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Hopes for a professional acting career

"In the sixth grade," Sandra Wooden recalls, "Mrs. White, my teacher at Oliver Cromwell Elementary School, was told by Mrs. Harper, my fourth grade teacher, that I was good at acting. Mrs. Harper remembered we read stories in class and acted out the parts of the characters."

Sandra, now a freshman at Community College of Baltimore, never forgot the experience, and she hopes because of it and what has taken place educationally since, that she will gain the tools to eventually become a professional actress.

"Mrs. White," she remembered fondly, "allowed a group of us to perform regularly, every two weeks, for the class. And on my report card she wrote a letter telling my father he should encourage me to keep up my interest in acting."

Her successes through secondary school — she attended Clifton Park Junior High and Lake Clifton Senior High, before being transferred to Eastern High where she graduated last June with four awards and two scholarships — included church productions, television tryouts and a scholarship from Children's Theater Association.

At Community College of Baltimore, although Sandra laments the drama program appears to be in a state of decline, she is busy rehearsing for a production of "A Place Of Wrath" by Lola Amos, a play about a woman with "marital problems related to her mother's past."

Sandra recalls that during her secondary school years she played Lutabelle in "Purlie" at Clifton Park Junior High, and later worked with Robert Russell, director of Mod Players.

At Lake Clifton she belonged to a pantomime troupe under the direction of Pat Wilson, which strengthened her "powers of concentration," and at Eastern she was in the drama club where she studied Lorraine Hansberry and her popular "Raisin In the Sun."

"We tried to understand dreams people have and especially how they relate to families," said Sandra, recalling the experience.

Also at Eastern, the drama group analyzed the women's movement, using the Old Testament as a basis for presentations about Noah and also about ancient Egypt.

"I played Noah's wife, and the idea was to show how women really make the major decisions and have a great deal to do with how historical events turn out. I also played the Pharaoh's daughter in the Egyptian drama, and the part was designed for a very business-like woman."

Later came associations with Ebony and Arena Theaters prior to her enrollment at Community College of Baltimore.

Only 19, Sandra has a remarkably sophisticated insight into what acting can mean both as a growth experience and as a career possibility.

"When I act," she theorizes, "I become the part and I get to know how another human being thinks and feels. This helps me off the stage because I relate much better to people having had this experience. I've learned, through school drama programs, poise, communication skills and an understanding and an appreciation for others."

Sandra Wooden

"A Place Of Wrath" will open in approximately five weeks, and Sandra has hopes the campus radio station will allow the cast to broadcast the production as well.

tattle • tales

THE MOTHER OF A CONVALESCING young man about town has let hospital authorities know in no uncertain terms that a high ranking political lady is to be barred from his bedside. Mom blames her son's troubles on his having become involved with said femme fatale. It's terrible what with the lady flinging herself across his sick bed proclaiming undying love.

AND ON A SIMILAR SUBJECT WHAT white county politico gives chocolate ladies new cars and why? Golly there sure are some sinister secrets in those suburbs.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA - BRING IT SOUTH — Bartenders in Baltimore should follow the example of their cohorts in the Big Apple (told you TATTLETALES IS EVERYWHERE!). New York drink mixers buy every third round. Listen, honey, if that isn't the way to keep customers happy (and sloshed), well .... We sure hope the right people listen to what we just said. ...

POOH ON SENATOR SARBANES! On the political grapevine is word that so intent is Paul on keeping us out of that attorney - general slot, and other plums, (unless we are old, blind and half - crazy) that he may trot out that tired home movie which shows half of Baltimore's political aspirants sipping cocktails with Charlie Burman. At the time no one who popped in even realized that Burman was anything except an affluent businessman. Folks are saying if Paul plays dirty, his will be a fast six years in D.C. and back home from Capitol Hill for good.

WE WOULD NOT BE A BIT SURPRISED NOR SHOULD YOU if a highly respected professional type finds himself named as a higher up in the same kind of nasty business and at the same level of the late James (Turk) Scott.

Sorormundi means: 'sisters of the world'

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AFRICA IN BALTIMORE — Ms. Lamoyne Matthews shows her artifacts brought back from a trip to Africa in 1974 to Mrs. Regina Bernard and Ms. Juanita Lewis of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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LIVING ADS BALL — The members of JUGS, Inc. recently hosted their ninth annual Living Ads Ball at the Blue Crest North. All proceeds from the affair were donated to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa campaign. Members from left are: Mrs. Shirley Gregg, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Mrs. Jeanne Chaney, Mrs. Earline Richardson and Mrs. Betty Brown.

Sorormundi means: "sisters of the world."

And sisters from every walk of life and many community organizations participated recently in the Sorormundi Festival hosted by the Madison Avenue YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave.

For the fifth consecutive year, women of clubs and organizations, along with YWCA class participated and instructors gathered to share travel experiences of the previous years.

Groups decorated booths with world themes coming from places such as Africa and Hawaii, just to name two, offered interesting cultural artifacts for sale and exchanged foreign recipes and covered dishes.

Ellen Fisher served as chairperson of this year's affair with the help of Mrs. Annette H. Hall, chairperson of the Madison Center Committee and Ms. Marcia Boddie Cummings, Madison Center director.

Participants included the Francine School of Dance directed by Gwendolyn Biddle. Dancers were Valerie Brice, Kim Quarles, Krin Fleet, and Sophia Samson, Linda and Carole Chandler.

And Lisa Brice, Kim Jasmine, Deborah Carroll and Paula Moore.

The Madison Y Teens "Coast-to-Coast" with Phyllis Atkins, advisor.

Members are Crystal Cleer, Jackie Holmes, Debbie Payne, Sentia Robinson, Jackie Underwood and Linda Williams, president.

Participating organizations included the Business and Professional Women's Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, the Madison Avenue YWCA Center Committee, Maryland League of Women's Clubs, National Council of Negro Women, Parent Advisory Council of Madison YWCA, Y Ladies Social Club, YWCA Business and Professional Women's Club and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Members of the Sorormundi Committee are Mrs. Ellen Fisher, chairperson, Ms. Phyllis Atkins, Mrs. Waetina Coles, Ms. Aloha McCullough.

Volunteers to the committee were Mrs. Ethel Brown, Mrs. Jacquelin Fleming, Mrs. Lorraine Green, Ms. E. Marie Miller, Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss and Mrs. Mary Murray.

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HAWAII EXHIBIT — Mrs. Glynnia K. Hill of the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority was among those who recently exhibited her travel collections at the Sorormundi Festival hosted at the Madison Avenue YWCA.

Holiday safety tips

Fortunately, most such mishaps can be avoided. Here are a few ways to help keep holidays happy out your way.

1. Those who drink should not drive. If you are going to drive, limit drinks to one an hour. If you consume too much, have an unimpared person do the driving or arrange other transportation.

2. Besides a sharply increased accident risk when inebriated persons get behind the wheel, too much alcohol can result in other painful accidents. For example, many of the pedestrians who are struck are drunk. An intoxicated person is more apt to fall on icy surfaces, down stairs, or over objects.

The Pacesetters

Baltimoreans doing things in business, the professions and community service

Henry G. Parks Jr., chairman of the board of H.G. Parks, Inc. announced the promotion of two key individuals in the Parks Sausage Company. Promoted to the vice presidential level were George F. David III, director of Manufacturing and Aroon S. Choksi, who became vice president-comptroller as well as assistant secretary.

David has been with the Parks Sausage Company since 1968 when he left Superior Meats of Ohio to become plant superintendent. His extensive backgrounds includes positions with Oscar Mayer and Sinai Sausages in Chicago, where his degree in chemistry led him after service as an army officer.

He is a Wilberforce University graduate.

Choksi joined Parks in 1973 as accounting manager, after holding various positions in the industry including Certain-teed, Products

George F. David

Barbara V. Minnis has assumed her duties as the new assistant executive director of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

In her new post, Ms. Minnis is responsible for field service operations in the entire Central Maryland council, which includes Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, and Howard Counties.

She supervises three district directors and 13 field directors who, in turn, work with 6,000 adult volunteers to provide Girl Scouting to the council's nearly 26,000 Girl Scouts. In addition, Ms. Minnis directs a staff of six persons who provide program services and work with a corps of volunteer trainers throughout the council.

Before coming to Central Maryland, Ms. Minnis was for eight years a program consultant on the staff of

Barbara Minnis