

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
By Kathryn Hall Bogle

A "Golden Soror" reception on Sunday, October 26, honored Mrs. Roberta Vann, wife of C. Don Vann when the Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority entertained about 200 friends in the reception rooms of Cascade College.

Mrs. Vann qualified for her position of honor by her fifty years of membership and service in the behalf of the ideals and work of her sisterhood. In July of this year, Mrs. Vann was among 84 national sorors of AKA who gathered in Atlanta to be officially recognized as "Golden Soror" as the organization's national assembly. Her own indoctrination began in 1930 when she became a charter member of the Alpha Pi chapter formed at Clark College, her alma mater in Atlanta.

With a degree in Elementary Education, Mrs. Vann taught school for a few years but when in 1957 she and Mr. Vann gravitated to the Northwest to make their home, Mrs. Vann became the first Black woman funeral director in the State of Oregon. She and her husband own and operate Vanns' Mortuary on North Williams Avenue.

Aside from the sorority affiliation, Mrs. Vann belongs to a number of local organizations; is a trustee at Bethel A.M.E. church, supports the Urban League and holds a life membership in the N.A.A.C.P.

The Vanns' have one son, three grandchildren and one godson.

Mrs. Bobbie Nunn, president of the local chapter of AKA and Ms. Freda McEwen, tea chairwoman, presented Mrs. Vann with an armful of red roses on behalf of the chapter and lauded Mrs. Vann for her efforts in helping to establish the Portland chapter. "She is an



At AKA Sorority Tea, Chairman Freda McEwen lines up with some of Tea Committee, at the for inspirational model for all women," said Mrs. Nunn.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an international organization of 100,000 women, college graduates and undergraduates whose unifying objective is improvement of the human lives through services to others.

Founded in 1908 at Howard University this sorority is the world's first college-based sorority founded by Black women. Alpha Kappa Alpha has 600 chapters. The national body has contributed more than \$500,000 to national organiza-

tions including the United Negro College Fund, the N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League, Job Corps and for scholarships and health program.

Locally, the chapter supports a high school activity, "All Kinds of Action," designed for young women, to interest them and their friends in community service, cultural events and career choices. "Finer Womanhood" awards encourage and recognize high performances by young women of Portland. The chapter presented ten awards in 1980 to high school seniors selected by their schools.

right is Bobbie Nunn, President of the Portland Chapter. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Forecast is a Disco-Talent night to be staged in the near future by the 65 member chapter.

Assisting Ms. McEwen in tea arrangements were: Darla Jones, Brenda Hammon, Rose Marie Johnson, Emma Chiles, Princess Reynolds, Marian Jacobs, Sharon Washington, Linda Beasley and Betty Gilliam.

Mrs. Nunn, as president, has as vice president, Dr. Barbara Williams; secretary Freda McEwen and treasurer, Mary Henderson.

Hennings joins NLADA board

James D. Hennings, Director of the Metropolitan Public Defender Services of Portland, Oregon, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA).

NLADA is the only private, nonprofit organization devoting all its resources to the support and development of quality legal assistance to the poor. Organized in 1911, the Association's membership now totals approximately 2,800 legal services and defender offices nationwide. NLADA is the only

private, national organization which combines the efforts of the private bar with those of professional legal services attorneys to work for the improvement of legal representation for the poor.

Mr. Hennings has been active in NLADA since 1975. A member of the Multnomah County Criminal Justice Council and the Oregon Community Corrections Council, he also sits on the Executive Committee of the Oregon Law Enforcement Council and is Chairman of the Council's Adjudication Committee.



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Attending a tea held in his home are Herb Cawthorne and his family and committee members of the Community United for Better Tomorrow. Left to right: Elise Cawthorne, Herb

Cawthorne, Joyce Cawthorne, June Kent (one of the organizers of the Committee) Rev. John Garlington - Chairman of the Committee and Beulah Lanier. (Photo: Richard Brown)

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Black Collegian.

How can the community help the situation?

The community can become more in tune by letting television stations know what's on their mind. If the community see something on "the tube" that is offensive, or because they want more minority representation on that station -- they should protest, hold meetings consistently with television managers, file suits, ask the FCC to check into the markets employment practices, and hold extensive letter writing campaigns since each station is required to keep letters on file.

Michael Richardson, a senior communications student at Howard University feels that no matter how much education you receive as a communications student, you still better know someone in the industry.

"The great majority of the people I talked to in the business knew, someone to pull strings for them," she said. "I heard it's hard to go through a personnel office for a job, (Please turn to Page 12 Col 6)

GET A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF ENERGY IDEAS IN THIRTY-TWO HOURS.

The Oregon Energy Expo is coming to the Coliseum. Between Thursday and Sunday, November 6-9, we'll spend thirty-two hours helping you learn everything you want to know about saving energy. Sign up for a free Home Energy

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