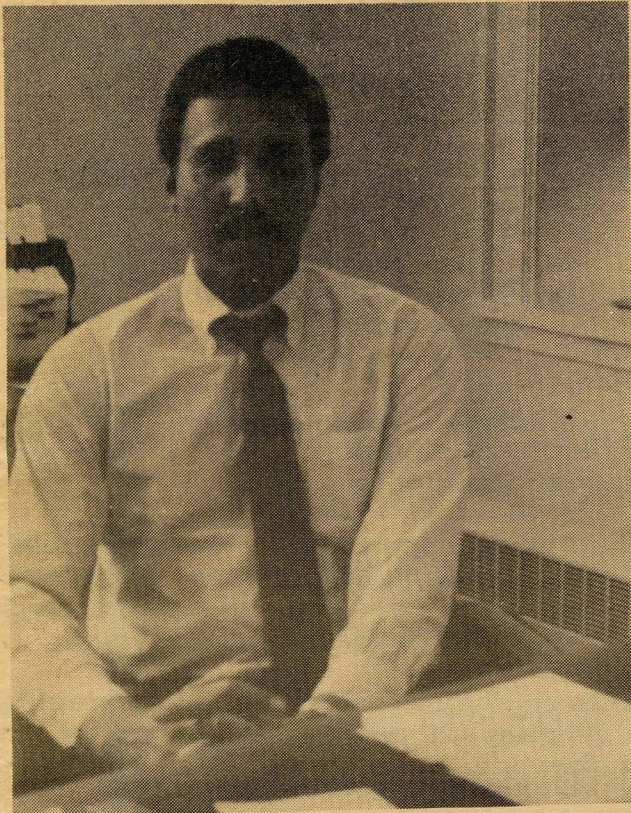


Prepare Yourself, Says Local Banker Bob Flowers



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By HOWARD PACE

"You establish goals, and continue to try to achieve." Those are the words of Seattle banker Robert J. Flowers. His words exemplify the needs of young professionals who yearn to reach their full potential and be happy with their own success and progress. It applies not only to work, but to life as well.

Flowers is a lifetime native of the Emerald City. Currently vice president and director of the Income Property Investments for Washington Mutual Savings Bank, his civic activities and memberships are impressive. They range from being a member of the Pacific Northwest Bankers Association to the Lakeside School Board of Directors.

Married, and a father of two sons, he realizes the importance of being a good role model, and that as you reach your realistic objectives, you set about a pattern of accomplishments. "One of the things we try to teach is organization. If you have some cohesion to some of the things you try to do, it makes it easier to complete the things you try to get involved in."

An ex-athlete in basketball and track, and a graduate of the University

Washington with a master's in public administration, Flowers pointed out the quixotic obstacles that sometimes tint our perspectives when younger, and makes an analogy to being an ex-jock. He said, "You hope, as an athlete, to make a transition from sports to the working world. You're not going to come in day one and become a chairman. It's like the first day you pick up a basketball, you're not going to beat Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Over a period of time perhaps, but not day one."

"The key is that you are able to place things in perspective."

Flowers added that "Lots of times, a lot of young professionals look for the top job and the top dollar, without working through the steps."

"Young people can improve themselves by becoming extremely proficient in a skill, whether it's a vocation or academic skill. Once that happens you'll be able to market those skills."

When asked if he had a quote, or a philosophy for young professionals, Flowers said, "Prepare yourself the best you can can for your challenges and endeavors. Then give your best effort to accomplish your desired goal."

Jennifer Graham Graduates From Central State University

Jennifer Graham, daughter of Mrs. Ollie Littles of Seattle's Central Area and Kelley Littles of Chickasha, Oklahoma, received a bachelor's degree in computer science-management from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, on Saturday, May 7, at the school's 92nd Annual Convocation.

Her mother, a child care specialist, flew to Oklahoma to attend her daughter's graduation as a special Mother's Day gift to them both.

Jennifer, 32, worked with the F.B.I. in

Washington, D.C., and the Oklahoma City Police Department, before deciding to complete her education. She attended Oklahoma Tech for two years, then transferred to Central. She plans to pursue her master's in the near future.

Jennifer is married to James Graham, a successful pharmacist who owns United Drugs in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have two children, Chanda, 13, and Christopher, 12.

Congratulations Jennifer Graham!



Jennifer Graham

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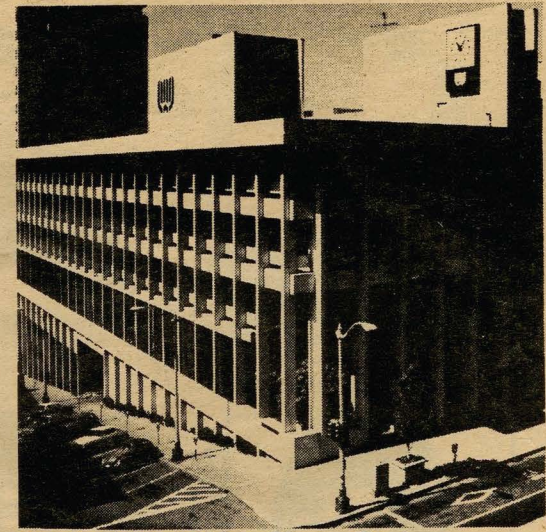
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