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Saying Goodbye

We seldom talked of your hurt and pain
yet
Your voice filled with anger
Your eyes filled with hurt
As you shook your head of the injustices in America and South Africa.

We seldom talked about money
yet
You often said that "Blacks must learn to trust each other.
Pool their money and support one another economically. Then
we can have a strong economic base to bargain from".

We seldom talked about commitment
yet
You were there for BUF meetings, city council meetings, neighborhood
association meetings, community rallies and marches.
Standing tall and proud
Speaking as one Black man but for the benefit of all African Americans.

We often reminisced about our rich heritage from ancient Africa to present
Sharing in the wisdoms of the past to find answers for the youth of today.

We often talked of education
You said "Those of us who have them AA's, BA's, MA's and PHD's need to
help those that don't have theirs" We can't afford to stick our noses up
in the air and forget where we came from. We must put all our knowledge
towards helping the least of our people".

We spent many hours discussing
History, Economics, Education, Politics, Religion
We shared laughter and frustrations
Victories and minor setbacks
As we struggled together for the liberation of our people,
yet

We never discussed how to say good-bye.

Members of Portland Chapter Black United Front

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILES

High School Graduates

School	Black	
	M	F
Benson 1987 Graduates	28	12
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	30	12
Cleveland 1987 Graduates	2	7
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	2	7
Franklin 1987 Graduates	12	5
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	19	6
Grant* 1987 Graduates	23	42
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	26	43
Jefferson 1987 Graduates	29	53
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	47	70
Lincoln 1987 Graduates	9	16
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	8	16
Madison 1987 Graduates	16	22
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	16	22
Marshall 1987 Graduates	9	8
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	11	9
Roosevelt 1987 Graduates	4	6
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	4	6
Wilson 1987 Graduates	6	17
Gr. 12 Start of 1986-87	9	20
TOTAL 1987 Graduates	138	188
	(326)	
START 1986-87 Gr. 12	172	211
	(383)	
Graduation Percent	80.2	89.1
	(85.1)	
START 1983-84 Gr. 9**	626	
Graduation Percent	52.1	

* Does not include Grant Night School Students.
** Enrollement figures by gender are not readily available from the 1983-84 school year.

Observer's Open House A Success ...



On August 5, 1988, at the Observer's Open House, Mr. & Mrs. Shin, Owners of the Seven Star Market, 505 N.E. Killingsworth, presented an 'Award of Appreciation' to Leon Harris, General Manager, of the Portland Observer.

The Portland Observer's Open House and the Grand Opening of Uniquely Yours Boutique & Nail Salon was truly a community event!

Words can hardly express the warmth, support, positiveness and expressions of appreciation that were spoken and shared by the hundreds of people who accepted our invitation.

Rev. Jesse Jackson would have been proud ... for this was truly a Rainbow event: African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, Whites, and Native Americans ... all came to say "Thank you." From Congressmen to Judges to Mayoral candidates to Educators to fathers and mothers to grandmothers to grandfathers to young achievers to young children, they all came bearing something splendid, something wonderful and something important — A positive human spirit.

Thank you all very, very much! You've made us so very proud and determined to continue for another 19 years.

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YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

"There Are People Out There Who Need My Help"



Wendell Todd Robinson is one of two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Robinson of Portland, Oregon and grandson of John and Orell Robinson.

Wendell is a 22-year-old who graduated from Grant High School in 1983. He was actively involved in student affairs, maintained a 'B' average and participated in Grant's track program. He ran the 110 high hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate hur-

dles. He was the top contender in his Junior and Senior years. He placed 2nd in State — both years. During this time, he received many awards: Most Valuable Athlete, Most Inspirational Athlete, the Vern Cook Track Scholar Athlete Award and many others.

Wendell completed his freshman year at the Oregon State University. He broke his leg the following summer and spent the next two terms at Portland Community College. He returned to Oregon State University and finished out the Spring term of 84-85. He contacted the track coach at the United States International University in San Diego, California and he was awarded a Scholarship to compete on the USIU's track program. Because of great determination, hard work, academic perseverance and extensive physical body training, he was able to successfully compete with the USIU's track team and resume his academic studies.

Recently, he graduated and re-

ceived a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology with a special emphasis on chemical dependency counseling.

"With all the gang and drug problems the cities and towns are being faced with, I need all the training I can get — so that I can be properly equipped to help make a difference. There are people out there who need my help" says Wendell.

He is now pursuing the second phase of his career. He will enroll in a graduate studies program and in late September, he will leave for Spain. Why Spain? There he will study at a School of Language to become bilingual and proficient in the Spanish language; by doing so, he will be in a much better position to reach out and help the minorities — who will seek his services.

When he returns to the United States, he will enter a 3 to 4 year doctoral program through which he will receive a Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology.

May the Lord richly bless him,

sustain him and keep him. This is a great task he is undertaking. The city of Portland is urgently awaiting the return of one of her many success stories, so that he will assist her in solving and settling the drug problems presently in his camps and at the door.

CONGRATULATIONS! From the staff of the Portland Observer. Hurry back. We need you.

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PDC PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commission Meeting
Date: August 10, 1988
Place: The Portland Bldg., 11th Floor
1120 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, OR
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. Complete agendas are available at PDC. Call 796-5300.

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