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The Science of Race

An insight of human variation

Though each of us is as unique as our fingerprint, humans across all walks of life actually have more in common than ever previously imagined.

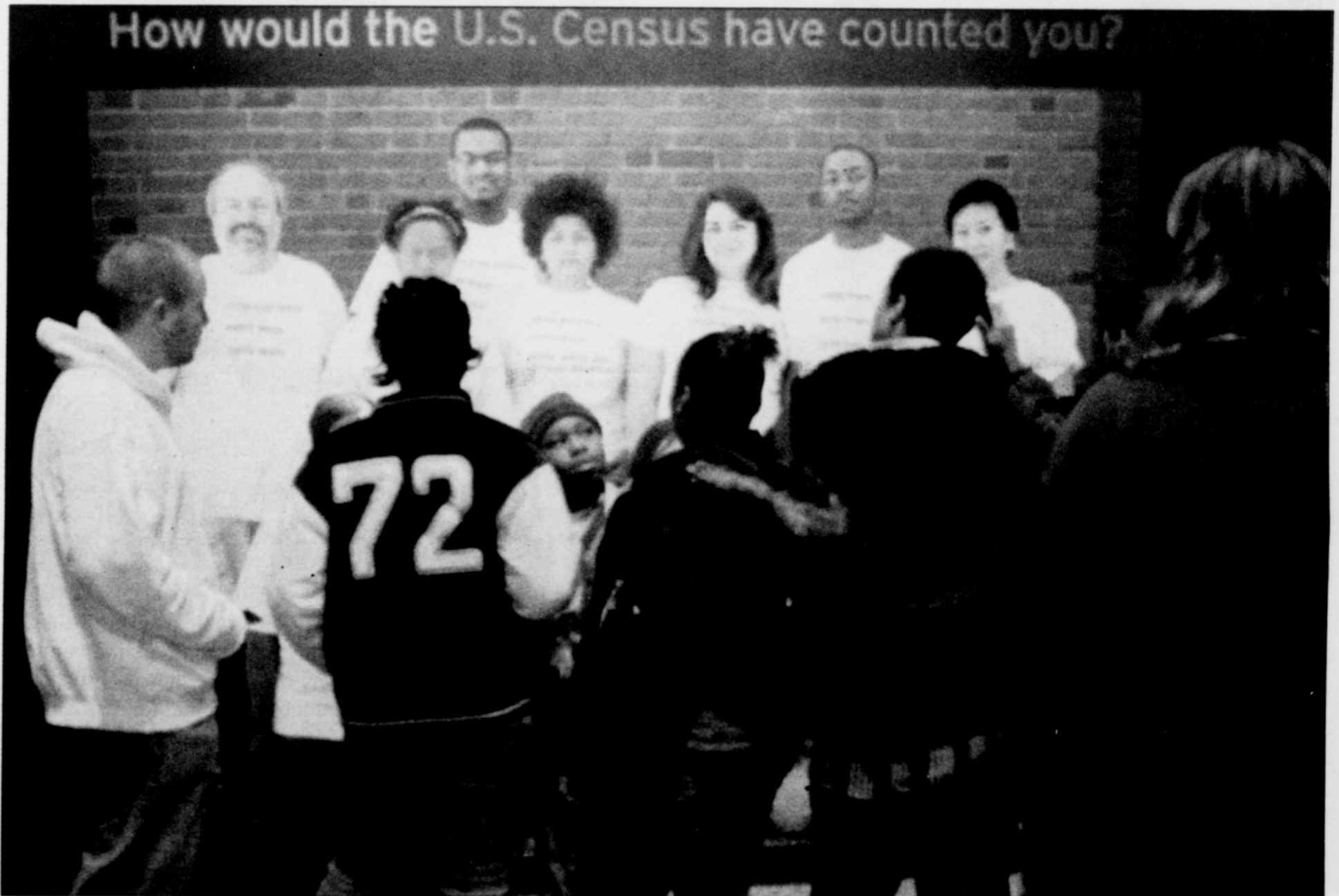
A new exhibit about the science of human variation at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) challenges visitors to consider race in a new light. Open through Jan. 1, RACE: Are We So Different? is the first national exhibition to tell the story of race from biological, cultural, and historical points of view.

Offering an unprecedented look at race and racism, the exhibit was developed by the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota.

"The concept of race has not always existed," notes exhibit contributor Robert Garfinkle of the Science Museum of Minnesota. "This exhibit reveals that sorting people by physical differences is a recent invention, only a few hundred years old."

The interactive exhibit introduces the idea of race as a primarily social construct as opposed to physical reality, presenting a contemporary scientific understanding of human variation that challenges the idea of racial differences and even questions the very concept of race.

"While race is the least important aspect in determining character, it is often the most significant factor in how we are



Young people take in perspectives on race, identity and ethnicity through words, pictures and objects in a new OMSI exhibit, RACE: Are We So Different?

perceived," said Garfinkle. "The truth is: human beings are more alike genetically than virtually any other species on the planet."

Sponsored locally by The Standard, along

with the National Science Foundation and the Ford Foundation, the RACE exhibit addresses the topics of race and racism from three different perspectives—science, history, and everyday experience-- interwoven

to tell a compelling story with lasting impact.

One of the activities for visitors at the exhibit, Who's Talking? asks attendees to

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