

# E d u c a t i o n

## African-American moments throughout Black History Month

Throughout each day during the month of February, TBS Superstation will air African-American moments, 30-second and one-minute spots recognizing the rich contributions African-Americans have made to both this country and to the world. The series features outstanding African-Americans who tell the stories of figures from the past and the presents. TBS began producing and airing African-American Moments in 1987 as Black History minutes.

The African-American Moments will feature such personalities as Louis Gossett, Jr. (Mary McCleod-Bethune, Jacob Lawrence, Joe Louis and Carter G. Woodson); Susan Taylor (Ida B. Wells Barnett, Edmonia Lewis, Elijah McCoy and Leontyne); Lenny Wilkens (Phyllis Whatley and Richard Wright); and



Jacob Lawrence

Andrew Young Benjamin O. Davis, James Forten, Garrett Morgan and Harriet Tubman).

Since the project's inception in 1987, more than 90 people have presented stories to national audiences. Past presenters include Toni Braxton (Granville T. Woods); James Brown (Oscar DePreist); Natalie Cole (Gordon Parks); Ruby Dee (Alvin Ailey); Charles Dutton (Bill Pickett); Kim Fields-Freeman (Barbara Jordan); Danny Glover (Lloyd Augustus Hall); Jasmine Guy (Bessie Colman); James Earl Jones (Thurgood Marshall); Jessye Norman (Leontyne Price); Sinbad (Mary Fields); Wesley Snipes (John J. Johnson); Gwen Torrance (Jacob Lawrence); Blair Underwood (Elmer Simms Campbell); Malcolm-Jamal Warner (Roland Hayes) and Nancy Wilson (Josephine Baker).

The African-American Moments series is sponsored by AC Delco, Church's Chicken, Life College,

Nissan, Pontiac Grand Am and Wendy's.

TBS Superstation, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.'s flagship network seen in more than 70 million homes, is the most watched network on cable. The Superstation features popular movies; high-profile original programming; outstanding sports, including action from the Atlanta Braves, the NBA and NASCAR; favorite comedies; and children's programming, such as the series Feed Your Mind. Popular franchises on the network include Monday's Movies to Die For, Thursday's Movies for Guys Who Like Movies, Friday's Dinner & A Movie and Sunday's TBS Destination Sunday, a four-hour block featuring National Geographic Explorer and a premiere Superstation event.

## UO honors diversity

The daughter of one of the first African-American couples to settle in Eugene and a respected Chicano leader both received awards from the University of Oregon for upholding the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr.

Lyllye Parker, a student adviser in UO Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Marshall Saucedo, director of the multicultural affairs office, received the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Classified Employees and Officers of Administration from UO President Dave Frohnmayer.

Lara Moore, a receptionist at the UO Computing Center, and Chris Silva, payroll supervisor for UO Facilities Services, also received awards.

"This award is for what they have done, but more important it's for what they have been and what they are," Frohnmayer says.

A school counselor told Parker that, as a black woman, she had only three career choices: She could be a nurse, a housewife or a beautician. She went to beauty school, later going on to graduate from the University of Oregon with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

She was active in the civil rights movement during the 1960s and '70s. Co-workers who nominated Parker for this year's award say she is a catalyst for bringing together the African-American faculty and classified staff to become more visible to students of color.

Saucedo has headed the UO Office of Multicultural Affairs since 1990. He serves on the Lane Community College Board of Directors and is active in a number of coalitions dealing with community service and public affairs at UO in 1981.

## PCC announces Senior Corps

Portland Community College has established Senior Corps, and opportunity for seniors to help college students and at the same time earn satisfying personal rewards.

Joining the Seniors Corps, says coordinator Dorothy Brehm who is a retired senior herself, gives older adults a fun and rewarding way to expand their horizons and connect with others.

Individuals' skills, interests and available volunteer time will be matched to PCC departments.

Some of the service opportunities include assisting in the biology lab, helping students with special needs, volunteering at the Washington County Historical Museum and helping at the Rock Creek Campus library.

The Senior Service Corps is linked with PCC's Senior Studies Institute which offers a unique program for older adults to engage in group discussion, exchange ideas and expand their knowledge on a variety of subjects. These subjects include current events, genetic engineering and through participation in the National Issues Forum.

The Senior Studies Institute is run by its members who plan and conduct the programs and classes.

For more information on the Senior Service Corps, please contact Dorothy Brehm at 977-4358.

For additional information on the Senior Studies Institute, call Neal Naigus at 977-4122 or turn to page 122 of PCC's Winter Schedule of Classes for a complete listing of current classes.

## Student Earns top med lab score in nation

For the third time in four years, a Portland Community College student has earned the highest score in the nation on the certification exam for medical laboratory technicians. Kari Gibson is a 1996 graduate of the two-year Medical Laboratory Technology program at PCC's Cascade Campus and now works at St. Vincent Medical Center. The Multnomah resident received word this week that her score was the top one in the country.

"I was really good in English, math was not a strong point, and I was an average science student in high school," recalled Gibson. A 1989 Wilson High School graduate, Gibson went to work after high school as a secretary and receptionist, but several years later decided she wanted a career change. Research at the library helped narrow her choice to the medical field, and having brothers and sisters who had attended PCC aided her decision to enter PCC's Medical Laboratory Technology Program.

It was the right choice, she said. "I'm fascinated by how the human body works," she added, admitting that she was not strongly interested in anatomy or physiology in high school.

Her experience at PCC was "re-

ally positive. The instructors were very supportive. I liked the setting because the classes are smaller and the instructors are more accessible."

About her top score, Gibson said she was "very surprised. I was looking to pass, not getting the highest score," adding that her father is "busting his buttons" over her results.

The examination is given through the American Society of clinical Pathologists (ASCP) which offers national certification to clinical laboratory professionals through its Board of Registry. According to Terry Emmons, department chair of the program, the examination and subsequent certification is acknowledged world-wide.

In addition to Gibson's top score, the PCC program also earned strong marks, scoring in the top 5 percent in the country of 123 programs. PCC's pass rate of 81 percent compared very favorably with the national pass rate of 62 percent. The mean score for the 1996 PCC class was 598; the national mean score was 442.

In 1995, Erin Marshall, a PCC program graduate, also earned the top score in the country. Marshall had a job offer the day she graduated and is now on her way to a bachelor's degree at Oregon Health Sciences University while working full time at a Portland-area medical laboratory.

Other 1996 PCC graduates who scored in the top three percent of the country on the certification exam were Matthew Bettger of Gladstone, Jeff Josiefek, a Beaverton resident, Michael Roush of Portland and Tressa Whitaker, who lives in Aloha. All are 1996 program graduates now working in laboratory settings.

Medical laboratory technicians perform routine clinical laboratory testing procedures to provide scientific information needed in diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of disease. Graduates work in hospitals, independent laboratories, in research and in industry.

For more information about PCC's Medical Laboratory Technology program, please call Terry Emmons at 978-5671.

## Top-Ranked debaters in Nation

The Portland Community College debate team presently ranks as the top community college team in the annual national competition organized by the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA).

"The strong showing of our team is very gratifying," said Lawrence Galizio, director of forensics at the college, who coaches the team. "We look forward to competing in the finals in Colorado Springs in March."

Two-and four-year colleges from across the country - 139 in all - are competing for this year's final honors. Points are awarded for perfor-

mance in parliamentary debate at forensics tournaments throughout the nation.

Galizio said that scores are calculated beginning in September and accumulate a running tally throughout the academic year.

In its present top standing, PCC ranks first among all community colleges and also ahead of some well-known four-year schools - Loyola and Rice Universities, William and Mary, Whitman College in Washington state, and Linfield and Lewis and Clark colleges in Oregon.

Three PCC teams will participate

in the national tournament which will be held in Colorado Springs March 20 to 24. Final standings for the year will be announced then. In 1995 and 1996, PCC's final rank was third among all competing community colleges.

Last year, the two-member PCC debate team competed at the international debate championships in Cork, Ireland, the only community college to be invited to the prestigious event.

For more information call Susan Hereford in the PCC Public Affairs Office, 977-4421.

## Parents and teachers lobby against budget cuts

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to compare notes and select literature about early childhood education to present to the legislator.

Another Head Start parent from the Albina program, Rachelle Mustafa, was already in Carter's office sharing how she valued the opportunity of coming to the capitol and meeting legislators to make her voice known.

They joined the meeting in progress and the doors closed, but the buzz of a lively discussion filtered through to people in the outer office.

"Our biggest accomplishment was telling our representatives about our individual programs throughout the state," said Johnson. "Each county is so different."

The Oregon Prekindergarten Program, established in 1987 and modeled after the federal Head Start program, was designed to foster the healthy development of low income three and four year old children to

give them a greater chance of success when they enter public school. "We expressed our concerns and beliefs," said a satisfied Johnson.

In addition to her involvement with Head Start, Johnson teaches diversity classes to teachers and is president of the Portland chapter of Oregonians for the Education of Young Children. She is also a parent educator for the Portland YWCA's Young Families Program.

"They were great," said Carter, reflecting on the innocence of people who are not normally involved in the political process. "They just wanted to know why they might not have the \$35 million for Head Start."

"I talked with them about the differences and the reasons why Democrats are Democrats and why

Republicans are Republicans," she added. "And I can say is that we will get some money from the state budget, but I don't think it will be \$35

million."

She said it was too early in the process to speculate on specific numbers.



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Heart Attacks is California's last secret spot—the premier mysto surf haunt and the stuff of rumor and legend. But the rumors also make clear that one must cross Indian land to get there. Ken Nunn's novel, *The Dogs of Winter*, is the story of what happens when down-and-out photographer Jack Fletcher and big wave legend Drew Harmon attempt to ride these waves long known as too big, too cold, and too deadly. Disaster comes quickly as an Indian boy is drowned and word spreads to the interior of the reservation where men and idle hands and a taste for mindless violence decide on vengeance.

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