



Newly elected officers of the Metropolitan Club: Ed Usoro, treasurer; Ben M. Leonard, trustee; Ms. Michelle M. Harper, secretary; Charles Stroughter, trustee; Ms. D'Norgia Price - Publications Editor; Dr. E.C. Ogboubiri, vice president. Not shown: Ed Cooper, President. (Photo: Thomas Booth)

Metropolitan Club elects

By Kathryn H. Bogle

A special election meeting, held at the Bourbon Street restaurant by the Metropolitan Club of Portland on July 11, gave the new organization its first regular slate of elected officers since its inception. Members are business and professional persons in the Black community.

The new president for the organization was elected in absentia and will later receive notification of the success of his candidacy for the office. Edward Cooper was named president while he and Mrs. Cooper were vacationing in Western Africa. Cooper heads the general contracting firm of Cooper - McIntyre and Associates of Portland.

Among other officers elected for the first time was Dr. E. C. Ogboubiri, a Cornell University graduate, an electrical engineer with Bonneville Power Administration. Since the beginning of

the Metropolitan Club when he worked closely with Lolita Allen for its formation, Ogboubiri has been credited with building the club into a "legally - constituted, business - like constructive force" in the Black community, according to a spokesman for the club.

Ms. Michelle M. Harper, Administrative Secretary to Commissioner Charles Jordan, is the new secretary. Mr. Ed Usoro, an assistant manager of a branch of the Oregon Bank, has been made treasurer, and Mrs. D'Norgia Price will assume the duties of Publications Editor.

Trustees for the terms ending October 31, 1981, are to be Charles Stroughter, of Pacific Northwest Bell Yellow Pages, and Ben M. Leonard, a manager for Nalley's Foods.

The Metropolitan Club, growing steadily, holds its regular monthly meetings at the Bourbon Street restaurant.

Financing your education

By Stephanie Cole

As the cost of living continues to skyrocket, the problems of financing a college education becomes increasingly frustrating, especially for minority students. A 1979 report issued by the College Scholarship Service of the College Board, estimated that over twelve billion dollars in financial aid will be available to help students meet the cost of education.

Too often, minority students aren't able to reap the full benefits of this aid. Besides the "color" factor, two of the biggest detriments for minority students are lack of assistance with financial aid and lack of preparation and counseling for it.

One of the main parables in life is to remember that nothing is handed to you on a silver platter. So if you want to shake some limbs off the money tree, don't shake and wait, snatch the nearest chain saw and grap all you can take.

Basically there are four types of financial aid; Grants, Scholarships, Loans and Work Aid. Grants are termed gifts because they don't have to be repaid. Loans, which are obtained from banks, have low interest rates, and are repayable upon graduation. Student work aid is where a college find you employment and your earnings go toward your college tuition. The sources of financial aid are tremendous. The problem is knowing when, where, and how to look. In Part II of this article I will refer to some sources in and out of Portland where financial aid is available.

The time to start preparing for financial aid is now. For students still in high school, start checking out money sources "early" in the school year. The sooner you start, the faster you'll finish and the wider margin you'll have on the other runners. If possible contact your college counselor and get a personalized financial program outlined during the summer or at the beginning of the school year. Don't make a pit-stop in the counseling office, keep bugging your counselor until you get some action. The least they can do is fly away, and if that happens, forget them and go elsewhere. For those students who have already graduated, remember "better late than never. It's better to have a crumb than to have none."

A great lift to your spirits are agencies like the Boost Educational Talent Search, The Urban League and other minority agencies throughout the Portland community. These organizations are dedicated to assisting minority students receive financial aid anyway possible! You may also find that the rappin you do with these brothers and sisters will have better end results than in the counseling office.

One of the most important factors in preparing yourself for financial aid, is to follow through with it. All forms and applications should be written neatly or typed in Black ink, all spelling should be correct and information should be both thorough and accurate. Also, be organized and punctual with application deadlines. The only place for half-steppin is on the dance floor. Often your actions determine whether or not the buck stops at your door or keeps on bucking.

Anyone who is applying for financial aid should always have a copy of his or her academic record. Review any grades that seem questionable and keep accurate track of your achievements and activities during high school. The following distinctions are factors in receiving financial aid: Academic, achievement, community activities, artistic talents, organization membership, athletic abilities, special interests and hobbies and career aspirations.

Involve your parents in your financial plans. Have them make an assessment of their incomes, and give an estimate of what they will be able to contribute financially toward your college education.

Have an early idea of what colleges and universities you're interested in. Write to the college financial aid office and have any financial forms, applications, or information sent to you. If the colleges are more than two months in sending information, telephone them and ask to speak to the financial aid director.

About the year 1500, the Aztec city on the site of present-day Mexico City had an estimated 100,000 people.

Talk to the director about your financial needs and be sure to give him/her any pertinent information concerning you. If the colleges are local, back it up with a person to person visit. Remember, that's how Avon sells most of its items.

Once you narrow down your choice of colleges, begin to estimate your living and educational expenses for these colleges.

Nine out ten times, financial aid is not awarded unless your expenses are put on paper. Your estimated expenses should include: Tuition, fees, book supplies, room and board, transportation, personal expenses and miscellaneous items.

One of greatest outlets in financial aid are businesses and corporations. Find out if your present employers, or labor unions provide financial assistance. Communities, churches, and private organizations also provide financial aid. You should prepare a brief letter to any of these places describing yourself, and explaining your need for financial assistance. If the outlet is local, back up your letter with a person to person visit. In this day and age, businesses often jump at the chance to assist minority students with their financial education. Many businesses are sincere and have only your situation at heart. But don't be offended by the ones who are seeking applause and a standing ovation for their efforts. Like it or not, they're getting their brownie points and you're getting the dough to bake them. The important thing is to sell yourself, the only one who will benefit will be you, and you'll be opening previously closed doors to your brothers and sisters. Last but not least remember that financing a college education is a long and hard. Anyway, that gets "you" where you're going faster will be with the means in the long run.

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REVEREND NATHAN BARETT

Berean welcomes new minister

Rev. Nathan C. Barnett will be inaugurated as pastor of Berean Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, July 20, at 3. p.m. Rev. Lee Madison of Morning Star Baptist Church will be the speaker. Rev. John Thomas of St. Johns, Moderator of the Willamette Baptist Association will give the charge. The occasion will be followed by a reception for the new pastor and his wife, Carolyn, who are the fourth couple to serve at Berean in its twenty-five years.

This will be the Rev. Barnett's first pastorate. He follows Rev. Willie O. Peterson, who has returned to Dallas, Texas, to be Field

Director for the Black Evangelical Enterprise.

Mr. Barnett grew up in Portland, having graduated from Benson High School and Multnomah School of the Bible. He is continuing his studies at Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary. He had previously served as youth pastor at Berean, and youth leader at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist. His wife, Carolyn, is a graduate of Jefferson High School and Portland State University. She has been church musician and choir director at Berean for the past five years. Mrs. Barnett, a versatile musician, has frequently appeared in musical concerts.

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1. Corporate leaders in Benjamin Franklin and the Lloyd Corporation are involved in a racist recall campaign which if successful, will remove even the possibility of Black children receiving a quality education.
2. The Black community must not give its money to corporations that work against our children.
3. The recall movement, "Citizens Committee for A Responsible School Board," is planned and financed by leaders of large Portland corporations. They want to show the Black community and Portlanders in general who really control the politics and economy of this city.

WATCH FOR THIS GROUP TOO!!

"The Committee For Good School Board Candidates" is comprised of many former school board members who vigorously supported Blanchard's racist policies, and other individuals who have no histories of showing genuine interest in helping the Black community. This group has arrogantly set itself up to screen candidates for the school board. Given the make-up of the committee, the Black community would never have representatives who are concerned about our children.

Remember, both movements will hurt Portland's Black community. We must remember the names of the people involved. They are considered by many to be so-called leading civic, corporate and business leaders.

Make-up of Citizen's Committee For A Responsible School Board:

- Greg Baldwin** - Architect;
- Joanne Bergmann** - SW Portland resident; Committee Co-Chairperson; Member-Area I Citizen Advisory Committee
- Elizabeth Capps** - Coordinator, Petition Drive; Teacher, Portland Public Schools
- Robert Cameron** - Former President, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Vice-President, Lloyd Corporation
- Frank Chown** - NW Portland resident; President, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Member-Board of Directors, Metropolitan Family Service; Owner, Chown, Inc.
- Charles Davis** - President-Elect, Portland City Club; Lawyer; Member, A.C.L.U.; former Public Utilities Commissioner
- Jeannette Gates (Mrs.)** - SE Portland resident; unsuccessful Portland School Board candidate
- Edith Green** - Former U.S. Congressional Representative - 3rd District
- John R. Hay** - SE Portland resident; Lawyer
- Robert H. Hazen** - Palm Springs, CA resident; Board Chairman, Ben Franklin Savings & Loan Association; member, Portland Council of the Navy League
- Harold Hart** - Committee Co-Chairperson; Lawyer; former Director, Multnomah County Juvenile Court
- Larry Lundborg** - Former policeman; former investigator, State (Oregon) Department of Justice; conducts Private Security Firm; Member, Portland Council of the Navy League.
- Roger Miles**
- Karen Paskill** - SW Portland resident; Co-Chairperson, Petition Drive
- Carlos Rivera** - Committee consultant; State Director, John Connally's Presidential campaign
- Emanuel Rose** - SW Portland resident; Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel
- Rudie Wilhelm, Jr.** - SW Portland resident; Vice-President, Rudie Wilhelm Warehouse Co., Inc.
- Wendell Wyatt** - Former U.S. Congressional Representative, 1st District; Attorney

Make-up of Committee for Good School Board Candidates:

- Lloyd Anderson** - Executive Director, Port of Portland; former Portland City Commissioner
- John C. Beatty, Jr.** - Multnomah County Circuit Judge; former Portland School Board member
- Howard L. Cherry** - N. Portland resident; State Representative - 14th District; Physician; Former Portland School Board member
- Evie Crowell** - NE Portland resident; former Portland School Board member
- R.W. DeWeese** - SW Portland resident; former Portland School board member
- Rick Gustafson** - Executive Director, Metropolitan Service District; former State Legislator
- John R. Howard** - President, Lewis & Clark College
- Paul Howe** - Former Portland School board Member; Senior Vice-President, Northwest Natural Gas Co.
- Norman L. Lindstedt** - Former member Portland School board; Attorney
- Gladys McCoy** - N. Portland resident; Commissioner, Multnomah County; former Portland School Board member
- Jonathan U. Newman** - SW Portland resident; Lawyer; Former Portland School board member; Member, Portland City Club
- Robert L. Ridgley** - Former Chairman, Portland School Board; Lawyer

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