



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

GOT A CAR in your garage? Maybe two? Got steak under the broiler or a chicken in the pot? And a T.V.?—Well, now you need a computer, a personal computer in your home. If you are in business, you probably have one there already.

You say you don't need a computer? You're doing all right without one? There's news for you then. It's a little agonizing, too. Your kids are going to learn how to operate one in computer training classes in some Portland public schools at elementary level (say, at Tubman); others will be learning at high school (say, Jefferson) and now, at Portland State. Back at Western Michigan University every student will learn to operate a computer before the university will graduate him/her. They call it "computer literacy."

Computer literacy means that your children will be learning a new language with the new skill—kids learn it quickly—and where will you be if you can't understand what he/she is saying? Or doing? College professors are having to scramble, too, to keep up with their students.

Never fear. According to Valerie Webb Smith, who sells computers for IBM, there are storefront computer outlets scattered around the city. Smith suggests you saunter into one and spend an hour. "Ask questions and play with one," says Smith. "Tell the salesperson that you are just looking, or looking to buy (tomorrow, next month or next year). They're handy. You can do your bill paying, keep tax records, keep track of everybody's birthdays, their anniversaries, or that

new recipe you fixed with such success last week.

"I predict," Smith says with confidence, "that every business that survives the '80s will have some sort of data processing, and that, by 1990, every home will have a computer. You know," Smith continues, "there are free classes and free seminars—probably one every month in this area, and after about 1½ hours you can actually run a computer. IBM has its own show and its own software (that's the equipment that makes your computer yours personally), and IBM software is "menu"-driven (that means they are titled so you don't have to have computer knowledge to select the job you want).

"Young people should definitely be aware of work possibilities for themselves. You can buy computers from me, or Sears, or dozens of places. They are a springboard for travel, employment and satisfaction for the rest of your lives," Smith said.

Valerie is a 1972 graduate of Purdue University in Clinical Speech and Audiology with a minor in mathematics. She never worked with patients or clients in either of these fields but went into retail management with Sears in San Diego and managed their ladies' fashions, jewelry and china departments in turn.

Smith grew up in St. Louis, married Gregory Smith, a chemical processor for Pennwalt Chemical Corporation in this city.

Here, visiting for the holidays, is Valerie's mother, Magnolia Beamon of St. Louis, and her brother, Mich-

ael Beamon and his wife, Betty, from Seattle.

The Smiths live in Beaverton with their two children. Their home was filled with merry-makers over New Year's Eve. About 60 persons came to meet the Beamons and enjoy the ham and black-eyed peas and greens and salads spread in the Smith dining room. The family room, downstairs, accommodated bid-whist players and liquid refreshments, while outdoors in the huge garage, decorated with Happy New Year banners, the dancers danced the night away.

OUT IN EAST County, Bernadette Scott Artharee and her husband, Baruti Artharee, entertained 50 of their friends at their spacious home to welcome 1983. The Artharees were honoring their Los Angeles relatives, Cecil and Angela Hutchins here in rain country for a week. Rueben Aiken, a computer operator for Sun-Oil in Dallas, Texas, in town to visit his brother, Sam Aiken computer salesman for IBM, was among the out-of-town guests.



VALERIE SMITH

Midnight supper here was lots of finger food and big kettles of hot chili or spicy chili—dancing was in a tangle of serpentine to taped music in the party room, along with horns and noisemakers inside and outside.

New Year's Day dinner at the Artharee's home was enjoyed by 15 guests, including other relatives, Joshua and Flossie Hutchins and Bonnie and Ken Marshall. The Los Angeles Hutchins were well escorted to the airport following dinner.

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Who's Who selects Johnson

Julianne R. Johnson is among 37 University of Portland students to be listed in the 1983 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Ms. Johnson is the daughter of Robert Isaacs and Margaret Payne, 6327 N.E. 32nd Place. She is a 1979 John Adams High School graduate.

While at U. of P., she has been very active in drama; she was cast as Dolly in the University's production of "Hello, Dolly!" She has also

been in a number of other university plays.

Students from more than 1,300 higher learning institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations are listed in the book.

Students were nominated by a campus committee and selected by editors of the annual directory on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

King luncheon features Prophet

Dr. Matthew Prophet, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, will deliver the keynote address at the second annual luncheon marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The luncheon will be held January 14 at 12 noon at the Red Lion, Lloyd Center.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Portland Federal Executive Board and its Equal Employment Opportunity Committee.

John Vogel, Chairman of the FEB, said that five distinguished managers, supervisors, and employees from the Federal community will be honored for their contributions to Equal Employment Opportunity. The Chairman will present special awards to a minority business and one of Portland's major businesses who have made outstanding contributions in keeping with Dr. King's dream of a better America.

Luncheon tickets are \$10.95 each and may be obtained by sending a request and check to the Federal Executive Board, 1776 Federal Building, 1220 S.W. 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, January 12th.



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Symphony performs for youth

A "Symphonic Soundoff" opens the 20th anniversary season of the Oregon Symphony's Music for Youth concerts on January 24th and 25th. The series is directed by Norman Leyden.

The first program will be an introduction to the instruments that make up the orchestra and the remaining concerts will deal with color, form, legends and emotions in music. Work by a wide variety of composers will be used to illustrate these concepts with a special focus this year on the music of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

The concerts are held at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each day at the Portland Civic Auditorium. Back stage tours and the opportunity to meet the conductors and musicians are also available to groups. Tickets, \$1.50 or \$5 for the series, are available by calling 228-1353. The concerts are open to the public and single tickets will be available at the door.

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