregon's helmet law

Finding the glitches in the state's statistical data.



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Drummer time

A legend in his field, Obbo Addy raindances his way through two local performances this weekend.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

GOP convention under way

The Republican Party's 1996 presidential nominating convention is under way. Some 2,000 party delegates have gathered at the San Diego convention center to ratify a pre-determined conclusion: anointing former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole as the party's standard-bearer for the Nov. 5 presidential election. Highlights of the first day's events will include speeches from party luminaries such as former Joint Chiefs chairman Colin Powell and former Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford.

Lamm, Perot chase reform votes

Texas billionaire Ross Perot yesterday asked the Reform Party that he created to send him on a second quest for the presidency of the United States. Addressing the inaugural convention of the Reform Party in Long Beach, Calif., Perot said, "I want to be your president." He's expected to win the nomination.

NATO orders bosnia security

NATO today enacted an emergency security plan for its forces in Serb-held Bosnia, ordering isolated troops to withdraw to defensible bases. Today's order followed several days of tension prompted by the refusal of Bosnian Serbs to let NATO inspect a military site—a violation of the Dayton peace accords. Observers say the emergency security move would allow the alliance to take action against the Bosnian Serbs.

Chechnya truce possible soon?

Russian security chief Alexander Lebed says he and Aslan Maskhadov, the chief of staff of rebel forces in breakaway Chechnya, have agreed on holding cease-fire talks. The sessions would be aimed at halting the seven days of fighting that has rocked Chechnya's capital city, Grozny. Speaking to reporters in Moscow, Lebed says representatives for Russia and the rebels are working out details of a truce.

Russian train bomb kills one

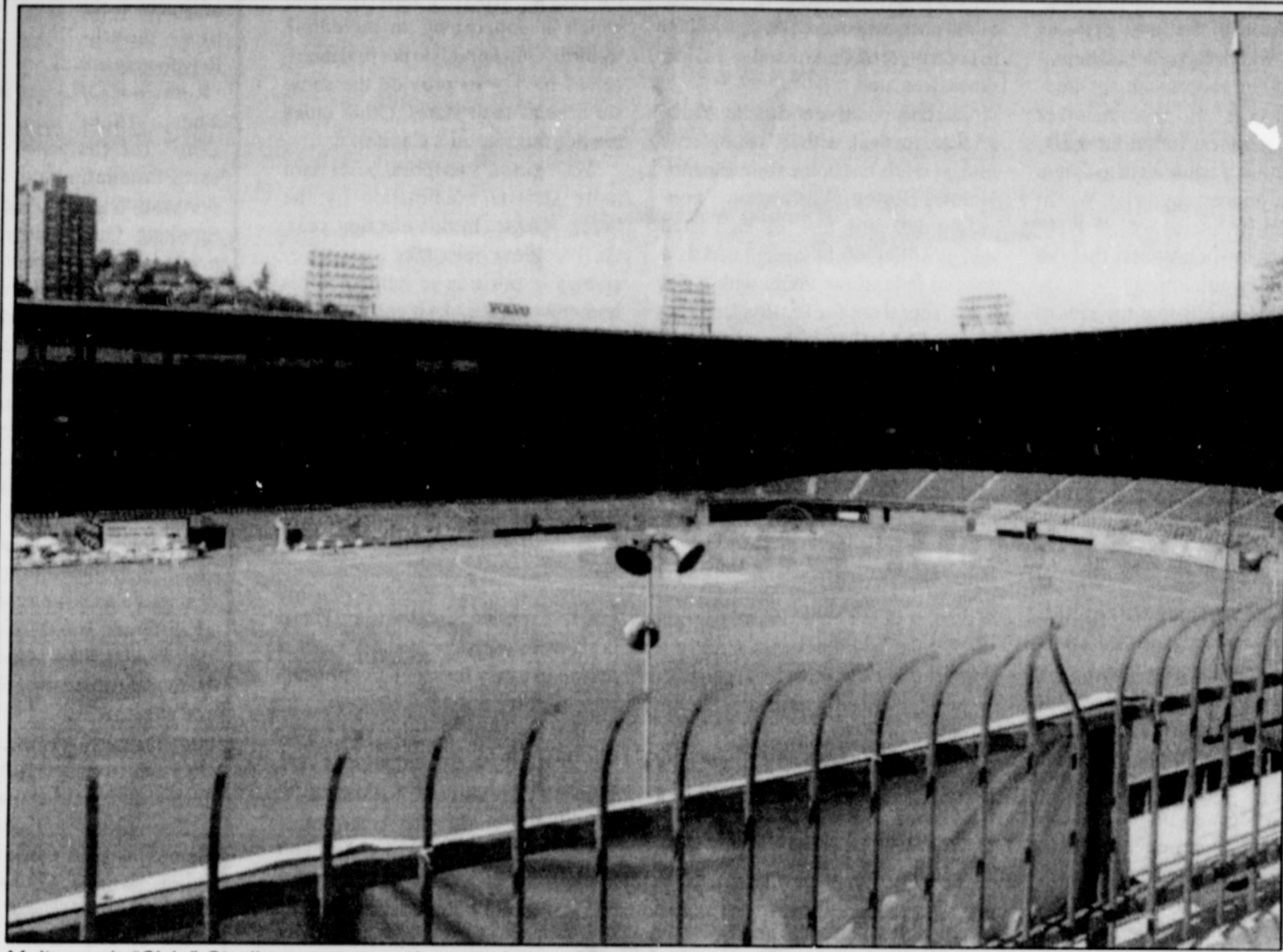
At least one person has been killed by a bomb that exploded on a crowded passenger train today as it left a railway station in the southern Russia town of Trubnaya. Several others were injured in the blast, the latest assault on Russia's transportation network.

TWA probe centers on fire damage

Investigators say the probe into the crash of TWA Flight 800 has turned to the center of the plane where heavy fire damage has been detected. Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said at a briefing yesterday that investigators are interested in the area around the center fuel tank, but are still searching for much of that section.

Former President builds Hungary homes

Former president Jimmy Carter is working hard today in Hungary. The former American leader is building low-cost houses in Hungary as part of a program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International, which builds low-priced houses for needy people throughout the world. The project in Hungary is the charity's first "blitz build" in Europe.



Multnomah "Civic" Stadium was once the proud site of Pacific Coast League Baseball. Now Mayor Vera Katz Hopes to bring major league baseball to greater the Portland Area with the help of private funding. Photo by Timothy Collins

Katz rules baseball



Portland Mayor, Vera Katz

Responding to recommendations made by the Mayor's Pro-Sports Task Force last April, Mayor Katz announced members of a Portland Baseball Commission and her "rules of the game" for bringing Major League Baseball to the Portland area.

To describe how the Commission would function, Katz quoted Yogi Berra "In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is."

"Our efforts must move from the speculative of the concrete, from vision to reality and we must proceed with clear 'rules of the game' for bringing Major League Baseball to Portland," said Katz.

Katz pointed to the recently completed Rose Garden Arena as an example of the kind of professional sports franchise agreement that she would find acceptable for bringing a new major league team to the area.

Katz said any potential proposal should include:

- Private financing to construct new stadium facilities;
- Acceptance of new facilities from surrounding neighborhoods;
- Adequate public support for the project.

The members of the Commission announced today will form an Executive Committee with additional members announced in the fall. Len Bergstein, President, Northwest Strategies and Rebecca Marshall Chao, President, Regional Financial Advisors, who served as Co-Chairs of the Pro-Sports Task Force will co-chair the new Commission.

Using Katz's "rules" to guide their work, the Portland Baseball Commission will immediately begin addressing the issues of ownership, sitting options, community involvement, legal and financial conditions and league relations.

Katz asked the Commission to make quarterly reports on their effort's progress.

A strong arm in politics

Flexing its political muscle, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) says it will deliver more than one-half million Black votes in the November election. "Take 5" is the strategy the 140,000-member public service group's will employ.

The action is one of several mandates flowing out of the group's biennial meeting which concluded here July 19, with AKA also vowing to publicly decry the rash of black church burnings, curtail violence in African American communities, and make the national marrow donor registry a project goal. Also, the group donated \$150,000 and unveiled a statue of its founder.

Noting the import of the election for the Black community, AKA prexy Dr. Eva L.

Evans of Lansing, Mi., said, it's time for African-Americans to maximize the power of the ballot. "Simply voting is not enough anymore; we have an obligation to make sure that our brothers and sisters also vote," Evans said.

AKA made no endorsements, but Evans told her members to consider the choices. Determine," she said, "which of the candidates is more likely to put in place initiatives which will result in appointments, awards, and policies that recognize this country's diversity, and communicate that significance to voters."

"Not only will we get our people to the polls, but also, we will ensure that they make an informed choice," Evans said.

AKA's seriousness was illustrated by the number of key events Evans set aside for

political action, including a week-long voter registration-education effort, a town meeting with Congressional Black Caucus members, and speeches by Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary and NAACP CEO Kweisi Mfume.

AKA is also distributing brochures, flyers, and posters to aid chapters in getting out an informed electorate.

Characterizing the rash of black church burnings as "cowardly and criminal acts of hate mongering," delegates voted to issue a public statement calling for swifter action and prosecution of persons responsible.

Violence in African-American communities will also receive more attention. Chapters will develop programs to involve youth in positive actions and reaffirm the value of family.

Senators expedite park plan

Coastal State Senators Joan Dukes (D-Svensen) and Brenda Brecke (D-Coos Bay) wrote today requesting that he accelerate any plans to prevent state park closers.

"In recent public statements you indicated that the Emergency Board will be able to reimburse the Department for expenses associated with continued operations. The Emergency Board should take this action at the September Emergency Board meeting rather than in November," wrote the two coastal Senators.

State Parks are facing an immediate shortfall of \$1.8 million in operating funds. They

need the amount just to keep parks open throughout the year. During the 1995 legislative session state parks received \$1 million less in state support and were directed to raise fees on RV's (recreational vehicles) and parks users to make up the difference.

Unanticipated decreases in park use and RV registration, coupled with the decrease in Legislative support led to the shortfall.

The \$1.8 million shortfall is forcing the Department to consider closing 65 State Parks. Under legislative orders, the Parks Commission, which oversees State Parks, conducted 15 public forums throughout the state to develop solutions to the current shortfall and the expected shortfall of \$3.7 million during

the 1997-1999 biennium.

"I attended the meetings in my district about state parks. People weren't angry; they were there to work on solutions to the State Parks Program. It's unnecessary to wait until November to solve this problem, and it's unfair to those citizens who spent time working on these solutions," said Senator Dukes.

"South Coast residents can't wait until November," said Sen. Brecke who also attended the meetings in her district, "we're losing local beach access from the North Jetty to Cape Arago to Brookings, and we need to fix this problem without any further delays."

All-white groups battle racism

Remember when Malcolm X said that the best way for whites to battle racism was to start with themselves, in their own communities?

Well, check this out from *The Austin (Tx.) American-Statesman*, a major white paper in the Lone Star State, about a new activist trend among whites: "They are peace movement veterans, upwardly mobile professionals, struggling filmmakers, Generation Xers with a cause, parents and single folks.

"But they have two things in common:

They are white, and they are committed to fighting racism by banding together to work on the problem.

"The new wrinkle is that white people are forming groups that either ban members of minority groups from participation or that have few minority members so they can concentrate on soul-searching on the issues of race.

"The groups [have] names like White Allies: Healing the Wounds of Racism and Men Against Racism and Sexism."

\$7 million raised for burnings

The National Council of Churches recently announced it has collected more than \$7.7 million in cash and kind gifts and pledges for its Burned Churches Fund.

It will help congregations rebuild their arsoned or desecrated houses of worship and work to address the racism underlying the burnings.

Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Cambell, the group's general secretary, has estimated that the restoration of burned and desecrated African-American churches and other houses of worship will take approximately \$12 million.

NCC officials said the cost of the funds collected will go to this effort, with the rest used to investigate the attacks, bring legal action against perpetrators and promoting community dialogue about racism.

The NCC has been in the forefront of investigating the more than 45 church burnings happening during the past two years—the vast majority of which are happening at black churches.

Meanwhile, Arkansas authorities at NNPA deadline were investigating a black church burning there.