

BLACK HISTORY

Pastor's Legacy Honored



The late Rev. John Jackson speaks during the 1985 dedication of Jackson Hall, the building named in his honor at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College

College library to house collection

When the winds of the Civil Rights Era blew through Oregon in the 1960s – as they did all over the United States – the man in the eye of the storm during those turbulent times was the Rev. John H. Jackson.

From his pulpit at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, and from the marches, sit-ins and demonstrations on the streets, the Rev. Jackson was a leader in bringing the period's profound changes to Portland.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, his legacy will be enshrined for posterity at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St., when the Rev. John H. Jackson Collection and Reading Room are dedicated officially and opened to the public. The occasion will be marked by a short program starting at 2:30 p.m. in the campus' Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building Auditorium, followed by a dedication and reception in the campus' library at 3:30 p.m.

"The Rev. Jackson was one of

the premier leaders in the community, particularly the African American community, during those times," said Harold Williams Sr., chair of the PCC Board of Directors, who will be among the speakers at the Jackson dedication. "He was at the frontline of social change and had a tremendously positive impact on the community as a whole.

"In many ways, although he didn't live to see it, he was a leader who helped bring us into the 21st century," he added.

The campus enjoyed a close relationship with the Rev. Jackson for many years during his lifetime. The campus' Jackson Hall was dedicated in his honor in 1985 and after he passed away in 1994 at the age of 81, his widow, Dian Jackson, donated his library and a collection of his correspondence, sermons and personal effects to the campus.

The collection is housed in Cascade's library, in a room, which

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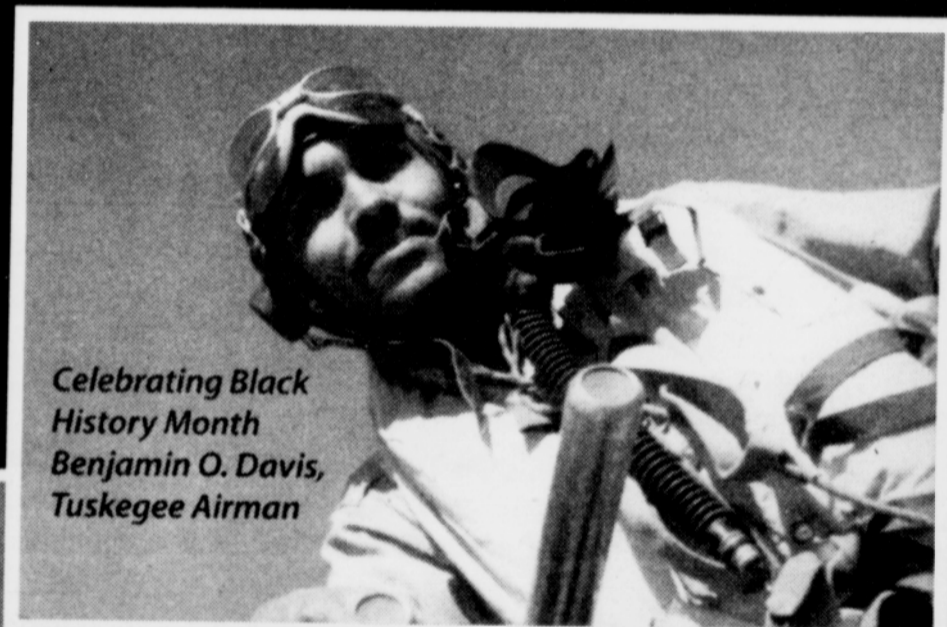
Saturday, February 20th,
10am - 2pm

&

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