



# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

**MICHAEL BENJAMIN**, director of the N/NE Community Mental Health Center, announces the opening of the two-day 1984 Ethnic Minority Conference II on Thursday, June 14th at the Thunderbird Motor Inn at Jantzen Beach. The conference is beamed to attract service providers, managers, directors and policy makers of a variety of public agencies.

The N/NE Center is a comprehensive mental health agency providing preventive, maintenance and rehabilitative mental health care to persons living in this area of Multnomah County. The goal of the conference, according to Franklin Jenkins, conference coordinator, is to provide opportunities for participants to gain knowledge and awareness as they increase their skills in working effectively with people of color.

The planning committee includes some staff and board members of the host agency. Also serving on this committee are representatives of a score of other city, county and state agencies that offer services to the diverse cultural groups of this community, regardless of their ability to pay.

Keynote address for the general conference session is to be by Byron Kunisawa, one of the nations leading consultants on minority issues. Kunisawa was the keynoter for the 1982 Ethnic Minority Conference. Opening keynote speaker will be James Comer, M.D., professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center of Yale University. Dr. Comer will discuss: "How mental health providers can work effectively with ethnic minorities." In workshops beginning later in the morning, Dr. Comer will lead sessions on "Working with Minority Children in School."

Other workshops will deal with a variety of subjects such as alcoholism, Alzheimers disease, minority males, language as a cross-cultural barrier in counseling, the improvement of services to troubled youth, special issue of refugees and the pitfalls of grant writing. Workshop leaders invited from around the nation come from: New Orleans, Seattle, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Rockville, Maryland.

Local sponsors of the large conference include: the Oregon Mental Health Division, Manpower Development Office, Ethnic Minority Coalition of Oregon, Oregon State University and the



Michael Rice and his roses.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Northwest Resource Center for Children, Youth and Families (of Seattle).

The conference will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15th. Inquiries may be directed to the conference coordinator at 239-8871.

**BENNY ANDREWS**, director of the Visual Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Michael Faubion, the program's assistant director, were in Portland recently to conduct a series of site-visits with Portland based NEA funded arts organizations.



Michael Faubion

Well known as an artist, Andrew's work has been featured in major exhibitions since 1960, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Hirshhorn Museum and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

His long experience as an artist has made him sensitive to very particular concerns in his role at the Endowment. "The visual artist has

Goldsby, Portland metal sculptor.

**JEANNE HARTZOG**, owner and director of the Sylvan Learning Center announces the June 18th beginning of summer class schedules at the Columbia Plaza location on N.E. Fremont. Hartzog suggests helping your child "to keep up or catch up" with their basic skills during the summer. Classes at Sylvan during the summer will be held on Monday through Thursday only. Classes are limited to six each in order to maintain the most advantageous teacher-student ratio.

**MICHAEL RICE**, a Northeast Portland member of the Portland Rose Society, is one of the 36 people contributing services as a rose garden judge for the society. Rice also grows prize roses in his own garden on N.E. San Rafael street.

Rice has boxes and boxes of award ribbons won in rose judging exhibits not only in Portland, but in rose shows around the state, in Seattle, Yakima, Missoula, Montana, several places in California and as far away as Memphis, Tennessee. His Portland garden has many varieties of roses—tea roses, floribundas and miniatures. All colors including lavender are welcome in his well kept rows. He has 120 bushes and—no aphids—the bane of rose growers. Foliage is glossy and healthy in the Rice garden where Rice can name any plant by its leaves.

Rice gives tender care year 'round to his bushes but gives special care at judging time, for other judges will inspect his garden while Rice is away judging other rose gardens in other parts of Portland. He has no fear—only confidence as he tucks away another award for perfection.

**GENEVA JONES**, popular TV cook and nutritionist, received additional honors recently when she was chosen by the March of Dimes as one of Oregon's ten most distinguished women for 1984. All selectees were guests at the annual White Rose Luncheon hosted by the March of Dimes committees at the Westin-Benson Hotel.



Supper guests at Al Goldsby's studio included (l-r) Isaac Shamshud Din, painter and sculptor; Al Goldsby, painter and sculptor; guest of honor Benny Andrews, NEA Director; Philemon Reid, artist and Darryl Clegg, Portland Metropolitan Arts Commission.

(Photo: Kathryn Bogle)



Hilton Smith kneels for the knighting ceremony of the Royal Rosarians at the Thunderbird Inn at Jantzen Beach. Rose festival Queen Kira of the 1983 Court touches her scepter dubbing the new member "Sir Knight Hilton Smith." His rose is to be the Peace Rose.

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