

Established Teachers' College

Prof Recalls Work in Nigeria



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. SHRIGLEY pose in the native Nigerian costumes presented to them during their two years in the African country. Shrigley is an instructor and graduate student in the College of Education.

Robert L. Shrigley has returned to college—after two years in Nigeria, where he served as science adviser under a cooperative USAID — Ohio University program to establish a teacher-training college.

He is now an instructor in the College of Education at the University, where he is also a candidate for his doctorate in elementary education.

With his wife and their three children, Shrigley was located at Kano, Nigeria, where it was his assignment to develop a science program for future Nigerian elementary teachers in a school established five years ago.

There were 250 students when the Shrigleys arrived; the first class was graduated last summer. The total enrollment of the school now is 750.

Shrigley was responsible for developing a curriculum and training an African counterpart to take over when his work was finished. He also established a science film and reference library. Seventeen American teachers and an equal number of British and African teachers have been involved in the establishment of the school in Kano.

Kano is a very old city just south of the Sahara; it is said to have been a thriving trade center before Columbus discovered America. It is a center, or hub, in many respects. For centuries it has been the southern point of caravan travel, and now it is the crossroads for north-south and east-west airline travel.

Part of Kano is an old walled city characterized by mud buildings (which are easy to repair), narrow roads, and huge pyramids of peanuts awaiting shipment. The Shrigleys saw no large wild animals in Nigeria, but in the city there are many donkeys and magnificent horses. When the horses are on parade they are decked out in chain mail, not leather, trappings.

There is no accurate census of Kano, Shrigley says, and various estimates are 100,000 to 300,000. Mostly Muslim, it includes several hundred Lebanese who came long before the British and about 100 Americans, including the children. There are also a handful of French, British, and Japanese businessmen. The Americans include AID and NASA personnel and missionaries. Kano is one of the headquarters for the Peace Corps, although members of the Corps spend most of their time in the bush.

The Shrigleys discovered that when a whole family makes the move from one culture to another, the "cultural shock" is apt to affect the wife and children most, for the husband and father is professionally involved and absorbed in his work.

There were adjustments to be made from the moment they arrived, Mrs. Shrigley recalls. They were able to find a large, British-style house, and as soon as they moved in, male applicants for household jobs, well provided with references, began to flock to their door.

Mrs. Shrigley found it necessary to adjust to having a male cook and helper in her kitchen, and the employe had to get used to the idea of having the mistress in the house in his kitchen. It was also necessary to employ a night watchman, the Shrigleys discovered, to insure privacy.

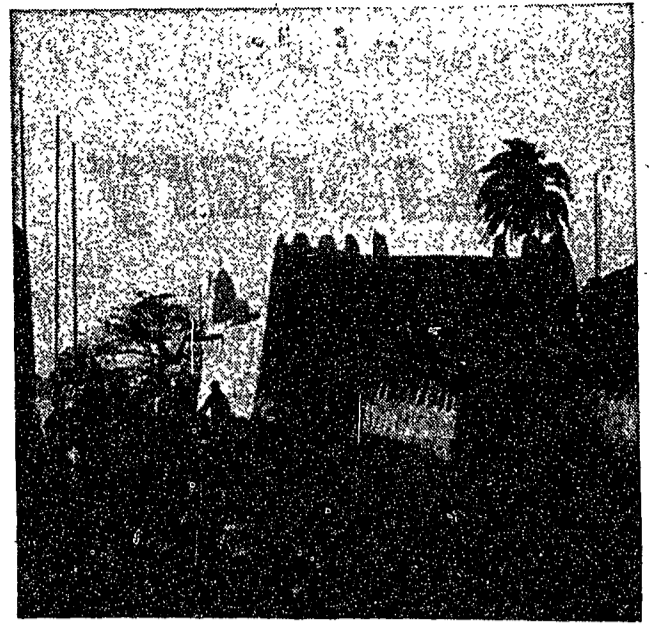
Her household established, Mrs. Shrigley had to learn to shop. Though she patronized a store operated for "foreigners," she found marketing an adventure. Most of the canned goods were British, Australian, or Japanese, and sometimes it was impossible to determine the contents of the cans from the labels. Chickens were sold alive; beef cuts were different and unrecognizable; and there were new names for familiar foods—ham, for instance, was "gammon."

The family found it could live successfully and creatively in Kano as they became more involved in work and activities there. They chose not to live in the foreign "compound" but found an American-built home among the native residents. For a time they lived in a Muslim house that had two kitchens — for two wives — and an enclosed patio for keeping the wives hidden.

A supply of kerosene and candles was kept at hand, so that preparation of a meal could be completed even though its preparation was interrupted by power failure. They learned that water must be carried to gardens during the nine dry months of the year.

Kano is famous for its Morocco leather products and contains dye pits hundreds of years old. "Morocco leather," Shrigley explains, is so called because it was first exported through Morocco. The Nigerians carve beautiful objects from ivory and from ebony, a wood which, contrary to popular belief, is not always black.

The Shrigleys found the Nigerians a kind and friendly people and treasure their experience of discovering not only the differences of another culture but the similarities that exist among people everywhere.



MAIN GATE to the old walled city of Kano has been well preserved, although much of the 13-mile long wall has deteriorated. Muslims live inside the wall.



PEANUTS, PEANUTS EVERYWHERE. Each pyramid of 120-pound bags contains an estimated \$250,000 worth of hulled peanuts. Northern Nigeria ranks second in Africa in the production of peanuts.

College Recruiting Passes '67 Rate

After what appeared to be a slow start this year, college recruiting activity at the national level has apparently returned to the record-setting pace of 1966-67.

Activity in the Placement Service at the University has been consistently ahead of the past year, Norman Frisbey, director of placement, reported yesterday.

In a national survey conducted by the College Placement Council, a definite upswing was noted in the number of job offers made to baccalaureate students since the survey conducted in January.

Penn State is one of 115 institutions participating in the Council's survey of offers made to male students by business and industrial employers. The Council is a non-profit organization representing over 2,000 employers and 1,000 four-year colleges and universities.

In January, the number of offers to technical students was off 28 per cent nationally compared with the previous year. Now the total is just past that of March, 1967. Non-technical volume, which was down only slightly in January, has gone 7 per cent ahead of last year. Overall, the volume for all bachelor's candidates is about 2 per cent over the totals of this same time a year ago.

The actual dollar value of average monthly offers does not appear to have increased at

as great a rate as last year, when nine of the 12 bachelor's curricula reported on in the survey showed gains of 6 per cent or more. This year only four of the curricula had gains as great as 6 per cent.

Average monthly offers to technical graduates now stand at \$759, up 5.4 per cent over last year. Offers to general business students show an increase of 5.2 per cent to \$645 per month and for students majoring in humanities and social sciences the average is \$614, a gain of 4.2 per cent.

As further indication of the increased activity at Penn State, Frisbey pointed to the nearly 400 additional student registrations with the Placement Service during the Fall and part of the Winter Terms. Last year over 2,800 registrations were recorded by the end of Winter Term.

The number of employers interviewing on campus has also substantially increased, reported Frisbey. Over 1,100 employer recruiting dates were arranged for this year as compared with the 925 that came last year. At this pace, Frisbey predicted, the record 12,861 interviews conducted last year will be surpassed.

There will be no Winter Term interviews after March 15, Frisbey explained, but interviews by employer representatives will resume April 9 and continue through May 15.

Gift Ballots Available To Graduating Seniors

Seniors who are graduating this term may vote for the class gift by obtaining a ballot Monday at the main desk of the Hetzel Union Building.

The remainder of the senior class will vote on the proposals at Spring Term registration.

The suggestions on the ballot are: money to be invested in securities, the final gift to be designated at the first reunion; money to be used to contract an artist to design a sculpture

to be located in front of the new auditorium; or money to be used for architecture and sculpture in the memorial garden in the arts complex; money to be combined with that of the Class of 1967 and used for the fountain proposed for the mall, or for the construction of an entrance at College Avenue and Shortridge Road. A write-in will also be available for seniors who wish to make other suggestions.

Collegian Ads Bring Results

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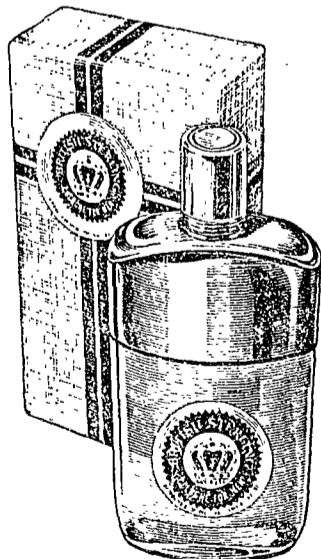
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