

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogie



DELTA SIGMA THETA Sorority, Inc., the nation's single largest Black women's organization has issued a Summit II call, and the Portland Oregon Alumnae Chapter headed by President Evelyn Hairston has responded.

Summit II, a "Call to Action in Support of Black Single Mothers," is being convened in over 40 communities across the nation by the national organization of Deltas in an attempt to "enhance the human capital potential of single mothers." As a part of the Delta network of 125,000 members, the Portland Chapter has been selected as one of the two west coast cities to host a Summit II meeting.

Hairston, and the Summit II coordinator, Jeanne Hartzog, have scheduled the Portland presentation for Saturday, June 23rd, at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. They stress that Summit II is a beginning meeting for establishing a long-term project to develop a plan for action. Lela Roberts, program chair for the day, has announced Margaret Carter, counselor at P.C.C. Sylvania Campus, as keynote speaker for Summit II. Carter is expected to include such issues as motivation, self-help, as well as access to career opportunity in her address.

Objectives of Summit II are outlined in four comprehensive groupings: (1) to facilitate the formation of a coalition to initiate collective action; (2) to identify local barriers to economic development for single mothers; (3) to devise local strategies to overcome barriers identified; (4) to make an impact on 1984 local, state and national elections that enhances the lives of single mothers regardless of racial, ethnic, religious, or socio-economic background.

Individuals and representatives from local agencies, churches and other organizations are invited to attend any of a number of workshops arranged for the Saturday presen-



Participants in the 1984 Ethnic Minority Conference included (l-r) Dr. Matthew Prophet, superintendent Portland Public Schools; Michael Benjamin, executive director, N/NE Mental Health Center; Edna Pittman, president, Board of Directors; Dr. James Caner, Yale University; and Bryon Kunisawa, National Multicultural Consultant.

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tation. Topics to be discussed include: job training, financial planning, problems of displaced homemakers, physical and mental health services, support networks, and child care housing.

Registration is free and available at the door. For further information, call 249-2855 or 224-0151.

INVITATIONS ARE being received to an important event, a rare and sacred ritual in Episcopal Church life—that of ordination to the priesthood of a woman.

The Rt. Rev. David R. Cochran, Bishop of Alaska (retired), acting on the behalf of the Rt. Rev. Matthew Paul Bigliardi, Bishop of Oregon, will ordain the Rev. Alcena E. Boozer to the Sacred Order of Priests on Friday, June 29th. Time is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 6300 S.W. Nicol Rd.

The Rev. Boozer will be ordained with several persons who will be ordained as deacons including Nor-

man D. Abrams, Robert G. Eaton, Michael B. Jarvis, Bryan T. Kellington and Portia A. Mather, all of whom were recent classmates with the Rev. Boozer at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley.

On July 1st, the Rev. Alcena Boozer will be celebrant for the first time when she conducts the services of the Holy Eucharist at Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m. at the Episcopal parish of St. Philip the Deacon at Rodney and Knott streets.

OPTING FOR Excellence, a workshop of the Ethnic Minority Conference II, conducted by Dr. Ernest Hartzog, assistant superintendent of Portland Public Schools, addressed excellence in education—the drive for reform—which he finds affects educators in a way that is both "exhilarating and intimidating" to them.

"Research data in the last decade," said Dr. Hartzog has demonstrated that the most effective schools have certain elements in common. Among these elements are high expectations for all students, schoolwide academic and social goals; appropriate order and discipline; teachers who believe that they can teach all of their students; carefully monitored homework; testing of student progress."

Dr. Hartzog called attention to a program in Portland Public Schools called Alternative Education Programs—which, in essence, "provide educational services for students whose academic and social needs are not being effectively met in the regular schools." These programs "deliberately design settings, instruction and activities to

meet the different needs for individual students," he said. "Portland schools offer parents the right to choose among the alternatives they consider best for their children."

"Educational reform cannot take place in a vacuum," he said, and pointed out: "Our communities have economic, cultural, racial and linguistic diversity. The family, mass media, the community, the church and the youth culture all have their role in educating the young." Dr. Hartzog also underscored the need to allow students to



DR. ERNEST HARTZOG

take responsibility for making decisions, thereby gaining valuable experience. "No one," he said, "can have competence unless he has both the experience to become competent and make decisions which display competence. Alternative education modes emphasize this awareness. Experience must become more inclusive for the minority child."



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