

Forum for Black Women

The Ethnic Cultural Theatre at the University of Washington, located at 3940 Brooklyn Ave. N.E., will present "Evolution of a Sister" by Ms. Francine Majors. The date is Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 p.m.

The presentation is a collage of black sisterhood from slave days to the present. Admission will be \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for non-students. For further information call 543-4327 or 543-4635 Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MINORITY TRAINEES HIRED PERMANENTLY

Half the participants in a unique on-the-job training program for minorities jointly administered by the Seattle Engineering Department, Model City, the Urban League, and

three private engineering firms were taken on permanently by their firms at the conclusion of the program last month, City Engineer, Robert J. Gulino, announced today.

Eighteen minority trainees in positions ranging from Project Engineer to Secretary completed the program which began in March 1971. Nine are continuing as regular employees of the firms where they trained. Four others took jobs elsewhere, three trainees decided on full-time schooling while only four had not been hired by the end of the program.

The trainees worked at three engineering firms, Jordan/Mathis Associates; Systems Architects/Engineers; and More, Wallace & Kennedy, all of which had been retained by the city to design portions of a sanitary sewer--storm water separation project in the East Model Neighborhood.

Elwood W. Ott, Principal Design Engineer, who coordinated the program for the Engineering Department, called the training effort an unqualified success. "The project has more than met the goals and objectives set out at the beginning," Ott said.

Model City provided \$180,000 over two years which paid the trainees' salaries and one-half their school expenses. Trainees generally spent part of the time on the job and part in classrooms at the University of Washington, Seattle Central Community College, or Seattle University. Several of those employed as a result of the affirmative action training program will also go part-time to school and expect to receive engineering degrees within a few quarters.

Ott said the Engineering Department was pleased with the trainees' success. He indicated that the program could be expanded if additional financing were found.

The Seattle Urban League helped recruit trainees who were required to be residents of the Model Neighborhood.

Job information meetings

How to get a job with the U.S. Post Office will be the topic when Bernice Holland and Christine Ervin hold a question and answer period at the Yesler Branch Library, 23rd and East Yesler Way. They will answer questions on what a post office job is like, what the requirements are, and how to apply. Meetings will be every Thursday from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, and 15. For more information, call the Yesler Library at EA 2-9300.

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