R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
Reflections Editor

If I might use my editorial license for just a moment, I should like to proclaim last Saturday, June 4 as "Black Women's Unity Day in Baltimore"—ah, the pleasant thoughts still linger.

The success of the one day's activities didn't just happen, many of us had been in continuous prayer for yearly two months, asking that women come together to form a sisterhood. And from that point, we might begin to address ourselves (and come up with some solutions) to concerns that speak only to black women. The event of which I am speaking was the first annual conference of the Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association in the Jenkins Building on the Morgan State University campus. (See next Tuesday's edition for full report and photographs).

Big Sisters Installation

Thirty-eight years ago two chums, Douglass High School graduating seniors, decided to form a club—not just a group for fellowship, but one that would help somebody. Bettye Murphy (Moss) and Bea Lindsay (Wright) named it Big Sisters.

Thirty-eight years later: Five new members were installed as Bigs Sisters Inc., when the group held the closing meeting on Saturday, on the lawn at the Fernhill Avenue home of Gladys Parker.

A history of the 38-year-old group was given by charter members, sisters Ida Nicholas and Lucille Brown, who recalled some of the early activities designed to live up to the club theme, that ranged from rummage sales and benefit card parties that provided monies in aiding charitable groups and to carry gifts to residents in juvenile homes and prisons.

Sister Mae Chamberlain, a longtime member, told of recent activities, including an essay contest, the annual benefit card party and the fund raiser to support a variety of charities and provide a scholarship for a high/school senior. This year's scholarship winner, Velvee D. Purnell of Walbrook High, was present. Also, the group supported the Kidney Foundation benefit.

Imogene Douglas, club chaplain, gave the installation prayer. The new members are: Ernestine L. Bland, Charlene Cooper, Wendy Parker Robinson, Irma Givens and Marie Phillips-Cooke.

Other members present were: Frankie Hinchen, Glodine Adams, Norma Felder, Madora LaForse, Bernita E. Fuller, Willa Bouldin, Ernestine Press, Cathryn Stanford, Lilyan Slater, Phyllis Shamwell. Other members are Credella White, Mary Robinson, Vivian Burnett, Iris Williams, Doris Wiggins, Sara Giles and Elizabeth Williams, a charter member, who becomes active this year.

Cuff Notes

Those who were there report there was sustained applause for women grads of the medical school at University of Maryland exercises on Friday afternoon at the Civic Center.

One graduate who set a precedent was Debra Antoinette Bass Dudley, the first of our women to earn a degree in dentistry. Her success is also a tribute to Morgan State University. She completed her college work there in three years. And as of this week, she has been at work as an associate in the office of Dr. Curtis Adams.

The new dentist is the wife of businessman Robert Dudley, the daughter of Margaret Bass, the realtor, and the late David Bass.

Another Baltimorean who is making news up in Ithaca, N.Y., is Miriam Brown Hutchins, daughter of the Charles Browns (Dot). She has been notified she has passed the N.Y. bar, and is already at work as administrative assistant to Judge Betty Friedlander. There'll be an official swearing-in in August.

The new lawyer is the wife of Argin M. Hutchins, also a Baltimorean, son of the Argin Hutchinses (Bernice). He is a doctoral student at Cornell. The young couple has a 10-month-old daughter, Elizabeth.

The newlywed Clift Gattises were among guests at the lovely dinner dance members of the No Name Club held on Friday evening at Martin's West.

She is the former Mamie Anderson. They're making their home in Adelphi, Md.

Also here for the No Name club's weekend, which included a Saturday picnic at the Dozen's Club, were Mary and Harrison Smalley of N.Y., both former Baltimoreans.

The Pals Bowling League, that group of 40 retirees organized three years ago by former school execs, Raynor and Olga Parker, held their picnic at the Long Green Valley, Md., home of Robert and Catherine Dawson.

Milton Dugger, director of community services at Community College of Baltimore, was pursuaded by staffers to allow them to salute him on his retirement.

The reception was Sunday evening at Cross Keys, shortly after the college graduation. He was presented a handsome plaque. Staffer Debbie Loulton chaired the arrangements.

Provident Hospital physcians were the recipients of a special salute from guests when the medical and dental staff held a banquet Saturday evening at Blue Crest North.

Honored for over 40 years service to the hospital and community were: Dr. Albert C. Burwell, Dr. G. Franklin Phillips, Dr. Henry C. Welcome and Dr. James Julian. Senator Verda Welcome accepted the award for her husband, and Dr. Julian who is ill, was unable to attend. Dr. Bernard Harris, Jr., chief of staff, presented the awards. Dr. Lionel Desbordes presided.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's national president, Thelma Daley, has been in D.C., part of this week, on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Cynthia Jones, the longtime Anne Arundell County resident. [illegible]

Another "thank-you" event set for next Friday (June 17), will honor retiring nurses. It's the annual [illegible] affair, a luncheon planned for the Sherwood Restaurant.

Our good friend, police agent Harlow Fullwood [illegible] his wife, the former Elnora Bassett at a graduation party and open house on Saturday, June 4 [illegible] completion of a masters in education [illegible] State.

Mrs. Fullwood is a special education teacher at [illegible] Elementary No. 310 located at Fernhill and [illegible] Avs.

[illegible] numbered 50, didn't leave the [illegible] home until around 1 a.m.

There are two Fullwood youngsters: Harlow III, [illegible] and Paquita, 13 years. All are members of [illegible] Baptist, pastored by the Rev. Matthew R. [illegible]

[illegible] men from all over the state will gather at the [illegible] University June 12 and 13 for an [illegible] and Women's Conference. They will [illegible] states to the National Women's Con[illegible] scheduled for November 18-21 in Houston. [illegible] Congressman Barbara A. Mikulski (D, Md) [illegible] the keynote speaker.

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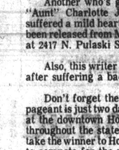
A FIRST IN DENTISTRY are Debra Antionette Dudley, left and Yvonne Louise Margett, right, the first black women dental graduates of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dental School, the University of Maryland. Graduation took place June 3 at the Baltimore Civic Center.



May the pleasant memories linger... forever!

—Speaking of Women

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ring, two wardrobes, travel, a Kodak X-1 movie camera, a set of luggage and many others.

Hal and Alice Jackson of New York are the national sponsors.

According to Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross, executive producer and director of the Maryland pageant, "The young teens who qualify for this pageant are those with highest moral and academic standing chosen with the assistance of their school and community authorities. This is effect fosters motivation guideline for other youth in these academic setting."

Mrs. Ross is no stranger to the state of Maryland, prior to becoming the state producer, she was the Howard County sponsor. In 1973 she sponsored Miss Edna Hill from Columbia, Md. a national winner. Since then she has directed over seven pageants including the Miss Urban Service and the National Association for Radio and Television Artist Pageants.

"The true value says Ms. Ross in the contest lies not in winning, but rather in enjoying the unique opportunity to become acquainted with young people of many different backgrounds. She continued to say: "All of my girls are 'real' winner sand deserve to feel a sense of pride over their involvement in the Miss U.S. Talented Teen Maryland Pageant.

Travis Winkey is the associate director and Marti Franklin is assistant director. Menitra Tompson is public relations director.

—Sigmas

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by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in 1973. This national project is a cooperative venture with the National Foundation of March of Dimes. The initial objective was to get the male population to become aware of the role men must play as fathers, brothers, husbands, sons and friends in guaranteeing outcome of pregnancy.

Emphasis was placed on proper nutrition, early and continuous prenatal care of the mother, the avoidance of drugs, alcohol and smoking and the identification and treatment of veneral diseases.

Attention was also placed on genetic diseases such as sickle cell anemia and environmental factors which are detrimental.

The monitoring arm of Project SAD, the national commission, is comprised of nine Phi Beta Sigma men who review proposals, recommend funding and aid chapters in the development of their projects. Project SAD continues to promote public health education through conferences and workshops and provides in depth services to hospitals and clinics, and continuously raises thousands of dollars for medical research and the provision of health related scholarships.

—Couples

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graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the bride is also a member of Bethele AME Church.

Mr. Schatzman is the son of Clyde Schatzman of Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The couple will honeymoon in Santa Ana, Calif.

Woodlawn Highlights

...by Marjorie Green

Mrs. Angela F. Brown, secretary to the Equal Opportunity Staff Officer in the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, will be among the graduates who assemble in the Physical Development Center at the Catonsville Community College on Sunday, June 12.

Mrs. Brown has been a student in SSA's Upward Mobility Program since 1973 and will graduate with honors with an AA degree in general education. Later she plans to enroll as a Sociology major at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

She believes that Upward Mobility is a good program. She states that "Upward Mobility gives employees an opportunity to improve their educational skills without the normal financial worries." According to Mrs. Brown, she has been able to make more meaningful contributions in her daily work activities because of her involvement in the program.

Shortly after her 1968 graduation from Carver High School Mrs. Brown started working as a clerk-typist for the Social Security Administration. She has also worked as an administrative clerk for the Equal Opportunity Staff. As to her future career plans, she is concentrating on advancement possibilities in the Equal Opportunity and/or Labor Relations area.

A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Brown and her husband James live in South Baltimore. They are the parents of two boys, Anthony, 6, and Timothy, 9. Both boys attend Coppin Elementary School. Timothy is a member of Vale Hights Little League Baseball Team.

Mrs. Phyllis Reaves, SSA Library Technician, is another Upward Mobility graduate. Phyllis received a degree in Human Services from the Community College of Baltimore. Graduation exercises were held Sunday, June 5 on the CCB Campus. She plans to

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AFRO Bridal Register

Miss Robinson, Mr. Vaughan

Mr. and Mrs. Ellmus Millings announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Denise Cashell Robinson to Spencer Thomas Vaughan, son of Mrs. Beatrice Vaughan.

Ms. Robinson is a graduate of Western High School and will receive a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in August. She will enter the nursing program in September at the University of Maryland at Baltimore where she will major in psychiatric nursing.

Her fiance graduated from Northwestern High School and is now in the Navy stationed at the Naval Research Center, Fort McHenry as a petty officer hospital corpsman. In September, he will enter the University of Maryland Baltimore County where he will finish his undergraduate studies in dentistry.

MISS DENISE C. ROBINSON
Engagement told

The couple will wed June 25 at the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church.

Miss Hawkins, Mr. Ledet

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone A. Powell of Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Stephanie Hawkins to Michael Joseph Ledet, son of the Rene Ledets and Doris Ledet of Breaux Bridge.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Merganthaler High School and attended Morgan State University. She is currently employed by the Social Security Administration.

Her fiance is a graduate of Breaux Bridge High School in Louisiana and is employed there at a local hospital.

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To wed July 16

The couple will wed on July 16 at the City Temple Church in Baltimore.

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Catonsville Notes

...by Liz Williams

"Sympathy" cards to the family of the late Howard "Andy" Copeland whose funeral services were held last Thursday. Many of us who attended St. Pius Church remember "Andy" and his lovely wife, Daisy, who always fondly called him "Darling". Andy was a longtime employe of the Sunpaper. Andy and Daisy were also members of St. Edward Catholic Church when they moved into that neighbor.

Catonsville will really miss its good neighbor and friend, William "Billy" Brooks whose funeral services were held last week at Morning Star Baptist Church. The major part of Billy's life was spent in Catonsville where he met and married his wife, Eva, a union that spanned 41 years. Until his illness, he was a longtime employe of the Arundel Corp. of Baltimore. His employment was interrupted by his call to serve honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war he was active in the American Legion, exhibiting a patriotism to his country and his immediate community. His support was given to every endeavor at Morning Star Baptist Church. Billy was a big man with an emotional heart even larger than his physical structure.

Continue to send congratulations to our known graduates. I do have a list of the graduates from Morning Star Baptist Church and we will give you their names so that they may receive recognition. Catonsville High School; Beverly Anderson, Frank Hawkins, Wanda Holley, Gerald Smith; Lansdowne High School: Marie Herring; Woodlawn High: Albert Yancey; Catonsville Community College: Linwood Herring and Sharon Jackson; Essex Community College: Morgan Baines; University of Baltimore: Michael Curry; UMBC: Brenna Branch; UMES: Alesia Eaton (Cappell); Washington and Lee University: Michael Brooks.

In the future I will tell you more about our graduates and their plans for the future.

Gina Alice Roberts of Old Frederick Road recently graduated from Morgan University, receiving her B.A. in political science.

To the parents of our graduates and also to the parents of our children: Please let me know what your children or grandchildren are doing. We are so prone to criticize our young people when they do wrong. When our kids are doing halfway right, it is up to us as parents, and even you who are grandparents, to encourage them. We may not like how they dress or in many ways how they think but we must listen to them and encourage them, especially if they are headed in the right direction. I think that the new generation is trying to tell us older folks something. They are for real and they will make it if there can be a little bit more understanding and patience on our part.

Congratulations to Kenneth Phillips, son of Gloria and Samuel Phillips, who recently received his Ph.D in engineering from Johns Hopkins University. "Congrate" also to Marvin Davis Jr., son of Jean and Marvin Davis Sr., who will enter Meherry Medical School in September.

Continue to send those "Get Well" and "Thinking of You" cards to all of those in our Catonsville and Baltimore communities. There are many friends who are sick or who are lonely. Please remember them by sending a card, paying a visit or making a phone call.

Send "Get Well" cards

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Miss Abrams, Mr. Williams engaged

Mrs. Doris N. Abrams of Woodlawn and Donald M. Abrams of Randallstown announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Terry Marcia Abrams to Malcolm Peyton Williams, son of the late Rev. Sam Williams and Mrs. Gwendolyn Williams of New Jersey.

Terry is a 1975 graduate of Woodlawn Senior High and is also a graduate of The Barbizon School of Modeling. The bride-elect is a third-year student at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

The propective bridegroom is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He is also a third year student at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

The couple have planned an August wedding.

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major in Sociology at Morgan next semester.

SSA's proudest mother this week is Mrs. Dorothy Dougherty, librarian. Dorothy's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Hitchcock (Jeanne), both graduated from the University of Maryland, School of Law last Friday morning. Claude is currently working for the Humble Oil Company. Jeanne will join the Legal Aid staff in August.

Mrs. Dougherty shared her happy moments with Claude's mother, Mrs. Ruth Glover, who is also an SSA employee. She works in the Bureau of data Processing.

Congratulations to all of Social Security Upward Mobility students who have accomplished what many said couldn't be done.

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Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

Mayfield K. Webb, chairman of the board and moderator of St. John Baptist Church in Columbia was recently elected president of the American Baptist Men of the South. The position covers sixteen states from Maryland to Texas.

Mr. Webb is an attorney and is employed at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He is a resident of Bryant Woods in Wilde Lake Village.

Ben Presbury's production, "A Street Car Named Desire" will premiere at the Slayton House June 10, 8 p.m.

Special guests attending the premiere will be the 20 contestants of the Miss U.S. Talented Teen Maryland Pageant and their chaperones. Prior to the performance a reception will be given in their honor. The buffet will be catered by Richmond Caters, Washington, D.C.

Among many of the clubs, organizations, and firms who are truly concerned about our youth, and are doing positive things for them, have been sponsors, or have helped out with the pageant in many ways for several years are: Harper's Cleaners owned by Robert and Delores Harper; Dr. Carl Adair Named Desire' will premiere at the Slayton House June 10, 8 p.m., owner of Robert Clay, Inc., Land Development Contractors, Laurel, Md. The young Mr. Clay will be totally responsible for the cost of the activity for our youth. The St. John Baptist Gospel Choir makes annual contributions to the contestants and Archway Ford, Bob Matthes.

We as state sponsors have made a great sacrifice to bring to the state of Maryland these productions each year, but it's worth our effort. for there is no greater joy than giving ... knowing that you have made a meaningful contribution to the lives of others ... to in turn use the great blessing bestowed upon us to help one's fellowman in the great tradition of this teaching.

We ask your prayer and support to continue giving our youth this positve opportunity to share with all Americans their beauty, talent and multi-faceted individualism. God Bless our children.

Thought For Today: Do unto others as you would have them Do unto you.

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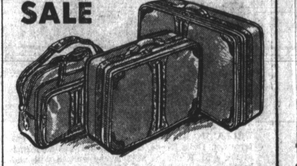

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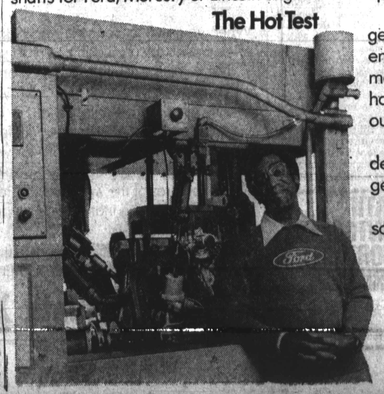

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