

Jesuit senior accepts Yale scholarship

by Kathryn H. Bogle

Ronald Eugene Sykes, Jr. long ago set some goals for himself. Ron, at 18 years of age, has accomplished, say, one of these goals and is preparing to take on the next set toward achieving his ultimate vision — years ahead yet.

Ronald is the first born son of Ronald Eugene Sykes, Sr. and his wife Anne who live in the parish of the church of the Holy Redeemer which all in the family attend. Ron has a younger brother, 12-year-old Stanley who goes to Markham Elementary School, and a sister Karla, a 19-year-old Grant High graduate, presently attending the University of Oregon in the school of Communications.

Ron's goal is to be a physician. He is quiet, modest, unassuming and determined.

Ron wants this goal realized. He wants this very much and is willing to center all his attention to his purpose.

Once Ron attended St. Cecilia School, and he once was a student at Ockley Green. Maybe during that time he thought he might like to be a lawyer — or a doctor, but being a doctor was stronger in his



RONALD SYKES, JR.

imagination. For high school, Ron's parents sent him to Jesuit High School.

At Jesuit, the priests and other instructors told Ron and all the other students that study, hard study, con-

centrated, regular study was the royal road to learning. And Ron believed them. He wanted to learn to be a doctor.

He studied two, three and even four hours after school. He bent to his books. He closed his bedroom door. He sat at his own desk in his room and he read and studied.

Ron made the Honor Roll four years straight at Jesuit.

Ron became a member of the National Honor Society. Ron's name is carried in the 1979 edition of Who's Who in American High Schools.

Ron's Biology teacher felt that Ron's dream to be a physician should be encouraged. His parents were understanding, helpful, encouraging and quietly proud of their children, all three of them.

To break from study, Ron, now a 6'1" lad weighing 170 pounds, played a little basketball for the "Crusaders," the Jesuit school team. He played guard, or center, most of the time. He also played racquetball with his schoolmates when they all practiced at Multnomah Athletic Club. And he learned to do some calligraphy, choosing the Roman Capital letters as his preferred style. Violin lessons lasted only a while.

Ron also kept trim by running track just for his own enjoyment, not in competition. His competition was with himself.

In January of this year, Ron began to receive mail. A lot of mail. From colleges. Stanford, Dartmouth, Princeton, Yale and others. He received a letter, a much-prized letter from the National Merit Commendation for Outstanding Negro Students. All the colleges welcomed his application and offered inducements for him to come to their campus. He was graduated from Jesuit on May 20th.

His parents stood by. The decision was to be Ron's own.

Ronald Sykes, Jr. chose to attend Yale University — expenses paid on a four-year scholarship — renewable each year. Ron will be entering Bernard College (a part of Columbia University) for a freshman preparatory course especially for Yale pre-med students during this summer. He will fly to Bernard on June 25th, and will enter Yale this fall to begin the real pre-med curriculum at Yale.

The goal of Ronald Sykes, glowing in the distance, comes closer.

From the sidelines: Cheers, Ron! You're on the royal road. May your path be smooth!

Jefferson Class of '59 plans reunion

When the Class of 1959, Jefferson High School, meets for its twenty year reunion Saturday, July 21st, it will be no ordinary high school class reunion, because it was no ordinary class.

1959 was Jefferson High School's 50th Anniversary Year. During the senior year of the Class of '59, Jefferson High School won its second consecutive state football championship, the city basketball, golf, and wrestling championships, the state baseball championship, and the Hayward Relays trophy in track. Also that year, Jefferson's Rose Festival princess, Mary Sue Woolfolk, became Queen Mary Sue I.

In the twenty years since their

graduation, many alumni of the class of 1959 have carried on that tradition of excellence.

Terry Baker, the 1959 All-State quarterback, collegiate All-American and Heisman Trophy winner, went on to play pro football as quarterback with the Los Angeles Rams. He is currently an attorney in Portland.

Mary Sue Woolfolk, 1959 Rose Festival Queen, was named Miss Eugene of 1962 and was a semi-finalist in the Miss Oregon Pageant. She was a stewardess with Pan American Air Lines, before marrying Dr. Darrell Bolen, a Psychiatrist. She now lives in California.

Art Eckman, Jefferson's student

body president in 1959, and former newscaster with KOIN-TV, is now Sports Director for WXIA-TV in Atlanta. He was recently awarded the 1979 Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Special Olympics Award for distinguished service to the mentally retarded through sports.

Louis Wildman, head percussionist with the Oregon Symphony, and former professor of mathematics and head of the music department at Warner-Pacific College, is now superintendent of the North River School District. Wildman is author of a book on percussion, "Practical Understanding of the Percussion Section."

Ray Renfro, now deceased, was the state 100-yard dash champion, and set a PIL record of 24 touch-

downs as a fullback. He later played football for Columbia Basin Junior College before joining Tom DeSylvia, his coach at Jefferson, at Portland State University in 1962.

Many more success stories will be swapped Saturday night, July 21st, when Jefferson's fiftieth graduating class, the Class of 1959, will meet at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird Inn. A Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 8:00 and a short program and dancing at 9:00 p.m. Special music will bring back memories of 1959 for all those attending.

Class members needing more information should call Chuck Long, Class President, 282-5879, or Edra Moore Riese, 659-2943.

PUSH adds school contracts

Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Joseph A. Califano, Jr., announced the award of a \$700,000 contract to PUSH for Excellence, Inc., for support of projects to encourage the nation's urban students in attaining academic excellence.

Under the contract awarded by HEW's Office of Education, PUSH for Excellence, Inc. — headed by the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson — will strengthen its three current programs in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Kansas City, Missouri, and initiate three additional projects in Denver, Chattanooga, and Memphis.

The PUSH for Excellence program encourages positive changes in students, particularly the disadvantaged, to enable them to acquire basic skills and achieve academic excellence. It emphasizes opportunity, motivation, responsibility, and accountability for student learning

provided through home, school, and community cooperation.

An estimated 90,000 students in 60 high schools in the six urban communities will benefit from the PUSH for Excellence projects.

Currently, the PUSH for Excellence program is operating in 10 Chicago senior high schools, with a total enrollment of 20,000 students; nine Los Angeles senior high schools, with a total enrollment of 18,000 students; and in one Kansas City, Missouri, senior high school with an enrollment of 1,000 students.

In addition to federal funding, PUSH for Excellence projects are supported by state and local governments and private agencies.

PUSH for Excellence, Inc., located in Chicago, is a complementary organization of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), Inc. which was founded by Jackson in 1971.

Legislature changes ADC rules

Able-bodied adults in two-parent households will have to seek employment in lieu of public assistance if the legislature approves the 1979-81 budget of Adult and Family Services Division. WORTH (Work or Training for Two-Parent Households) is a state program designed as an alternative to the federal ADC-UN program. Approximately 5,000 families are affected.

Highlights of the program include:

- The primary responsibility for finding a job is with the client
- Starting in November, help will be provided in locating jobs. Public services jobs will be offered.
- Families will continue to be eligible for one month's emergency assistance in any 12 month period.
- Children will continue to receive medical care if the family income is below ADC standards
- Families will remain eligible for food stamps.

South African Bishop visits

(Continued from page 1 col. 6) not here when school is in session," said Father Cleary who, along with the Bishop, belongs to the Order of the Redemptorists. Reverend Cleary noted the Holy Redeemer School, with a 33% Black enrollment, would give the Bishop a first-hand look at a local, church-sponsored, interracial educational setting.

Socially, the Bishop will spend an evening dinner and conversation at the home of Edgar and Geri Mitchell.

Escort Officer Joe Watson, ac-

companying the Bishop during the entirety of his U.S. visit, is a 55-year-old native of Drakes Beach, Virginia and a 10-year veteran of the department's escort corps. He is a pilot and member of Negro Airmen International and the Aircraft Owner and Pilot Association.

Bishop Naidoo will preach at the following Masses: Saturday, June 16th, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 17th, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and Noon at Holy Redeemer Church, 25 N. Portland Boulevard.

Portland State closes center

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Hicks will become director of a newly organized career center, which will relate academics, social, economic, lifestyle and other variables to career planning. Rather than merely seeking a degree without career objections, students will be helpful to relate their school experience to employment goals.

The continued role of the university in the Black community is less clear. The Black Studies Center — located on campus — has also had a shaky history and little commitment

from the university administration. Although designed to provide research planning and support services — as is the role of the university in the white community — the Black Studies Center has never been funded to carry out that role.

What will PSU offer in place of the Ed Center? Will PSU spend funds allocated for the Ed Center elsewhere? Is the demise of the Ed Center the end of the PSU presence in Albina? These are the questions being asked of PSU and of the State Board of Higher Education.



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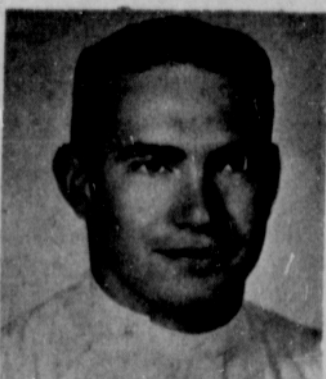
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