

Nigerians celebrate Independence

by Kathryn Bogle

In a colorful day-long celebration, the 19th anniversary of Nigerian Independence was observed by the Portland Chapter of the National Union of Nigerian Students on Saturday, September 29.

The day began with a Holy Mass at Christie Hall on the Campus of the University of Portland with the Rev. Father Anthony Ogbenna as the officiating priest. Later, a symposium and a family style dinner open to the public was held at the Community Center of St. Andrews Catholic Church at 8th Avenue and Alberta Street.

Following the discourse on events and the daily life of Nigerians since the country gained its independence from Great Britain, the hall was opened for dancing. A variety of beautiful native Nigerian garments and headgear from gauze to silk and velvet and gold braid was in evidence, some of it representative of a particular Nigerian state, but all of it meaningful to those so far from their



Dr. 'Chuks' Ogbuobiri

national home.

Among the speakers addressing the gathering of about 200 persons at the Center were: Dr. William Little, head of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University; Nyong Etuk, a Public Health Officer; Greg Miles, Advisor for foreign students at Portland Community College; Dr. Erasmus Chuks Ogbuobiri, an electrical engineer at Bonneville Power Administration; and Peter Olemgbe, president of the National Union of Nigerian Students who staged the affair.

Symposium chairman was Lyracus Nevakoma, currently a student at Portland State.

Some other person involved in making the affair a success were Obiagyor Martin, a Portland State student in the school of Business Administration, Yinka Onadeko, secretary of the Nigerian Student Union, Emeka Omereife, Efiok E. Udo.

Long live the Republic of Nigeria!



Nyong Etuk

(Photos: Richard Brown)



Peter Olemgbe, president of the National Union of Nigerian Students, Portland Branch.

Workshop explains Medicare

The complexities of Medicare hospital and medical insurance will be explained to the public Thursday, October 25th, in a free seminar sponsored by Providence Medical Center as a public service.

The seminar is designed to assist Medicare recipients understand the processes of filing for benefits and claims. Information will be made available by representatives from Providence Medical Center's business office and social services department, Blue Cross of Oregon, and the Medicare Claims Administration of Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance Company. Trained volunteers from Providence Volunteer Services will help seminar participants complete whatever Medicare forms they bring with them and representatives from the hospital and other sponsoring agencies will show Medicare recipients how to most effectively use the services offered to them and what forms and other information used to be submitted to insure payment of the hospital and doctor bills.

Medicare is a two-part federal program to assist citizens 65 years and older or who are disabled pay for the medical expenses. Medicare hospital insurance pays for inpatient hospital care while Medicare medical insurance pays for physicians' services and outpatient hospital services. Medicare payments are handled by private insurance organizations like Aetna and Blue Cross who have contracts with the Health Care Financing Administration.

The free seminar is open to the public and will be held in the conference room of the Housing Authority of Portland's Hollywood East building, 4400 N.E. Broadway, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The building is served by Tri-Met lines #12, 40, and 77.

More information about the seminar is available by calling Providence Medical Center, 234-8211, ext. 576.

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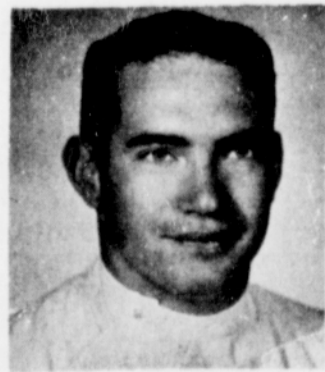
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