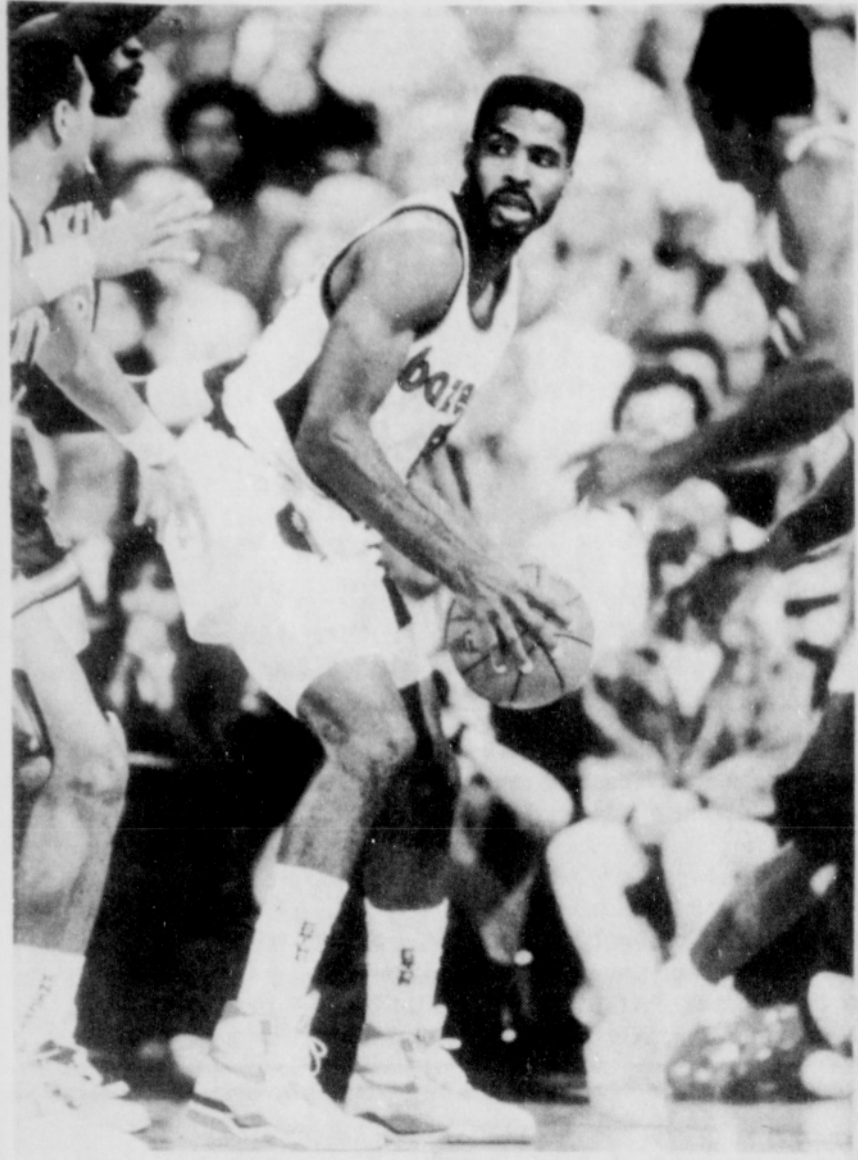


# The Locker Room

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

## "BUCK" Chairman of the Boards



Buck Williams does the dirty work, but he is clean. He has been bringing his lunch pail and hard hat to work for eight seasons in the N.B.A. No bragging, just rebounds and a commitment to hard work.

Williams worked hard and long in a swamp called the Meadowland until an insightful employer, the Portland Trailblazers, decided that they needed a tireless worker and leader to solidify what had been labeled a "soft bunch." Everybody is happy on the job these days. No wonder, the team has won 30+ games already this season after winning only 39 all of last year. Reason? Buck! Ask Coach Rick Adelman.

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A graduate of the University of Maryland and a native of Rocky Mount, N.C., Williams has grabbed 1,000 rebounds five times in his career. When questioned about his contributions to the team, Buck spoke about being ready to play and aggressiveness.

"What I wanted to bring to this team was mental toughness, leadership, and intensity," he said. "I've noticed that it is contagious with your team mates when you're aggressive. A lot of leadership responsibility fell on my shoulders and I accepted it."

The Trailblazers, consistently eating the dust from the Los Angeles Express, felt compelled to acquire Williams talents with hopes of making a strong run at the Pacific Division crown. The Blazers were able to get Williams without giving up one of their top players was a major consideration in making the deal. They sent injury plagued center Sam Bowie and a No. 1 pick that turned out to be Mookie Blaylock. Buck could not be happier.

"I was mentally and psychologically drained," he said about his experience with the Nets. "The trade was a welcomed one. I'm playing with a contender and for a great organization."

Williams contributions to the team will not make him a runaway favorite the All-Star balloting, nor is he going to give you the Karl Malone-Charles Barkley type numbers night in and night. He's not a greater shooter, but he knows when to shoot

and his limitations. What he gives is 13.2 points per contest and almost ten rebounds.

"Our players respect him so much," said Adelman. "He's solidified our starting group. He has been there every night for us. Buck gives us a dimension we lacked in the past. His personality has really made the other players like Clyde, Porter, Kersey, and Duckworth work harder."

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Buck is now getting the taste of sweet victory and feeling the thrill of being in the hunt for an N.B.A. title, he likes the feeling. "I only want to win," he said. "I've always tried to do whatever it took to win even though it meant, sometimes, sacrificing my game."

The next time you attend a Blazer game and notice the guy in the hard hat banging and getting his hands dirty with the likes of Terry Cummings, Charles Oakley, A.C. Green, or the X-Man of Seattle, don't panic, that's Buck at work and sometimes, he works right through lunch. He gives his employers their money's worth.

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**Short Shakes:** Did you check out the February 5th version of KATU's AM Northwest (9 a.m.) and get a closer look Clyde Drexler, Kevin Duckworth, Jerome Kersey, Terry Porter, and Buck Williams? It was a great show. Hats off to Katie Gordon, Kate McKern, Nancy Bolton, Peter Clem, and UP intern Paula Estoup. Good job! Yo Steve and Billy!

## Funds Not Enough To Improve Services For Oregonians With Disabilities

SALEM--The Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Multnomah County announced today that the State Emergency Board's approval last week of \$1.7 million for community programs serving over 3,500 Oregonians with developmental disabilities "... is only a bandaid on a badly wounded system."

"The State of Oregon serves people with developmental disabilities in two ways: in an institution like Fairview and in state-supported community programs," said Kathryn Weit, a spokeswoman for ARC-M. "The State has had to put millions into Fairview to maintain its eligibility for federal funding. At the same time, the State has underfunded the community system so badly that some programs have already folded and others are just hanging on."

The funds approved by the Emergency Board are to increase wages of direct care workers in community residential programs (group homes). Direct care workers care

for people with developmental disabilities. According to Weit, direct care workers in community programs earn an entry level wage of only about \$4.38 an hour, while entry level workers at Fairview can make approximately \$7.00 an hour.

"The Emergency Board's \$1.7 million provides only about 80 cents more an hour," Weit said. "These workers could earn more money and better benefits working in a fast food restaurant than they get caring for Oregonians with developmental disabilities."

Weit also pointed out that the Emergency Board provided no wage or benefit increase for workers in vocational programs serving people with developmental disabilities.

"The State took a step in the right direction by approving \$1.7 million," Weit said. "Now we need larger steps to make sure that people coming out of Fairview will have adequate services in the community."



## Benita Harris Receives Community Service Award

Benita Harris, assistant vice president at First Interstate Bank of Oregon, has been named 1989 winner of the prestigious Ralph J. Voss Award for Civic Leadership. The award is given annually by the bank to an employee who demonstrates exceptional civic leadership.

Harris, a relationship manager in First Interstate's Corporate Services Division, has been extensively involved in a number of youth-oriented community organizations throughout her ten year career at the bank. They include the United Negro College Fund, Portland Area Council of Camp Fire, Junior Achievement, Markham Middle School and Alfred Yaun Youth Center.

Harris' involvement in youth-related projects is an outgrowth of her ongoing involvement in Delta Sigma Theta, a service organization she joined after her graduation from Reed College in 1980.

Many of the other members are teachers, and I began hearing from them about the problems they saw in the classroom," she said. "I got involved because I wanted to serve as a role model."

Harris received a plaque and a \$1,500 cash award for the charities of her choice. She donated \$1,000 to Delta Sigma Theta for scholarships and youth projects and \$500 to the Alfred Yaun Youth Center, a residential center for at-risk boys.

## Boddie Named Weekend Anchor

KOIN-TV and Newsroom 6 business and economics reporter Ken Boddie has been promoted to weekend anchor of the station's 5 & 11 p.m. broadcasts. Boddie has been with KOIN-TV and Newsroom 6 for five years.

It was also announced that Paul Gowen will join the Newsroom 6 staff as a reporter. Gowen comes from WDEF-TV in Chattanooga, Tennessee where he was a reporter and weekend anchor. Gowen is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

## THE JOURNEY

We came on ships,  
Huge and swaying in the wind.  
We cried, we died,  
We dreamed of home.

We sometimes wondered  
What lay beyond the sea.  
Then we knew -  
And the knowledge burned us.

They laughed at us,  
Touching, pushing and searching,  
As they tore away our freedom.

Many seasons have passed since then,  
The shackles have been removed.  
The stains and wounds remain,  
Dark and bleeding.

Many at the beginning,  
Few at the end.  
Sick with fever,  
Numb from fear.

I hear we're free--Are we?

M. PARRIS



## Oregonians For Property Tax Relief And Kids Lottery Initiative Proposed

The lottery dollars should be for property tax relief and kids say three Democratic State Representatives who today filed a proposed initiative petition with the Secretary of State in Salem.

Speaking to the press in Portland, Eugene and Medford, Chief Petitioners and State Representatives Dave McTeague (D-Milwaukie), Sam Dominy (D-Cottage Grove) and Ernie Calhoun (D-Medford) say they will lead an effort to collect 100,000 signatures to rededicate lottery revenues towards programs that will reduce property taxes for Oregon homeowners and fund the Oregon Head Start pre-kindergarten program.

"70% of the lottery revenues will be dedicated to property tax relief with a formula that targets relief to lower income households," said Rep. McTeague.

## Sue J. Jordan Elected Chairperson

Sue J. Jordan, Deputy Administrator for the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, was recently elected chair of the Tri-County Affirmative Action Association.

Tri-County Affirmative Action Association is an organization which provides public education and other informational resources about equal employment opportunity and affirmative action.

## Kay Toran Appointed to Cable Regulatory Commission

On Jan. 31st, the City Council confirmed Commissioner Mike Lindberg's appointment of Kay Toran to the City of Portland Cable Regulatory Commission.

Kay Toran, a distinguished resident of Northeast Portland long active in civic and community affairs, is the former Affirmative Action Director for the State of Oregon, and presently administers the Purchasing Division of the State Department of General Services.

The seven-member Cable Regulatory Commission is a citizen body with responsibility for regulating and monitoring the cable television companies which operate in the City. Appointments to the Commission are made by the Commissioner-in-charge, and subject to Council confirmation. Among other things, the Commission is presently considering citywide customer service standards for cable television, and TCI's request to the City for a renewal of its franchise agreement.

*That which grows faster withers rapidly; that which grows slowly endures.*

*The finest command of language is often shown by saying nothing.*

## State Regulation For Trojan Plant Reviewed

BEND--A draft policy on state regulation of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant will be reviewed by the Energy Facility Siting Council's Trojan subcommittee when it meets Feb. 9th.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the South Sisters Room at the Bend Riverhouse Motor Inn, 3075 N. Highway 97.

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) will present the draft policy. ODOE, which has regulated Trojan since it went on line in 1975, has an engineer at the plant. Trojan is subject to state regulation under a site certificate issued by the Council. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) also regulates the plant.

The draft policy sets forth what ODOE already is doing to help ensure Trojan runs

safely. Main points of the draft policy include:

- \* An explanation of the ODOE regulation program's goals and the concepts on which the program is based.

- \* A definition of the authorities and responsibilities of PGE, the NRC, ODOE, and the Council in making sure PGE runs Trojan safely.

- \* A formal process for documentation and reporting requirements.

Comments from the subcommittee will be used to prepare the final policy ODOE will present to the full Council when it meets in April.

ODOE will draft a plan to implement the policy after receiving comments from the Council.

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## STANDARD INSURANCE/ TRAIL BLAZER 3-ON-3 CORPORATE CLASSIC

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With three age brackets for men and an open division for women... Everyone is sure to find some great, fun-filled competition. The tournament is **FREE** and open to teams from any corporation or company in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

For complete rules and information, call your Standard Insurance representative or the Blazer office at 234-9291. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRI, FEB. 9!**

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

1. A roster may contain as many as four players: three starters and one substitute. At least two of the players on each team must be employed by the same corporation, company or governmental agency. Two players may be "ringers" (not employed by the sponsoring company).
2. All players must be 19 years of age or older prior to the tournament. No one who is still in high school, or who has played professionally in the NBA is eligible.
3. A company may enter any number of teams. However, a player can play on only one team. After registration of teams, changes in a roster are not allowed.

### REGIONS AND GAME SITES

Regional games will be played Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th at the following sites:

Portland: David Douglas High School Men 19-29 Lincoln High School Men 40+  
Floyd Light Middle School Men 30-39 Lincoln High School Women 19+

**OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM**

Provide the appropriate information below and mail to:  
Portland Trail Blazers - Dept. 9 • 700 NE Multnomah • Portland, OR 97232

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVE) \_\_\_\_\_

LIST MEMBERS' NAMES BELOW (M & F MUST BE COMPANY EMPLOYEES)

BRACKET	NAME	AGE	REGION
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	2. _____	AGE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SALEM
	3. _____	AGE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> EUGENE
MEN 30-39	4. _____	AGE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MEDFORD
	5. _____	AGE _____	

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