



# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

Before our national flag of red, white and blue and the green and white national banner of Nigeria, the Nigerian Student Union of Portland State University heralded their observance of the 22nd Anniversary of the Independence of Nigeria on last Saturday evening.

It was a festive occasion for Nigerians and about 300 of their friends in the ballroom of the posh new Red Lion Inn at Lloyd Center. Speeches, music, dinner, an African fashion show and dancing were all on the evening's agenda.

Master of Ceremonies, Mojo Nwokoma kept things moving right along regardless of the non-appearance of either the Nigerian Ambassador or the Consul General who had been expected to be present. Dr. E.C. Obguobiri spoke on the "Technology Transfer to Nigeria" and Betsy Dana, Portland contact person for the United Nations spoke on the "Nigerian Contribution to Parliamentary World Order."

Owen R. Owen, a member of the NSU, told of the "Problems Facing Nigeria As She Struggles for Development." Illiteracy, inadequate health care for a burgeoning population growth, "a delicate economic dependency on the outside world all were discussed as being a part of the problem. Owen also mentioned the issue of a very real emotional attachment of Nigerians to a clan or tribe, a situation he attributed to an "1884-1885 Berlin Conference in which occurred the partitioning and segmentation of the entire African continent."

Owen sees the great migration of rural people to the cities of Nigeria as a critical problem. A problem as well is the need for active participation by more of Nigeria's qualified



Owen R. Owen, Betsy Dana, and Efiok Udoh. (Photo: Richard Brown)

young leaders. Owen pointed out that there are 86,000 Nigerian students studying abroad, many of whom have delayed to "answer the national call of homecoming."

Music was by Oyoyo, an informal group of students of African Cultural Music. Members are Tom and Rosalee Boothe, Chuks Ogbuobiri, Douglas Hughes, Jr., Dr. Emetron, Consuelo Reeves, Cyprian Vfeanoh,

and Malaika Askari. Rolia Man-yongai, of Liberia, joined in the demonstration of African dance.

Working hard behind the scenes was the president of the Nigerian Student Union, Efiok Udoh, and the immediate past president, Joseph Udeaja.

**A**NNOUNCEMENT is being made by Ken Adair, the im-

mediate past presiding officer of the Portland Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., of the National's High School Essay Contest. The essay contest is one phase of their Annual National Week Observance planned for November 7-13, 1982. Essay title is: "Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, Uplift: Beacons for Guidance During Difficult Times."

Adair announces three college scholarships to be awarded three winners to reach national contest. Prizes will be \$750 for first prize, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. All high school seniors are eligible to enter. Additional information may be obtained from Ken Adair or other chapter members.

Members of Omega Psi Phi were recent hosts at an "End of Summer" ball when about 300 guests frolicked at the Airport Sheraton Hotel. Omegas have been organized in this community since 1966, according to Adair. Scholarships are regularly awarded by the local chapter, he said, and listed this year's recipients as Charles White Jr., a freshman at Morehouse University, Janice Stiff, now attending University of Portland, and Devora Polk, now attending Florida A&M. Awards were \$500 each.

Newly elected basileus is Cornett Farrell. Other officers are vice-basileus, Al Mouton; keeper of records, Dr. Patrick Grant; keeper of finances, Julius Stokes.

Other active members are listed as Dr. Samuel Brown, Steve Buckner, William A. Denton, Sr., Robert Jarrell, Dr. Booker T. Lewis, John Means Jr., the Rev. Wayne Reynolds, Charles White, William Bell and George Bell.

## Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

The Right Reverend Bamunoba has a deep interest in African culture and religions. He has a Masters Degree in African studies and has done extensive study of the cult of spirits in Africa. He has, also, published an essay on "Death in the African Context."

The Multnomah County Children's Services Division has launched a major campaign this fall to recruit critically needed foster homes. There are over 1,000 children a month who need CSD foster homes in Multnomah County. There are simply not enough homes available. Money people are not aware that we have a large population of children in our own community who need temporary foster care.

If you are interested in sharing your home with a foster child, please phone Children's Services Division, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm, 229-5795.

Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, announced recently that the NAACP will begin a program of evaluating corporations to determine the extent to which they are fulfilling their fair share commitments to black economic development.

"Although blacks have contributed to the economic wealth of this country, we have not reaped our share of the economic rewards," Mr. Hooks said.



BENJAMIN HOOKS

"The NAACP must insist that corporate America allocate a fair share of the dollars black Americans spend with these businesses for recycling back into our communities in the form of jobs and business opportunities."

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc. reports the following crime statistics for August, 1982:

Neighborhood	August 1981	August 1982
King	28	28
Boise	13	14
Eliot	27	17
Humboldt	37	21
Vernon	14	18

Woodlawn	23	20
Piedmont	17	19
Sabin	32	21
Concordia	22	49
Irvington	30	20

Rapes/Sodomy: King 3; Boise 1; Eliot 1; Humboldt 2; Woodlawn 1; Concordia 1;



MARIE SMITH

Jayne Kennedy will appear at the 10th Anniversary celebration of the New Hope Community Church Wednesday, October 13, 1982 at 7 pm.

Jayne Kennedy, formerly Miss Ohio, is a TV and movie personality.

Endless Praise, a musical group of young people, will entertain at the Anniversary Celebration.

The New Hope Community Church is located at 11731 S.E. Stevens Road, tel. 659-5683.

Members of the Literary Research Club are preparing for their 55th anniversary. The new president of the club is Mrs. Marie Smith; the retiring president is Mrs. Bernadette Plummer.

In 1980 the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Justice Department may sue to force busing in allegedly segregated school districts if the districts have previously agreed in writing not to discriminate.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about half the children born in the U.S.A. will live in single-parent homes sometime during their first 18 years. This represents an increase of almost 80 per cent in the last decade. Today nearly 12 million American children (one in five) are living with a single parent.

Women head 90 per cent of the single-parent households, men 10 per cent. Blacks who are poor make up a larger percentage of single-parent households than any other group.

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**COMMUNITY DISCUSSION with TED KULONGOSKI**  
The Democratic Candidate for Governor  
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## Puppets play Don Quixote

Don Quixote of La Mancha is the classic tale of a kind and confused man who tries to live his dreams by becoming a "knight in shining armor." Sancho Panza, a poor man of the earth, is Don Quixote's loyal friend, following him through the dusty, golden hills of long ago Spain.

The Jarry Puppet Theatre has adapted this rich parable for rod puppets, narrator and Flamenco guitarist in a production the entire family will enjoy. Bats and books and a giant windmill come to life as the adventure unfolds. Strains of the passionate Flamenco guitar underscore the comedy, sadness and hope

that accompany Don Quixote and Sancho Panza on their journeys.

Featured performers are Stephen Hulse, Palmyra Monzon, Salvador Mora, and Francisco Hulse, puppeteers, Maria Ines Hulse as narrator and Flamenco guitarist, Jose Solano. The company will present performances alternately in English and in Spanish to a variety of audiences in the Portland and outlying areas. Ticket prices are \$2.00 per person, \$3.00 per couple and \$5.00 for a family.

Performances are scheduled Sunday, October 10, Berg Swann Auditorium, Portland Art Museum, 2:00 p.m. Spanish, 4:00 p.m. English;

Sunday, October 17, St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Cornelius, 1:30 p.m. Spanish; Sunday, October 24, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Woodburn, 1:00 p.m. Spanish, 4:00 p.m. English; Sunday, October 31, Community Center next to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 806 N.E. Alberta, 2:00 p.m. English and Friday, November 5, Smith Ballroom, Portland State University, 7:00 p.m. Spanish, 9:00 p.m. English.

This rare cultural experience is sponsored by the Committee of Spanish Speaking People of Oregon (COSPEO) and funded by the Metropolitan Arts Commission and the Oregon Arts Commission.