

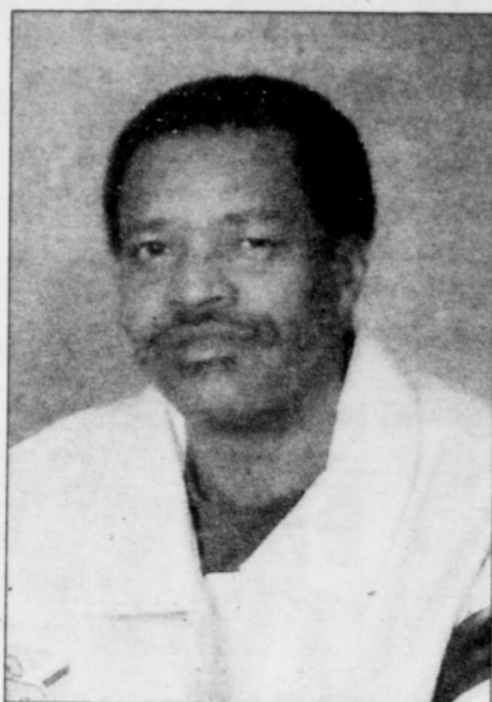
Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Larry Gene Williams

Larry Gene Williams passed away on March 12, 2012 at the age of 56. He was born Aug. 10, 1955.

Services will be held Friday, March 23 at 11 a.m. at Albina Christian Center, 2149 N. Willamette Blvd.



In Remembrance



Ernest L. Sanders

Lt. Col. Ernest L. Sanders, U.S. Air Force retired, PhD., passed away on March 4, 2012 in Norway.

Services will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 10:45 a.m. at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, 4735 N. Commercial Ave.

Burial will be at Willamette Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Zeller Chapel of the Roses.

Blanchet House

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The new location will be significantly larger than the size of the current facility, and will include a unique indoor queuing area for those waiting for a hot meal. Consistent with the current Blanchet House, the second and third floors will offer beds to those men who qualify for the transitional housing component; the fourth floor is reserved for those who have successfully completed the six month program, finding full-time employment elsewhere.

The mission will continue to operate as a safe haven for those seeking shelter and will not tolerate the use of alcohol or drugs on or off the property. The construction process is expected to be completed in September.

The Blanchet House began its service to the Portland com-

munity in 1952 when a group of University of Portland students began to devise a plan to help the needy. They started by serving a simple meal consisting of beans, bread, butter and coffee.

Today Blanchet serves 700-900 meals a day, six days a week, totaling nearly 300,000 free meals per year. Blanchet also currently provides housing to 27 men, who must remain clean and sober to live and serve at the Blanchet House. These men are assigned specific duties and daily shifts preparing meals in the kitchen that they serve to guests, followed by clean-up and maintenance of the dining room.

Residents team with Blanchet's 5,000 annual volunteers to continue the organization's simple mission, "To feed, clothe and offer shelter to those in need."



Happy Birthday Aunt Betty

From Marion, Tony and Chubby, with love always.

Transitioning to Retirement

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2011. Pulliams' leadership in the bond effort will continue to move the college forward when significant construction and renovation at the four main campuses begins this year, college officials said.

The first member of his family to attend college, Pulliams has been passionate about creating high quality educational opportunities for students who would not otherwise have the chance to earn a college degree - he has often said his vision is to guarantee everyone the opportunity to earn a degree at PCC regardless of one's ability to pay.

Under his leadership, annual contributions to the PCC Foundation increased significantly, and scholarship awards to students tripled.

Pulliams also was instrumental in steering a partnership between PCC and the City of Portland to create the Future Connect Scholarships Program, and he championed efforts with Portland Public Schools to redesign Jefferson High School to become the Jefferson

Middle College. Both initiatives took a critical step toward realizing his vision - for some of the region's most needy students.

"Being president of Portland Community College has been the best job I have ever had," said Pulliams. "I am passionate about the role PCC plays in helping students achieve their

Upon retirement, Pulliams plans to pursue a consulting practice helping other college boards in their executive searches, as well as travel and enjoy time with his grandson. He intends to maintain his connections to the Portland area.

Prior to coming to PCC, Pulliams served as vice-chancellor for Com-

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-Preston Pulliams

dreams, and how the college supports economic development and enhances the quality of life in our region. It's been an honor to lead this amazing institution."

The PCC Board of Directors has announced that a national search for a new president will begin this spring, and that the effort will involve the Board, faculty, staff, students, and members of the broader community.

munity Colleges for the State University of New York, where he coordinated and directed activities of the 30 community colleges in the SUNY system. He served as president of Orange County Community College in Middletown, N.Y., from 1997 to 2003. From 1993 to 1997 he was president of the Highland Lakes Campus of the Oakland Community College District in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



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