



ENTERTAINMENT



Campbell's BAR-B-Q Restaurant



BY D. BELL

One of Portland's best kept secrets is Campbell's BAR-B-Q restaurant, located on the corner of 87th and Powell. The owners, Felton and Mary Campbell, run this family business with the help of four of their 10 children and their employees.

Four years ago, the Campbells purchased their present building and opened the restaurant a year later.

The Campbells moved to Portland from Oakland, California in 1984. Several members of the Campbell family acquired experience in the culinary arts that they use in the operation of the restaurant.

Son Phil Campbell, who had previous experience as a barbecue cook in Oakland, is the chief barbecue cook. He specializes in turkey, beef brisket, sliced pork, ribs, and beef ribs. Edward Campbell has professional background in baking and is instrumental in producing the baked goods, made daily at Campbell's. His brother Walter doubles as both a meat cook and baker. He is responsible for the development of the featured Mt. Hood rolls.

Mary Campbell is in charge of making desserts featuring peach and berry cobbler and sweet potato pie.

Felton Campbell is renowned for his chili and homemade sausage which he makes from scratch.

Daughter Annette is the business manager. Nephew Rod serves in dual

roles of cook and waiter. Travis Grandson rounds out the family roster filling in as sort of a utility man who helps out where ever he is needed. Mary says, "Even so, the other employees, Buck, Jeff, Matt, and Chris are indispensable and enable the whole operation to run."

Turning our attention to the food, Campbell's BAR-B-Q is the epitome of home-styled Texas barbecue, a pleasant departure from the commercial bar-b-que common in Portland.

The night I was there I had bar-b-que pork ribs. When my plate arrived the ribs had that right off the grill look that reminded me of barbecue on the Fourth of July. Folks, I tell you, the ribs were so good they didn't even need sauce to be appreciated. The potato salad side dish was good, but the star of show was the ribs.

The customer has a choice of baked rolls or cornbread I chose cornbread and the semi-sweet cornbread; did not disappoint me, once again reminding me of home. The meal was topped off with Mary's peach cobbler, a delightful ending to a wholly pleasant meal.

The Campbells are in the process of expanding their menu; as a result, Felton's Chili is available on Friday and Saturday. The restaurant has made five of its sauces available for sale.

Business hours are 11 am - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

'Mint Condition' Tops Z-100's 8th Birthday Bash



Mint Condition
O'Dell Jeffrey Allen Lawrence Waddell
Keri Lewis Stokley Ricky Kinchen

by Tony Washington

In the entertainment world a lot of fantastic things go on.

The music world has many promising vocalist, artists and performers. Let's focus on Mint Condition, six talented musicians and vocalists. Young in age, ranging from 21-25, Mint Condition performs such ballads as Pretty Brown eyes and Breaking My Heart which were designed to make it on the pop charts, according to Stokley, lead singer and drummer for the group. Mint Condition has hit the top 5 on the billboard charts. The second of Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam Productions recent prospects has done extremely well on the Perspective Records label. I had a chance to talk with them on Friday march 13, 1992 at the Z-100 party. The group did more than hypnotize the ladies; being spellbound would be a better definition. Mint Condition is a group of musicians who have great direction of short and long range goals.

I consider them a classy bunch. They seem to be excited about as well as committed to their line of work, which is playing from their hearts. While talking to them this past Friday they were open, kind and concerned about our youth of today. Gangs have existed since the mid 60's however there seems to be a message to the ones of today. Five members originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota and one is from Chicago, Illinois. They want to give back what has been recently acquired there success! Establishing a radio station is one of their main objectives, in their home town. They felt its a great need in the community. Portland, they consider a very nice place and intend to return in the future.

Thank you Z-100, Morgan, Orchid, Rhodes and Wanda Croudy for inviting The Portland Observer to the Z-100 8th Birthday Bash.

Inner City Blues Festival - March 26



Inner-City All Stars (clockwise from upper left) Johnnie Ward, Paulette Davis, Mel Solomon, Norman Sylvester, Sakiusa and Jim Mesi

The Portland Rainbow Coalition is hosting the third annual Inner City Blues Festival on Thursday, March 26, 6:30-11:00 PM. at the Texas 2 Restaurant and Lounge, 1708 N.E. Alberta.

Starring in the dinner/dance will be the Norman Sylvester Revue who will be joined by Cascade Blues Association award-winning artists Jim Mesi, Mel Solomon, and Johnnie Ward. Portland Music Association award winning artist Paulette Davis will round out the band. Also on the bill are the new blues trio Pride and Joy, Sakiusa, a rhythm and blues artist from Fiji, Sonny Hess and her new band Blues Power, and special guest Raydell Clay. As in years past, many of Portland's best blues musicians can be expected to sit in and jam with the Norman Sylvester Band.

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Paul Knauls, former owner of the Cotton Club and Geneva's.

Tickets are \$7.00 advance, \$8.00 at the door and may be purchased from Music Millenium East, Backbeat Records, Jump Jump Music, Laughing Horse Books, or from members of the Portland Rainbow Coalition. A beans and rice entree will be provided with the price of admission and BBQ dinners will be available for sale by Texas 2.

Due to OLCC regulations no minors will be allowed.

Proceeds from the event will go to promote the ongoing activities of the Portland Rainbow Coalition.

For information contact Jan Mihara at 232-7206.

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