

Russell Named Assistant VP Of Minority Affairs

A strong believer in community and civic responsibility, Millie Russell was recently appointed to the position of assistant to the vice president and manager of community outreach in the Office of Minority Affairs at the University of Washington.

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Russell serves as an important bond between groups in Seattle's minority community and UW. Dr. Herman Lujan, vice president for Minority Affairs stated, "Millie Russell serves as a valuable link to several segments of Seattle's Black community, a community which is central to this office and its role in higher education. She is especially valuable in the health professions, attracting Black youth to study in its many fields and specialties."

An advocate for advancing educational opportunities for minority students, Russell has coordinated several activities for the university's minority student population.

Russell has also published several articles that examine the education of Black youth in the public school system. Of note is

Russell's joint effort with education expert, Roberta Byrd Barr in their study of "Stress and the Black Child."

Working to fulfill what she perceives as a mission in assisting Black students reach their full educational potential, Russell has stated, "There are many challenges ahead for Black youth in today's society. We as educators and professionals, must place ourselves in positions as facilitators and mentors. Without support, our youth are destined to stray from their individual goals, and not realize their individual potential. Therefore, I take very seriously my position to serve as one link in the chain that connects goals to fulfilled educational dreams for Black and minority youth."

As an assistant to the vice president for Minority Affairs,

and an advocate for educational opportunities for all students, Russell works with the Office of Minority Affairs' (OMA) Educational Opportunity Program Scholarship Fund. Of this program Russell stated, "We have set a high goal for the 1987 scholarship effort; community support of educational opportunity through the availability of scholarships is the responsibility of all."

Her many duties at OMA include serving as an advisor to the Educational Opportunity Program Alumni Association (EOPAA). The current leadership of EOPAA is made up of many of the individuals who were instrumental in laying the groundwork for the development of the Educational Opportunity Program at the University of Washington. "EOPAA has work-



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ed diligently to keep the Black community aware of the many positive outcomes for Black youth as a result of the program's existence. EOPAA has provided and continues to support scholarships for Black students enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Program," Russell commented.

One who wears many hats, Russell is also a health sciences professional and teaches in the Health Sciences area at the UW. In this role, she serves as a mentor to minority students aspiring to careers in the health sciences field.

As a member of the

Washington State Association of Black Professionals in Health Care, Russell is assisting in the organization of a Camp-In, at the Seattle Center Pacific Science Center, for Black youth ages 8-12. She also serves as a charter member of the newly organized Seattle chapter of Africare.

Among her many accomplishments, Russell is in the final stages of her doctoral study at the University of Washington and anticipates the final defense of her doctoral study early next summer. With her degree in hand, she plans to improve academic opportunities for minority students in this area.

SU Commemorates King's Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 14, a lecture forum on "Martin Luther King Remembered" will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Lemieux Library Auditorium. Featured speakers will be Norm Rice, Seattle City Councilman, speaking on minorities in Seattle and how they have been affected by Dr. King's work; James Hanson, former SU professor of political science, on his experiences working with Dr. King in the 1960's and the historical perspective of his life; and Henrietta Tolson, SU professor

of community services, on minorities' gains and losses since Dr. King's life.

Friday, Jan. 16, a continuous showing of the film, "From Montgomery to Memphis", the story of Dr. King's life, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Both events are hosted by Seattle's U's Minority Student Services Office, and are free and open to the public. For more information, call Minority Student Services at 626-6226 or the Office of Communications at 626-5656.

Sharing The Dream:

A Tribute To Dr. King

State Rep. Jesse Wineberry will be the guest speaker at an assembly at Ingraham High School honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, Jan. 16.

The theme will be "Sharing the Dream—A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." The assembly is being sponsored by the Black Student Support Group of In-

gram. Advisors for the group are Colleen Walls and Elizabeth Jackson.

Parents and the community are invited to attend either of the two assemblies on Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Steve Wilson is principal and Elizabeth Jackson is assistant principal.

King Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration for South King County will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., at St. Anthony's Center, 314 South 4th in Renton. Guest speaker will be City Coun-

cilmen Norm Rice. Music will be rendered by the Peace Chorus and the Martin Luther King Mass Choir, directed by Robert Ridley and Frank Bolden. Admission is free.



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