## Focus

## JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL



## HOME OF THE DEMOCRATS

academic achievement. It will be student driven so that students' peers challenge each other and model success."

Another program looking to aid in preparing Jeff students for success is the Jefferson Community Youth Development Initiative (JCYDI). Formed in January of this year, JCYDI is seeking to increase the developmental assets of students as they enter Jeff. They have received an initial "Take the Time" grant from the Multnomah County Commission on Children and Families to plan an integrated program. With retired Master Teacher, Annette Barnes at the helm, they are also seeking community support in the form of material and mentors.

Another grant that will be benefiting students is the \$41,109 the Jefferson Television Department (JTV) received from the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission for new equipment. According to JTV instructor, Lennie Edwards, who

wrote the grant, "We now have three computer-based digital edit systems and three digital cameras for students to learn how to produce state-of-the-art video. This is a tremendous addition to our program."

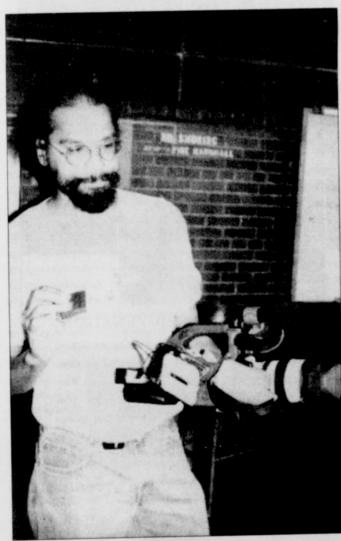
The Jefferson Caring Community (JCC) is continuing its work of developing a partnership between the school and the community. JCC is seeking interested parties to join and attend its monthly meetings to plan for providing community aid in the important task of educating our youth.

The Parent, Teacher, Student Association is also looking to carry on with its role of supplementing the educational process at Jeff. Any and all parents, students and staff are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The school's Site Council is looking forward to continuing with last year's work of developing the School Improvement Plan and monitoring its implementation this year.

The prospects for students at Jefferson in the 1999-2000 school year are bright. An experienced and committed staff is in place. Time tested programs are still in operation and new programs to meet the needs of a range of students have been instituted. Jeff is open for business. Students who go to Jefferson and take advantage of the opportunities available to them will find the people and programs in place to start them, well prepared, on the road to their after high school futures.



The Jefferson Dance Program is composed of three groups: The Demo Dancers (Junior-level dancers of Jazz, Modern, Tap and Ballet), Modern Dance Lab (members perform contemporary and popular works), and The Jefferson Dancers (the most advanced dancers).



Lennie Edwards, the instructor at Jefferson's Television Department is shown with a new digital video camera that was obtained through grants from the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission. Jefferson's Television Production Program utilizes one of the largest non-commercial color studios in the state.

