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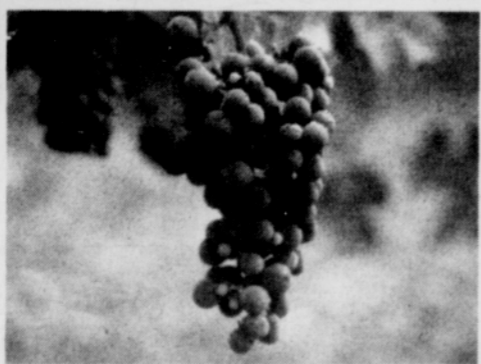
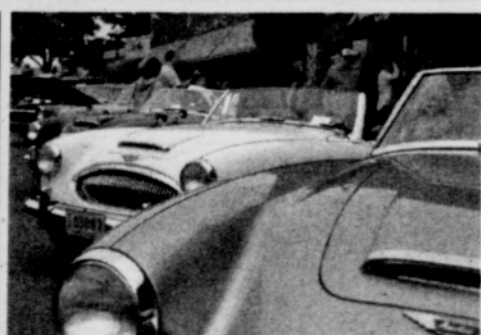
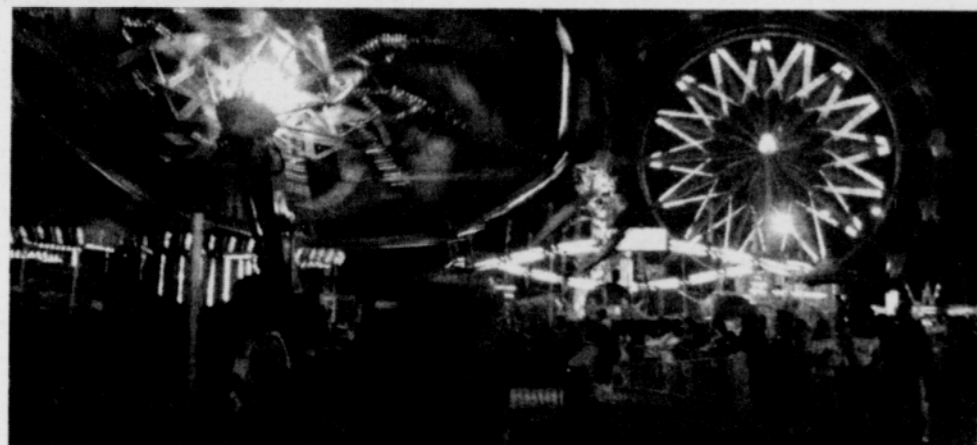
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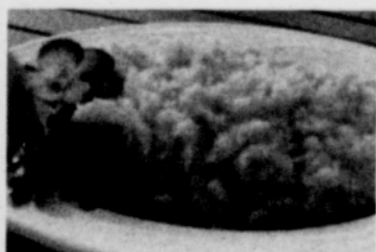
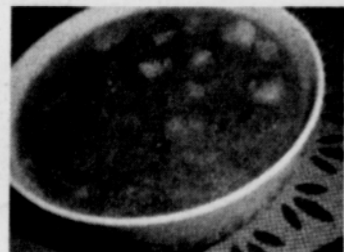
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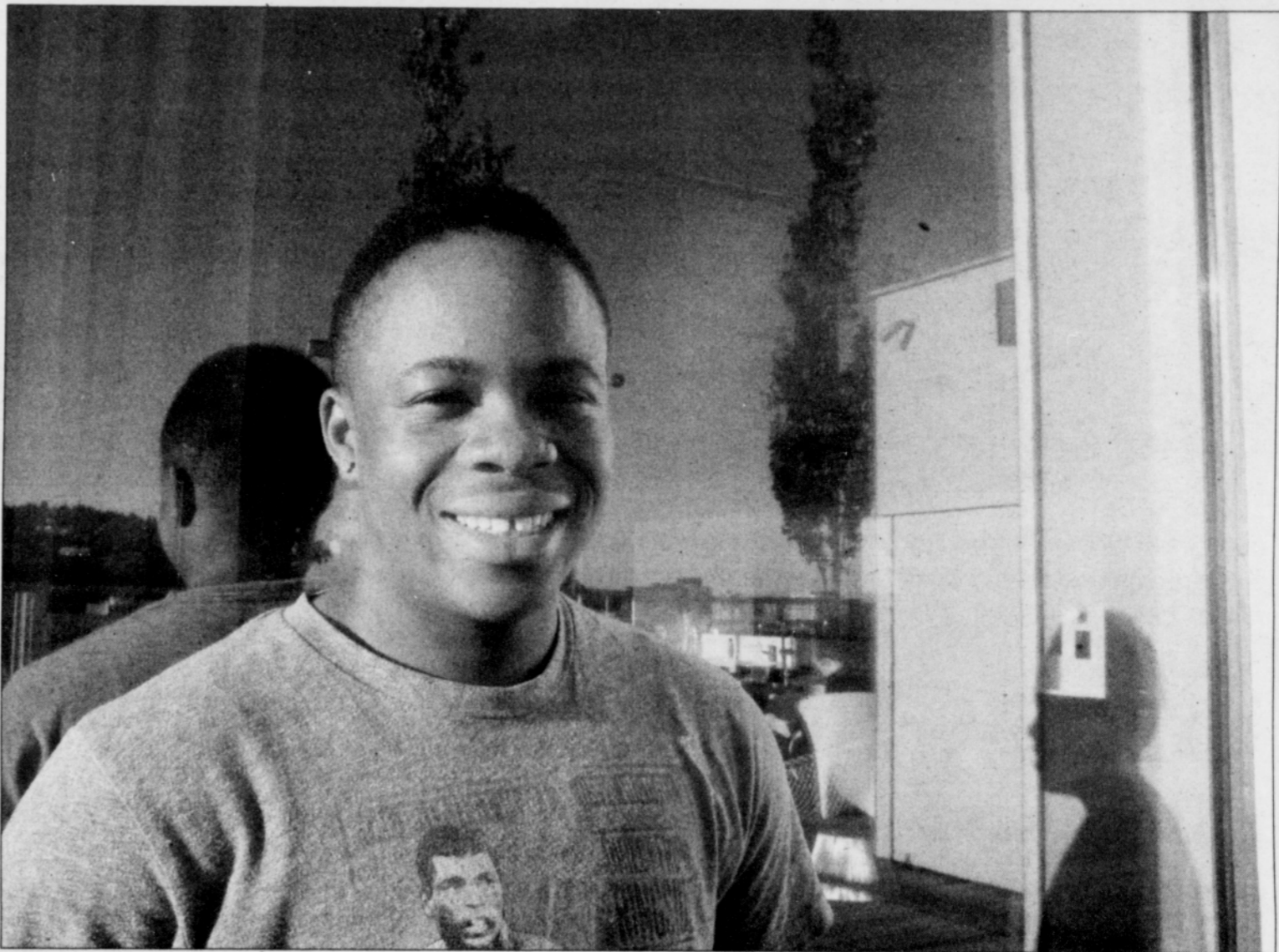


PHOTO BY OLIVIA OLIVIA/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Jayce Marcus, a transgendered student from Portland attending George Fox University in Newberg, has won the right to be housed with other male students on campus. However written into the school's new policies are requirements that future transgender students, especially transgender students of color, may struggle to meet.

George Fox Backs Down

Trans student gets housing; fight for better policies continue

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Jayce Marcus, a Portland student at George Fox University who has been battling school administration for the right to be housed with other males has scored a victory with school officials, but more changes may be needed before transgendered students on the Newberg campus are fully protected against discrimination.

His struggle dates back to February, when Mark Pothoff, the college's dean of community life,

wrote to Marcus announcing the school's decision to decline him housing with his male classmates.

To the school's credit, they first offered him solitary housing on campus, or the option of living off-campus if he so chose, but Marcus turned both of these options down and persisted on shared on-campus housing. He cited his need for community and fears of depression and isolation living alone or off-campus.

George Fox, a Christian university of liberal arts and sciences, and

professional studies, then filed for a federal Title IX exemption to prevent the school from having to offer transgender students housing on campus.

In his letter to the Department of Education and Office for Civil Rights, George Fox President Robin Baker stated that "the University believes that human beings, fashioned by God in His own image, are created male and female (Genesis 1:27)" in defence of the university's stance.

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Race Talks on Police Engagement

The Portland Police Bureau and its engagement with the community and people of color in particular will be the subject of two upcoming meetings in north and northeast Portland.

The forums on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Jefferson High School and Tuesday, Aug. 12 at McMenamins Kennedy School will focus on com-

munity policing in Portland and give community members the opportunity to meet the Citizens Review Committee, an 11-member volunteer group appointed by the Portland City Council to monitor and advise the City Auditor's Independent Police Review division.

The review panel is facilitating the sessions with Race Talks, a grass

roots organization which gives monthly presentations on ethnicity and race in Oregon in order to provide intercultural learning experiences. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to all ages.

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