

## CEO joins New Technologies of Oregon

New Technologies has announced that Timothy C. Barry has joined the startup software company's management team as its new Chief Executive Officer. Barry joins NTI from MicroSpeed, Inc., of Fremont, California which he co-founded in 1985 and where he was formerly President and CEO. MicroSpeed is a world leading manufacturer of computer input devices; Mr. Barry will remain a member of the

MicroSpeed board of directors.

"We feel fortunate to have attracted a CEO with Tim's experience," said

Michael Anderson, President and co-founder of NTI. "Our market area is highly technical and it takes an executive with a combination of technical background and business experience to meet our needs. In his 24 years in 'Silicon Valley' Tim's been both in and around technology

startups and the rapid growth that they go through. We're counting on him to help keep NTI on track as we take off."

NTI was formed in late 1996 by a team of the world's leading experts in computer forensic science and security issues to produce software, training materials and procedures for use in computer forensic science. Members of the team are known and recognized for their expertise.

## Education and Culture go Hand-In-Hand

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

A columnist for our local daily has some facetious (and ugly) comments on Oregon's approach to education: "Schools: Who needs 'em? Jails: Now that makes sense! Oregon's fat and happy...and stupidly on a roll!"

I believe that I was somewhat kinder back on March 26 when offering opinions on the "Educational Ranch." My objective, of course, was not so much to raise the ire and unbridled passions of the readers as it was to focus opinion on such critical areas as funding, diversity and preparation for the high-technology future.

There would seem to be a hardcore, rock bottom segment of the populace that says it has no more faith and credulity in the information - disinformation issuing forth daily from either the education system or its detractors. They say that the myriad statistics emanating from these gurus and their disciples are as self-serving as the "lying maps" drawn up by the competing European Colonialists in earlier centuries.

The disenchantment ranged from dissatisfaction with the scope of content of the famed "Baseline Essays" and supporting publications designed to answer serious African American concerns with a public

schools curriculum seen to be "Eurocentric to a fault" - to a general discontent with the speed of resolutions obtained through such administration/public interfaces as the "Desegregation Monitoring Advisory Committee."

I am not surprised at all that a number of people desperately seek a major systemic change at both the level of the public schools and in higher education. And realistically or not they feel that a better level of education in the state is surely attainable since voters approved Ballot Measure 5 in 1990 and Ballot Measure 47 last November--those two measures have made education the central budget item for state government.

Reader's are reminding me of some of the major 'new' education systems that have been described here. Of course there is the perennial reprise of my hometown school district in the first half of this century - St. Louis, Mo. (far superior in depth of curriculum and graduation requirements to 95% of today's urban schools, including Portland).

One parent group says they frequently reviewed my 5/3/95 article about a local African American teacher at the Black Education Center who made a trip to the People's Republic of China. Dan Bundy was selected by the Citizen's Ambassa-

dor Program to be a member of its Minority Education Delegation for a month-long study of the Chinese education and cultural structures for assimilating the vast and diverse ethnic minorities of that huge land. This article was used in conjunction with such excellent supplemental material as the definitive Scientific American magazine article, "Indochinese Refugee Families and Academic Achievement", February 1992. I love those test scores.

Values and traditions were seen to permeate the lives of these Asians in Indochina and were transferred by these low-income, big-family boat people to their new American ghetto. "Knowledge of one's culture does not occur in a vacuum: it is transmitted through the family. Children often acquire a sense of their heritage as a result of deliberate and concentrated parental effort in the context of family life." I am reminded of my childhood.

Many African Americans easily recognize that this inoculation of values from one generation to another is a universal feature of the 'conservation of culture'. Can blacks survive any further cultural assaults, after the suppression of Black History, so poignantly described by Bill Cosby or the social traumas of a hundred major Urban Renewal Programs.

## BIG calls for independent Army sex investigation

Blacks In Government (BIG) called for an independent investigation of the Army Sex scandals as the only way to satisfy critical question raised by the current investigation.

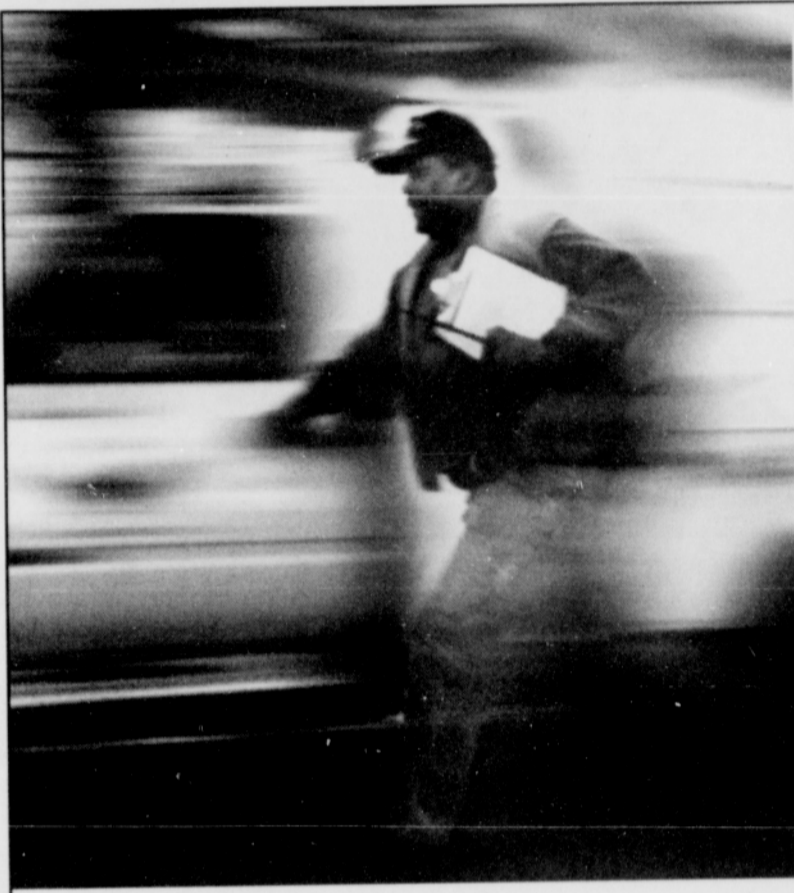
In a letter to Secretary of the Army Togo West, Oscar Eason, Jr., national president, stated that racism has overtaken the current investigation. "The testimony of white female victims that they were coerced to charge their Black superior officers with rape is a damning indictment of the Army's ability to conduct a fair and impartial investigation of the charges. It appears

that, even with the Army's outstanding record of workforce integration, the old taboo regarding "black man/white woman" can trigger deep-seated attitudes of racial animus among whites. We urgently request you to arrange an independent investigation of the Army sexual harassment charges at Fort Aberdeen, Maryland, and other facilities."

"Sexual harassment is a serious charge, but it does not follow that it reflects the same causes and should be subject to the same remedies, as rape. If we are to arrive at solutions that will alleviate the problem, we

must be assured of fact-finding vehicles that will permit us to accurately define the problem. The testimony of the victims has irreparably damaged the credibility of the present investigation," Eason stated.

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