

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



"THE SKY'S THE Limit" —so said the program for the benefit fashion show presented to nearly 300 guests by the Rose City Connection at the Western Benson Hotel on Friday evening.

It was a Slam! Bang! Pow! exciting show full of fun and fast moving sequences. It zipped through a kaleidoscope of color and ran the gamut of style.

For openers, the 10 young and shapely models and the three handsome male escorts jogged and exercised along the runway. All of them were clad in Nike active sports togs to show the dependability and high fashion of today's Nike sports clothing.



Model jogs in Nike outfit

Anise Hall, fashion coordinator for RCC, combed through a dozen or more stores from Casual Corner in Clackamas Town Center to Renoir's Lady and the Eye of Ra at John's Landing, to Mercantile-Downtown and Schumacher Furs, Downtown to Northwest Passenger in Lloyd Center for her selections of styles. There were styles for the Punk Rock set with tight-fitting, mini-mini leather skirts and tight-fitting black leather jeans and jackets, high heels, low heels, brass hardware and dark glasses. There were sedate mid-calf dresses, business clothes for office wear, and sparkle for evening. Hair styles for the girls ranged from the style that was frozen in a high wind to braids and a close trim above the ears affected by 17-year-old Tamara Brooks of Jefferson High School.



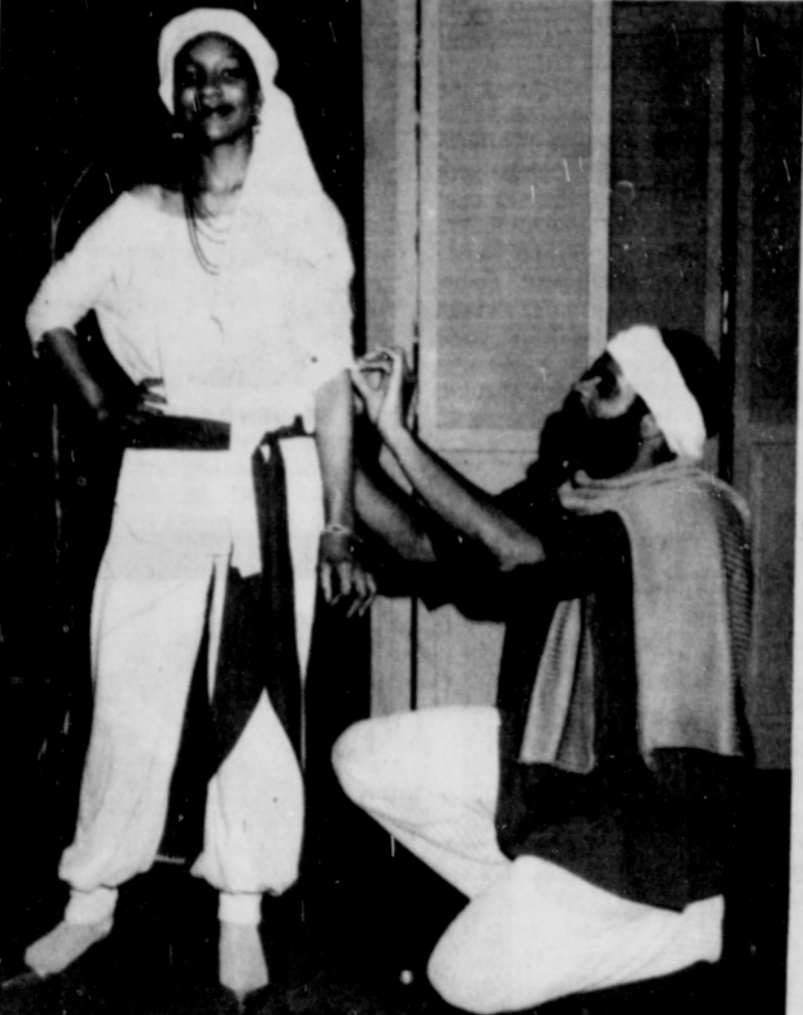
Denise Danner

Featured were three Black designers in the local area. Ms BJ, whose designs are available at Fred Meyer, Inc. Stores, sent three of her designs for fall — one was a body hugging red and black striped cotton jersey knit with a turtle neck worn under a jumper made of black burlap. Each piece could be worn separately, giving the buyer two fashions for one price of just \$60.00. Another was an attractive bright blue gleaming "raindress" made of 100% nylon with its own kerchief head-covering.

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Carrie Moore models for Bobby Foucher Designer.



Portland Designer T.J. Harris
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TJ Harris showed her elegant beige suede suit enhanced with dark brown mohair. Harris also showed other garments in suede and she dressed Theresa Stoudamire, originator of RCC, in ruby red silk embroidered with sequins.

Bobby Foucher's Private Lines presented romantic leisure garments including a bewitching harem-style jump suit worn by Carrie Moore.

Joe "Bean" Keller, in charge of sound and staging, turned up the sound and the lights for the climax of the show. The show was stolen in these last moments by Lonnie Woods and his partner Denise Williams. They exploded on to centerstage as Michael Jackson look-alikes. They were authentic. They were good and the crowd loved them.

Members of RCC are Annette Petett, Charles Stoudamire, Theresa Stoudamire, Barbara Taylor and JoAnn T ravis.

Beneficiaries were named as Black Colleges Committee and the Martin Luther King Scholarship program that awards scholarships to ethnic minority students attending Oregon colleges and universities.



Lonnie Woods and Denise Williams do a Michael Jackson "Look-a-like."
Photo by: Kathryn Bogle

MAGGIE KUHN, FOUNDER and leader of the National Gray Panthers, made the principal speech at a special meeting of the Portland branch of Gray Panthers on Saturday at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. An inspiring speaker, Maggie, as she likes to be called, addressed about 100 senior citizens and their friends who registered for the all-day affair. Her topic was "Issues to Shape Our Future."

The occasion, viewed as a gift from the national organization, came in recognition of the commitment to growth and progress demonstrated by the Portland membership. Her many friends in the area each had a short personal visit with the tiny, but indefatigable, lady during the day, and even during luncheon.

A panel discussion held after lunch gave the audience further insight into Maggie's current concerns.

Moderator was Meredith Woods Smith of the Portland Nuclear Freeze Coalition. Convenor of the day's meeting was Bobbie Gary of the local Gray Panthers. Several other community organizations such as Portland State University's Institute On Aging and the PSU School of Social Work, Oregon Fair Share, Women for Peace and Freedom, lent cooperation to the presentation.

Other gatherings arranged for Maggie Kuhn's visit were scheduled at First Congregational Church and at Koinonia House on PSU Campus.

ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR high school girls are invited to attend a special "get - acquainted time" with Spelman College Recruiter Patricia Johnson on Saturday, October 13 at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach. Most of the girls who will attend are thinking about college and which college to choose and how to raise funds to get there. Many of the girls who will attend will have been referred by their high school vice principals or other counselors. All are welcome.

Rochelle McElroy and Lydia Roy, co-chairs for the Services to Youth Committee of the Portland Chapter of The Links, Inc., have set the time at 5:30 p.m. for girls who are interested in talking informally with Patricia Johnson. McElroy and Roy point out that last year eight Portland girls chose Spelman for their college in this manner through Links cooperation with Spelman and the Black Colleges Committee. The "Getting to Know Spelman" is free.

ISAAC SHAMSUD-DIN WILL give a gallery talk at the Portland Art Museum on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2:00 p.m. The well-known artist will peak on the current exhibition of the work of Jacob Lawrence's Haitian Revolution series. The public is invited to view the paintings and to hear the local artist.

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- And all of the over 400 women who took part in the celebration of our being, our spirit, and our survival.
- A very special thank you to the men who provided childcare:
Art Alexander, Oatis Hayes, Bruce Poinsette, Skip Collier, Jesse Rogers, Lon Finister
- This was certainly one of the community's best efforts towards collective work and responsibility. See you next year!
- Sincere Thank You from Black Women's Gathering Committee:
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