

Conference Supports Black Colleges

Supporters and representatives of America's black colleges and universities will speak to the advantages of attending the historically black schools at an upcoming conference in Portland.

The speakers will stress the quality of the schools and special advantages for young black high school graduates attending institutions where they will feel accepted and understood.

The Black Colleges Committee of Oregon will sponsor the Oct. 29 conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center. Registration is from 7:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Keynote Speakers are Sharon Mitchell and Mary Jo Henderson. Scheduled workshops include First Year-Survival Time, Challenges of Your Generation, and Parent Orientation-Financial Aid. Cost is \$15 which covers materials and lunch.

The colleges represented include Fisk University, Spellman College, Grambling State, Morehouse College, Ft. Valley State, Payne College, Morgan State, Tuskegee, Clark Atlanta University, Alcon College, Jackson State University, Howard University and Hampton University.

For registration information call 249-7744 or 255-2226.

Crime Stoppers Homicide

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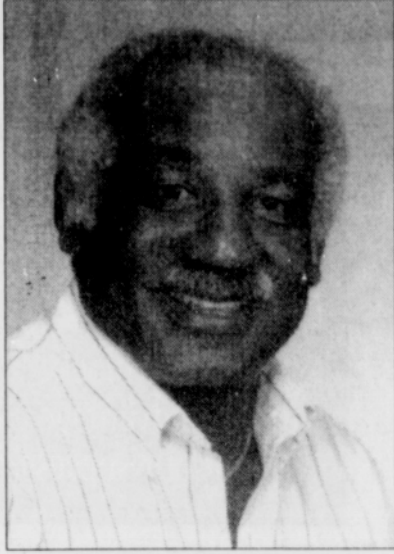
On Friday, September 16, 1994, at 8:00 in the evening, Isiah Bing, a 54-year-old black male, was observed clinging to the exterior driver's side of his own vehicle, which was westbound on N Columbia Boulevard from N Argyle Street, at a speed of at least 60 mph. At N Columbia, near N Peninsular, the driver of the car killed Mr. Bing by intentionally running him into a utility pole.

The victim's vehicle, a maroon, 1984 Chrysler LeBaron, 4-door, was abandoned shortly after the crime, on N Kilpatrick Street, east of Chautauqua Avenue.

The suspects, who ran west from the abandoned vehicle, are described as: #1) Black male, 17-25 years of age, with a baseball cap worn backwards. #2) White, probably female, "young", with long light brown hair.

According to investigators, Isiah Bing was possibly the victim of a carjacking, which probably occurred somewhere east of the N Columbia Boulevard/N Denver Avenue overpass.

Investigators know that Mr. Bing, who lived in Beaverton, left



Don Foreman of Portland, chair of the Black Colleges Committee.

has sponsored 15 of these conferences, drawing between 350-500 young people each year.

Pearl Spears Grey, assistant to the president of Oregon State University, Lawrence Cundiff who was President of the Council of National Alumni Association, the organization historically representing black colleges and universities and June Key, retired Portland educator, started the effort back in 1980.

These people and others were vitally interested in the welfare and

survival of black colleges and the education of young people from Oregon.

The conferences help high school students of all racial groups plan to enter any college or university. The first conference was held at Adams High School in Portland.

The goals for the committee include:

1. To provide parents, educators, and other interested persons, with information regarding opportunities available at black colleges and universities.
2. To heighten awareness of black colleges among Pacific Northwest populations.
3. To have representatives from the historically black colleges and universities attend the Portland conference.
4. To develop a directory of names, with photos, of black colleges alumni currently residing in Oregon.
5. To provide positive role models.
6. To develop a forum in which students of all racial groups can ask questions and receive information on the historically black colleges and universities as well as other college-related information.
7. To develop opportunities for placement of material from black

colleges in Portland libraries.

8. To open an office from which information and materials about black colleges would be available to the public.

9. To assist in sponsoring a tour of some black colleges for high school students from Portland.

The committee's board of directors are chairperson, Don Foreman, retired U.S. West Communications; Magdaline Brister, Boise Cascade; Danita J. Calhoun, Multnomah County; Michael A. Cross, U.S. West Communications; Julius Evans, Tri-Met; Loling Darby, educator-Portland public schools; Linda Flury, The Carnival Restaurant; Joyce Harris, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory; Addie Jean Haynes, retired educator; Kimberlee Spires, Tooze, Shenker, Duden, Creamer, Frank & Hutchinson; and A. Jerrell Spires, Portland General Electric. The Advisory Emeritus Board, Samuel (Sam) Brooks, Brooks & Associates, Inc.; Margaret Brooks, Brooks Temporary Service; Tia Dorsey, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon; Arlene Heitzler, KEX/ KKRZ Radio; June Key, co-founder, retired education consultant; Lucinda Tate, City of Portland; Pearl Spears Gray, co-founder, University of Virginia; and Dorthy Alexander, Grambling College.



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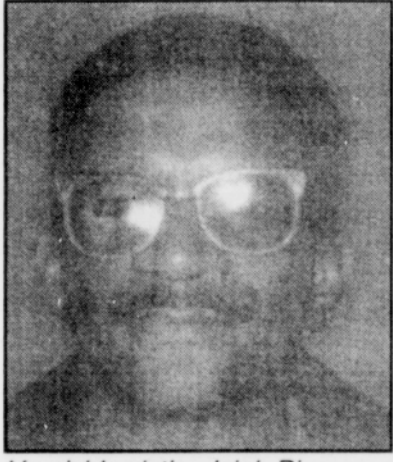
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Homicide victim, Isiah Bing.

work at Mary Jane's Pastries, 55 NE Farragut, at 5:18 that evening. But his whereabouts or activities, between then and 8:00 pm, when he was seen clinging to the side of his vehicle, are still unknown.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



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The donation will provide middle school students in the Grant and Madison high school region with equipment to access the Internet computer network.

As part of the partnership program, U.S. West employees will work with the students as business and education mentors.

The goals of the program are also to provide computer networks between schools, teach student the design and construction of Local Area Networks (LANs) which tie computers together for the instant sharing of information and development contacts with business leaders to share business and technology information, knowledge and experience.

The journalism education departments in the school region are applying the new technology to do research for school papers as well as develop skills in scientific writing, business proposals and other forms of written communication by network with business experts.