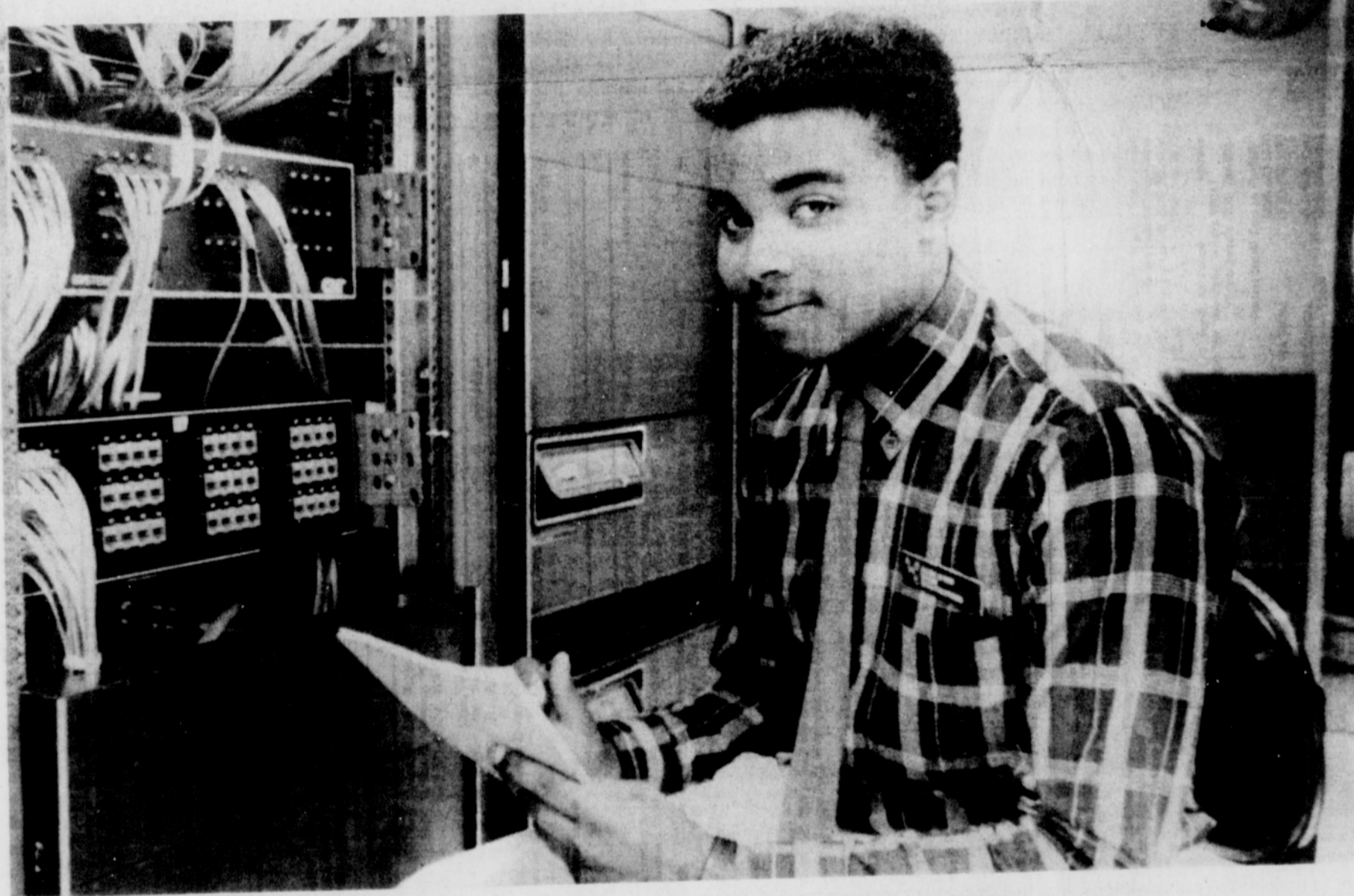




Benson students Jomo Greenidge (above) and Byron Spires (below) are spending the summer at Providence Medical Center as student

interns. Both young men were recruited from the Alberta School for Kids (A.S.K.) which is sponsored by O.M.S.I.

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## Statement by Commissioner Dick Bogle

I have grown, as both a leader and a manager, over the past 2½ years . . . and I draw a definite distinction between leadership and management.

Leadership involves more than the ability to manage a city bureau. It encompasses a clear picture of what the city is, today, and where it's headed . . . together with a vision of what the city **should** be, and a plan for moving ahead, to make those dreams a reality.

At this point, 2½ years into my first term as a City Commissioner, I honestly can say . . . my vision of Portland's future is still emerging.



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In other words, at this time, I feel I can best serve the people of Portland in my current office. Therefore, I intend to file for re-election as a City Commissioner.

A second term on the City Council will give me added depth and management experience. It will allow me to become involved to a much greater degree in community issues that will affect Portland's future. This, in turn, will help draw my vision into sharper focus.

If I decide to run for Mayor in four years, believe me, I will be ready. In the meantime, there is a big job to be done, and I have only begun to reach my full stride.

## Benson Students Excel As Interns

by Leon Harris

Being school mates is just one of the many things Jomo Greenidge and Byron Spires have in common. The Benson Tech students are both majoring in electronics engineering. The math courses include Geometry and Algebra 1, 2, 3, and 4. They often find themselves lined up next to each other as defensive linemen for Tech's football team, and they both own home computers. But more importantly, they are both student interns at Providence Medical Center.

Jomo and Byron were recruited from the Alberta School for Kids (A.S.K.) Program which is sponsored by O.M.S.I. at St. Andrews School in N.E. Portland and have been with the Medical Center since early June.

Confessing a love for computers, 16-year-old Byron, a Portland native, is the youngest of Arthur and Florence Spires' five children, and sometimes lends a helping hand around the house by repairing broken household appliances.

"I have always been intrigued by electronics and computers," states Byron. "The A.S.K. Program was extremely helpful and allowed me to expand my knowledge of computers and their software." A sports enthusiast (football and basketball at Benson), Byron plays linebacker on defense and tackle on offense while maintaining a 2.9 GPA scholastically.

His mechanical ingenuity recently enabled him to modify the alarm system on his motor scooter, and he admits to "sometimes tinkering with

items around the house in need of repair."

Calling the internship at Providence Medical Center both challenging and rewarding, The Benson senior is assigned to the Division of Financial Services' data processing department. Supervisor Fern Beck calls his performance "very good" and would "gladly rehire him next year if funding is available."

He plans to attend college in the Northwest and has his sites set on The Oregon Institute of Technology.

Byron's mother, Florence, is a homemaker, while his father, Arthur, is employed by Bonneville Power in Hazel Dell, Washington, as a machinist.

Like Byron, Jomo Greenidge, too, is a computer buff and has been interested in audio equipment since an early age, sometimes performing audio technician functions at Maranatha Church where his father is an Associate Pastor. Unlike Byron, Jomo will only attempt to repair household appliances if he is certain he can fix them.

The former Seattle native moved to Portland with his family some three years ago. The transition was not as difficult as he thought and he has grown to like Portland.

Unhappy with his 2.5 GPA, the offensive tackle for Benson is considering abstaining from football during the forthcoming school year to concentrate on his first loves: electronics engineering and computers.

Dr. Sid Rosenheim, Jomo's supervisor and evaluator at Providence, is so impressed with the student intern that he is exploring the possibility of writing a paper on Jomo's progress. "He has an excellent grasp of computer terminology for a student his age," claims the doctor. "I would definitely rehire him if funding is available next summer."

Jomo, like schoolmate Byron, too, would prefer to remain in the Northwest for college and is gathering information on the availability of scholarships. Meanwhile, he is continuing his studies at Benson under the watchful eyes of his mother, Esther, an integration specialist at Irvin School, and father, Henry, Maranatha Church's Associate Pastor.

Jomo and Byron were brought to the attention of Providence by Professor McKinley Burt, who volunteers his services at the hospital one day a week in order to update himself on the medical infrastructure at the center. Dr. Burt received a \$100,000 grant from H.E.W. after developing the Charles R. Drew Medical Education Project. The project, funded in 1977, has placed minority students in medical technology job slots in the Portland area. Additionally, Dr. Burt has eight other students in related occupations around the city and expects to initiate a full-scale program with 30 students by the first of the year in after-school positions.

Interested parents and students may contact Prof. Burt at 288-0033.