

# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

From Philadelphia for a little visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams, came Beverly Williams, one-time Portland TV anchorwoman.

Maintaining her charm off-camera as well as on-camera, the media star was a central figure among Portland admirers as she moved around under low lights at a semi-formal dance hosted by the Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority just before New Year's Eve.

The dance marked the 26th Anniversary of the local chapter. Friends of AKA members were invited to the Fiesta Center ballroom of the Holiday Inn at the Airport.

Dancers crowding the floor wore everything from flowing chiffon to shining sequins, from romantic ankle length pantaloons to knickerbockers buttoned smartly at the knee. Beverly was demure in georgette with a round white collar with a narrow ruffled edge.

Folk lucky enough to get near Beverly listened eagerly for her new plans. Beverly has left Philly and anchoring our commercial television as we have known it for Atlanta, Georgia and cable television as few of us know it.

Yes, she resigned her lucrative anchor position she held for six-and-a-half years with Westinghouse Broadcasting to go to a lucrative position as anchor with the Turner Broadcasting Company. In Atlanta Beverly Williams will be a national correspondent and a national anchor for Cable News Network.

"It presents greater opportunity for me," says Bev. "This company plans on international exposure. And you may say that the money is also very satisfactory." (It's up around 100,000 per.)

Beverly soon may be seen locally on TV over in S.W. Portland where Cable TV is already in service. The former Portlander suggests you call Liberty Cable to find out where you should tune in to see her. She fastens on her mike in Atlanta on January 4, 1982.

Back in Detroit many Black physicians and a number of Black hospital administrators (and, quite possibly, a few individuals) take their legal problems and battles to Dr. Cherlyn Parrish-Mitchell. Why do they do that?

Dr. Parrish, Chief of Staff at Brent General Hospital in Detroit for her second two-year term, is Chief, as well, of the Radiology department at Brent. People take their legal problems to Dr. Parrish because Cherlyn Parrish-Mitchell, M.D., is also an attorney-at-law, an outstanding graduate of Detroit College of Law. She has now woven her knowledge and competency in two professions into a new and unusual third profession, that of medical-legal counselling.

Doing the unusual is, however, the usual for this visitor to Portland, Dr. Cherlyn Parrish—granddaughter of Mrs. Flora Parrish of this city.

A most attractive young woman of 37 years, Dr. Parrish looks not much more than half her actual age. Her eyes sparkle with the joy of living, her attitude is relaxed and her open smile invites confidence.

Her early education was at St. Edwards, and Episcopal parochial school in Chicago. Her medical de-



Beverly Williams

gree was earned from Howard University in 1967. At graduation time Dr. Parrish was 22 years old and had been married a year to Oscar Mitchell, a fellow physician. She continues to use her maiden name, professionally.

Within the following year, during her internship at St. Joseph hospital in Pontiac, Michigan, Dr. Parrish became a mother. The Mitchell's first child, a daughter, was born. Motherhood slowed her not one whit and soon she was teaching radiology at University of Michigan.

The "first" Black in the department, Dr. Parrish enjoyed three years there. However, commuting between Ann Arbor and Detroit had become wearying to both husband and wife and they decided to go into private practice together in Detroit.

"In private practice," said Dr. Parrish, "I found that the practice of medicine had become more and more regulated. I found racial discrimination cropping up in many places and in many ways. For instance, hospitals sometimes did not absorb qualified Black physicians but could find room for foreign maels. They (the foreigners) seemed to have better chances at becoming residents.

"I felt the increasing need to combat discrimination. I saw Black patients with white practitioners leaving the Black practitioners on the outside. There were many legal ramifications that needed a more benign interpretation to help a Black doctor. There were government funds, grants in state/federal level that didn't mesh in our behalf. Numbers of beds were sometimes cut in neighborhoods composed primarily of needful Black citizens and I found I did not know how to protect them, myself, or other Black physicians in the legal maze.

"My husband, a certified practitioner in the field of family practice was pleased with my decision to enter law school. I entered Detroit College of Law... Yes, before I finished law school I had three children under five years old, but my husband shared the duties of caring for our three."

Dr. Parrish continued to practice radiology in her private office and for Brent Hospital until she was graduated from law school in 1977.

Radiology still occupies her principal interest although she is now also engaged in medical-legal interests. These are primarily tax-related considerations and concerns regarding reduction of hospital beds in the city and their ramifications these produce.

This reduction of hospital beds in Detroit deeply concerns Dr. Parrish. "Hospital insurance carriers," she

says, "are interested in city and state laws that govern the removal of 20 per cent of the existing hospital beds in the city of Detroit. Trouble is that almost 90 per cent of the beds to be removed would be those used in Black hospitals—those owned and operated by Black persons. We can't just let that happen."

"I would like to pass a word along to Oregon students and students everywhere: It is incumbent upon students to look upon the positive side of life—see what can be done to make things better—to rectify injustices where they occur. Yes, my level of expectations of others is high.



Dr. Cherlyn Parrish-Mitchell

The children of the Mitchells are now 14, 12, and 6 years old. "The time I spend with them is quality time," the busy mother said. "Beyond socializing within the family, we swim together, we play tennis and we attend some theatre, and, of course, they often travel with us. They are enjoying this visit with their great-grandmother Parrish."

The Mitchells are currently planning to open and maintain a joint medical practice office in Atlanta, Georgia, where Andrew Young is mayor. Their offices in Detroit will be maintained. Dr. Cherlyn Parrish will, of course, be available for medical-legal counselling in the state of Georgia and the airlines will see a lot of her.



Camille Hamilton/David Patino

Camille Hamilton and her date, David Patino, danced the night away at the 26th Anniversary dance given by the local chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority during the holidays.

Camille, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. H.J. Belton Hamilton Jr., is a recent graduate of Stanford University. Guesses are that she will follow in her father's legal steps and complete a law education, but she has not quite made up her mind.

Patino is a medical student at U.C.L.A.



Columbia Lions Club president Jim Robinson (right) and past president Ed Yost present scholarship award to Portland Community College student Beverly Austad. Ms. Austad, a second

year optical student at PCC's Cascade Campus, was awarded full tuition and books for one year as part of the Columbia Lions sight conservation program.

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For our government to make us stand on our own.

But with love and understanding and a will to live  
We should be able to look to each other for the things that the government don't seem to be able to give.

Stop the crying and dry your weeping eyes  
The Exodus Clean Team will try desperately to keep your heads held high.

We believe and you should too  
that life will go on in spite of you.

When you realize when life gets rough, the rough gets tough  
And we're not talking about making a smoke screen, for that's not enough.

Cleanliness of body is fine, but with the mind it's great  
Tackle it with vigor, determination, but never try to deviate.

Nature is a never changing course  
And our lives will not be beautiful if we use force.

Make life a beautiful place to be  
Whether it is on land, air or the sea.

We at Exodus have only begun to fight  
To instill love and understanding so that one day at the end of the tunnel there will be light.

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