

Citizen honored

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Burt has touched the lives thousands of people during his many decades of achievement, and he's by no means "retired."

As columnist for the Portland Observer for over a decade, "The Professor" writes weekly about the issues of the day, often drawing from early African and African American history.

As a Professor at Portland State University in the 1970s, he helped prepare hundreds of students with "real life" lessons in business, economics, and Black Studies courses. Many, many Portland Public School children - now grown - benefited from his work with the school district. His best known publication, Black Inventors of America launched a national history and re-

search movement that continues today.

Well-wishers at the birthday celebration, who dined on delicious "birthday pies" from Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries, included: Greg Benton, Phyllis Benton, Tom Booth, Harriet Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. Carr, Jeanette Carr, Cathy Galbraith, Nathan Hart, Roslyn Hill, Janice Ingersoll, Jennifer Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maxey, Kimberly Moreland, Gloria Phillips, Aleem Shabazz, "Sir Al" of Sir Al's Salon, Pam Slaughter, The Observer's Gary Ann Taylor, Bernard Walker, and Reflections' O.B. Hill, Gloria McMurtry, Monica McMurtry, and Vicky Hendricks.

A few well-wishers prepared special greetings for this surprise Happy Birthday article:

"Dear Burt - When I think of you in the early days of World War II, it

brings back memories of the many meetings...you, me and many more like us attended to strategize the fight to urge President Roosevelt to order Executive Order 8802. This order stated: "no job should be denied to anyone involved in the War effort". We met, we fought, we persevered. Just think Burt, we are not that young anymore, but we will forever keep thinking and saying and pursuing "Freedom - Let It Ring!". Happy 75th Birthday from your pal, Charles B. Maxey.

Happy Birthday to the Professor: Mckinley Burt's long standing commitment to Portland's African American community is to be celebrated with great respect.

His intellect, wisdom, and prolific insights have made him a true "jewel" in our city. May God continue to bless you! Your friend, Kimberly Moreland

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Professor McKinley Burt a Happy 75th Birthday!!! As a student in one of McKinley Burt's classes at Portland State University, I was impressed with not only his knowledge but also his compassion to assist African American students commit themselves to excellence. McKinley Burt has had a profound influence upon me, my future dreams, and my career achievements. I applaud and congratulate McKinley on making significant contributions to the lives of many African Americans throughout his many years.

Once again, congratulation McKinley! Sincerely, Herman Grimes, President, Coast Industries, Inc.

To the Professor McKinley from ALL of his friends: Our Great Thanks, and Keep on Keepin' On!

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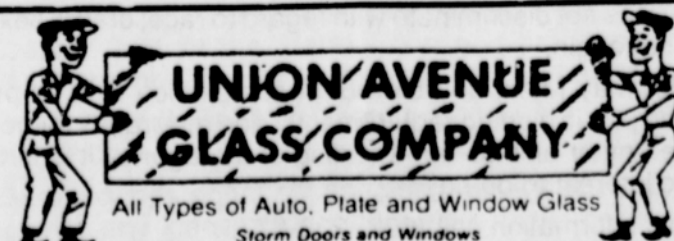
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