



BRAINSTORM



Entertainment Guide

by Allen Jones

BRAINSTORM IS HOT... TO EVERYONE

"We decided we were going to go all the way with the boogie on this album," declares Chuck Overton, leader of the fabulous group Brainstorm. There's no doubt that they have accomplished their goals because *Funky Entertainment*, Brainstorm's third Tabu LP, is a "hoogie masterpiece."

"We basically accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," agrees Chuck, "because we wanted to make it funky. Our last album, *Journey to the Light*, was almost MOR in places. At that time we were trying to not be categorized as just another Black group so we tried to lean in other directions. On *Funky Entertainment* we decided to get back into what we feel we do best: disco-funk."

Brainstorm proved their ability to deliver disco-funk on their very first LP, *Stormin'*. "Wake Up and be Somebody" and "Lovin' is Really my Game," two hit singles from that debut LP, established the group as a definite funk band on the rise. Showing their versatility, however, *Stormin'* also included the smash ballad "This Must be Haven." The fact that all of these initial hits were written by group members added yet another dimension to the growing credibility of Brainstorm.

"When the group first started there were only six of us and that's the lineup we used on the first album. On the second album we expanded our lineup to nine. Although the public had no complaints, we were beginning to feel as though we were carrying excess baggage. We didn't know quite what it was but we were losing something. It took us a while but we finally agreed that the real magic was in the smaller unit and we went back to that format on *Funky Entertainment*."

The "smaller unit," in addition to Chuck (lead vocals, reeds and composer), now consists of Belita Woods (lead vocals, percussion and composer), Larry Sims (brass, vocals and composer), Renell Gonsalves (drums, percussion, keyboards and composer) and Trenita "Treaty" Womack (congas, percussion, flute, keyboards, vocals and composer).

This rare amalgamation of talent came together in 1974 with typical bar gigs in their native Detroit. Playing to a packed house at The London Bridge for seven months, they were eventually heard by Clarence Avant, President and Executive Producer of Tabu Productions, who had been contacted to check them out (whereupon they signed with Clarence and Tabu Records).

Rapidly building a reputation, Brainstorm earned the opening slot on a sold-out tour last summer that had the group billed with The Isley Brothers and Teddy Pendergrass. The tour was beneficial because Brainstorm accrued a whole new crop of fans as they toured.

"That tour was very good for us," Chuck says earnestly. "We got the experience we needed and it was a big influence on this new album because both of those acts were funky and seeing them respond so favorably to our music and our musicianship gave us the added confidence to do what we felt we could do. After that tour we just kind of extended what we had learned from that situation and incorporated those elements in the new material we were writing for *Funky Entertainment*."

Another big boost to Brainstorm's growing confidence was the "Heavy Disco/Light Radio" award that the group won last year. Presented by *Billboard Magazine* at Disco Forum VI, the award acknowledged the phenomenal success of "Lovin' is Really my Game" which is now considered to be a "disco classic."

With *Funky Entertainment* Brainstorm has come up with one of the strongest disco-funk albums ever recorded. A strong statement? Perhaps. But tunes like "Hot For You," "A Case of the Boogie," "Popcorn" and the sensational title track made this album totally disco-funk and totally entertaining. And, more importantly, it capsulizes what Brainstorm is really all about: FUNKY ENTERTAINMENT.

Portland Profile

by Linda Thompson

There are times when a person is gentle and kind, and we fail to see the dynamics of that individual. A famous old saying "Still water runs deep" is still a wry true statement. It appears that the author of that statement knew our role model for this week, Benjamin F. Talley, manager, Albina Human Resource Center. A very intelligent, understanding, Scorpio, Talley is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He served time in the U.S. Air Force for four years. In 1954, he was honorably discharged as staff sergeant. While in the Air Force, he attended clerical and administrative school, he also did active duty in Korea.

After completing his military career, the aggressive Talley went on to receive three degrees and credits from law school. He holds a BA from the University of Portland; an MS from Portland State University, an LL.B from Blackstone College of Law, and he attended Northwest College of Law.

His work experience reflects his concern for the welfare of people and those with infirmities inflicted on them by many sources of society; 1956-1961 recreation supervisor; 1961-1964 group worker, Multnomah County Juvenile Court; 1964-1966 Juvenile Parole officer, MacLaren School for Boys; 1966-1968, Assistant Director of Parole, MacLaren School for Boys; 1968-1969 Deputy Director, Administration, Portland Model Cities; 1969 Director, North Branch YWCA; 1969-1971 Director of Guidance and Counseling, Portland Residential Manpower Center; 1971-1973 Assistant Director, III Program, Portland State University; 1973-1974 Coordinator, Parent Involvement, Portland Public Schools; 1974-1977 Affirmative Action Officer, Department of Human Resources, State of Oregon; 1977 to present Manager, Albina Human Resource Center, Department of Human Resources, State of Oregon.

His concerns are not limited to his vocational endeavors, but to organizations and boards dealing with needs and changes; he currently serves as chairman of private contract committee—Multnomah County Community Corrections; on the Advisory Board—Title VII (ESAA); Chairman of Parent Involvement, PPS; a member of the non-residential committee for Multnomah County Community Corrections; a member of PCC Advisory Board, Department of Social Sciences; Chairman of the Albina Mural Project Advisory Board.

Several certificates and awards have been awarded to Talley in the areas of defensive driving, NAACP Political Action, Water Safety First



BEN TALLEY

Aide Instructor, small crafts instructor, and National Safety Council Improvement Program. The State of Oregon has awarded him certificates and awards in vocational education, oral communications and supervision.

The dynamic, soft-spoken, Talley is affiliated with such professional organizations as the State Management Association, the American Society for Public Administrators, the NAACP, the Urban League, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the American Association for Affirmative Action, and the National Association of Human Rights.

Observing his physical physique, it is easy to see that he loves such outdoor sports as swimming, tennis and golf. He strongly believes in a physical fitness program. He also enjoys music appreciation and the guitar.

A very warm and sincere Kappa Alpha Psi Talley's position as manager does not prohibit him from using the open door policy to his staff as well as the 250 employees in the Albina Human Resource Center and persons in the community that drop in with problems they feel only the manager can handle.

When I asked the prominent Talley what his formula for success was for young people he had this to say:

"There is no one success formula for our young people today because success depends upon how hard one wants to work at something he/she enjoys, and is beneficial to themselves and their community; However, if I were to state a philosophy, it would be in three parts: 1 Treat every person as you would like to be treated; 2 The world owes you nothing; and 3 You must earn respect through your own actions."

Until next week remember: It takes a real man to be quiet and observe before speaking.

Community Calendar

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An Evening of Gospel Music, featuring 1st AME Church Choir of Seattle, Washington. Presented by Bethel's Young Adult Usher's. To be held Saturday, August 4th, 7:00 p.m., Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Avenue. Reception follows.

Portland CETA Advisory Council meets 3:00-5:00 p.m., August 2nd, Room 106, City Hall, Portland.

Portland State University's schedule of classes, listing more than 800 courses to be offered this fall term, is available at the University's Registration Office in Neuberger Hall, Broadway and S.W. Hall. Day and evening classes begin Monday, September 24th, at the Park Blocks campus. For information or to obtain a fall term class schedule, persons may call 229-3412, during regular business hours.

Dialogue with Host/Producer Ulysses Tucker, Jr. on Sunday, July 29th, 10:00 p.m. will be discussing the subject "Student Interns Around Portland," with guests: Mobie Oliver, University of Portland, First State Bank; Mary Strayhand, University of Portland, First State Bank; Cornelia Stokes, Portland State University, First State Bank; and James Taylor, Linfield College, U.S. National Bank.

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