

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



THE ZETA NU CHAPTER OF the Omega Psi Phi, Inc., fraternity celebrated Founders Day last Saturday evening with a dinner and program at the Holiday Inn at the Coliseum. The event also served to honor Vernon Chatman whom the fraternity chose for his outstanding contribution and commitment in the field of education and to the youth of the Portland community. Julius Stokes, of the Zeta Nu Chapter, was honored by his chapter naming him "Omega Man of the Year." William "Bill" Denton, one of the six founders of the local chapter, was also honored for his service to his chapter. Denton gave the keynote address of the evening including a brief history of the national organization, founded in 1911, and of Zeta Nu Chapter, formed in 1966.

Denton himself was one of the local founders. Taking an active part in the ceremonies were Dr. Samuel Brown and Dr. Booker T. Lewis, who were also founders. George Bell, John Brooks and E. O. Johns were listed as part of the founding group. The membership now numbers 21 persons "committed to the development of young people educationally."

The fraternity offers scholarships to deserving students in pursuit of college educations. They also, in 1979, became a life member of NAACP. Guided by the cardinal principles of "Manhood,



(l-r) Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stokes, Bill Denton, Julius Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chapman. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift," the national fraternity now has "100,000 men to help foster programs for the benefit of all people regardless of sex, religion, color or creed."

Denton was given a special gift from the chapter's chaplain. The Rev. Wayne Reynolds, an accomplished portrait artist, presented a near-life-size painting of Denton to the surprised speaker of the evening.

Chapter overview was given by Cornett Farrell and several awards made to members were presented by Bobby Thompson and Fred Jackson. Acting as master of ceremonies of the evening, Charles White also filled in for Al Mouton,

the outgoing Zeta Nu basileus, who was ill.

The occasion served for the installation of new officers. Installed were: Julius L. Evans, basileus; Charles R. White Sr., vice basileus; Al Mouton, Keeper of Finance; Fred Jackson, Keeper of Records and Seals; The Rev. Wayne Reynolds, Chaplain.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISIS

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISIS were hostesses at a fun-filled Egyptian Tea last Sunday afternoon at Prince Hall. The affair, a benefit for Black colleges given annually by the Daughters, drew out many interesting and lovely costumes to parade before guests and judges. The scene was complete with date palm trees, rugs, and cushions while sheiks roamed the area. Tables with fruits and cheeses and wines were available for guests as one or two maidens danced modestly and sedately, and the money baskets received the coin of the realm. They'll do it again in 1985, according to Isis Daughter Margaret J. Isaacs, chair of the tea.

A. B. SPELLMAN, DIRECTOR of the National Endowment for the Arts Expansion program, met in Portland with a number of multi-arts organization representatives on Wednesday, November 14. The meeting, held at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, provided an opportunity for persons to discuss the projects and goals of their organizations in relation to possible funding by NEA.

Spellman, a member of the Endowment staff, was formerly with Harvard University where he was a lecturer on Afro-American poetry and music. He presently hosts a bi-weekly, two-hour musicological jazz program on the Pacifica Radio Network. On his western tour, Spellman was principal speaker in the Fall Arts Conference held at the Eugene Conference Center by members of the Oregon Arts Commission for other art organizations around the state.

During the month of November, members of the Black Colleges Committee, Inc., held its debriefing meeting concerning their fifth annual conference held recently at the Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach. "In all areas," said June Key, "the conference can be termed an unqualified success." Key and Pearl Spears Gray are founders of this committee.

"We have been organized five years," said Key. "Our first conference was held at Adams High School with Julian Bond as our main speaker. Our conference is to give information to any student who is preparing to go to college. Our intent is to have students learn about Black colleges and to give them ideas about surviving in any college. We are independent and not related to any other fundraising activities geared to Black colleges. We are NOT a part of the United Negro College Fund. Our fund raising is solely for the purpose of funding the cost of our annual conference."

"This year we had five representatives of five different Black colleges come to the city, and we had in attendance between 400 and 500 persons including students, parents and other persons interested in our program. People came from Seattle and Tacoma to the conference, for as far as we know, we are the only conference of this kind in the United States."

Key named Pearl Spears Gray as chair of the committee. Other members named were: Dorothy Alexander, Cal Williams, Tia Dorsey, Cleovonne Jackson, Michael Benjamin, Samuel Brooks, Julius Evans, Arlene Heizler and Key.

"We want to thank our supporters of our conferences," key said. "And we want to invite the public to become a friend of Black Colleges Committee, Inc."



Celebrating at the Daughters of Isis Egyptian tea were Virgie Tinsley, Illustrious Commandress, Mina Court 142, seated center and (standing l-r) Daughter Margaret J. Isaacs, chair of tea, Noble John T. Blow Jr., Noble Robert S. Isaacs and Daughter Ella Mae Roy. (Photo: Kathryn Bogle)

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Each year, the non-governmental, non-profit organization sponsors a fundraiser in support of charitable projects. The focus is on helping to eliminate some of the contemporary obstacles that confront Black children and those of other minority groups.



A. B. Spellman, director of NEA Expansion Arts and Janet McMahon, assistant director of the Metropolitan Arts Commission, flank a salmon sculpture by Al Goldsby.

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French Toast
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- November 28
Peach Slices
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