

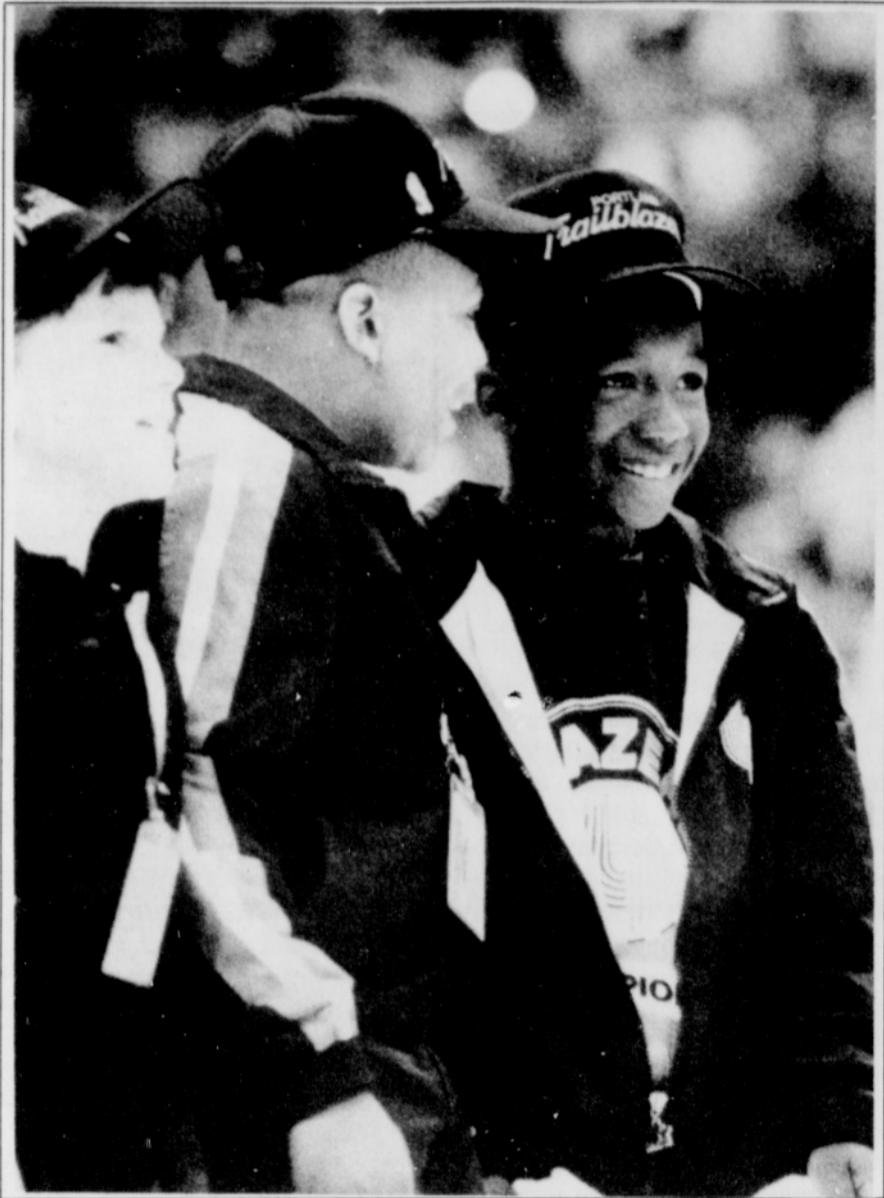
Community Tennis Association Formed

On Monday April 8th, 1991 the Irving Park Community Tennis Association was established to meet the growing needs of the citizens of the Irvington, Boise-Elliott, Peninsula, Alberta, and Woodlawn Park communities. Summer Tennis Camps, Youth Development Tennis Programs, Adult & Senior Tennis Leagues and Programs are a few of the services that this organization will offer. The IPCTA will also act as a Community Advocate for greater utilization of the Portland Tennis Center, Park Maintenance at Irving Park, and Networking with other agencies and Social Services to insure that the recreational needs of these communities are being heard and acted on.

Other agenda items included the appointment of Temporary Officers to serve until membership increases. Don Johnson will serve as President; Kelly Chatman, vice-President; Maceo Pettis, Treas; and Bruce Watts, Secretary. The first two items approved by officers was the summer Tennis Camp at Irving Park and the First Annual Irving park Clean-Up Day. The IPCTA proposes a joint effort by the Irvington Community Association, the Boise - Elliott Neighborhood Association, the Portland Park Bureau and the members of the IPCTA. The day for this event is Saturday, June 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Following the clean-up there will be a Tennis Carnival which will serve as a Kick-Off to the Tennis Camp and for other summer park activities, such as the Reading Tree and the Irving Park Summer Recreational Program. Hot-Dogs, Burgers, and prizes will be available for participants.

If you are interested in joining the IPCTA or serving as a volunteer for the Summer Camp, Tennis Carnival, or Clean-Up Day then please attend the next IPCTA on Monday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m. at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave.

Holy Redemer Student Guest Ball Boy



Tiante Tims (Right End) was all smiles Tuesday April 16th at the Memorial Coliseum. Tiante got the chance to work as a guest ball boy during the Blazers matchup against Houston. Way to go tiante! Photo by Veronica Green



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Business Network Grows In Popularity And Attendance

The well known commercial slogan "membership has its privileges", certainly applies to the growing number of business owners and professionals that are rapidly joining Oregon Business Network.



Last Tuesday evening, at the Portland Travelodge Hotel, the network sponsored another three hour "opportunity" meeting which drew hundreds of attendees, that were greeted by the current reigning Miss Oregon U.S.A., Olga Calderon, from a cross section of Oregon business categories as well as major corporations. The standing room only crowd enjoyed what other business and lead organizations have been attempting to do for years...provide an effective and popular forum for networking, leads and customer referrals at an inexpensive price.



Other reasons for the growing popularity of the one year old organization are numerous including a menu of benefits and opportunities that range from a group dental plan to the use of the OBN corporate limousine for a business or personal occasion.

Many attendees and first time guests were overly excited about the OBN concept. "This is much better than anything that we have attended ever before" said a business owner from Beaverton. "We dropped our membership in several business and convention associations this year and stayed with Oregon Business Network, because of their professional-

ism and the opportunities that they have allowed us", said a Tigard, Oregon



printer. Members and participants are motivated also by the fact that OBN sends out checks and makes cash payments regularly to their members that refer new members. "Its like winning the lottery every month" says, Johnny Counterfit, a well known national impressionist and entertainer, who has quietly garnered incentive payments from OBN, as a member, for referring and getting other local businesses and professionals to join the organization.



Marsha Webber, Administrative Operations Officer, indicated that Oregon Business Network memberships are open to anyone in business, a profession or even those who have a part time business or working out of their homes. OBN is truly unique and exciting in its first year of operation. You won't find any boring speakers, chicken dinners, high priced breakfast meetings or politics being played here. It's pure and simple...if you are looking to increase your sales, contacts and referrals, OBN is a must! It's a high energy operation headed by Portland business entrepreneur, Roy Jay.

OBN also operates a convention and tourism division for which hundreds of calls per week from visitors are received on a special toll-free line and referring them to OBN members and other local businesses.

The next OBN meeting date has not yet been set, but those who wish to receive membership details or be on the mailing list should call 244-5794, Ext. 66 for complete information.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Governor Barbara Roberts has declared May as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" and asks that all Oregonians join in on this observance.

Over 196,000 Oregonians ride motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds for pleasure or as a basic means of transportation. The governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee and the

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Walter Davis and Wayne Cooper have been in the National Basketball Association for a combined twenty-seven years. Neither has won a championship ring. Both men are sitting on the edge of a dream. Each agree that the dream has to be accomplished this season because neither will likely be with the Trail Blazers after the 1991-92 season.

Despite their limited roles and playing minutes, both men are happy to be a title contender and playing the game they love. Davis, a five time NBA All-Star and rookie of the year (1978) has had the toughest adjustment to the team. Sporting a career scoring average of 21.6 ppg, his point production/minutes dropped to 6.2 and 13.7 per contest. Still, the career lows have not affected his attitude or work ethic.

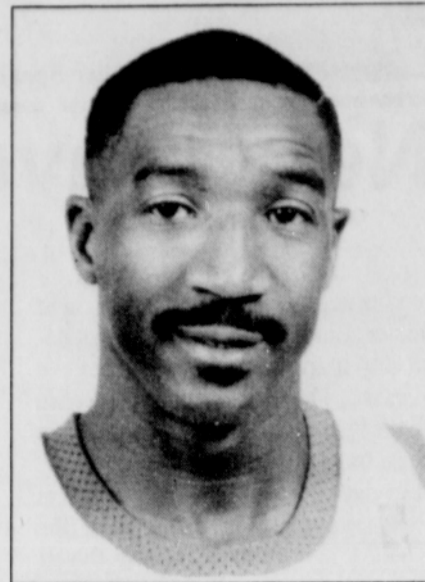
"My attitude is one where I am glad to be here", said Davis, who spent most of his playing career in Phoenix and Denver before coming to Portland. "I'm willing to do anything to help the team become better. I think everyone would like to play more, but I accept my role. When I get in there for a few minutes, all I can do is give it my best. I try to stay ready."

Until his 16 point out burst against the Houston Rockets two weeks ago, Davis had been struggling with his shooting touch and tentative in the Blazers offense. He was told by coaches to relax, to keep shooting, and more importantly, to keep his head up. Jerome Kersey is a Davis believer.

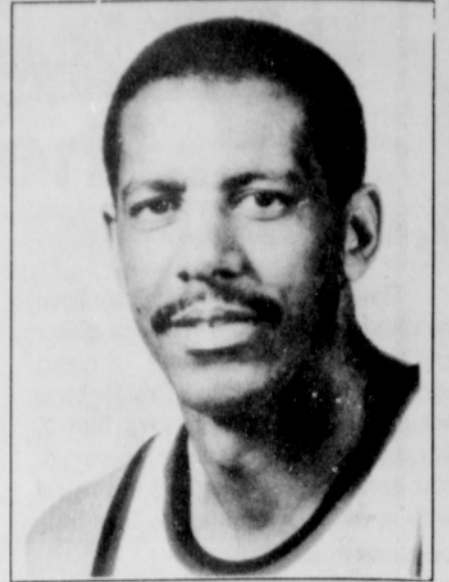
"Walter is getting back into the rhythm of things", said forward Jerome Kersey. "People expected him to come right in and wham, just go at it like he's been doing all these years. You have to understand that he's in a new system and it requires a different type of physical conditioning. In Denver, all he had to do was run, set up, and look for his shot. We have a different system here. Now, I really believe that he is more comfortable. You can see it in his shot."

A native of Pineville, NC and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team, Davis agreed with Kersey's assessment

Davis And Cooper: Old Timers



Walter Davis



Wayne Cooper

of his adjustment to the team. "With me, being a jump shooter, you have to be in good shape. For awhile, I wasn't playing much and I didn't feel that comfortable going up on my shot. I was floating one way or the other. Once I got into shape, felt stronger straight up on my jump shot, it had a much better chance of going in," he said.

When Wayne Cooper, a former teammate of Davis in Denver was not expected to score big points or play big minutes when he signed as a free-agent in 89-90. Cooper's job is to play good post defense, back up center Kevin Duckworth, and like Davis, provide additional leadership during the stretch run. Walter Davis job is to score points. "Two different roles," said Cooper.

A first round draft pick out of New Orleans University by Golden State in 1978, Cooper has played in Dallas, Utah, Denver, and this is his second go-around in Portland. He has always been an excellent shot blocker and rebounder. "We have to win the championship at all cost", said Cooper. "This is the year that it has to get done. I feel that it will get done. Everything is falling in place for us. It's a great opportunity to be in this position because it doesn't happen for a lot of players. Some players have great careers as All-Stars and never get a chance to play in a championship game. When I

look back over my career, I feel as though I've had a good career and to be able to get the ring in the end would be the ultimate. I have nothing to prove and only one goal left, the ring."

Cooper acknowledged that he is worried about his number being called as much as it was in the past and he stays mentally prepared to play. Both Cooper and Davis put in extra work outs to maintain combat readiness. "Cooper and Davis are going to be very valuable to us in the playoffs", said coach Rick Adelman.

Davis smiles when he thinks about the same roster as their careers come to an end. "We have known each other a long time", he said. "It would be nice to win the championship together."

Though Davis has been in the NBA (14 years) a year longer than Cooper, he believes that his body is in better shape and laughs when teammates call him the old man of the Blazers. He pointed the finger at Coop and jokes about his older body. "He's a guard", said Cooper. "Walter doesn't know anything about playing down in the hole where you get beat up a lot. My body has been bad for ten years. I was just telling the younger guys that earlier. I'm just glad to be here".

So are the Blazers, their fans, and of course, his "old friend" Walter, who wants a championship too!

Coming Up On "Jesse Jackson" Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 1991 Smoking: Should We Butt Out?

More and more businesses, industries and governments are banning smoking in public places and in private companies. Both advocates and opponents are mobilizing over the issue: can companies discriminate against smok-

ers and refuse to hire them? What rights do smokers have in 1991? Guests include Susan Allsop United Smokers Association; Brenean Dawson, Tobacco Institute; Ahron Leichtman, Citizens Against Tobacco Smoke; Kathleen Scheg, Action on Smoking and Health.

Racism & Tracking in the Schools: The Selma Experience

Featured Speakers:

Hank and Rose Sanders Thursday, May 2nd, 7:30 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church Fireside Room (enter on Hancock street) 1624 NE Hancock

Education tracking in schools short changes many students. Particularly hard hit are children from working class families, students of color, and those from poorer neighborhoods. What do we have to learn from the Selma experience about tracking and inequality in the Portland schools?

Hank and Rose Sanders are leaders in the struggle against tracking in Selma Alabama. They have successfully used

the time honored tactics of boycotts and picketing to illuminate the injustice of the tracking system.

Hank Sanders is the first African-American State Senator elected in Alabama since reconstruction. He was also Co-chairman for the Jesse Jackson campaign in Alabama in 1988. Rose Sanders is Co-chair of The Campaign for a New South.

The Disabilities Advisory Coalition is offering free

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Hilyard Community Center 2580 Hilyard St. Eugene

Call DAC at 485-7718 for information on transportation options and to reserve interpreters for the hearing impaired.

Youth Needed for Litter Patrols

The Oregon Highway Division is hiring for the state's youth litter patrols.

The division wants to hire 375 persons to pick up trash along state highways this summer. Litter workers also will be eligible to work during Christmas and spring breaks, according to Sharon Cumbie, litter patrol coordinator.

Crew members earn \$5.67 per hour and must be 16 to 20 years old. Crew chiefs will receive an hourly wage of \$6.16 and must be at least 18 years old, with a good driving record and valid driving license.

Interested youths have until April 30 to apply at a local state Employment Division office.

Please submit a brief note about your community projects, events, and happenings, especially pertaining to children activities.

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