

METRO *Life*

The Portland Observer

SECTION B

Community Calendar

Spaces available in Pal 1997 Camps Programs

The Police Activities League (PAL) is preparing for summer programs and spreading the message that no and low cost summer programs are available for low-income kids through PAL, and through other community-based groups as a tool in providing a safe and livable community, as well as preventing youth from heading toward gang involvement and other negative behavior.

For PAL's complete information packet on all low and no-cost summer programs for youth, please contact PAL, 823-0250.

Free diversity training workshop

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission will sponsor free diversity training workshops "Dynamic Differences" on Thursday, May 22 at the SE Precinct, 4735 E. Burnside and on Thursday, June 5, at Concordia University, 2811 NE Nolman, Room 224 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM on both nights. To preregister please call Linda Hunter at 823-5136 (TTY)

Ollee keynotes PCC event

Organizers announced the choice of Dr. Mildred Ollee as the keynote speaker at this year's Black Women's Gathering. Dr. Ollee is Executive Dean at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus. The 14th Annual Black Women's Gathering will be held Saturday, May 10, 1997 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Lutheran Inner Cities Ministries, 4219 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. This year's gathering, "Getting Back to Basics" will offer a village marketplace and information booths on health, business and self-help. Also, scheduled is a "Town Hall-Open IC" facilitated by Joyce Harris, c.o.-host of NE Spectrum. During this session community issues will be discussed. Child care and lunch will be provided. For more information call 282-0193.

Vietnam Veterans of America Outreach

To reach more veterans within the metro area, the Portland chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America will be traveling to different parts of the city throughout the year. On Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM, the chapter will hold a membership meeting at the emanuel Hospital's conference room 1075 Main Floor (you may ask at the reception desk in the front lobby for further directions). The address is 2801 N. Gantenbein, Portland. All Vietnam veterans in the community and their family members are invited to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served. The telephone number for the hospital is 413-2200.

Doggie dash at park

More than 1,500 dogs and their owners are expected to participate in the 10th annual K103 FM Doggie Dash at downtown's Waterfront Park on Saturday. The event begins at 8 a.m. with proceeds to benefit the Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital. Dog owners can either run or walk with their pets over a two-mile, flat course.

Pedestrian Bridge Opens

Tri-Met's new pedestrian bridge over the Sunset Highway opens Friday. A ribbon cutting ceremony with cake and coffee will be served at noon. The bridge was built at the urging of neighbors south of Highway 26 who wanted a connection to the new light rail and bus Sunset Transit Center.

Afternoon Bike Rides

A pair of fast bike rides with lots of climbing are held Monday and Thursday. Participants meet at the southwest corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square between noon and 12:10 p.m. and finish by about 1:15 p.m. Call Ray Thomas at 228-5222 or meet at the start.

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

Oregon all-star scholars

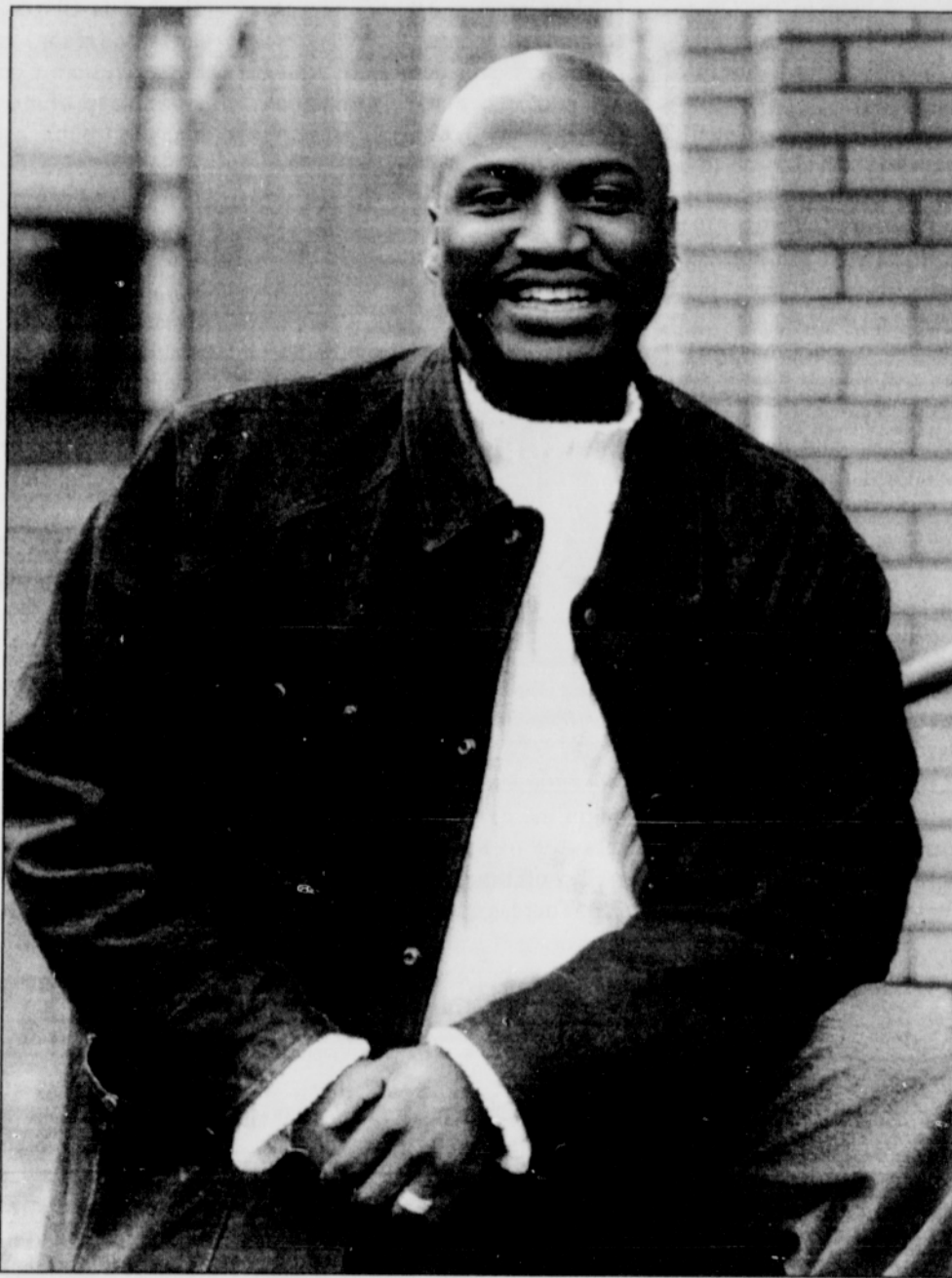
The state spotlight will be on community college student scholars Wednesday, May 7 when they meet with Gov. John Kitzhaber at the Oregon State Capitol to be honored for their accomplishments.

The 34 scholars representing each community college campus, will meet with Kitzhaber at 11:00 AM in the Governor's ceremonial office followed by lunch at noon with state legislators and community college presidents. Roger Bassett, special advisor to the Governor on education and on leave from his post as Oregon Community College Commissioner will officiate.

The event is sponsored by the Oregon Community College Association who wants Oregon to celebrate scholarships in Oregon's 17 community colleges. This is the fifth year of the annual event. At Portland Community College six scholars have been named to Oregon's all-star team. They are Jurg Baur of Northeast Portland, Stober Davis of Northeast Portland, Rachel Edmonds of Beaverton, Nicole Jacobs of Aloha, Donna Johnson of North Portland and Kimberly Gaddis of Northeast Portland.

Donna Johnson, one of PCC's Cascade Campus scholars, was also named to the All-USA Third Academic Team. Johnson was one of 60 top students in the country selected for the All-USA team, which is sponsored by *USA Today* and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Johnson was selected for her academic excellence and community service.

The recipients are typical of the variety of community college students, from Stober Davis who plans to open his own auto body shop in North Portland, to Kimberly Gaddis who wants to be an attorney and specialize in international business law. Davis, a recovering drug addict, volunteers at the Stay Clean Center in Northeast Portland as part of the



Stober Davis, 31, puts a life of drug abuse behind him, and soars to academic success in the auto collision repair program at Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus.

PCC Service Learning Scholarship Program to help people who are struggling with drug abuse. He also works at The Gap as an assistant manager. He says Portland Community College gave him the chance he needed to succeed academically and personally. Davis is one of the three scholars chosen to speak at the noon luncheon.

Portland Community College All-Star Scholars, by campus:

CASCADE CAMPUS

Donna R. Johnson - Donna Johnson, a resident of North Portland, holds a 3.75 GPA and at 27 says her "operating policy is to whom much is given, much is required." Johnson attends school full time and also works full time at Pacific Corp. Her goal is to earn a doctoral degree in pharmacy and eventually own her own pharmacies that "cater to the needs of all people, regardless of socio-economic background. I want to emphasize the value of a healthy society over a healthy check-book."

Johnson says she has a "good chance of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college." A single parent, she has three children, ages 10, 8 and 7, and is proud that they too are succeeding in school.

Johnson is a board member of the Urban League of Portland, the advisor for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Youth Council, and a volunteer for the Miss Black Oregon USA Pageant.

She confides that "none of this would be possible without overcoming many hardships. Poverty, welfare, rural education, urban migration, teenage pregnancy, divorce and the loss of young family members and friends are just a few of the hurdles I've had to jump over in my life." Johnson credits her

Continued to page A6

Poetry to hit the streets of Portland

Twenty-four poems to go on 250 Tri-Met Buses and 25 Max Trains as part of Poetry in Motion Outreach Project. Public Celebration slated for May 21 at Pioneer Courthouse Square

Beginning in late May Portland's overworked commuters will have something to make their daily commutes more pleasant - poetry. Alongside ads and announcements on Tri-Met buses and MAX, verse and artful

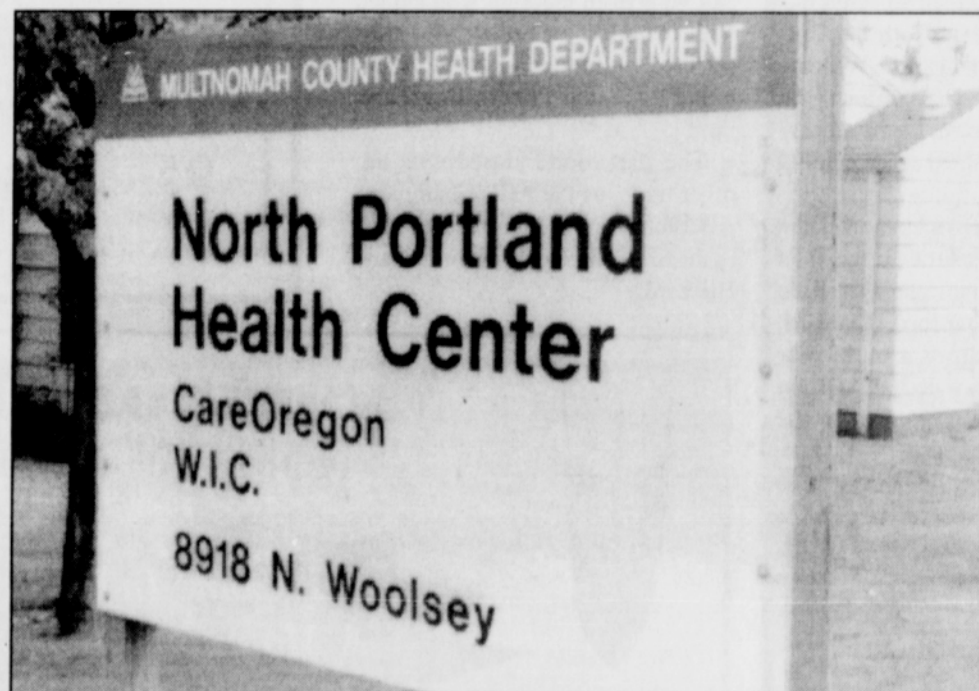
graphics will share space for a welcome, soothing balm to the stresses of daily life.

Called *Poetry in Motion*, the year-long outreach project is an innovative collaboration between Tri-Met, Literary Arts, Inc., the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA), OBIE Media, Regional Arts and Culture Council, and the Poetry Society of America. It places 24 poems on 250 buses and 25 MAX in view of

thousands of riders daily.

The poems - 10 by Oregon poets and 14 specially selected from a national *Poetry in Motion* anthology - are mounted on graphically striking placards designed by area designers. The poems are from a wide range of cultural and aesthetic backgrounds. Among the first twelve poets whose work will appear are Marilyn Chin, Gwendolyn Brooks and William Stafford.

Portland is the first city on the West Coast to launch *Poetry in Motion*, a widely praised program inaugurated in New York City by the Poetry Society of America and MTA New York City Transit in 1992. It has since expanded to Chicago and Boston and future collaborations will include Baltimore and Washington, DC. In all, *Poetry in Motion* poems are seen daily by over seven million people riding mass transit across the country.



Hundreds of people would be impacted by the proposed closure of Multnomah County's North Portland Health Center.

Clinic's fate considered

Advocates wanting to keep open a vital health care center in north Portland are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting on Multnomah County's proposed budget.

Public budget discussions will be held May 21 at Mount Tabor Middle School in southeast Portland and June 4 at the Gresham Library. Both will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A public hearing on the budget also will take place June 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Portland Building, 1120 S.W. Fourth Ave. Closure of the North Portland Health Center at 8918 N. Woolsey Ave. would force hundreds of people

to visit other county health clinics, which already have two-to-four week waiting lists.

In addition, four other county health clinics, including the northeast Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard clinic, would lose staff and services.

County Health Department Director Sharon Armstrong concedes there are no easy answers for a county trying to deal with public safety, library and other service funding shortfalls, but said the public needs to be aware of, and involved in the decision.

"It's not just a budget issue, it's a community issue" she said.

Guess Who's Turning 75???

Community Leader and Friend
Professor McKinley Burt



You're invited to a birthday gathering for Professor McKinley Burt

REFLECTIONS BOOKSTORE
COFFEE MEETING PLACE

446 NE Killingsworth at Martin Luther King
In the Walnut Park Shopping Center,
behind Videoland

Saturday, May 17, 1997
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Come on out and wish
Professor McKinley Burt
many happy returns!