

# FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

On Tuesday morning at 0249 hours, 1986, Engine 24 and Truck 24 were dispatched to an apartment fire at 4042 N. Borthwick as first due companies on a phantom box assignment. Upon arrival there was fire showing in the living room windows of one unit in a four plex. The neighbor who called in the fire did not know whether anybody was home in the involved unit.

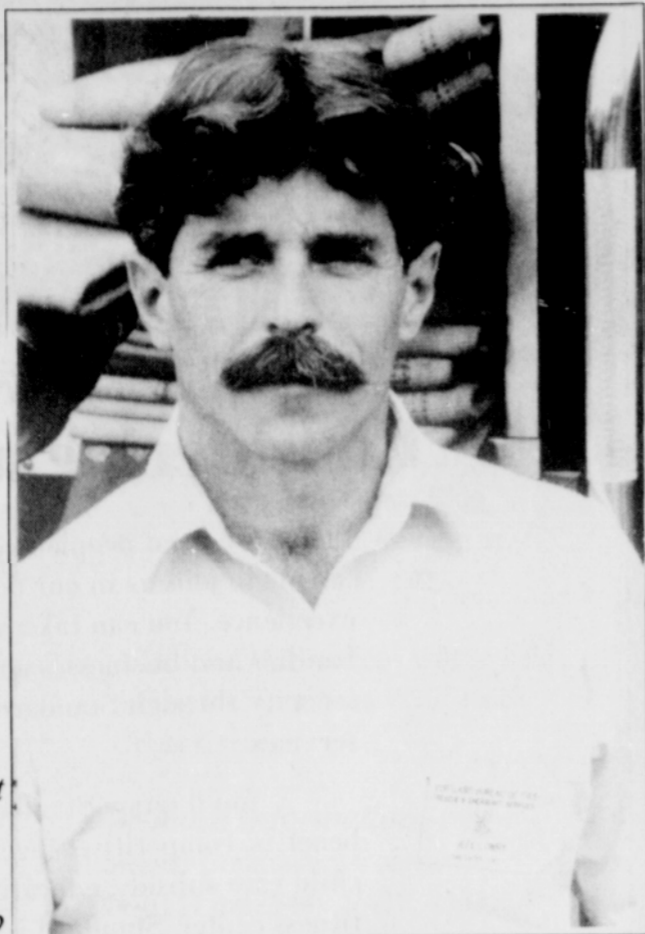
The two inside men on Truck 24 were Fire Fighters Jeff Lowry and Mike Morris. They immediately knocked on the locked apartment door and upon receiving no answer they opened the door with force. Fire Fighter Lowry injured his shoulder effecting the entry but entered the building past the fire by the front door and through heavy smoke conditions and located the lone occupant of the apartment who was asleep near the involved room. With the assistance of Fire Fighter Morris, Lowry awakened the occupant and rescued him while hose lines were being stretched to put out the fire.

The fast action by Fire fighters Lowry and Morris in rescuing this individual was most probably instrumental in saving him from serious injury.

Fire Fighters Lowry and Morris deserve recognition for their quick and unhesitating action in performing their duties and are hereby awarded the Fire Chief's Medal of Merit.

Jeff Lowry has been a resident of north Portland for the most of his life. He attended Immaculate Heart and Jefferson High schools. His daughter even graduated from Jefferson.

This soft spoken gentleman is the fireman described above. "Don't judge a book by its cover", is an old worn out cliché that aptly describes Lowry very well. He was with the fireman crew that had been dispatched to Humboldt Elementary School for 'Career Day'. When he and several other fireman were approached they were very shy, but Lowry was 'volunteered' to respond to the interview.



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Lowry says when he was a youngster, he never thought about what he would do when he grew up. Matter of fact he dropped out of school in his senior year and joined the Marines and spent three years with Uncle Sam. While he was in the Marines he started working on his GED, but did not complete his GED until he came back home to Oregon via working across the states in construction work, building homes.

Ironically, Lowry's father is a fireman, but it just never crossed Lowry's mind to even be a fireman. He says, "I never really talked to my father about being a fireman."

Lowry says he did odd jobs as a kid, such as working at Rub A Dub, a stocker at a store and working in a kitchen.

Lowry said after he completed his GED he attended college for 2 1/2

years non-stop (no breaks in between) and he just became burned out with only 2 hours short of his degree. When asked would he ever finish what he started he replied, "Yes definitely." While in college, Lowry started in the New Fire Science program. He took the exam for three times before he could get on the list. Lowry became a fireman for the city of Portland and has been a fireman for the past fourteen years. His advice to anyone who has aspirations of becoming a fireman is: "Work hard, stick to it, do it for yourself and not for anyone else, keep your nose clean, first help yourself, you're #1. To be successful as a fireman not only includes passing the exams, but you must also have a good attitude to be able to get along with your co-workers, so that you work well together."

## City Planner Loves Bridges

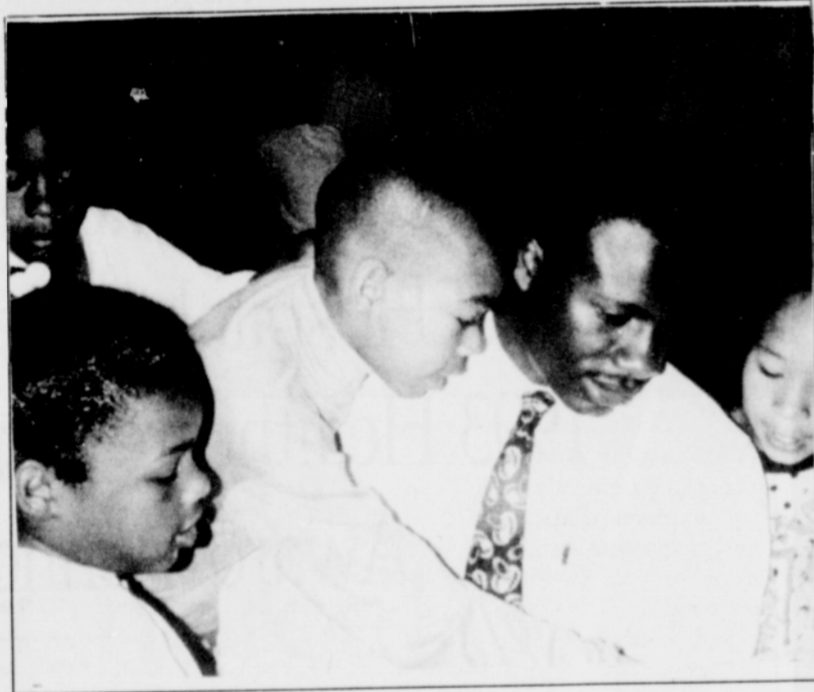
City planner Paul Scarlett has been with us here in Portland for four years. He came to Portland by way of employment.

Scarlett was born in Jamaica and migrated to Toronto, Canada at age 12. He attended junior high and high school in Toronto. He graduated with top grades, and continued his education by attending Brigham Young University.

His talents on the track field and his progress in the classroom earned him an athletic scholarship. He competed in the sprint event while majoring in Community and Regional Planning. He graduated from BYU in 1989 with a BS degree and was offered an internship with the City of Portland to work on the Albina Community Plan. After three months with the city, Scarlett was given a permanent full time position in the Planning Bureau in the Community Planning section. This section has the responsibility to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Scarlett works with developing comprehensive plans which attempts to show the best use of the community's land: where residential, commercial, industrial and recreational and other human activities should go. This planning effort also addresses and attempts to resolve social, physical and economic problems on a district wide level.

Scarlett says it was when he was in the 10th grade and taking a geography class from a Mr. Christi, that he first became influenced about pursuing a career in the field of geography. "My interest with cities preceded this interaction with my teacher. I believe it had something to do with when I



first deplaned in Toronto and laid eyes on that gigantic city that stretched out for miles in front of me. My fascination with cities grew as I traveled to a variety of places and encountered different buildings, structures and features. I had decided then that city planning was something I would like to do in the future. I also realized that in order to be a city planner, I had to go to school and study hard.

During my years in high school, I was very active in sports, particularly track and football. I also did well in school, and had learned at an early age that in order to be successful I had to remain balanced, focused and disciplined at all times."

Scarlett who is an avid photographer loves to travel, especially in the

western and African areas. In his love for photography he captures bridges because he has a fascination for and love for them. He is also a sprint coach for the Portland MAC track club and is competing in track meets, but more on a recreational basis.

Scarlett is pursuing a Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning at Portland State University.

He and his wife Susan are expecting a little person in July. When questioned if they knew whether they were expecting a boy or a girl, his response was: "No we want to be surprised."

The Portland Observer met Paul Scarlett at the "Career Day" that Humboldt Elementary School was sponsoring, in which Scarlett was sharing his expertise and career with the students.

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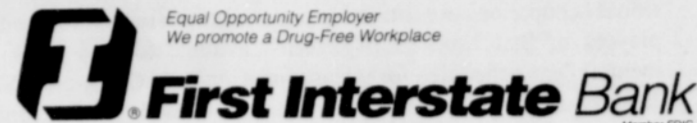
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Applications available for the Vernon V. Chatman E. Shelton Hill scholarships, awarded each year by the Urban League of Portland and Nike, Inc. Two \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to two African-American high school seniors, one male and one female, who will be attending an accredited college or university in Oregon in the fall.

To be eligible, applicants must live in the Portland area, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75, have a letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university in Oregon, have three letters of recommendation, and prepare a 500-word essay.

Applications are available from high school counselors and from the Urban League Education Department, 10 North Russell St., Portland, OR 97227 (503) 280-2600. Completed applications must be returned to the Urban League by June 14. The scholarships will be awarded at the Urban League's Annual Dinner on July 22, 1993.

### PCC Student Newspaper Selects Fall Editor

Brandon Roberts has been selected as fall editor of the Portland Community College newspaper, The Bridge. Roberts, who is currently spring editor, was named by the Advisory Publication Board after interviews this week. Roberts is a political science and speech communications major from Portland.

The Bridge, published each Thursday during the school year, is distributed to Sylvania, Rock Creek, Cascade campuses, the Southeast Center and some satellite locations. It is also mailed to area high schools, to other colleges, and to media outlets. It is a part of the Student Support Services division at PCC and is not connected to any academic unit.

Roberts said, "The newspaper is responsible for 'bridging' each campus community--being the bridge that connects and unifies the wide cross-section of students who attend PCC."

Oro Nate Bull, general manager of The Bridge, said John Cosgrave, a southwest Portland resident, will be the fall advertising manager. Shawn Collins, who was a candidate for editor, was named as the student member of the advisory board.



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