# AFRO Goes To Poly's Annual Family Dinner

POLY DINERS — Hundreds enjoyed the third annual Poly-family dinner last Saturday evening, in the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute cafeteria. Among those attending were: left to right, Samuel D. Davis, 16, Chuck McDaniels, 15, and Tim Johnson, 16, Poly students; Mrs. Sally Broadnax, and her family, Bonnie, 7, Frances, 12, and Michael Broadnax, 16; Clarence Bell, Jr., 17, Walbrook student, and his twin brother and sister, Deborah, 16, Western High student, and Dwight, 16, Poly student. (AFRO Photos by Baird).

By BRENDA WRIGHT

The Baltimore Polytechnic Institute cafeteria was the setting for the third annual Poly-family dinner on Saturday evening.

Over 300 Poly students and members of their families enjoyed the music by the Poly orchestra and the guest speaker, Joseph Axelrod, chief of Interstate Roads of Maryland.

Highlight of the evening was the Poly Follies Preview, which featured a dance routine by students of the all-male school, dressed in gold metallic bikinis and gold sarongs.

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Other program participants included: Mark Schroeder, justice of the Student Court; Roy Dodd, chairman of the Poly-family dinner committee; Augie Waibel, head football coach at Poly; Tim Stevenson, of the Poly Follies Preview; and L. Allen Wittel, orchestra director.

Other members of the dinner committee were: Mrs. Isle Harrop, Aaron Margolis, Roger Schueler, Mrs. Maxine Schwarz and Francis Sedlak.

Principal of Poly is William J. Gerardi. He is assisted by Samuel R. Billups, Jr., Zerney P. Jacobs and Ronald L. Peterson.

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The Poly-family dinner is an annual event of the Poly Parents' Association.

The Poly parents group is having its first College and Career Night for parents and students, Wed., April 11, at 8 p.m. in the Poly auditorium, 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane.

College entrance requirements and financial and curricular information will be given by a panel of representatives from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Morgan State College, Loyola College and the Community College of Baltimore.

A career panel of representatives from C and P Telephone Company, Baltimore Gas and Electricity Company and the Apprenticeship Program will discuss job opportunities and careers in industry.

Questions of the students and parents will be answered and time will be allowed following the general meeting for individual discussions.

MORE POLY DINERS—Also enjoying the meal and entertainment at Poly were: Mrs. Dorothy Evans and Howard Evans; Mr. and Mrs. William Stepter, Sr., and their son, William, Jr., Poly student; Mrs. Gladys Ball and Clarence Ball, Sr.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS attending the Poly-family dinner included: Mrs. Joseph Wells, top left, and her daughter, Karen, bottom left, Western student; and Mrs. Beale Cooper, and her daughter, Mary, Western student. (AFRO photo by Baird)

## Cong. Mitchell named to key committee

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell D-(Md.), has been named to the newly established Steering and Policy Committee of the House Democrats today (Friday).

He was appointed by Speaker of the House Carl Albert, who heads the committee and includes six others in the House Democratic leadership.

Also on the committee are twelve other members of the House selected from geographic zones; and three chosen by the Speaker.

Congressman Mitchell is the only black member named.

## Ambassador Knox's Retirement Stirs Haitians

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti — The unexpected news of the resignation of Ambassador Clinton Knox, shortly before his retirement, in accordance with the practice and regulations of the Department of State, has cause much excitement in Port-au-Prince, in both the diplomatic and political worlds and in the cricle of his many friends and admirers.

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If it seems pointless at the moment to try to determine the American diplomat's reasons for making such a serious decision, it is, nevertheless, permissible to indulge in commentaries, make comparisons, and even think about its possible eventual effects.

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The presence of Clinton Knox at the head of the American diplomatic mission in Haiti in the closing years of the 20th century strangely recalls that of his eminent congener, Frederick Doublass, of nearly a century ago.

Born and brought up in the most abject slavery, Douglass became, in the face of unbelievable obstacles and through superhuman physical and intellectual efforts, a man in every sense of the world.

After the Civil War, when the black American was still struggling to free himself judicially, politically, and socially, he succeeded in establishing himself as one of the greatest orators of all times and as an exceptionally courageous, lucid, and intelligent journalist — proof being that the American Government did not hesitate until it attained a certain cordiality which is appropriate to relations behim as its representative abroad, that is, in Haiti.

Here, happily, he found in the person of President Florvil Hyppolite one of the those strong personalities of the old days, a powerful and progressive Chief of State.

It is recorded that the two men felt for each other great admiration and respect, and it appears that at the end of his mission Frederick Douglass carried with him fond memories of the Haitian president and that the latter greatly appreciated the qualities of the American diplomat.

Clinton Knox also became a diplomatic representative of his country at a time when his black compatriots were engaged in a campaign for their civil rights.

Shortly after his arrival in Port-au-Prince, people tried — unsuccessfully it is true — to give a dubious character to the mission of Frederick Douglass, perhaps to strike a blow at Haitian-American relations.

President Duvalier and Ambassador Knox grasped the subtlety of this maneuver and thus were able to inaugurate an era of good feeling between the two governments, from which President Jean-Claude Duvalier is now harvesting the fruits — while adding himself to that relationship the imprint of his youth, the teaching of his father, the experience loyalty of his collaborators.

Collaboration between the diplomat and the young president continued, then, in a spirit of reciprocal goodwill tate to entrust to him the most honorable posts at home and to designate tween a great nation and a small power.

Perhaps the kidnapers had realized that element in choosing their victims in the diplomatic corps accredited in Haiti. The famous phrase "you have saved my life," attributed to Ambassador Knox on his return Jan. 24 from the airport to the National Palace, explains many things and encourages many hypotheses.

Ambassador Knox is essentially a university man, a graduate of Harvard with the degree of doctor, an enviable achievement both within the United States and abroad.

As such, he was a worthy recruit for the Department of State where he entered by the front door to become, before the end of a fine and noble career, a class-one officer.

In the majestic edifice on Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue (sic), nerve center and brain of American diplomacy, he rose first to the directorship of the European Division and, in the foreign service, he subsequently distinguished himself in Dahomey and Haiti.

Clinton Knox is undeniably an outstanding diplomat. To his proven competence and experience, in a word, to his profound understanding of his task, he adds a pleasing personality, good will and a desire to cooperate — of his mother, and the devotion and all of which qualities are rather rare

Just as Frederick Douglass benefited from a period of esteem in Washin diplomatic life.

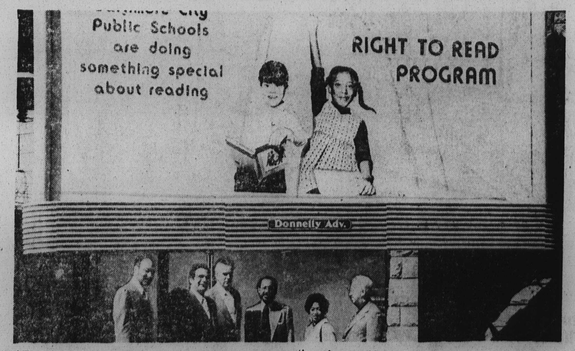
ington which earned the elite black man an opportunity to demonstrate his capability, so too, in another transitional period in U.S. history, it was decided that Clinton Knox should be given a difficult post where he could utilize his full potential.

The one was a self-taught genius who at a critical time, met a happy soldier with whom he was able to establish real mutual appreciation and understanding in the interest of their two countries. The other was an intellectual who opened an honest dialogue with another intellectual and developed a formula for fruitful collaboration between the two parties.

If circumstances dictate that Clinton Knox must leave the country, he can begin his retirement with the satisfaction of having accomplished a delicate mission in a particularly troubled period.

As for the government and a great part of the people of Haiti, he can return to private life with the assurance that they will remember him as a American who worked tirelessly with great fellow black man and as a great heart and soul to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two oldest sovereign nations of the continent.

Le Nouveau Monde includes in this homage Mrs. Clinton Knox who has contributed to her husband's mission with tact, love and a high sense of duty.




AT BILLBOARD SITE are, from left, Dr. Joel Carrington, acting assistant superintendent for secondary education, Baltimore City Public Schools; Dr. Rebecca Carroll, acting assistant superintendent for elemetary education; Philip Kirshner, vice president and general manager of Donnelly Advertisement; Howard Grinager, Donnelly executive vice president; Dr. Roland N. Patterson, superintendent of city schools; Mrs. Dorothy Claybourne, head of the Federally-funded part of the Right to Read Program; and Dr. Vernon Vavrina, associate superintendent for curriculum and instruction.



## Boy's club plans recognition fete

The Salvation Army Boys' Clubs of Baltimore, formerly known as the Red Shield Boys' Club, will hold its annual recognition dinner on Monday at the Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Road.

Awards will be given for Boy of the Yead, Man and Boy Award, Woman and Boy, Walter G. Frey Award and the Eldredge Memorial Citation will be presented.

Tickets for alumni and friends may be secured at any Salvation Army Boys' Club or Divisional Headquarters, 2541 Maryland Avenue, or by calling 839-4025.

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BLACK AND PROUD

## George Arrington gets new Hopkins position

By BLAINE TAYLOR

George Long Arrington, 33, has been named business manager of the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Health Services, and will be responsible at the division level for the budget, financial management, concract administration, personnel grants central purchasing and the school's physical planning.

The handsome resident of northeast Baltimore attributes his success to the backing he receives from his wife, Mrs. Rita Arrington, and their three children - Yolanda Parker, 11; Rochelle Ardington, 10; and Kelly Arrington, 4.

The Arringtons live on Stonewood Ave., near Morgan State College, and Mr. Arrington is an active community civic leader who is being boosted by several of his neighbors to run for city council from the third councilmanic distdict in 1975.

"Many people have approached me to run," he told the AFRO, "because I am black, but I don't think that's a good enough reason."

Arrington is a veteran of the Korean War, in which he lost his left arm in combat six hours before the 1953 truce.

His heavy civic involvement includes being president of the Northwood Elementary PTA, a senate member of the Northeast Community Odganization (NECO).

In addition, he is past president of the Stonewood-Pentwood-Winston Improvement Association, treasurer of the Greater Northwood Covenant's Assoc., a member of the Third District Citizens for Good Government, and also of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Services. He has served on the board of managers of the North Baltimore YMCA.

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His wife is a past volunteer worker at Provident Hospital, and the Arrington daughters attend Northwood Elementary.

Speaking of integration in the Northwood area, Arrington states:

"This is a stable, integrated neighbodhood.

"Property values are going up because 85-95 percent of the people who live here are homeowners and are secure within themselves.

"White couples with kids ade moving back in, and I think that victory against the blockbusters is close."

HAPPY ARRINGTON FAMILY—Standing is George Arrington; seated, from left, daughter Yolanda Parker, 11; R. Kelly Arrington, 4; Mrs Rita Arrington and daughter Mitchlle Arrington, 10. (Photo by Rex Webster.)

## James M. Gross named by tobacco firm

James M. Gross has been named by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. to be responsible for the East Baltimore sales territory of the firm.

A graduate of Morgan State College, Gross resides in the 2400 block of Druid Hill Ave.

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He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during 1966-68, and his hobbies are tennis, bowling and photography.

He will be calling on all retail and chain accounts in his new assignment.

JAMES M. GROSS

## School groups meet Apr. 10

The Association of Elementary School Administrators and the Association of Central Office Employees will hold a joint meeting Tues., Apr. 10, and will begin with a tour of the "Focus Art K-12" exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

After the tour, members will gather for a business session and dinner at Towson State College student center.

George Hansen, general manager School Employees of Baltimore County (SEBCO), will be the after-dinner speaker, and will talk on consumer education.

"Billiards, bowling, T.V., cards and ping-pong will be available after dinner.

## Society selects

Nine history majors from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland will be inducted into the Nu Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta an, international history honor society, April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Fourier Lounge.

New members include Crystalle Collins, Janice Denman, Barbara Gross, Mary Hennigan, Mary Jo Maloney, Stephanie Pilachowski, Patricia Robinson, Kathy Roletter, and Claudia Thomas.

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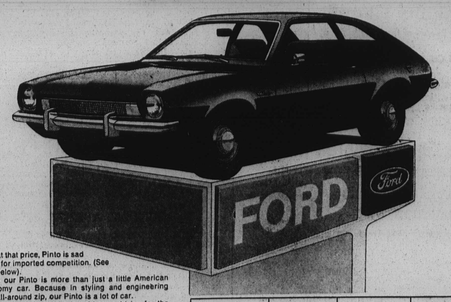


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