

**Dear Deanna!**

I met a guy that I thought was really interested in me. I helped him get employment at my company, helped with his bills and paid child support for him. As soon as things started looking up for him, our relationship changed. Things hit the fan when he got a promotion and moved into another department. He is now telling me that he's focused on improving his life instead of dating me. I heard that he's dating someone else in the company. What do I do? --Crying and Miserable; On-Line Reader

**Dear Miserable:**

You set yourself up by confusing help with being used and also giving up your money. You never should mix business with pleasure because it's a guaranteed recipe for pain. He used you to get ahead and you can see early on that he's leaving you behind. If you heard that he's dating someone on the job, it's probably true. You can't do anything other than move on, be glad that you got out early and pray for the new lady who will be his next sucker.

**Dear Deanna!**

My nephew has left for college and has completely lost his mind. When he lived at home he was quiet, mild mannered and well behaved. I hardly know him now that he's away from home. He's still underage but he drinks, has tattoos and has become loud and rude. My sister simply turns her head and says he's an adult and I should mind my business. Is this normal when kids go off to college or should I intervene and get him back on track? --Loving Aunt; San Bernardino, CA

**Dear Loving Aunt:**

You may be messing in business that doesn't belong to you. Your nephew is an adult and his parents don't have any issues with his lifestyle and maybe you should do the same. If he's still in college, getting good grades and staying out of trouble, then

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he's fine. You can't impose your expectations on him but you can caution him about the drinking and any moral issues. In other words, accept his newfound adult hood and be there with gentle guidance.

**Dear Deanna!**

I have a platonic relationship with a male friend of four years but my fiancé doesn't like it. He has begun making hints that I've slept with my friend and accusing me of lying to him. I've only known my fiancé for two years and if I had to choose between the two men, I would choose my friend. How can I convince my fiancé that we're only friends and that nothing is going on? This is becoming stressful because I love both men and want them in my life. Help? --Sharon; San Antonio, TX

**Dear Sharon:**

Your future husband is jealous of your relationship with your male friend. It's your responsibility to find balance as you seek to have both relationships. Invite your husband to be part of the friendship so he can understand and be more open minded. Also be mindful of your platonic friendship to make sure you're not giving your fiancé reasons to complain. If things don't improve after the air is clear, your fiancé has issues you certainly need to explore.

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Pictured left to right: Larry Collins from P.O.P.A., Pastor Mary Overstreet and Pastor Dwight Minnieweather. People of Purpose Associates(P.O.P.A) celebrate the 3rd annual Re-tilling the Soil event. The event took place Saturday July 12, 2008 clean-up locations were Maple Mallory Apartments, Jefferson High School and Connerstone Community Church. Following the clean-up was a celebration at Irving Park where Cool Breeze and The Light performed.

**OHSU HIV Prevention Awareness**

**Basketball Tournament Huge Success**

Teams from around Portland competed at the first annual OHSU HIV Awareness 3-on-3 Basketball tournament at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club on June 21st.

The purpose of the tournament was to raise awareness for HIV prevention.

The Oregon Health & Science University HIV Program hosted the event at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, with prizes donated by Nike and Helensview School. In a day of fierce competition, Mike Willis' Team (Mike Willis, Cameron Guyton and Dion Camel) won first prize of authentic NIKE USA Basketball Olympic jerseys, and Ruff Riders (Nate Lavinier, Shawn Kelly and Edward Ratliff) took second prize of NIKE USA Basketball Olympic shooting jackets. All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place



The Oregon Health & Science University HIV Program hosted the event at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club.

teams also received a gift certificate for \$50 to Nike from Helensview School.

"The 3 on 3 basketball tournament sponsored by OHSU and the Blazer's Boys and Girls Club was a fun and effective way to bring the message of HIV/AIDS education to our youth and young adults," said Kris Persson, the Principal of Helensview School. "The event drew volunteers and spectators from throughout the community. By combining basketball with HIV/AIDS awareness the organizers

were able to provide a fun and exciting event while educating members of the community. The organizers from OHSU and the Blazer's Boys & Girls Club are to be commended for donating their time, talent and effort to this event. There is a need for more events like this in our community."

The event drew volunteers and spectators from throughout the community and resulted in over \$600 in equipment donations to the Blazers Girls and Boys Club.

"This was an excellent commu-

nity event. We would love to see more of these," was commented by a community participant during the event post-evaluation.

Given the high level of community participation and team turnout, OHSU plans to continue the tournament next year.

"This was one of the most worthwhile events we've sponsored," said Todd Korthuis, M.D. - of the OHSU HIV Program. "It's fun to see our community coming together for a great time and also raising awareness for HIV prevention."

**Lodge to receive face-lift**

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individuals to cover additional expenses. Because the Elks Lodge is a nonprofit organization, plans will include a donor wall at the entrance of the Lodge that will list the names of those who contributed to the project. NAMCO's goal is to have the outside of the building and a portion of the inside finished by a kick-off celebration planned for "The Gathering" in late August. Once completed, the public

can expect a completely new revitalized Elks Lodge and a chance to partake in a variety of business and community activities. To remember the project, the membership plans to create a picture collage that will reflect the history of the organization.

For more information on how to get involved or donate to the Elks Lodge project, contact one of the project partners above, stop by the elks lodge and talk with Jennifer Dishman or call 503 284-4853.

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