



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
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Put together fun and fashion apparel, TALL tall men and pretty ladies, add flowers and strains of music and mix them with a light heart in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. Arrange to have several hundred loving and caring people for an audience and you will have the principal ingredients Claudia Martin employed for a highly successful "Blazer's Special Olympics" program last Saturday evening.

Claudia, Mrs. LaRue Martin of the Portland Trailblazers, beautifully gowned in pearl gray satin, coordinated the pre-Easter event. Under-scored on the printed program was a reference to Colossians 3:23, 24 which begins, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord."

Proceeds of the evening were charted for the Oregon Chapter of the Special Olympics, the local organization of an international organizational program of physical fitness, sports training and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. The "Blazers, Past and Present," sponsors of Saturday's event, count themselves among the 250,000 volunteers in the nation who assist mentally retarded individuals to participate in the body and morale building program of Special Olympics sports.

"Do it heartily," the verse said, and the Blazers did. The Blazers, including coaches and trainers, are all stars and they brought along their wives and families to help them model the fashion garments in the starshine. They sauntered, strolled and trod the boards like true professionals.

Clothes came from Frederick and Nelson, Nudelmans, Nike, Edward Hamilton Furs, Jantzen and Helen's Pacific Costumes. Fashion coordinator for the show was Mary Posey. Cosmetics and make up were by Aida Grey of Lake Oswego. Hair styles were by Jon and Company.

The presentation opened with a dramatic tableau of fashions of the historic past, went rapidly to career clothes of the present, garments for the active life, on to after-five dressing and wound up with formal wear and furs.

A few of the nearly fifty persons who modeled were: Lloyd Neal and his wife, Marcia, who only that day received notification that she has passed the bar examinations and can now officially use as her title Attorney Marcia Neal. Anise Hall, popular professional model appeared in the tableau costumed in the mode of Cleopatra; Carol Jones, wife of former Blazer Steve Jones, who represents the designer clothes of Albert Nipon wore striking black and white garments on each of her appearances; Darnell Valentine, a rookie guard from Kansas University had lots of friends in the audience. There were Jack Ramsey and Mrs. Ramsey who modeled spectator attire; Greg Smith, a former Blazer, now an ad man for KGW;



Nighttime drama with glimmering highlights—Jean Patou's grey beaded gown with dyed partridge feathers and pale grey maribou feather lined coat.

the lovely Brenda Natt (Mrs. Calvin Natt); Michael Harper and Billy Ray Bates of "Drink Your Milk" fame drew extra applause for their individual performances.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glickman enjoyed it all from a table close to the runways.

Nola Bogle, popular contralto who frequently sings at Blazer games, sang "People" and, later, Ken Berry and his Time Sound Ensemble sang "Greatest Love." Both song sets were accompanied by the Jefferson High School Band.

More than a score of worthwhile gifts were claimed as door prizes. Two basketballs, autographed by Blazer players were placed in silent auction. Winners were Donald Mallatt and O.B. Hill.

Bill Schonley and Claudia Martin teamed as the show's commentators. Dick Bogle of KATU-TV was master of ceremonies for the exciting, fast-moving affair.

The Lincoln High School representative to the Rose Festival Court for this year will be Joelle Rankins, daughter of George and Constance Rankins. Princess Joelle, popular

among her classmates at Lincoln has been active in student activities during her four years at Lincoln. At present she is president of the pep club, is a student body cabinet member and is speech team captain with plans to compete on the state level in a forensics meet later this month.

Carla Williams, also a graduating senior at Lincoln, was among the seven finalists at the important high school assembly on Monday of this week.

Tickets are going well for the long-anticipated Ebony Fashion Fair scheduled for Friday evening, April 23, at the Civic Auditorium. Sponsors are the Portland Chapter of The Links, Inc., who have earmarked the proceeds for the United Negro College Fund, the Senior Citizens Adult Center of N.E. Portland, the Tucker-Maxson Oral School, and the Links Educational Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Johnnie Stokes is president of local chapter of Links and Mrs. Jacqueline Brown is chairman of this year's Ebony Fashion Fair presentation, "The Look of Elegance."



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