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National Urban League president sets course

Economic power: The next civil rights frontier

By Hugh B. Price
President, National Urban League

Three decades ago African Americans in the South won back the political and civil rights that had been taken from them by dint of great courage, hard work, and a steely sense of purpose and commitment to doing what needed to be done.

But the securing of those rights was not the end of African Americans' struggle for social justice. Instead, it meant that black Americans would be able to shift more of their energy and thought and resources to the struggle for economic justice -- to the

July 10 Annual Dinner will honor "Wisdom of the Elders"

The theme of the Urban League's 52nd Annual Dinner on Thursday, July 10 is "Wisdom of the Elders." The program at the Oregon Convention Center will honor the contributions of seniors in our community. "We want to acknowledge the important achievements of grandparents, retired people and other elders and build support for programs that allow them to continue to live among us," said Urban League President Lawrence J. Dark. The guest speaker was not known at press time, but dinner invitations with more information will be mailed in May.



Urban League President Hugh Price

struggle to take an undeniable place as developers and owners of a portion of America's resources and establish themselves as an economically powerful group.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney M. Young, Jr. and Malcolm X were only the most notable of the many in Black America who understood that gaining and wisely using economic power was the next civil rights frontier.

African Americans are still on the frontier, and our journey to a place of security and safety is just as challenging today as it was in the early and middle decades of this century.

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Equal Opportunity Dinner breaks all the records

A powerful speaker and a hardworking dinner chairman helped the Urban League set new records for attendance and proceeds at the Equal Opportunity Dinner in February. A packed house of 776 supporters turned out for an evening that netted more than \$90,000 to support Urban League programs.

Retired U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield presented a keynote speech that traced the history of intolerance in Oregon and urged the audience to be ever vigilant to new forms of prejudice. Honorees Judge Mercedes Deiz and Kenneth Lewis inspired the audience with stories about their personal experiences working for equal opportunity.

Much of the credit for the evening's financial success goes to the dinner's Chairman Marty Brantley, president of KPTV Oregon 12. During the dinner he gave special thanks to committee member John Lee of Providence Health System, who helped recruit four health care organizations as lead sponsors for the dinner. Lead sponsors included Kaiser Permanente, KPTV Oregon's 12, Legacy Health System, Oregon Health Sciences University and Providence Health System.

Additional sponsors included Bank of America, Fred Meyer, Meier & Frank, PacifiCorp, Paragon Cable, Stoel Rives Boley Jones & Grey, US West Communications, and Washington Mutual Savings. Portland General Electric showed its support by purchasing a record three tables.

Lawrence Dark at Willamette Forum

Urban League of Portland President Lawrence J. Dark will be the featured speaker at the Willamette Forum on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 am on the 41st floor of the U.S. Bancorp Building, 111 SW Fifth Avenue. His topic will be "Economic and Social Justice: What is Our Response?" The principle sponsor is Willamette University. Tickets are \$15. For reservations, call (503) 375-5304.

President's Column

We are community -- We are family

By Lawrence J. Dark
President and CEO

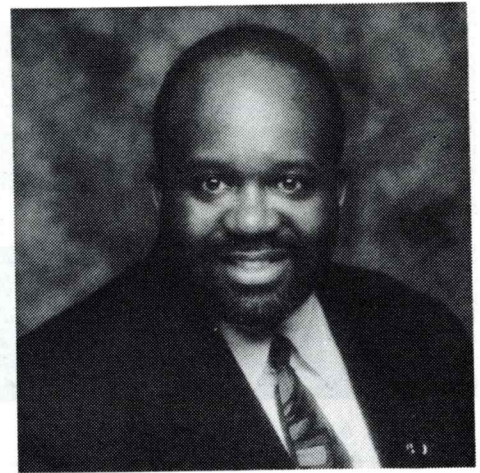
In the work that we do, we hear a lot of talk about "community." I want to tell you about the community that I experience every day at the Urban League of Portland.

I was recently at an event where a speaker talked about a team that is "unselfish and hard-hitting" in order to get the job done. That is the kind of community I am blessed and fortunate to be a part of at the Urban League.

There are some sixty plus employees at the Urban League these days. These people work with our board of directors, Guild, and other volunteers to *co-create* and make a difference in the lives of people in the Portland/Vancouver area.

Each member of our community has a story about how they came here. In this newsletter, let me focus on my management team, who have to endure my vision, my demands and my long hours every day. For this issue I asked each of them to use their own words to describe why they came to work at the Urban League (see story below). (I would be remiss if I did not also mention an employee who is not a manager but who keeps me on track by managing my hectic schedule: my executive assistant Donald Chalmers.)

We are truly fortunate that these talented people are devoting their time and talent to making a difference in this community and



Lawrence J. Dark

beyond. The Urban League management team has clearly joined "The Movement," as Urban Leaguers fondly refer to our national organization.

They represent some of the best and the brightest -- not only that Oregon has to offer -- but also that this nation has to offer.

They also reflect our community. They are men and women, African Americans and Caucasians, old and young. They are a community.

Sometimes I wonder why they stay, given the expectations of so many stakeholders. I believe they stay because they share in a vision that one person can make a difference, while a **team** can make a world of difference.

So to Tanya, Brian, Esther, Larry, Christian, Mike and David, I say "thank you for your leadership, your skill, your humor, and your selfless devotion to the work we try to do daily." I truly have the best job and the best team that anyone could ever hope or dream of.

Why we're still here -- League managers tell all

For this newsletter, Urban League President Lawrence Dark asked each member of his management team to explain why they chose to work at the Urban League. Each travelled a different path to the non-profit world.

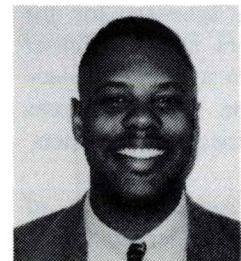
Brian Black, Vice President of Programs and Director of Education

"I'm an Urban League baby. When I was a student, I was in the Urban League's Educational Talent Search in Greenville, South Carolina. They inspired me to go to college and earn my master's degree. Now I want to give something back."



Christian Camp, Director of Employment

"I have worked in banking, real estate and human resources and wanted to do something that was more for the community. Also, I had used the Urban League's Employment Department years ago during a job hunt. Ever since then I wanted to see what I could do to create a quality program that satisfies both the community and our employers."



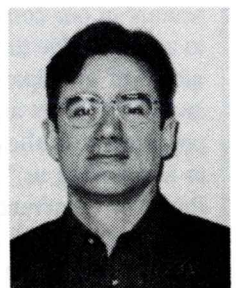
Tanya Perimon, Director of Finance and Administration



"I used to work at a law firm. After I finished graduate school in management, I decided to go in a different direction. I wanted to give something back and be part of an organization that does something positive."

Michael Pullen, Director of Marketing and Environmental Programs

"During a job hunt after I moved here, I went to a lecture by Juan Williams, who wrote the civil rights history "Eyes on the Prize." Someone in the audience asked him if he thought



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Urban League managers

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the civil rights era would ever come back. He answered that the struggle for civil rights didn't end when Dr. King was killed. Each person has an opportunity to do something. The next week I called the Urban League to volunteer as a tutor in their after school program."

Esther Hinson, Director of Senior Services

"I had worked in health care and wanted to work within the community. I was raised by my grandmother, and I have always felt close to seniors. Also my college education was partly funded by the Model Cities program, so it feels good to give back to the community that supported me."



Larry Foltz, Director of Youth & Family Services



"In college and high school I was in the civil rights movement. The Urban League and the Urban League Movement was always important to me. One of my dreams was that I would one day be able to work for them."

David Brody, Policy, Research and Special Projects

"In the summer of 1995 I had to complete a 3 credit internship in order to graduate from the University of Oregon with a degree in Planning, Public Policy and Management. I wanted to work for an organization that focused on social justice issues and community development.



After completing my three-month internship with the Urban League, and

receiving my degree with honors, I was hired on as an Assistant for Policy, Research and Special Projects.

I come from a family full of social activists, educators, and professionals dedicated to equal rights and justice for all. I am proud to carry on that tradition here at the Urban League."

Lawrence Dark to attend Presidents' Summit

Urban League of Portland President Lawrence J. Dark has been honored with several prestigious appointments recently.

Mr. Dark was invited to join Oregon's delegation to the *Presidents' Summit for America's Future* in Philadelphia in April. The summit will seek to build a national partnership to improve the lives of children and youth. It is chaired by Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush and General Colin Powell. Delegates will share information about "best practice" programs and will develop plans for mobilizing resources in Oregon and other states.

Mr. Dark has also been asked to serve on the National Urban League's *Commission on 21st Century Affiliate Standards and Attributes*. The commission will develop a strategic model for a 21st century Urban League affiliate. Mr. Dark was selected based on the growing reputation of the Urban League of Portland as a model affiliate in the Urban League Movement.

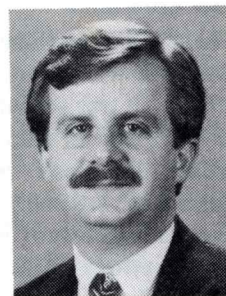
In March, Mr. Dark represented the Urban League of Portland at a Leadership Summit on *"Achievement and African American Children"* convened by the National Urban League. Attendees included thirty heads of major African American constituency organizations, including national church denominations, sororities, fraternal orders, and professional associations.

The need for the summit was outlined by National Urban League President Hugh Price. "It is abundantly clear that the academic, occupational and employability standards for success are being raised," Mr. Price said. "We must make certain that our children can clear the higher bar that has been set." Summit delegates focused on how participant organizations can help African American children succeed in a more competitive landscape.

Volunteers help Urban League increase corporate memberships

The Urban League is closing the first phase of its 1997 Membership Campaign with a bang. A team of volunteers has spent the past few months knocking on corporate doors to recruit business members. Local businesses have responded by committing a record \$111,000 to the membership drive. The Urban League hopes to close in on a record goal of \$200,000 in membership revenue through mailings to businesses and individuals in the next two months.

The membership drive has been chaired by Urban League board member Duane Bosworth, a partner at the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine. Board members taking part include Faye Burch, F. M. Burch & Associates; Bill



Membership chair Duane Bosworth

Isaacson, Providence Health System; Donna Johnson, PacifiCorp; Paula Kinney, Portland Public Schools; Larry Miller, Nike; Bill Prows, U.S. West; Miltie Vega Lloyd, Columbian; and Emmett Wheatfall, Portland General Electric.

The membership task force also includes Becky Belangy, Kaiser Permanente; James Boyer, KATU TV; Elise Brown, AT&T Wireless; Rian Brown, Providence Medical Center; Ralph Gillespie, Intel; Cary Jones, KPDX Fox 49; Stann Leff, Meier & Frank; Paul Lorenzini, Pacific Power; John Mangan, Standard Insurance; Peter Maroney, KOIN TV; and Cori Stewart, Denny's Green Team.

"Our volunteers have helped up reach out to the business community as never before," said League President Lawrence J. Dark. "We are indebted to Duane and our other volunteers for helping us make personal contact with so many local business leaders."

For information about Urban League memberships, contact Michael Pullen at 503/280-2615.

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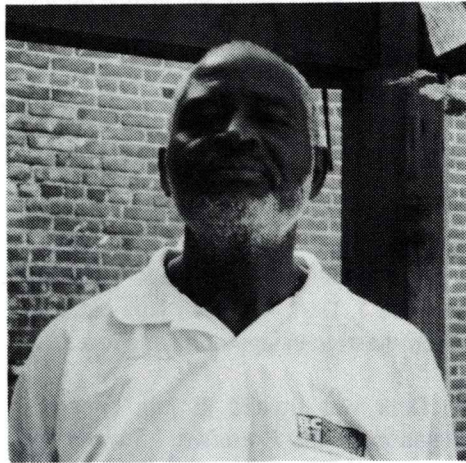
Client Success Story

A counseling session with Urban League director pays off in the long run

Emery Barnes was a teenager on the wrong path when he went to see the director of the Urban League of Portland for some counseling. The tall 16-year-old was in trouble at school and at home and seemed destined for failure. After a complaint, he was ordered by law enforcement officials to the Urban League director's office for counseling. "One hour with the League's director turned me completely around," Emery says. "I went out of that office with a completely different attitude."

The interesting thing about this story is that it happened in the 1940's, not the 1990's. It was shared during a recent visit to the Urban League by Mr. Barnes, who retired last year as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Canada. The story says a lot about the staying power of the Urban League as an organization and its lasting impact on some clients' lives.

As an African American teenager, young Barnes had developed a volatile and aggressive outlook on life by the time he entered the downtown office of Edwin C. "Bill" Berry in the late 1940's. Barnes recalls how impressed he was by the mere



Retired Speaker Emery Barnes

stature of the man. "Bill Berry was big and good looking," Barnes recalls. Young Barnes could not help telling Berry that he'd have no trouble beating up anyone who confronted him. "But Mr. Berry showed me that might wasn't always right and that I had to use my intelligence to get ahead," Barnes remembers.

Mr. Barnes believes the meeting was a turning point in his life. After graduating from Jefferson High School, he played professional football with the Green Bay Packers. In 1957 he became disenchanted with racism in America and moved to Canada, where he played football with the Vancouver, B.C. Lions. After helping the team win the national championship, Mr. Barnes became a Canadian citizen.

He worked as a social worker in downtown Vancouver before winning a seat in Parliament in 1972. In 1994, he became Canada's first African American to be elected speaker of a provincial parliament, the Canadian equivalent of Speaker of the House of Representatives in state government.

Mr. Barnes toured the League last summer while he was in town to attend a Jefferson High School reunion for the classes of 1949-53. He plans to include his meeting with Mr. Berry in his memoirs, which he will begin writing this year. The Urban League thanks him for his story, which supports our belief that all children can succeed, with a little help.

Juvenile offenders tour state penitentiary

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, an old saying goes. That is the philosophy of the Urban League's Diversion Program, which provides a community service option for juveniles who commit a misdemeanor offense.

In March, diversion counselors organized a trip to the Oregon State Penitentiary for 30 youth. The event was co-sponsored by Multnomah County's Juvenile Justice Dept.

"We wanted young people to see the 'bigger picture' of where criminal behavior leads," said Diversion Counselor Helen Hoang. Youth heard about prison life from 14 inmates in the Uhuru SaSa Club. Urban League staff hope the field trip will have a lasting impact on young people who are learning how to make choices in life.

Membership Drive

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The following is a list of businesses that have become members as of April 6:

Platinum (\$10,000 +)

Kaiser Permanente
Providence Health System

Gold Members (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Bank of America
Boeing
Davis Wright Tremaine
Intel
Key Bank of Oregon
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Nordstrom
PacifiCorp
Standard Insurance
United Airlines
United Parcel Service
US WEST
Wells Fargo Bank

Sponsor Members (\$1,500 - \$4,999)

ADC Kentrox
Blue Cross & Blue Shield
Denny's Green Team
Enterprise Rent a Car
Freightliner
KPDx Fox 49
KPTV Ch. 12
Pacific Gas Transmission

Corporate Members (\$500 - \$1,499)

AirTouch Cellular

Small Business (\$100 - \$499)

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The Urban League wishes to thank the following companies that have made a recent gift to support a specific Urban League program.

Program Supporters

Kenneth & Colleen Lewis Fund
(operating support)
O.L. Moore Foundation (for Big Brother/Big Sister Program)
US WEST Foundation (for Portland Street Academy)
Weston Family Fund (for senior programs)

You can adopt: affordably and quickly

*By Shari Levine, M.A.
Executive Director
Open Adoption & Family Services*

Open Adoption and Family Services is a non-profit adoption agency with offices in Eugene, Portland, and Seattle. During the past twelve years, we have facilitated over 500 open adoptions. We provide free options counseling to birthparents. Currently, when an African American birthparent comes to us wishing to place her child for adoption, we have no African American adoptive parents to offer her. Usually the birthparent's first choice is to have her child raised within the African American culture.

We would like to invite you to consider joining us in our efforts to serve the needs of birthparents and children in African American communities.

At Open Adoption, birthparents choose and meet adoptive parents. Together they create a legally enforceable contract for ongoing visits and the exchange of letters and pictures. The visits help the birthparent see that her child is happy and healthy. This gives her the peace of mind she needs to feel good about her adoption decision.

The visits help the child see that they were not abandoned or rejected by their birthparents, but rather their adoption plan was motivated by love and concern for them. The adoptive parents usually welcome the visits because they have grown to know and care about the birthparent.

Larry and Renee Anderson are an African American couple who recently adopted through Open Adoption and Family Services. Larry states, "I was so surprised the adoption happened so quickly. I was expecting to go through a long tedious process." Larry was adopted as a child. Due to his close relationship with his birthparents and birth siblings, he believes strongly in the value of open adoption.

Larry was initially fearful of adopting because he did not want a social worker to tell him he is "not qualified to become a parent." Renee anticipated having to make changes in their lives in order to meet



Adoptive parent Larry Anderson with his infant son Kaleb.

strict rules and policies. She was relieved to learn that the process was "painless and simple." Larry and Renee were pleased to learn that at Open Adoption there are no restrictions on adoptive parents based on age, race, religion or marital status. They did not feel interrogated during the process, but instead felt supported in their efforts to adopt.

The Andersons also worried that the adoption process would take years. At Open Adoption, the average wait in our adoptive parent pool is nine months. We attribute this short wait to the appeal of the openness we offer birthparents. When a birthparent knows she will choose the adoptive parents who will raise her child and have an ongoing relationship with them and the child, adoption becomes a viable option.

Open Adoption is really about trust. The birthparent entrusts her child to the adoptive parents. The agency helps facilitate a lifelong bond between adoptive parents and birthparents. These relationships promote the emotional well-being of the child.

This is an excellent time to adopt, since President Clinton recently signed a bill allowing a \$5,000 tax credit for adoptive parents. This significantly reduces the costs of adopting.

"I would like to strongly encourage African American couples to adopt," Renee

Anderson states. "There are so many kids out there who need good homes."

We also have a new program called Forever Families. Through this program we will be finding adoptive homes for children whose birthparents are terminally ill. If you would like more information about our services, please call (503) 233-9660.

Big Brother program seeks adult volunteers

By Lisa Wilson, Program Coordinator

Children in inner North/Northeast neighborhoods are reaching out to the adults in our community. Many boys ages 7 - 12 are waiting for an adult to offer some friendship, fun times, and guidance.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are everyday people who provide friendship and support in a one-to-one relationship with a child. They are matched with a child they take to low or no-cost activities to expose them to new things -- such as going to a recreation center to play sports or swim.

The children come from single parent homes and are typically low income. Often we see their grades improve and moods become happier after they are matched with a Big Brother or Sister.

As the program coordinator for the Urban League's Big Brother/Big Sister program, I see firsthand what a difference it makes for a child to have a big brother or big sister. We are striving to provide more boys and girls with our services. But we need your help. There are about 50 boys and 15 girls from African American families in North/Northeast Portland who have requested an African American Big Brother or Big Sister. Many have been waiting for as long as a year.

Perhaps you or someone you know can consider giving three hours a week to help a young person in our community. Volunteers often report that they benefit as much from the experience as their little brother or sister. To volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, pass a criminal check, and interview process (including a home visit), and attend two trainings.

For more information, please call me at (503) 280-2657. Together we can improve the lives of children, one child at a time.

Economic Power

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Indeed, as we approach the end of the 20th Century and the beginning of the 21st, even as we take stock of and appreciate the significant progress we have made since the 1960s, we must intensify our efforts to gain economic strength.

Succeeding in a global economy

We must do this because the economic pressures on nations, ethnic groups, and individual families have intensified, driven by that remarkable phenomenon called globalization. The world is on the march economically, and those who do not march



The Urban League of Portland's Career Connections job fair offers many African American job seekers entry into America's economic mainstream. The April 11 event was expected to draw more than 80 major employers and 3,500 job seekers.

"Economic Power" is theme of 1997 Urban League conference

Building on the agenda outlined in the accompanying article, National Urban League President Hugh Price has declared that this summer's national conference will focus on "Economic Power: The Next Civil Rights Frontier." The conference will be held in Washington, DC August 3 - 6.

"African Americans are still on the frontier in their quest for full inclusion in America's mainstream," said Mr. Price. "Our journey to a place of security and safety is just as challenging today as it was in the early and middle decades of this century, when the struggle was for fundamental civil rights."

Mr. Price's comments signaled the Urban League's intention to focus more strongly on the economic empowerment of African Americans in the coming year and marry that to its goal of improving educational opportunity for and the academic performance of African American youth.

Success in these two areas is linked, Mr. Price said. "African American youth must have the skills and the inspiration needed to compete at a world-class level if African Americans as a group are to build up their economic strength and security."

in step with it are more than likely going to be run over and left in the dust.

Everywhere you look around the globe, you see a deep commitment to capitalism and to the market economy.

I saw this firsthand two years ago during an 8 and 1/2 day whirlwind tour of the globe on a tour sponsored by *Time Magazine*. In that time we flew from Washington to Havana, from Havana to Moscow, from Moscow to Bangalore, India, from Bangalore to Hanoi, and from Hanoi to Hong Kong.

In Moscow we visited Red Square, which is now being transformed into a Western-style tourist attraction. In Bangalore, the capital of software development in India, we found more computer software programmers than there are in Silicon Valley. In Hanoi, we found a deep, robust commitment to entrepreneurship among the people in the streets even as the head of the Communist Party told us they remain very committed to communism. And we saw that Hong Kong fully deserves its reputation as one of the world's most vibrant centers of capitalism.

This is the world that we have to prepare ourselves and our children to navigate. We must spread an acute sense of *economic awareness and entrepreneurial energy* among more African Americans so that more of us can be in a position to march in step with the new globally-oriented economy.

We've done it before

Contrary to assumptions, this focus is nothing new for Black Americans. The

extraordinary development of black businesses from the end of the Civil War through the 1920s proved that blacks possessed a tremendous entrepreneurial spirit and could carve out their own place in a freewheeling market economy. It was just that spirit, that focus on achievement which the Supreme Court's *Plessy* decision of 1896 was meant to destroy. It never did, despite all the barriers it put in the way.

Now, despite the barriers which still exist, we must make that zest for economic achievement soar. And we must do so across many sectors of the society.

"We must spread an acute sense of economic awareness and entrepreneurial energy among more African Americans."

We must husband our individual and collective resources and invest them wisely in order to acquire the *wealth* -- net financial assets -- which will enable us to lessen our independence on *income* -- that weekly paycheck. In that way we will be able to more powerfully direct our philanthropy to support black institutions from our local churches and community organizations to historically black colleges and universities.

We must increase our ownership of businesses, small, medium-sized and large.

We must build up local business districts in black neighborhoods, in the suburbs as well as inner cities, so that we can provide jobs for residents of those areas and truly possess the land on which we live.

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Economic Power

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We must increase the number of African Americans holding significant positions in the revenue-producing divisions of Corporate America.

Focus on academic success

And we must convince many more of our young people that the pursuit of academic excellence is important, so that they will prepare themselves to join the pursuit of economic power for themselves and their people.

It is time for all African American youth to believe and behave as though academic achievement matters -- because it does today more than ever before.

But it is also time for parents to get involved and ensure that their youngsters come to school ready to learn. We must set high standards for our children in order to help them develop the proper aspirations and the skills and self-discipline to achieve them. High standards set by adults ratify what is the natural inclination of children: to strive to do their best in doing what they think adults want them to do well.

It is time for community groups and employers to create a climate of support and opportunity that steers young people clear of negative behavior and toward lifelong success.

And it's time for the educators and elected officials responsible for urban schools to educate every child to world class standards. We must no longer accept any excuses for the failure of African American students to achieve.

Wish List thank you's

Special thank you's to the following people and organizations who responded to the wish list in our last newsletter:

Cheryl Perrin and Fred Meyer; Ralph Gillespie, Christee Sweeney and Intel Corp.; J.C. Penney Co.; Vickie Guinn and Kaiser Permanente; Wayne Lei and Portland General Electric; Portland Trail Blazers; United Parcel Service; University of Portland; John & Phyllis Courtney; Darlene Cane.

We're not naive about the challenges to be conquered in lifting the achievement levels in entire urban school systems. But research and real-world experience has shown that if we adults -- educators, elected officials, parents, employers, and community groups -- will only do what we're supposed to do for the children, then our children will do what we expect them to do.

Why our urgency? Because, as the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future observed in its 1996 report, *What Matters Most*:

"There has been no previous time in history when the success, indeed the survival, of nations and people has been tied so tightly to their ability to learn.

"Experience has shown that if we adults will only do what we're supposed to do for the children, then our children will do what we expect them to."

Today's society has little room for those who cannot read, write and compute proficiently; find and use resources; frame and solve problems; and continually learn new technologies, skills, and occupations. The economy of high wage jobs for low-skilled workers is fast disappearing. In contrast to twenty years ago, individuals who do not succeed in school have little chance of finding a job or contributing to society -- and societies that do not succeed at education have little chance of success in a global economy."

New rules for survival

These are the new rules for surviving and thriving, individually and as a people. African-American children, like all other American children, must be equipped and empowered to play by these rules. If we in the black community allow our youngsters to become drags on the economy and drains on society, then we as a people will as well. That's the bottom line of why the National Urban League slogan is: **Our Children = Our Destiny.**

That's why the educational empowerment of African American youth is a crucial fact of the overall economic drive of our people. But we should harbor no illusions

that we can achieve greater economic strength simply by working "by ourselves." That is not the way it's worked for white Americans, whether of Anglo-Saxon or other ethnic stock. Each contributed to the growth of the American economy -- and, working through the political process, took for itself a share of the resources.

So it must be for African Americans and other people of color.

It must be so because, as American businesses have discovered, the inclusion of African Americans and other people of color is good for business -- both in terms of the expanded pool of talent businesses are able to draw from, and the markets they are able to pursue with greater effectiveness.

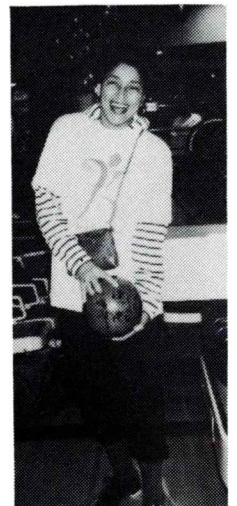
To outline just these tasks indicates how vast the frontier is that lies before us. But the vastness of that space shouldn't deter us. It should energize us. We've got a lot of ground to cover. Let's get started.

Bowlers raise \$20,000 for Big Brother program

More than 200 volunteers gathered at Hollywood Bowl in March for the Urban League's loudest fund raiser of the year. The flying pins helped raise \$20,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland, which is coordinated by the Urban League of Portland.

"This event will help us serve more young people who are waiting to be matched with a big brother or big sister," said Program Director Dan Blue. A volunteer Event Committee collected \$4,000 worth of door prizes for the event.

Bowlers enjoyed free food and entertainment and visits from the Portland Power basketball team, KNRK disc jockey Stephanie Steele, KOIN TV sportcaster Anne Schatz, and a bowling team from KGW TV. Special thanks to major event sponsors Willamette Industries and Crown Pacific, and to Nike.



Guild President
Chris Poole-Jones

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 1: Law Day Celebration at Urban League

May 9: Urban League Annual Meeting, Providence Medical Center

May 30: Multicultural Senior Health Fair, Emanuel Hospital Lorenzen Center

April 18: Black and White Ball, Multicultural Senior Center

June 11: Academic Achievement & Graduation Ceremony, Education Programs

June: Guild Membership Tea, St. Phillips Church (Sunday date TBA)

June 27: Senior Fishing Derby, Sandy River

July 10: Urban League Annual Dinner, Oregon Convention Center

August 3 - 6: National Urban League Conference, Washington, DC

September 20: "Do The Right Thing Day" celebration for youth

November: Career Awareness Day for high school students (date/location TBA)

For event information, call the Urban League of Portland, (503) 280-2600. For Senior Center events, call (503) 248-5470.

Our Wish List

A gift to the Urban League is a gift to the community we serve. The following items would help us to better serve our clients:

- * Passenger van with wheelchair lift
- * Passenger van to transport students
- * 486 or better computers
- * Two and three-drawer file cabinets
- * Office furniture
- * Camcorder
- * Copiers and colored paper
- * Incentive gifts for students, seniors
- * Fax machine
- * Office supplies (pens, paper, etc.)
- * \$300 to buy library books
- * **Your** Urban League membership!

Special thank you's to those people and organizations who responded to our last Wish List. They are listed inside this issue of the newsletter.



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