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The History of the Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

Thank you for always ending the dinner by 9 pm!

It’s fun visiting with so many old friends.

Loved the sing-along.

Ernie Bonner’s speech challenging us to think about what we can contribute to the future of our region felt like an old-fashioned tent revival meeting. Inspiring!

We enjoyed learning about the history of good government and planning in this region.

This dinner made me proud of what has been accomplished in Portland and made me realize what it took to become the livable city it is today.

(Comments from dinner attendees)
Inaugural Urban Pioneer, Neil Goldschmidt invites you to the Second Annual

Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

Tuesday June 3, 2003 @ the Portland Hilton Hotel
reception 6:00 pm—dinner 7:00 pm

Honoring Urban Pioneers:
Tom Moyer
Ernie Bonner
Dean Nohad Toulan

All proceeds will endow student scholarships for future Urban Pioneers. Tickets are $125. Call 725-5209 for table sponsorship details. Please make checks payable to the PSU Foundation.
The College of Urban and Public Affairs commemorated its 25th anniversary May 7 with the inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner, honoring former Governor Neil Goldschmidt and longtime Oregonian publisher Fred Stickel.

It was a fun, memorable evening with more than 650 people attending. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship endowment for students at the college. Civil rights leader, former United Nations ambassador, and mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young, who served with Goldschmidt on President Jimmy Carter's Cabinet, keynoted the evening.

Dean Nohad A. Toulan called the awards well-earned honors for Goldschmidt and Stickel. "Without Neil Goldschmidt's vision and support, downtown Portland, to a large extent, would not be what it is today," he said. "Fred Stickel's work has contributed to the economic health and livability of our community."

The Urban Pioneer Awards were created to celebrate the college's anniversary by honoring state and community leaders who exhibit the values of public service and community engagement endorsed by the college and its community partners. The college's graduates will be the next "urban pioneers" who will use the unique training provided by the college as they serve the greater public good for their communities and exemplify the value system of those honored with the first Urban Pioneer Awards.

The Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner will now be held annually. Please plan to attend in 2003! It is a wonderful time for current and former students, faculty, and friends of the college to come together.
2002 Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

Guest enjoying this year’s inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner included: (top left) Commissioner Erik Sten, Eliza Dozono, Rep. Mark Hass, Mayor Vera Katz, Provost Mary Kay Tetreault and Marc Tetreault; (middle left) Senator Mark Hatfield and Peter Stott; (middle) Nawzad Othman; (middle right) Gretchen Kafoury and Margaret Strachan; (bottom left) Nanette and Tom Edwards; (bottom right) PSU President Dan Bernstine and co-emcees Kay Toran and Ethan Seltzer.
Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at the inaugural

College of Urban and Public Affairs

URBAN PIONEER AWARDS DINNER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Ambassador Andrew Young

Tuesday, May 7, 2002
Portland Hilton Hotel
921 Southwest Broadway

6:00 p.m Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner

RSVP by May 1 by calling 503-725-4044.

This event will benefit the scholarship endowment at the College of Urban and Public Affairs. A portion of the ticket price is tax-deductible.

Honoring two Oregon leaders who have exhibited values of public service and civic engagement held dear by the College’s faculty, students, and community partners.

The Honorable
Neil Goldschmidt
The Oregonian Publisher
Fred Stickel
Neil Goldschmidt was Oregon’s governor from 1987 to 1991. In 1973, at the age of 32, he was America’s youngest elected mayor and served nearly two terms in Portland before being asked to serve in the Carter Administration as the U.S. secretary of transportation. His visionary legacy includes the downtown Portland transit mall, the vitality of Portland’s waterfront, and the light rail transit system, which are frequently lauded in planning classrooms and journals throughout the nation. “Without Neil Goldschmidt’s vision and energy, downtown Portland, to a large extent, would not be what it is today,” Dean Nohad Toulan, Urban historian Carl Abbott, describes Goldschmidt in Greater Portland: Urban Life and Landscape in the Pacific Northwest as a key political figure who encouraged steady growth along with neighborhood preservation, while strengthening ties to a rejuvenated central business district.

Fred Stickel has been publisher of The Oregonian since 1975. Under his leadership, The Oregonian won the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for Community Service in 2001 for its series of reports on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which led to reforms within the INS. Away from the newspaper, Stickel has been a leader in public safety issues in Portland, having helped create the Citizen’s Crime Commission. He has served on numerous boards and the Regional Drug Initiative and is active in helping homeless youth work their way toward productive lives. “Fred Stickel’s work has contributed to the economic health and livability of our community as well as to the advancement of our College,” said Dean Toulan.

Ernie Bonner was Portland’s planning director under Mayor Goldschmidt in the 1970’s, where he is credited for creating Portland’s historic downtown revitalization plan. He is currently a member of the Portland Planning Commission. Bonner serves as an independent consultant on planning and management projects and is considered an eminent urban planning historian.

Tom Moyer is best known for creating the area’s most-popular movie theater chain, as well as creating a new architectural vision for downtown Portland. His two most recent works downtown, the 1000 Broadway building and the Fox Tower, provide a stunning new look for development. Moyer, a lifelong Oregonian, has helped re-create the urban landscape in Portland, and his company, TMT Development Co., Inc., has many new plans on the drawing board. He recently partnered with Urban Pioneer Neil Goldschmidt, to create a plan for the South Park Blocks.

Nohad Toulan is the only dean in the 26-year history of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State and is recognized nationally and internationally for his work. He served as the first planning director for the Greater Cairo region in Egypt. Toulan helped author the Urban Growth Boundary for the Portland Metropolitan area, now studied by planners around the world. He also directed the establishment of the master plan for the City of Mecca. Toulan will retire from his position in June 2004.