

Gay completes Dental Hygiene program

By Nathaniel Scott

Beverly Gay, a native of Tallahassee, Oklahoma, graduated from James Monroe High School with the intentions of entering the medical. After two years of pre-med at the University of Portland, she decided that the time factor and the grinding studies would delay her professional status too long, and keep her out of the job market longer than she intended. Consequently, she enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program at Portland Community College and this June, will become the first Black to graduate from the school as a licensed dental hygienist.

One would think that for a person of 24 years, that in itself would be story enough -- not so.

Beverly has a seven year old son Tamar, who was born microcephaly (a small head), and at seven cannot form a complete sentence. Tamar is also on medication for super hyperactivity.

Her mother, six sisters and four brothers live in Portland.

In August, 1980, Beverly attended the National Convention for Minorities in Dallas, Texas, where

Patricia Harris delivered one of the keynote speeches, and is very politically orientated. "The opossium incident was very unprofessional and disrespectful to the whole Black community.

"Atlanta is a terrible tragedy and the federal government could do more than what they are doing. If the children had been white, I feel the government would have stepped in sooner and with more authority.

"I don't think the merging of Jefferson and Adams High School will benefit anyone. Jefferson is a good, stable school within the community and it would be disrupting too many people lives, mostly Black people.

"I don't like what's happening on Union Avenue (prostitution, drugs, etc.) because it influences the young impressionable Blacks. But what can we do about it?"

The question she raised is a bouncing ball for brainstorming. Why? Because her answer was: "One solution is to have citizens in the community become more involved and realize that they also owe a debt to the community. That debt is, to have and make the community a worthwhile place to live."

As a Tri-Met rider, Gay passes through and transfers in the downtown section of Portland five days a week. The growing number of young Blacks (mostly teenage boys), who are gathering in one particular area dispensing drugs, verbal abuse, creating congested sidewalk traffic space, points to the immediate need for worthwhile and constructive programs in the Black community, she said.

"Something is needed in the community to get these young people off the street. What we need in the Black community is more places where the young Blacks can go.

Gay's hobbies are "physical, constructive things like gymnastics, horseback riding, bicycling, roller skating." "I demonstrated in the recent demonstration marches because I feel very strongly about issues in Portland; the slain children in Atlanta; Reagan's proposed budget cuts. By demonstrating, I demonstrate my own personal feelings" she concluded.

Beverly Gay, a Black woman working for the betterment of the whole.



BEVERLY GAY

Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah

In the past, *Cell Talk* has featured numerous articles on the need for conjugal visits for Oregon prisoners. The response has been both limited and mixed to this most needed proposal. The outside community seems to be undecided on this issue and the need for community support is vital if Oregon prisoners are to receive relief from an appalling sexual situation.

Try to conjure a image of what it would be like to live in a world devoid of human warmth. Visualize if you can, the tainted touch of a homosexual love affair. Is there enough understanding in your heart and soul to condone the sodomizing of a teenage boy or girl? Remember that when men and women are placed in a closed environment and are told that they can no longer participate in normal sex, that they will find release for their sexual urges the best way they can. No inmate is exempt from the far reaching perversion of homosexuality inside the Oregon penal system. It's a can't win situation -- you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

It's vitally important that the community understand that in most prisons, inmates don't have a choice whether or not they participate in homosexual acts. First off, there is a law on the books that states that two consenting adults can't be prosecuted for homosexual acts. The issue at hand in this instance is what is consent. If a young boy succumbs to the abnormal pressures placed upon him for sexual favors, is he a willing participant? Would he have made the same decision in a free society or is he reacting to the threat of violence? Where is the deterrent if all the perpetrator of these despicable sex acts has to do is trick a youngster into consenting?

If you were seventeen years old and placed in a maximum security institution for X number of years where would you find the strength to fight off the advances of older, stronger and wiser convicts? Who would you turn to in your hour of need? How would you tell your parents that you're being pressured into perverted sex acts? The prospect of reporting the incident to the prison authorities is not a pleasant one, because then you're labelled "snitch" or you're placed in protective custody which is a hard

way to do time.

On the other hand, the whole concept of rehabilitation is nullified as long as men and women are subjected to the degenerate sexual atmosphere of prison. How can a person be expected to conduct himself as a normal human being when he has been incarcerated in a sexual circus for X number of years? Sex is the most normal function on the face of the earth. It becomes abnormal and perverted when men and women are placed in an environment where they have to abstain from sex or participate in homosexual love affairs. The freedom of choice is removed because a hard penis does not have a conscious. Sex drives are strong in all normal people, but they become stronger when you're told you can't have any.

The concept of healthy marriages is based on healthy sex. There simply is no way to remove sex from our society, so why try and do it in institutions? The preacher has sex, the president gets a little bit every now and then -- all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy -- holds true even in prison. But let's not confuse play with the need for prisoners to maintain family ties through family visits.

If half the money that's spent on sex magazines in this institution could be used to help inmates maintain family ties through family visits, the program wouldn't cost the state a dime. It seems ridiculous that the state would sell all kinds of sex books to prisoners to stimulate them and then turn around and say no to family visits. If you can put candy in front of a child, that child is going to want some of it. He is not going to understand your refusal as long as the candy is in front of him. The same is true of sex in prison -- one way or another, people in prison are going to have sex. What's important at this age is whether or not it's legal and healthy sex.

In conclusion, we ask that every moral man and woman support House Bill 2998 which is the family visit bill for Oregon prisoners. It is time that something is done about the unhealthy sexual atmosphere inside Oregon's penal institutions. Contact your local representatives and tell them that it is time that prisoners were treated like people instead of animals in a zoo.

Economic development

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inner northeast Portland. No section under the new Economic Development Director has been identified as responsible for designing and implementing a strategy to meet needs and opportunities in inner northeast Portland.

The four functional areas proposed in the reorganization at PDC are: Technical Assistance Coordinator, Financial Coordinator, Business Assistance Coordinator and Implementation Coordinator.

There is also to be a Project Manager for Union Avenue. In a memorandum presented to the PDC on April 14th, the activities of the four functional areas are generally

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described. However, there is no description of activities for the Northeast Union Avenue office. Conspicuously absent from these program areas was community economic planning and area targeting. Business district targeting is to be a functional activity of the Technical Assistance Section. The proposed structure indicates an effort for industrial development through responding to the needs of the business community city-wide, but it appears that no concerted and coordinated effort will be made to meet the needs of businesses and residents in economically depressed neighborhoods such as inner North-east.

TRADE ACT PETITION

The Oregon Employment Division has been informed that the following Trade Act Petition was filed on behalf of the employees of the following firm:

American Motors Zone Office
Portland, Oregon
Petition No. TA-W-9692

All workers of the zone Sales office Portland who were laid off on or after MAY 1, 1980, and on or before NOVEMBER 1, 1980, are eligible to apply for Trade Act benefits.

The same determination denied eligibility to Parts and Warehouse workers of the company at the Portland location.

The Trade Act provides a variety of services for workers who lose their jobs or whose hours and wages are reduced because of foreign imports. Workers may be eligible for cash payments, training, job search and relocation payments if the petition is approved. Relocation payments can only be paid if the worker applies prior to moving.

If you were recently laid off from this firm and have been out of work for a week or more since that time, you should contact the nearest Oregon Employment Division office and inquire about assistance under the Trade Act Program.

Job placement assistance is available whether or not you are eligible for benefits under the Trade Act.

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Printing of Tri-Met's Transportation Guide for the Portland Metropolitan Area (Schedule Books)

Successful contractor will be required to comply with all the applicable Equal Opportunity laws and regulations.

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Four stand alone word processing units and two standard printers with related accessories as required.

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All contractors of competing firms, who can provide the above engines, are invited to submit a proposal. Such proposal shall be mailed or delivered to Mr. Clyde Keeling, Tri-Met, 4012 S.E. 17th, Portland, Oregon 97202, and must be received by Tri-Met on or before April 23, 1981. Proposals submitted shall not include prices.

M. Brian Playfair
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