

Celebrating Women's History & Careers

# Former Governor is Mentor for the Next Generation

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Roberts said. As history inevitably repeats itself, could the civil liberties we've come to expect seem to be slipping from our hands? "I guess we didn't expect to be fighting those battles again," she said. "You win and think that's the way it's going to work." Today, Roberts keeps an eye on the political role young people play and is a mentor to many women. "It's exciting for me to watch women at all levels of politics in Oregon," she said. "I like that women are working on tradition-

ally male issues — economic development, finance, taxation and the military." She recalled a time when political women were strongly associated with issues like education and senior citizens. Now she observes Rep. Darlene Hooley's devotion to the safety of troops stationed in Iraq. "Women work the breadth of political issues," she said. "It's satisfying to know the majority serve and accomplish with high ethical standards." Roberts lives in southeast Portland. She volunteers with the Walk of the Heroines committee,

a garden and community space honoring Oregon's legacy of influential women; works with New Leadership Oregon, a statewide college campus program to educate and support the next generation of women political leaders; and gives her time to the Fifth Annual Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner, honoring state and community leaders. Later this month, Roberts will become the state's first governor to have a building dedicated in her name. The Barbara Roberts dedication ceremony for Salem's Human Services Building takes place March 22.

Officially retired, Barbara Roberts still spends a significant amount of time in politics.

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## Community Advocate to Decision Maker

"There's a reality that not all schooling takes place in the classroom," Frederick said. "We need to see that they're addressing kids who need support. I want to push that." Frederick praises efforts like Beaumont Middle School in northeast Portland, which has a solid record of targeting students in need of academic improvement, but believes other programs simply provide an after school day gathering place. He said the recent push for regulations against payday lenders was in response to the problem of people being funneled into a black market approach to personal finance. More needs to be done to help people learn the tools of finance and gain meaningful employment, he said.

"We need to make a concerted effort with the faith community and media leaders to say jobs and resources are available," he said. Frederick wants a community where opportunity drives out poverty, desperation and drug abuse. In door-to-door visits throughout north and northeast Portland, Frederick said he has uncovered widespread concern over inadequate healthcare, believing every level of government must make healthcare a top priority. "18 to 35-year-olds often have no benefits," he said. "The good news is the county has health clinics in the schools, but we need to help other populations." Frederick turned in 880 signatures in late February to qualify for the May 16

election, as an alternative to paying a \$50 filing fee. "I chose to ask for signatures from voters because my campaign is based on reaching out to my neighbors," Frederick said. Frederick has lived in northeast Portland since 1974. He spent much of his childhood in Atlanta, Ga. where he was active in the Civil Rights Movement. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. and is currently a doctoral candidate in the School of Urban Affairs at Portland State University. Frederick lives with his wife Melody in the Irvington neighborhood. His son, David is a high school English teacher in Portland and his daughter, Gwynedd is an artist in Atlanta.

Lew Frederick points to the north and northeast Portland boundaries in his District 2 race for county commissioner.



## Rose Court Congratulations

The following young women were recently named Ambassadors to the 2006 Rose Festival Court:

### April Marie Cheek

April Marie Cheek was crowned as Central Catholic High School's ambassador on March 6. Cheek is an avid reader, yearbook staffer and future freshman at an undecided college in Southern California. She plans to major in English or secondary education, eventually becoming a high school English teacher. She is the daughter of John and Joselyn Cheek, and has one brother, Gabe.



### Anvi Catherine Bui

Anvi Catherine Bui was voted Benson High School's ambassador on March 7. Bui loves to help others. She started a girls self-defense program for freshman girls at her school. She wants to major in pediatrics medicine in college. She is the daughter of Khanh Quang Bui and Phuong Thi Pham, and has two brothers, Minh Matthews and Huy Van, and one sister, Brittni Ann.



### Chastity Wells

Chastity Wells was selected the ambassador from St. Mary's Academy on March 9. Wells would like to pursue a career in the public relations side of business, beginning with a bachelor's degree in management or economics from Spelman College, following with a Master's degree in Public Relations. Wells is the daughter of C.T. and DeAngela Wells, and has one sister, Ashlei.



### Maggi Simpkins

Maggi Simpkins was crowned the ambassador from Grant High School on March 10. Simpkins enjoys traveling, designing clothing and jewelry, and acting, singing and modeling. She said her job at Buffalo Exchange, a used clothing store, was her most important activity outside of school. She is the only child of Susan Schuster and Franklin Simpkins.



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