

RELIGION



Downtown crowds enjoy food, and music at Operation Overcoat, Union Gospel Mission's annual street fair and clothing give away for the homeless and needy.

Needy Get Fed, Clothed

"Feeding the hungry and restoring the addict and loving our neighbor" since 1927, Union Gospel Mission Saturday served over 1,700 meals and gave away thousands of articles to homeless Portlanders in need at their 12th annual Operation Overcoat street fair and clothing give away.

Closing off Northwest Couch Street in downtown between Third and Fourth Avenues, Union Gospel gave out coats, sweaters, shirts, pants, shoes, blankets and hygiene items to a steady stream of homeless guests, many of whom camped overnight on Burnside to be first in line for the event's 10 a.m. start.

Guests also enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips

and soda. The Medical Teams International Dental Van was on hand to offer free dental care. New this year, were massage school students offering free massages.

The event was made possible by donations of clothing and the work of over 200 volunteers organizers.

In addition to providing meals for the homeless and needy, Union Gospel Mission operates LifeChange, a long-term addiction recovery community, where residents live and work at Union Gospel Mission for four years and learn to overcome addiction and build new lives.

For more information about Union Gospel Mission and LifeChange contact 503-274-4483, or visit online at ugmportland.org.

Rector Named at St. Philip

Following the recent retirement of long-time rector, the Rev. Alcena E. Boozer, St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church announced Rev. Deborah R. Brown, as the parish's new leader.

Relocating to Portland from Rochester, N.Y., Rev. Brown recently conducted her first Eucharist, held weekly at the church, located at 120 N.E. Knott St., on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Born an African American Episcopal congregation in 1911, St. Philip celebrated their 2011 centennial as one of the Portland community's most diverse churches and a hub for social activism.

"This is such a blessing for me and I welcome this opportunity to become part of the St. Philip's family," said Rev. Brown, who was selected after an extensive national search. "I look forward to moving to Portland and quickly become a mem-



Rev. Deborah R. Brown

ber of this wonderful community".

Before Rev. Brown was ordained to the priesthood in Dec. 2009, she taught orchestra and music for eight years. A professional violinist, her educational background consists of degrees in music, music education, and divinity.

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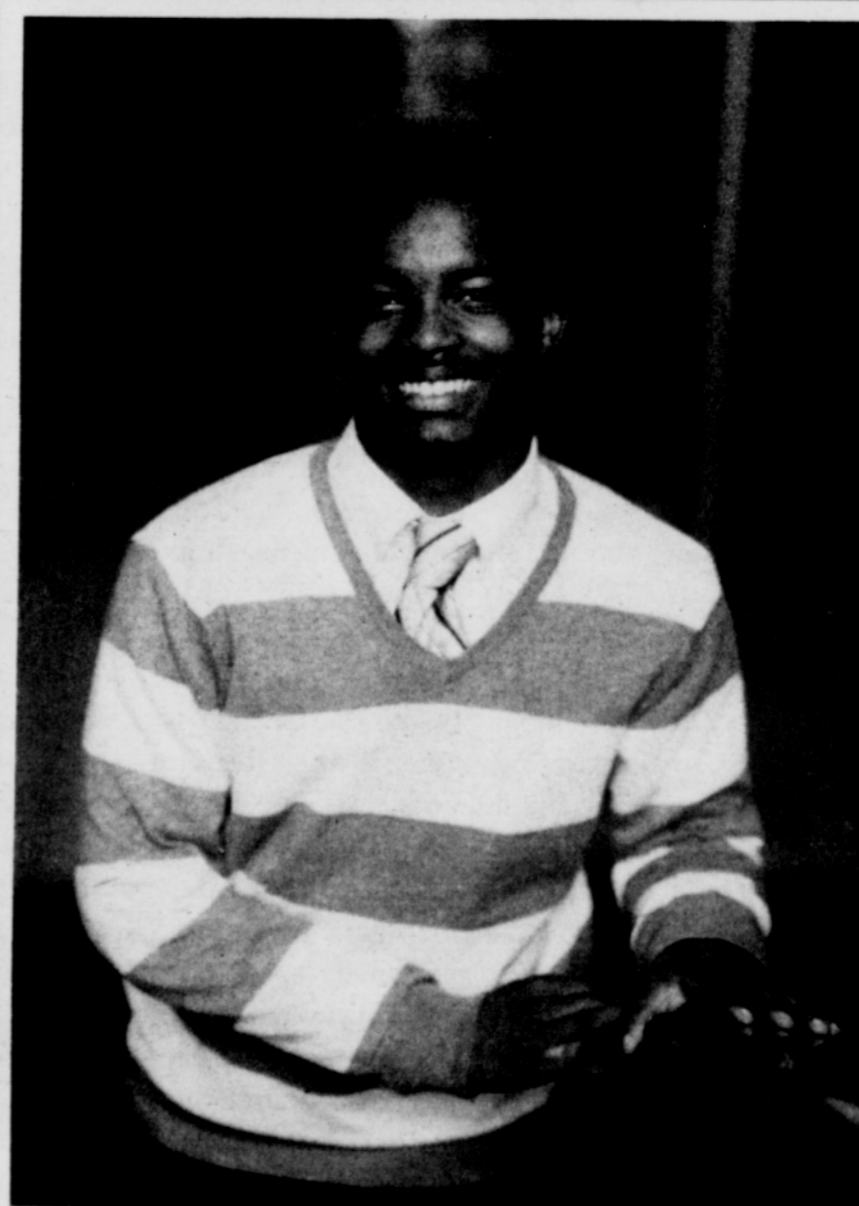
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