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De La Salle North Works Fall Revival with Guest Evangelist

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couldn't afford his tuition to a private school any longer, Deem said he wasn't too concerned. He enrolled in public school. But while he never got bad grades, they weren't great either.

All that changed when his parents found out De La Salle North Catholic and Deem was admitted. He started working at McMenamins Kennedy School and began putting more time into his schoolwork.

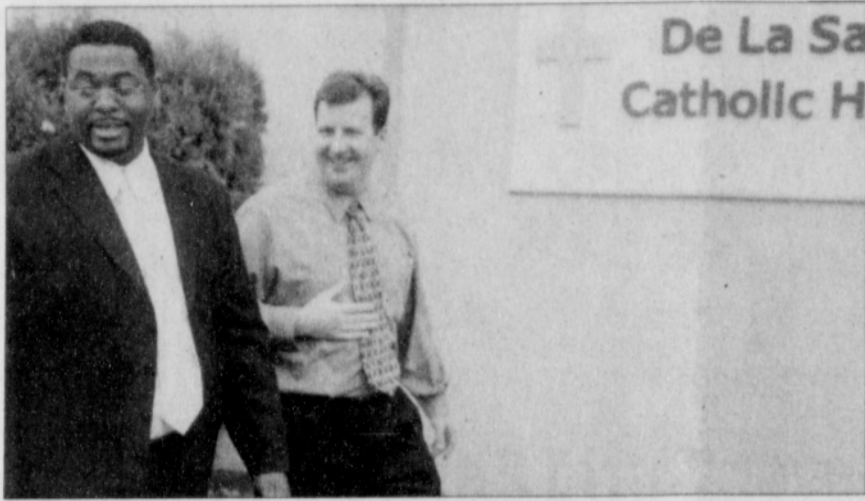
"It was like all of a sudden I just became motivated," Deem said. "I don't know what happened. Before I didn't really care, but not I'm waiting for my report card."

Sophomore Mary Miller also enjoyed her first year at De La Salle North Catholic. Her sister attends a public high school and Miller said she sees the difference between their educational experiences in many layers. The dress codes are different, class sizes are smaller and De La Salle North Catholic has a student leadership team of nine ambassadors, rather than the hierarchy found in most student government programs. Miller spends her weekends doing volunteer work instead of going out and she spends on average two to three hours a night on homework compared to the half hour her sister usually gets. But Miller said the corporate internship program is what really distinguishes De La Salle North.

"I do accounting for Stoel Rives law firm," Millersaid. "Not that other jobs are bad, but most kids my age work at fast food places."

Powell will be the first to acknowledge the difference between his school and public high schools, but trying to get him to put down the public school system is another story.

"We are in a totally different and very fortunate situation," he said. "We are able to provide a lot of



De La Salle North Catholic H

De La Salle North Catholic Choir instructor Maurice Wright (left) and school founder and president Matt Powell head toward a school spirit rally. The north Portland high school serves a diverse student body with a minority population making up half of the freshman and sophomore classes.

individualized education."

He said the public school system often does not have that ability, not because it doesn't want to, but because it doesn't have the privilege of being so small.

It is that smallness that students say makes De La Salle North Catholic feel more like a family than a

He didn't want to move. He was already the school's star soccer player, well liked by his peers, academically successful and happily employed at Nike. He felt he could better serve his family by finishing his education in Portland and becoming a doctor.

"He really had this global view

out.

"It has been amazing," Johnson said. "School is everything to me. They've been just like a family to me."

Powell is eagerly trying to recruit more members to the family.

This year the school added a new principal and admissions director Lena McGee. She will oversee the admissions process, which begins this fall for enrollment beginning next year. Applications require a completed form, available at the school, three letters of recommendation, transcripts of seventh and eighth grades and a completed placement exam. While a strong academic record is not a requirement for admission, a desire to be challenged is.

"We are looking for kids who can perform," Powell said. "Last year we only had 3 kids below a 2.0 grade point average. It was really impressive. They're working really hard."

De La Salle North Catholic High School will hold a community open house Sunday Nov. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 7654 N. Delaware. Students interested in attending the school next year and businesses wishing to participate in the corporate internship program are encouraged to come. For more information, call 503-285-9385.

We are in a totally different and very fortunate situation. We are able to provide a lot of individualized education.

—Matt Powell, De La Salle North Catholic founder and president.

school. In the case of sophomore Luke Johnson, the high school has literally become his family.

Johnson, a Ghana native, came to Portland with his mother and eight siblings under the sponsorship of a Catholic charity. Due to the sagging economy, his mother was unable to find work and planned to move with relatives in New York. When his mother broke the news, Johnson was four months into the school year at De La Salle North Catholic.

about how to liberate people from their poverty through education," Powell said. "That's what De La Salle saw in 17th century France and that's what we're doing here today."

So school officials made a plan. With the permission of Johnson's mother, they arranged for him to live with his 23-year-old brother, a student at Portland State University. Johnson gets a ride to school from the principal and the rest of the staff and students pitch in to help him



Dr. Johnny Pack IV



Rev. R.L. Rogers

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Johnny Pack IV will host a fall revival with the theme "Standing Fast by Faith in Times Like These."

Guest evangelist Rev. R.L. Rogers of Harvey Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth,

Texas, will speak Wednesday, Nov. 6 through Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4009 N. Missouri Ave. For more information, call 503-249-0377.

Brothers Thanksgiving Table

Brothers on the Move welcome the public to the fifth annual Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Corner Stone Community Church of God in Christ, Inc. located at 2216 N.E. Killingsworth.

Free rides will be offered from 3rd Avenue and Burnside at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Wygant at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 503-281-4587.

Obituary

Lizzie Beth Jackson

Funeral services were held Monday at Bethel AME Church in Portland for Lizzie Beth Jackson who died Oct. 8 at age 91.

Lizzie Stuckey was born on Jan. 30, 1911, in Texarkana, Ark. She moved in 1945 to Portland, where she was a self-employed domestic and homemaker. She was a member and deacon of her church. In 1937, she married Scott. He died in 1983.

Survivors include her companion, Jeff Jackson, her sister, Irma Ramirez; and 19 nieces and nephews.

Union Founder to Speak on Life's Inspirations

All Saints Hosts Tobin Lecture

The Annual Tobin Lecture will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, 3847 N.E. Glisan, on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Tobin Lecture is held each year in honor of the late Monsignor Thomas Tobin, who dedicated his life's work to struggles for social justice and liturgical renewal. The speaker at this year's event will be Dolores Huerta. Her talk will be "Sources of Inspiration in my Life." The presentation will be bilingual English/Spanish.

Dolores Huerta was a co-founder and the first vice president of the United Farm Workers Union. She has devoted

more than 30 years to strengthening the union. Huerta met Cesar Chavez while working with the Community Services Organization in California on voter registration in the 1950's. They laid the groundwork for the National Farm Workers Association, which became the United Farm Workers Union in 1962.

No pre-registration is necessary for the Tobin Lecture. A \$5.00 free will offering, or whatever is available, offering is requested at the door.

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