

Emerald Awards Speaker Captivating

The 1987 Emerald Awards presented by Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was held Saturday, October 24th at the Red Lion Lloyd Center.

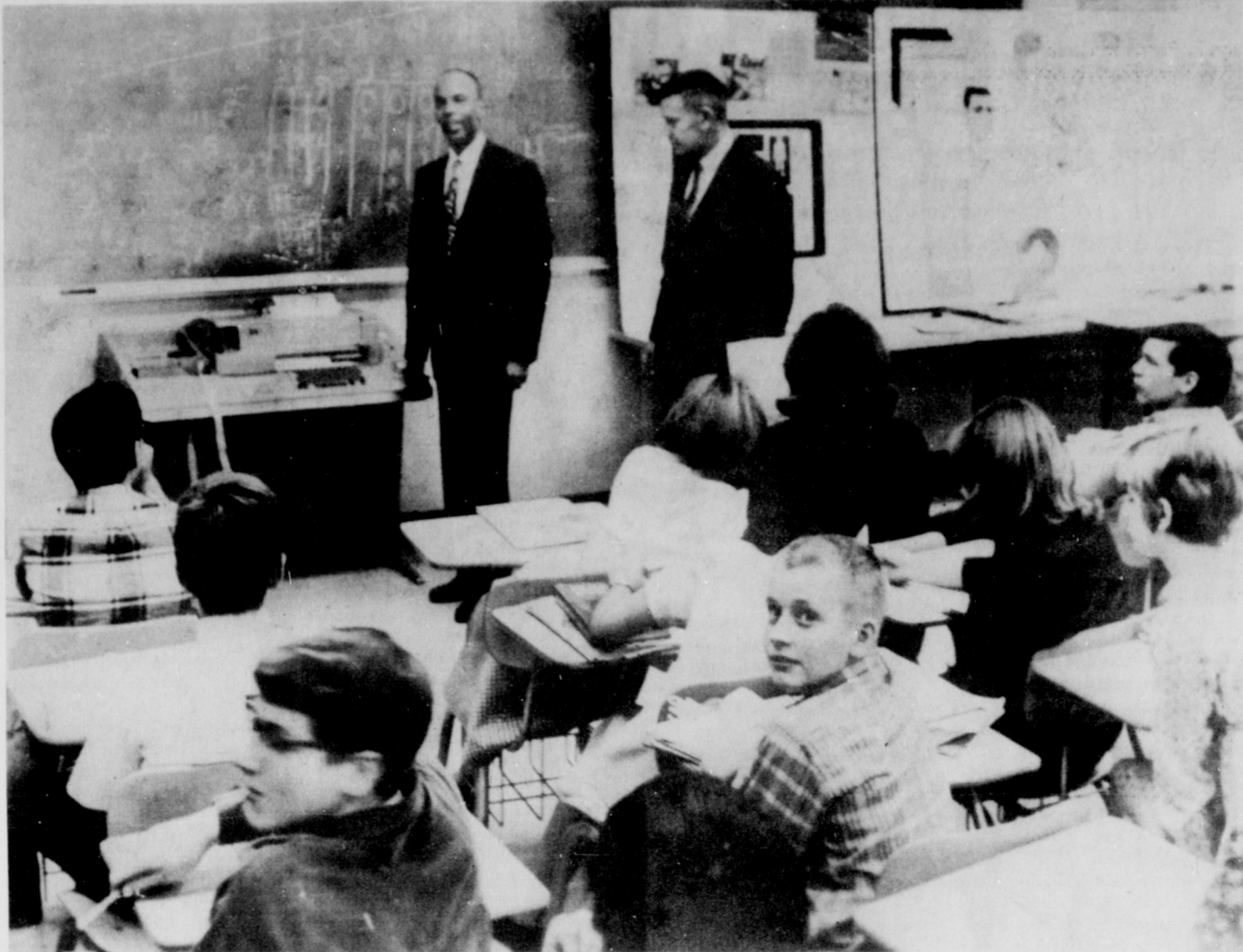
The speaker, Regina Tyner, Public Affairs Director of Contel in Bellevue, WA, was dynamic. She cautioned the audience to take heed to the significant number of opportunities for advancement for the Black woman and warned that many of these advances are at the expense of the Black



Regina Tyner.

man. She stressed rebuilding a cohesive Black community to face the many challenges facing this generation. She also applauded Zeta Sigma Omega for recognizing the need to commend deserving Black men of the community.

The program also included a mini-fashion show starring Zeta Sigma Omega honey-do's: Steve Breland, Earl Johnson, David Redmond, Harvey Lockett and James Taylor. Fashions were provided by Charley's Leather Lloyd Center.



McKinley Burt demonstrates computer use to grade school students in Dalles, Oregon, in 1964.

A Man of Excellence

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the subsidiaries of our company in Adrian, Michigan, and in the West Indies (a Bauxite Facility)."

I sat there shocked. What if this man had been permitted to install this system in Portland Public Schools twenty years ago (as he tried to do)? I could only say "Continue on, Brother, continue on . . . WORK!" "I had hoped to get this system into Portland schools and be able to involve the Black innercity kids as well as others. The greatest thing I had going for motivation of Black kids was my illustrated documentation that the binary mathematics of computer language was their very own heritage. After all, as Plato said in his Timaeus, the Africans invented mathematics, letters, astronomy, ad infinitum — and Isaac Newton said that an African astrono-

mer, Atlas, invented the concept of a sphere and spherical geometry."

I will allow Professor Burt to add to his description of the Dalles Computer Project in order to let the reader see just how innovative and effective he is in designing educational systems for mathematics and technology. "Now keep in mind that this was a learning process in math and science and LANGUAGE. I used a 'punched tape' input in some cases rather than magnetic tape, this so that the students could SEE the Binary Mathematics underlying computer coding, i.e. hole or no hole in the tape. That is, the TWO STATES of being either off or on, yes or no, go or don't go, which comprise an alphabet whereby specific letters or numerals or commands are generated by manipulation of the two states. This is well documented as a system of computation developed by Africans over 4000 years ago. Just as with the computers of today, they used the system to not only add and subtract, but to multiply and divide."

Professor Burt, "I said, "in concluding this section of a two-part article, tell us what happened when you tried to get your award-winning system installed in Portland Schools." "I came down to Portland in 1969 and set up a base and office on S.E. 24th and Belmont Streets. I had 8,000 square feet of floorspace, on-line terminals interactive with a nationwide computer network, IBM equipment, and a complete curriculum printing facility, including a \$10,000 Itek plate-making camera, Chief offset presses, binders, collators — you name it. There was \$43,000 of my own savings and equipment in addition to a \$25,000 SBA loan (Somebody besides me thought the project was viable.)."

"After a year of submitting proposals and getting games in return — from the ever-smiling superintendent down to the lowest echelons of the Portland district — I turned to other uses of the equipment in order to survive."

NEXT WEEK: Designing computer program boards for the 4 and 5-year-olds at the Lake Oswego Montessori School and a project that produced jobs for 300 minority scientists and engineers.

To open a coconut, use a clean screwdriver to punch holes all the way through the three ridges (eyes) that appear on one end. You can then drain the liquid.



The 1987 Emerald Award recipients with keynote speaker Regina Tyner (C). L-R: George Bell, government; Thomas Vickers, education; Donald Hunter accepting for George Hendrix, community service; Jimmy Walker, father; Antoine Stoudamire, youth; Tyner;

E. Shelton Hill, senior citizen; Edward Ward, medicine; Trevol Mason, religion; Roosevelt Robinson, law; and Carl Talton, corporate.

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Earth was thrown from the side ditches toward the center. They were called highways. Smaller private roads became known as byways.

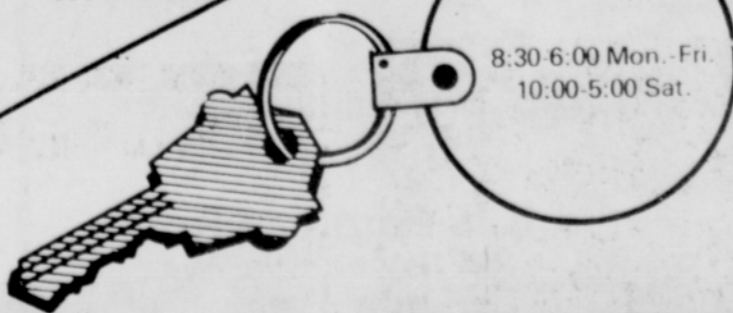
Volunteers Needed

The Black United Front has scheduled a community meeting of individuals and Black community organizations for Thursday, November 5th, at 7 p.m. in the King Neighborhood Facility, to discuss its plan for Saturday School. Volunteer teachers, funds, classroom materials and additional church sites are needed.

Persons wishing to volunteer as teachers or who want to provide the other needed resources may call Karen Powell at the American Friends Service Committee Education Program at 230-9427.

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