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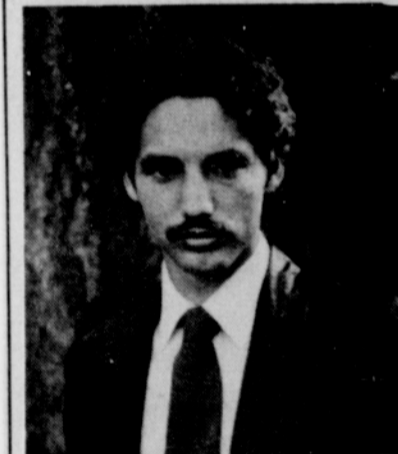
## Introducing:



Master Drummer Bruce Smith  
W/Master Dancer Ruby Burns



Mrs. Vivienne Anderson



Jazz Saxophonist  
Dennis Springer of  
'The Dennis Springer Quartet'



Ms. Marie Edwards  
Owner/Operator of  
'Attitudes of Portland'  
Full Service Beauty Salon  
and Art Gallery  
1525 S.W. Park Avenue  
Grand Opening in September  
Story in Next Issue of the  
Portland Observer.

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## NEWS MAKERS OF THE WEEK



Dr. James H. Ward — Dean of Portland State's  
Graduate School of Social Work

Portland State University has announced the appointment of Dr. James H. Ward as Dean of Portland State's Graduate School of Social Work. The appointment was effective August 1, 1988.

Dr. Ward, who earned his Bachelor's degree at North Carolina A&T University, a Master of Social Work degree at University of Maryland, and a Ph.D in Social Work from the Ohio State University, comes to PSU at a time of significant change within the Graduate School of Social Work. The State Board of Higher Education earlier this month approved a Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Research for PSU and the recommended elimination of the undergraduate social work degree.

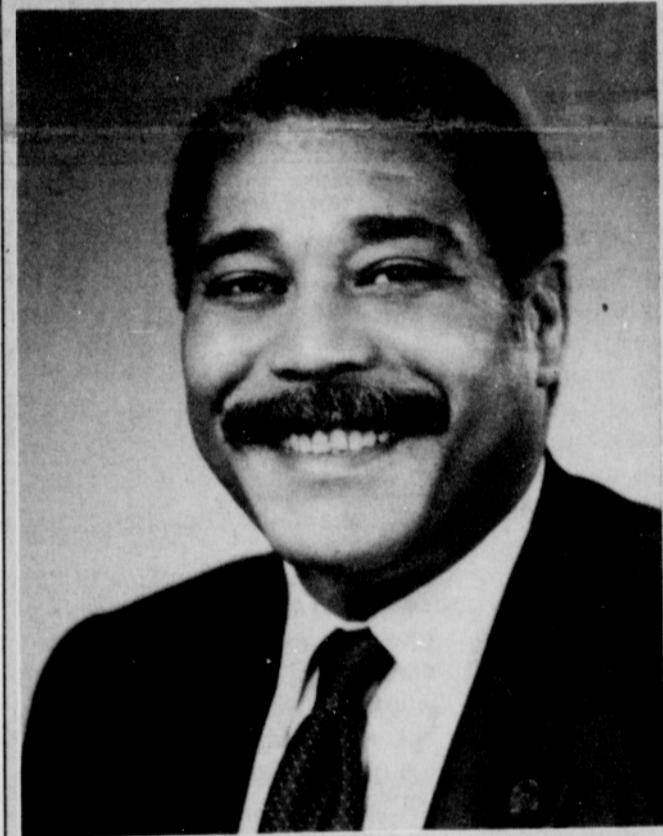
Dr. Ward has been Visiting Scholar at the Kettering Foundation and Guest Scholar at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., while on leave from the University of Alabama. Prior to his service in Alabama he was Associate Dean and Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He was at Case Western from 1975-81 when he accepted his appointment at Alabama.

Recognized for his contributions to the social work profession in both Alabama and Ohio, Dr. Ward has served as a member of seven committees of the National Association of Social Workers, is Vice-President of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work, serves on the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation of Graduate and Undergraduate Schools of Social Work and is a board member of many social work related agencies and councils.

Dr. Ward's professional and research interests include social policy in areas of services to families, children and youth, mental health, and in programs and staff development. He has had a number of publications since 1980, including two with other members of the Commission on the Future of the South.

Dr. Ward said he is enthusiastic about the research capabilities of Portland State's Graduate School of Social Work, citing the nationally known Regional Research Institute for Human Services. He also cited the recent state approval of the Ph.D. program and the quality of PSU's faculty as reasons for coming to Portland.

The Portland Observer newspaper and the African-American community of the State of Oregon welcomes Dr. Ward to the City of Portland. We are also proud to salute Dr. Ward as our "News Maker of the Week."



Mr. Julius 'J.C.' Cowan  
Manager, Single Family Housing  
Portland Development Commission

Mr. Cowan has been with the Portland Development Commission approximately 18 years. For nine years, he worked as a Housing/Rehabilitation Supervisor. Recently, he was appointed as Manager of Single Family Housing.

Mr. Cowan says he intends to continue improving the existing housing stock in Portland through the various loan programs offered by the Portland Development Commission. Congratulations 'J.C.' The Portland Observer is proud to salute you as one of our 'News Makers of the the Week.'

## CITIZEN OF THE WEEK



Executive Director, Sue Busby,  
IFCC  
(Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center)

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, located at 5340 N. Interstate, has developed a fine reputation as "the place to go" if you really want to see and experience what ethnic and cultural diversity is all about. A renovated firehouse, the Cultural Center houses a 110 seat theatre, an art gallery and a dance/rehearsal hall.

Enter (stage right) Ms. Sue Busby.

Ms. Busby has served as the Center's Executive Director since its inception in 1981. A graduate of Grant High School and Portland State University, Ms. Busby was on a leave of absence from the firm of Pitney Bowes (A business machine and systems firm) when she found out that the Cultural Center was taking applications for an Executive Director. Mr. Michael Grice, a member of the Center's Board of Directors, suggested that Ms. Busby apply for the position. She did and was hired.

Since becoming Executive Director, Ms. Busby has promoted ethnic/cultural/artistic disciplines that spans the visual, literary and performing arts. In the African-American community, Black Oregonians are still talking about the IFCC's Smithsonian Institute Traveling Art exhibit—"Portraits in Black." The exhibit depicted famous African-Americans of prominence in American history. It was complimented by a theatre production "Portraits in Black," written by local playwright, Michael Grant. The IFCC is well-known for its cross-cultural theatre season that exposes the community and the city to a wide range of local artists from various cultural groups. The Center is also home for the Northwest Theatre of the Deaf.

In an effort to make sure that it effectively serve the youth, the IFCC has a standing student production company and offer two summer camp programs.

The Portland Observer is proud to salute Ms. Sue Busby as our "Citizen of the Week."

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## OPEN HOUSE

August 5th, 1988 Time: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
Where: 525 & 517 N.E. Killingsworth Street

The Portland Observer newspaper welcomes you to its 1st Open House Reception.

Established in 1970, by the Rev. Alfred Lee Henderson, The Portland Observer is "Oregon's oldest African-American newspaper." It has established a reputation of being "The eyes and ears of the African-American community."

The Portland Observer newspaper is from the tradition of America's 1st African-American newspaper, "Freedom's Journal," established by Mr. John Russwurm and Presbyterian Minister, Samuel E. Cornish. Outraged by the media's pro-slavery bias, Mr. Russwurm searched for a forum to express his views. Thus, the Freedom's Journal became an important Black community resource. Written by Blacks for Blacks, it encouraged others to unite and demand their social rights. It expressed Black concerns such as access to education and full employment. Mr. Russwurm wrote:

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations."

Like many African-American newspapers that chose to remain true to tradition, the Portland Observer newspaper has struggled through many difficult times, yet, for almost 19 years, it has continued to print and meet its' weekly deadlines. This is due to continued support from both the black and white community. We express our gratitude and our sincere appreciation. The years have taught us that:

"You may not always agree with what we say and how we say it, but you will defend our right to say it."

Thank you very much,  
The Management and staff  
The Portland Observer Newspaper

## "Welcome To Our House ..."

On August 9, 1988, Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 8th, will be host to the 97th session of the General Conference. The presiding Bishop will be the Honorable Vinton R. Anderson.

Born in Somerset, Bermuda and now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, Bishop and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of four sons - Vinton Jr., Jeffrey, Carlton and Kenneth.

In addition to a sincere and appreciative welcome, the Portland Observer salutes Bishop Anderson for his involvement in civil rights, ecumenical activities, the uplifting of black spirituality, and the pursuit of academic excellence.

Bishop Anderson first came to the United States in 1947. He graduated from Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary in 1952 with honor, receiving both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Divinity. Not stopping there, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from Kansas University and did continuing education at Yale University Divinity School. He received

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Paul Quinn College - Waco, Texas (1964); Payne Theological Seminary (1977); and, Tem-

ple Bible college, Cincinnati, Ohio (1977). In 1973, his alma mater, Wilberforce University, honored him with the Doctor of Humanities Degree and in 1982, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia, conferred the Doctor of Humane Letters.

Prior to his election as the 92nd Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on July 2, 1972, he pastored in Kansas and Missouri. Combining his commitment as a Christian preacher with his understanding of involvement in the total community, he enjoyed a successful and fruitful ministry. His civil rights and ecumenical activities were exten-



Bishop Vinton R. Anderson

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