

# A Microcosm of Portland History

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remedies to these problems, including a variety of neighborhood policing, she said. "But enforcement wasn't there for a while, and property values plummeted. There were houses in the next block, which sold for \$10,000 each."

In the past couple of decades, she said policing has improved and the violence has seen a de-

creased. "Things quieted for a while," she said, yet explained the belief by some that the lack there of enforcement in the neighborhood was a "conspiracy to drive down prices."

crease. "But the over inflated housing market made it really easy for people to get loans they couldn't afford, so there are a number of vacant houses bought by people beyond their means." She said property taxes also increased as houses began to sell for \$300,000, and consequently, some people had to move because they couldn't afford to pay.

I can point to two or three houses

very diverse neighborhood association, and we continue to support projects that have improved many things about the neighborhood," she said. "We have new neighbors who really reach out and bring a new degree of neighborliness, and it is a deliberate action when they reach out."

Ehelebe said she is especially proud of a new mural painted to decorate the street corner of 9th and

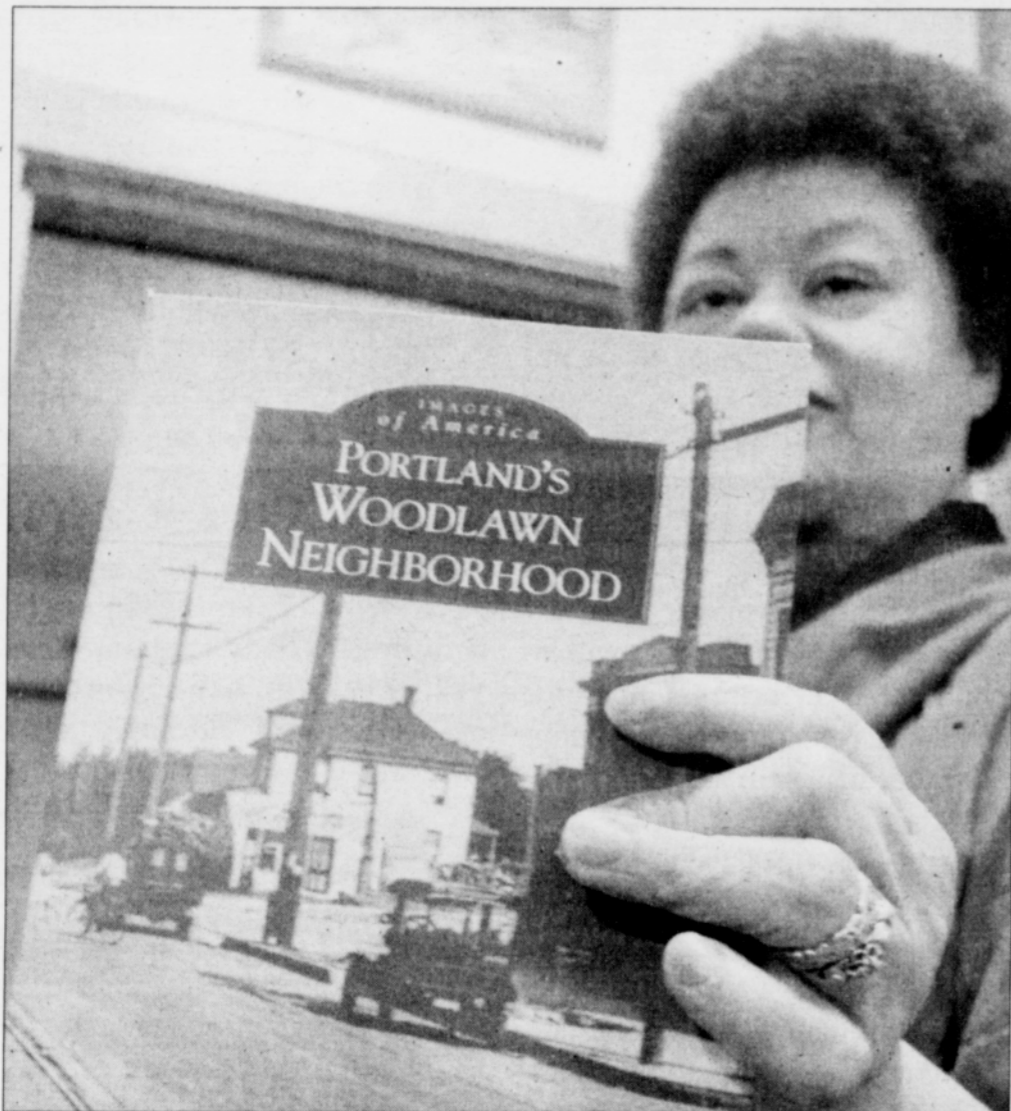
Holman. "We have a community garden, a farmer's market, and a local chapter of Food not Bombs," she said.

"It is exceedingly important to document your neighborhood and things as they are, because what you photograph and document is history."

A lot of the places in this book are no longer there, she said, flipping

through the black and white pages. "And we are constantly making history."

Anjala Ehelebe's book *Portland's Woodlawn Neighborhood* is for sale at various locations in northeast Portland, including *Reflections*, *Café Eleven*, *Salt and Straw Ice cream*, *Buffalo Gardens* and *Belief in Motion Studio*.



After becoming an active member of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association in northeast Portland, Anjala Ehelebe wrote the book *Portland's Woodlawn Neighborhood*, which documents the area throughout time.

where people have lost their homes, she said, looking out her front window at the street. "But they could not afford payments when the rates increased," she said.

"You've got to remember, some people have lived here for generations, and during the easy money times, they may have refinanced their paid for houses with variable rate loans."

Despite the fluctuating history of the rental market, which has caused a lot of changes in demographics within the Woodlawn neighborhood, she said the area has improved in recent years, and she is proud to be a part of the neighborhood association.

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## United Fund Scholarships

Black United Fund scholarship applications for graduating African and African-American high school seniors are now open for the 2012-13 school year.

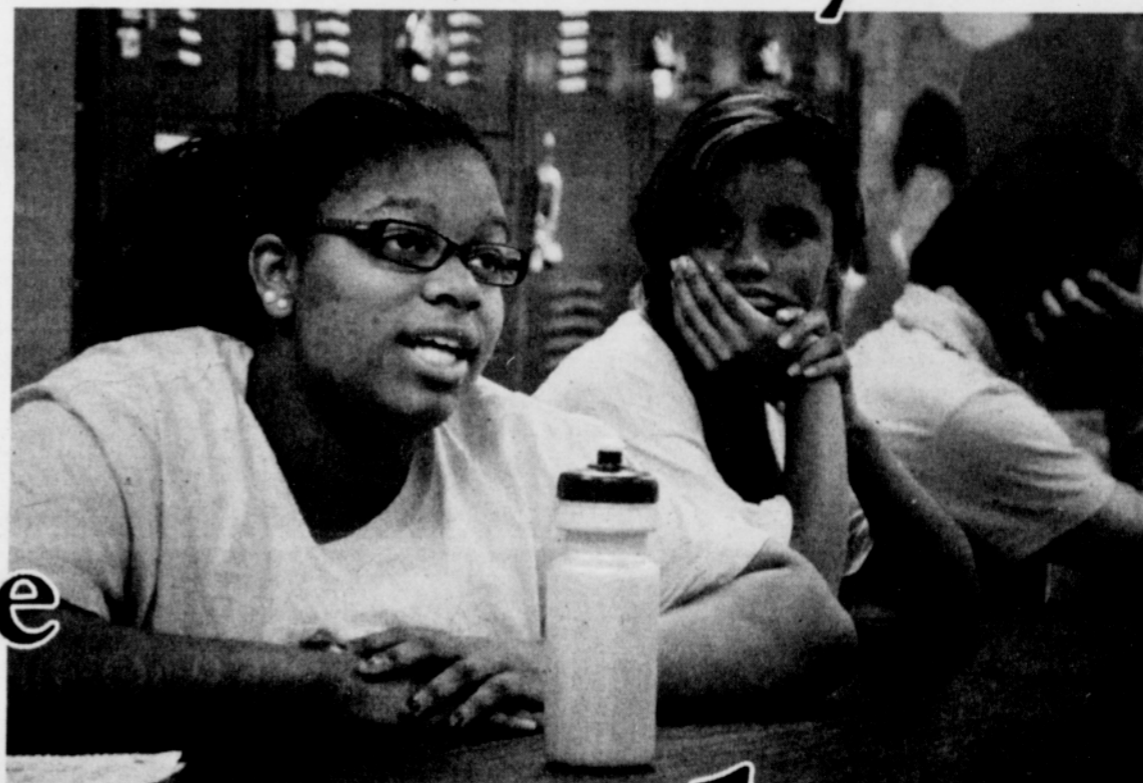
The non-profit organization has 21 scholarships available from six different colleges and universities, but only one application is needed to compete for more than \$800,000 in

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