Duane Thigpen (L) and Gabriel Sundaye Tenable (R) gave a slide presentation of their art work at the Humanities Interest Group's "Soiree". Mrs. Dorothy Clayborne, center, chaired the affair held in Towson Sunday.

(Reflections staff photo by Cynthia K. Grandson)

Black artists share work at 'Soiree'

"We're dealing with what is and how what is came to be," says Anne Emery, president of the Humanities Interest Group which held "Soiree" for the pleasure of its guests in Towson this past Sunday.

In the 25 years of its establishment, this group has enjoyed music, the visual arts and has given exposure to many young artists. Last year, each member sponsored a black artist and they plan to continue this practice.

At a recent party, they were audience to two Morgan art majors, Duane Thigpen and Gabriel Sundaye Tenable. Having studied every aspect of art expression, both young men have chosen the painting option. So, they presented their works to the group in an informal study session.

Duane, in the last three years, has developed a direction and philosophy which is incorporated into his paintings. In his words he tries to "bring out the internal emotions and philosophical feelings in man" and incorporate an escapist quality so that the viewer can experience another reality.

Gabriel builds his work upon the theme of social problems, i.e. oppression of black people. It frustrates him to encounter the attitude that a black man cannot create without having been influenced by a white man or had a whit person as a teacher.

As a Nigerian, he has encountered these negatives and hopes to be specialize in art history and museumology so that he can do something to dispell this misconception.

The rich sound of the Northwestern School Choir under the direction of William Cummings gave a sousing performance at the gathering.

They sang: "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"; Herbert Spencer, soloist; "Trouble the World Is In"; Bonita Jackson, soloist; "I Don't Know How to Love Him": Mary Wright, soloist. And the audience was delighted by their arrangement of "You've Got to Stop and Smell the Roses."

The Jimmy Wells Jazz Ensemble and the Softtones were also on the musical program.

Other performances were given by; Pointe on Strings, dance group, Barbara Mealy, actress and Nancy Spies, mimist.

Members are: Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Francis, Mr and Mrs. Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Diggs, Mr. and Mrs. Emery, Jr. and Mrs. Umphery, Elmira Miller and Dorothy Clayborne, chairperson of the affair.

MS. MURIEL B. DRAKES guest speaker at Tents' banquet

COLUMBIA CAPERS

Poetess Nikki Giovanni stirred audience here

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

At the turning of a phrase, the well-known poet Niki Giovanni was well received recently when she appeared in Columbia at the House Building. It was the first Youth and Talent Night series.

The petite 32-year-old poet captured an adoring audience of nearly 500 while she did poetry reading from her albums and books (she collaborated on two books of poetry, one with James Baldwin, another with Margaret Walker).

"I thought Columbia was part of Baltimore, but you are way out here where it's nice and pleasant. If I lived in Baltimore I would live in Columbia, too." The crowd gave a big cheer behind that one.

Nikki sure has a sense of humor. She started off by reading some of her love poems. "You know, most of us fall in love from a need of love, but not really, because we find someone deserving."

Right on to our petite sister.

She continued, "I fall in love a lot. It's just one of the things I need to do, and when it's over . . . which is usually over in about three weeks . . . I say, thank you very much . . . well, that's that, at least I can get a poem out of it!"

One of Nikki's greatest appeals is to find humor in unexpected places. If you ask her why she became a poet her answer usually is because "I have no other skills."

"My House," a poem most well received by the audience and one that blacks could truly relate to, was one most of the audience knew by heart.

"I mean it's my house and I want to fry pork chops and bake sweet potatoes and call them yams cause I run the kitchen and I can stand the heat . . ." and further on in the poem she said, " . . . and my window might be dirty, but it's my house, and if you can't see out sometimes, they can't see in either."

The program received much support from organizations in Columbia, including the National Council of Negro Women, the Columbia Roots, with singer, lyricist, poet John Wesley and his band Ecualyptus, and the Oakland Mills Youth Choir, along with members of the St. John Baptist Choir.

Also participating on the program was the Weeksville Drama and Theatre Troupe of New York. The 25-member troupe presented their version of "Ain't Supposed to Die a Natural

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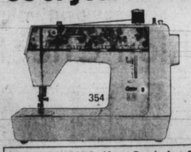

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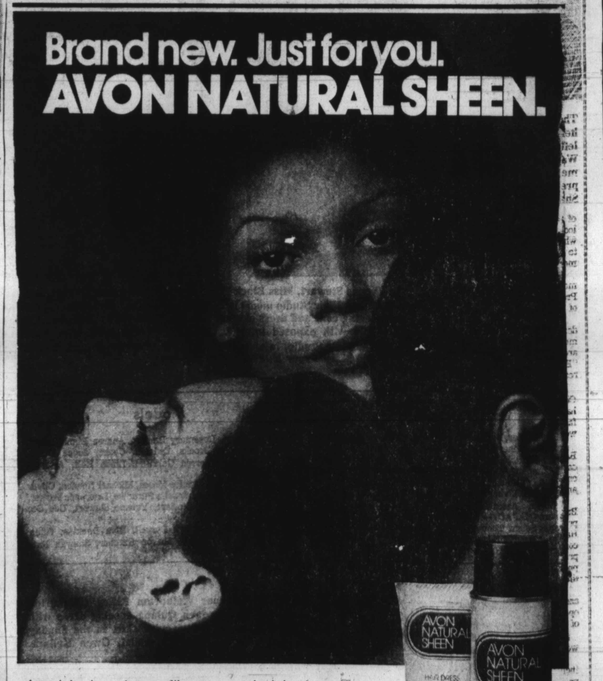

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International Women's Year '75 is not dead. Not only is it alive and well, but kicking, too!

When the Year of the Woman was announced by the United Nations back in late December, little did I realize that black women would become so involved.

And that's no joke.

Remember back in January when the Women's Fair was held—few of our women participated, compared to the size of the crowd which turned out. So we ran a story, "Women's Lib Does Not Speak For Me".

But now the picture has changed—word of IWY has spread through the community and is taking hold. Perhaps it's due to the tireless efforts of those women in this city who believe in what IWY is all about and how it can work to our advantage.

Spotlighting "Women in the Media and Business" was the theme of a most delightful afternooner sponsored by the Douglas Memorial Community Church Women's Day Activity Committee, held last Saturday at the churchmadison and Lafayette Ave.).

It was a pleasant, informal setting where four media women had a chance to say "hello" and "thank you for your support" to their readers and viewers. They were: Marie P. Cooke, AFRO Reflections Editor; Sue Simmons, Pam Fields and Charlee Williams from WBAL TV 11. All received awards from the committee.

But they weren't the only women who were cited.

Pinnie L. Ross, AFRO columnist, professional model, owner-directress, Pinnie's Charm Studio, community and church worker, and now directress of the upcoming Miss U.S. Talented Teen Md., was honored. In addition, Gloria Barnes and Rose Horsey, for their work with children's TV programs; Pauline Brooks Amis, businesswoman, community worker and member of Douglass Memorial; Hattie Cooper, fashfon designer; Elise Jones and Jackie Wilder, beauticians.

So, it was quite an afternoon.

Chairpersons, Minnie Wilson and Virginia Johns planned the program as only black women can. . .it was delightful.

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International Women's Year REALLY IS alive and the members of the Provident Hospital Auxiliary certainly proved it at the annual (28th) fashion show on Sunday. Women of color—black women—1,400 of them filled the ballroom of Martin's West for a first-class fashion splash. First-class it was and the women who gave countless hours to the production certainly must be commended.

My friend, Willia Bland, who by the way produced, coordinated and commentated the show, was in the office this week. She recalled how the annual fashion show began back in 1947 at Douglass High School, where it was held for 19 years. Then for five or six years it was the Schaeffer Show

The Kappa Alpha Phi's Peakness Warm-up was held Friday night complete with silks. In picture left to right: Bernice Brown treasurer; Virginia Watkins correspondent secretary; standing: Armelia Chase financial secretary; Elva Edwards president; Carolyn Cole vice president. (Photo by Sharon Curry)

of Stars. And then, Willia says, the Auxiliary members looked around, and learned that "we had local talent to do what Schaeffer had done". . .so the Provident Show began to work hand in hand with the professional designers and models in the city. It has been that way ever since.

The auxiliary women work HARD for the show without monetary compensation. Their reward is knowing that Provident Hospital will be a "little bit better" from the fruits of their labor.

Willia tells me that she begins working with the designers and models nearly three months before hand. The models are selected and paired with the designers. Scenes are developed and incorporated into the production. "Everybody helps with ideas" she says, "cooperation is really superb".

At the conclusion of the closing meeting of the Du Bois Circle, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the group had directed its attention to International Women's Year. In fact, since 1906 Du Bois has spotlighted the contributions of women.

The affair was just like old homeweek ... longtime Baltimore residents filled a Dogwood Rd. ballroom to its capacity. The setting was warm, friendly. I guess it was like one big, happy family. Everybody knew one another; hugs and kisses were abound.

Presiding was the outgoing president, Miss Edna Brown; invocation by Mrs. Kelly Jackson, and the year's program resume presented by Mrs. Alonzo (Helena) Hairston in the form of a slide presentation complete with commentary and music. (I especially liked that.) The presentation was alive and exciting which made the program that much more interesting. It told of each activity the Circle had during the club year.

"You've come a long way baby," said Mary Arabian, associate judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, as she opened her keynote address. It was centered around the role of women — from the beginning.

She closed by quoting Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson: "This is a wonderful time to be a woman. It is a challenge."

The group is comprised of an executive committee who include: Mrs. Paul Henderson, Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Arnett Frisby, Miss Rose T. Kinney, Mrs. Kelly Jackson.

Officers are: Mrs. Waters Turpin, vice president; Mrs. Alonzo Hairston, recording secretary; Mrs. Gaines Lansey, corresponding secretary; Miss Josephine Lansey, financial secretary; Mrs. Bradshaw Higgins, treasurer; Mrs. Abdella Campbell, historian.

Members are: Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Marshall Bright, Mrs. Harry Carpenter, Mrs. John Francis, Mrs. Arnett Frisby, Mrs. Clarence Harris, Mrs. Mason Hawkins, Mrs. Paul Henderson, Mrs. Howard Hucles, Mrs. Charles Key, Miss Rose T. Kinney;

Also, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Miss Estelle Lee, Mrs. Roland McConnell, Mrs. Robert Myers, Mrs. Saul Perdue, Mrs. McKinley Reesby, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. Wilbur Valentine, Mrs. Albert Wood, Mrs. J. Clarence Young.

Honorary members: Mrs. Alice Arrington, Mrs. Shelton Cole, Mrs. Lewis Fenderson, Mrs. Benjamin Locke, Mrs. Carl Murphy.

Bridal Register

MRS. ROBERT A. BERRY
(Former Miss Cora Whitaker)

WHITAKER-BERRY

The Morgan State College Christian Center was the recent setting of marriage vows between Miss Cora Whitaker and Robert A. Berry. The Father J. Sterling performed the rites.

The matron of honor was Miss Jacqueline Miller, along with best man, Anthony Williams.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Whitaker of Tillery, N.C. and attended Towson State College. The bridegroom attended Morgan State College and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Maxie M. Berry Jr.

The couple is making their home in Cockeysville, Md.

MRS. ELLIS P. GILBERT JR.
(former Miss Darlene L. Radcliffe)

GILBERT-RADCLIFFE

Wedding vows were recently spoken between Miss Darlene Linda Radcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Radcliffe of E. Lanvale St., Baltimore and Ellis Patrick Gilbert Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Patrick Gilbert Sr. of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The wedding took place at Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Baltimore followed by celebration at the Bonnie Ridge Apts. Club House.

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NATURAL FOODS

Women, Food workshop

"Women and Food," a workshop treating the controversial "natural" foods versus the processed foods the public has become accustomed to, will be held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 705 Main St., Reisterstown on June 6 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The workshop is one of a series of monthly observances of International Women's Year sponsored by the YWCA. The event is free and open to the public.

Speakers will be Mary Jane Kaniuka, consumer consultant for a large food chain ("Safeway"); Janee Levine, partner in a firm which operates five natural food stores in the Baltimore area ("Power House" and "Nature's Cupboard of Love"); and Mimi Iacone, nutritionist with the Baltimore County Department of Health.

Both Mrs. Kaniuka and Ms. Levine will bring samples of food — bread, granola, cheese and peanut butter — to be tasted and compared by the audience.

Refreshments will be "organic foods" — wheat germ brownies, carab (chocolate substitute) cakes and banana date cookies.

Recipes will be available for the refreshments as well as for sprouted wheat patties, a protein-rich substitute for hamburgers, supplied by Ms. Levine and for Cornel triple rich bread made from wheat flour, wheat germ and soy flour, originated at Cornel University and supplied by Mrs. Kaniuka.

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