

Powell Endorses Obama

Former general crosses party lines

With or without a formal title, Colin Powell will have Barack Obama's ear if the Democratic presidential candidate wins the White House in the Nov. 4 election, the candidate said Monday.

"He will have a role as one of my advisers," Barack Obama said on NBC's "Today" in an interview aired Monday, a day after Powell, a four-star general and President Bush's former secretary of state, endorsed him.

"Whether he wants to take a formal role, whether that's a good fit for him, is something we'd have to discuss," Obama said.

Being a top presidential adviser, especially

on foreign policy, would be familiar ground to Powell on a subject that's relatively new to the freshman Illinois senator. Obama has struggled to establish his foreign policy credentials against GOP candidate John McCain, a decorated military veteran, Vietnam prisoner of war and ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In the NBC interview, Obama said Powell did not give him a heads-up before he crossed party lines and endorsed the Democratic presidential candidate on the network's "Meet the Press" a day earlier.

In that interview, Powell called Obama a "transformational figure" in the nation's history and expressed disappointment in some of McCain's campaign tactics.



Colin Powell



106-Year-Old Casts Ballot

106-year-old Ann Cooper continued her tradition of voting in every presidential election by casting a ballot last week at the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta. Mrs. Cooper said she never imagined seeing an African-American frontrunner for president in her lifetime. She encouraged young and old to exercise their responsibility and vote. "By all means, no matter what, get out and vote. Vote your choice," she said.

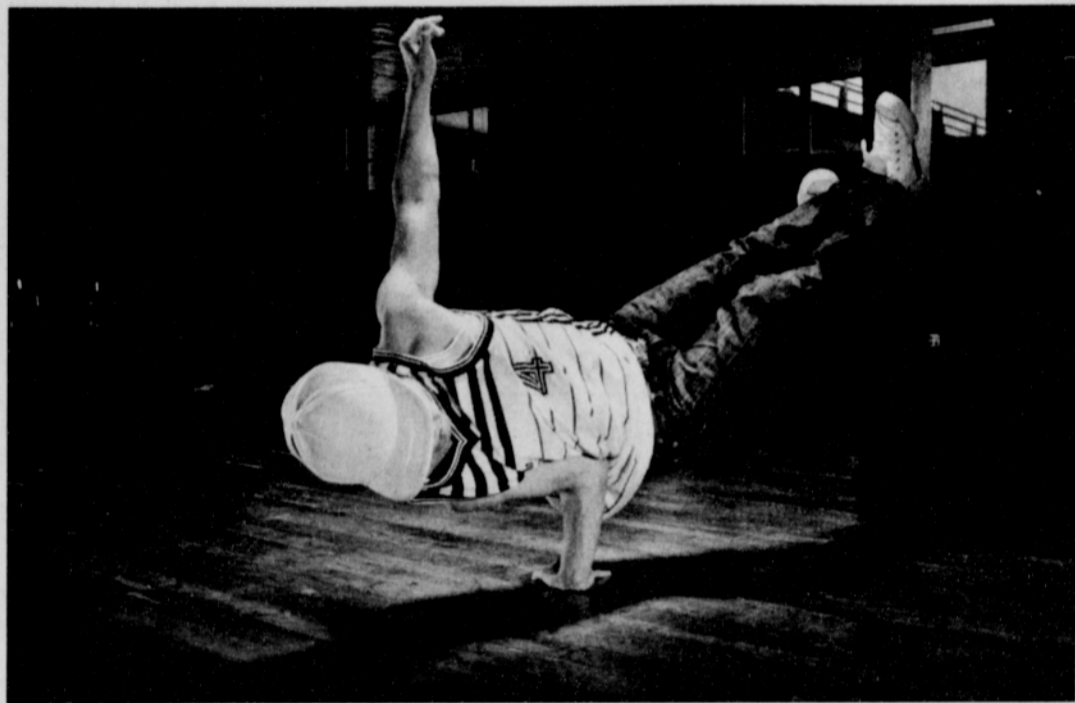


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B-boy Jyant, also known as Huy Pham, has been perfecting his breakdancing moves for the past 12 years. He teaches breakdancing fundamentals at Ethos Music, Inc. and during drop-in sessions at Euphoria Studios at 1235 S.E. Division.

No Half Steppin'

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In his class, students learn basic steps in top-rocking, footwork, freezes, transitions and power-moves, which can be considered the general subcategories of breakdancing. Students learn how to fluidly combine all the moves in routines while building strength, flexibility, stamina, and most important of all, musicality.

Jyant looks back at his formal grounding in music theory to develop his own style. His father is a classical musician.

"It's not just moves," he said, describing that successful breakdancing techniques aren't just memorized. "There's a way to listen to the music."

He explains the history and development of breakdancing moves to help students better understand the actual application of the dance. Students listen to funk, soul and hip-hop.

The No Half Steppin' class is offered in two formats: a 6-8 week after school program or an independent drop-in class. Both the program and drop-in classes follow a loose syllabus

that acts as a general guideline allowing students to track their progress.

The goal is to give new breakdancers a strong enough vocabulary to be able to tell their own story, Jyant said.

For information about the after-school program, contact Amy Vanacore at amy@ethos.org or 503-283-8467.

The drop-in classes, generally oriented to young adults, are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Euphoria Studios, 1235 S.E. Division. The fee is \$12 or \$40 for a 4-class package.

Going Street Proposed for Bikes

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objected to the plans. Karlock argued that the proposal was "a declaration of war on cars."

He said if a street is being redesigned so that it primarily serves bicyclists, then bicyclists should be the ones to pay for the improvements, estimated at \$100,000 to

At Concordia, association co-chair Tony Fuentes argued for a route on Ainsworth Street. Mark Lear of PDOT responded that the BTA has studied these routes for more than a year, and they have concluded that Going is the best choice.

Lavender said, "It would be a mistake for there to be a war between motorists and cyclists, and

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\$350,000 per boulevard.

Commenting on plans to change the stop sign pattern to facilitate bike travel, Karlock said, "Oh, so because bicyclists won't obey the law and stop at stop signs, you're removing them."

At a meeting before the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, several people questioned whether Going was the best choice. An alternate route along Northeast Skidmore and Mason streets would cover a longer distance - 5.5 miles - and would benefit from an existing signal at Martin Luther King, neighbors said.

there's no reason for one."

He accused the media of dramatizing a few conflicts between bicyclists and motorists to "portray a war that I don't see." He admitted that some bicyclists do not obey traffic regulations or use good practices and said, "It frustrates and irritates me to see bicyclists misbehave."

However, he argued, Portland needs to promote alternative modes of transportation.

"We may double the number of residents in the metropolitan area in the next 20 years, and I don't see us doubling the number of parking spaces," he said.

University Park Hosts Festival

Workshops, discussions, recreational events and class demonstrations will take place Saturday, Oct. 25 when ParkFest 2008, a special community-wide event takes place at the University Park Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave.

In addition to workshops and information tables designed to generate discussion about the future direction of Portland Parks and Recreation, the event will also feature an array of fun recreational opportunities, from climbing walls and taekwon do to indoor skateboarding and papermaking. There will also be door prizes, entertainment, and complimentary food and refreshments.

The event, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is free and open to the public.

"We wanted to find a fresh, new way to have a dialogue and discussion with the public about the future of their park system," says PP&R's Public Involvement Manager Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong. "Do they want active recreational opportunities, like playgrounds and basketball courts, or do they want more natural areas, trails and walking paths? We want the public to tell us how we determine what goes where, especially when we're looking at limited funding resources."

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