

# Legislature Honors Harold Williams

## Appreciation day will be held at state Capitol

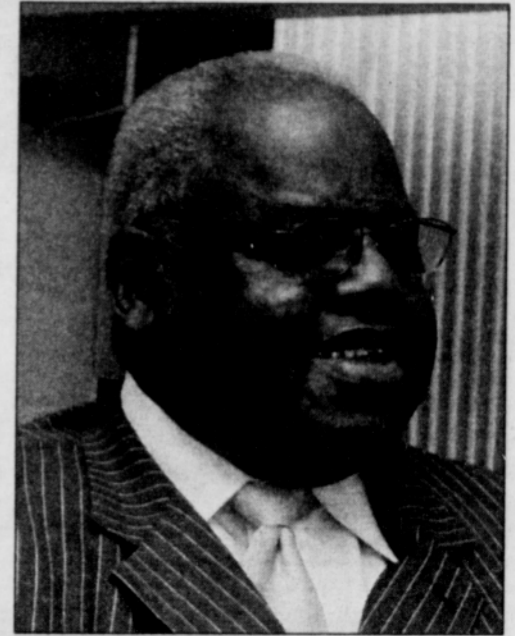
Portland Community College and the State Legislature will celebrate the life and work of longtime PCC board member and community leader Harold Williams Sr. on Monday, March 4.

"Harold was larger than life in terms of service and dedication to Portland and Portland Community College," said House Speaker Tina Kotek, who represents north and northeast Portland where Williams

served as PCC board member. "Harold was an inspiration; someone we could all learn from, and he is greatly missed."

A "Harold Williams Appreciation Day" resolution will be read in

both the House and Senate floors. A group of nearly 30 colleagues and family, including PCC board members, campus presidents, community leaders from Portland, PCC district student council leaders, and key faculty and staff from the college, is expected to attend.



Harold Williams

"This bill is a tangible expression of how much we admired and appreciated Harold's dedication and vision, for the benefit of PCC and the Portland community at large," said Preston Pulliams, president of Portland Community College. "Harold was known as a tireless community leader through his work with the college, for his promotion of alternative programs that targeted at-risk students, for his volunteer outreach and for his commitment and involvement in local and regional politics.

"I am proud to be here today to honor a man I considered an advocate, a mentor, and most importantly, a friend," he added.

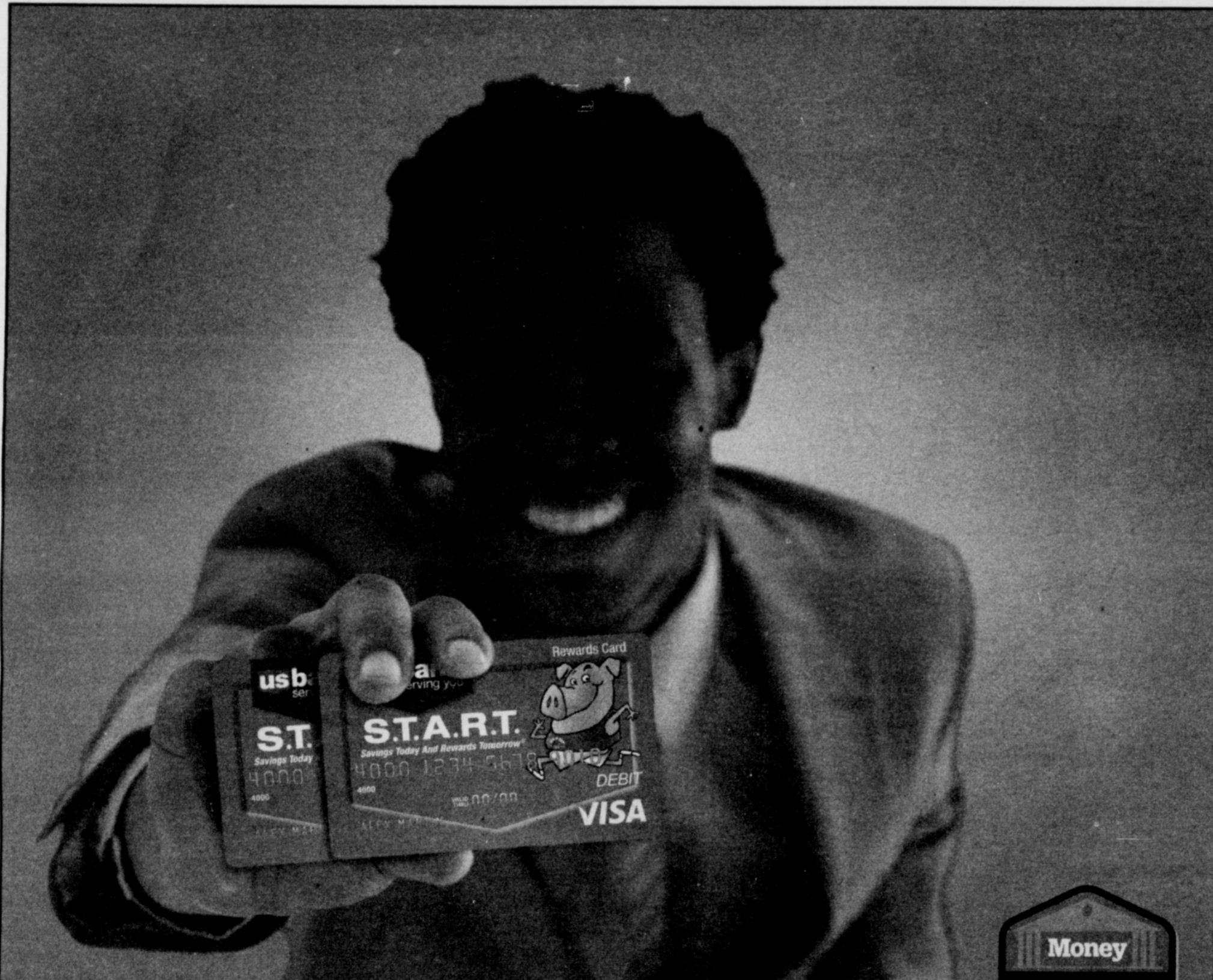
Williams died on July 1 at the age of 69 from complications related to a stroke. The college celebrated Williams' more than 50 years of service to the community with a memorial celebration the following week at the PCC Cascade Campus in north Portland.

Williams was first appointed to the college's board of directors in 1990 to represent Zone 2, which encompasses north and northeast Portland and portions of Columbia County. He was elected in 1991 and re-elected in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011.

During Legislative sessions, Williams routinely testified on bills of significance to community colleges. His biggest contribution to the college was his work in bringing community college services to all parts of the college district, especially poorer, underserved parts of the community. And he was instrumental in pushing for a college policy that would ensure that PCC construction contracts would meet minority-contracting goals.

Williams was the president of the contracting firm CH2A Associates and a member of the Black Leadership Conference as well as the Urban League. A past chair of the Coalition of Black Men, he served on the board of the Oregon Community College Association. He served as Affirmative Action Director and Equal Opportunity Coordinator to former Oregon Gov. Bob Straub.

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