Columbia Capers

Kappas win volunteer award

By Phinie L. Ross

Kappas win state honor at recent awards program at the State House. Gov. Harry Hughes presented one of 10 volunteer service awards to the Columbia Md., Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The awards program was the first ceremony to honor volunteers. More than 150 nominations were received from throughout the state. The awards focused on outstanding and innovative community service by Maryland citizen volunteers.

The statewide program was sponsored by the Maryland Service Corps (an agency in the Department of Human Resources) and Germaine Monteil Cosmetiques Corporation.

Gov. Hughes congratulated the winners and urged them to continue the vital volunteer services they perform.

The Columbia Kappas were selected because of the volunteer work performed by members of the chapter with released offenders in Howard County.

A team of chapter members acted as counselors to the offenders. Each took the required training to qualify as counselors. Each worked with up to five ex - offenders.

They undertook this service when they became aware of the acute shortage of parole and probation officers and extremely large case loads in Howard County.

Their efforts provided supervision and guidance to offenders who would possibly not have received on - going individual attention.

Chapter to Polemarch Dr. Ezra Merritt, Vice Polemarch William Rogers and Thomas Briscoe attended the ceremony.

The group was presented with a certificate and an engraved sterling silver tray by the governor.

The team had received a previous award from the Howard County Human Rights Commission for their work with offenders.

Members working with the project include: Major Garfield Hubbard, Lt. Col. Thomas Briscoe, Maurice Simpkins, Augustus Haskins, Major Jenkin Toney, Dr. Hilton Stanford and Addison Webster.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS — The Columbia, Md. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was the recent recipient of a state volunteer service award for work with Howard County ex-offenders. Kappa members include (seated, L to R): Garfield Hubbard, Thomas Briscoe, Maurice Simpkins; (standing, L to R): Addison Webster, Augustus Haskins, Jenkin Toney and Hilton Stanford.

—Judge Howard feted

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try to clean up its corruption and injustice), spoke of the judge as an inspiration to that group and expressed the desire that he will bring back fresh ideas from his new post.

Archie Williams, Judge Howard's former law partner in the firm of Howard, Brown and Williams, praised him for his dedication, courage, vision, wisdom, integrity and sincerity in seeking equal justice under the law. He especially lauded him for being a man on the move and busy and for not turning away clients because they could not afford to pay him at the time.

Outgoing WO-BE-CO president, Mrs. Marian Scarboro verbally applauded the judge's efforts and achievement in the area of justice and human dignity.

She told of his involvement and assistance to blacks in Alabama who were being run off of their land in 1966 because they had dared to vote. It was noted that Judge Howard stuck with them until the situation was righted.

Because of his efforts, Mrs. Scarboro pointed out that Judge Howard is a man who is constantly fighting for the rights of black people — right on the front line.

In culminating her remarks Mrs. Scarboro presented Judge Howard, as a gift from WO-BE-CO, with a painting entitled "On the Front Line," a powerfully symbolic depiction of the black struggle, done by artist Robert McQueen of this city.

Mrs. Lorraine Beasley, fiancee of one of the judge's cousins, read an original poem of love, praise and thanks entitled, "The Common Touch," especially dedicated to the judge. This poem was particularly significant because throughout all of the words of praise, love and thanks given for Judge Howard that evening, there consistently ran a thread of humor, a recalling of funny anecdotes and amusing remarks that Judge Howard had made down through the years. This thread of humor truly shed on him the light of one who can "Walk with kings and keep the common touch."

When Judge Howard made his remarks, he warmly thanked all who had paid tribute to him, all who had come out to honor him, his staff, the "Goon Squad" and his family.

Most touching was the glowing tribute he paid to his wife for her warmth and support, in which he stated, "If there is one thing I would not change about my life it is my choice of a wife."

Of his professional career, Judge Howard admitted that he has undoubtedly been a man of controversy, but that he feels most proud of the progress of law and justice in Maryland.

He also gave credit to his fellow law associates for their dedication and contribution to the struggle for justice. He says he has no plans to change his interests because of his federal judgeship, and plans to continue to synchronize his conscience with his conduct.

As a crowning moment for a beautiful evening, each WO-BE-CO member presented Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard with a long-stemmed red rose as a token of love and friendship.

Judge Howard's illustrious career, which spans the military, the teaching profession and the law, includes far too many positions to list here.

However, it is only fair to mention his most recent ones. In addition to having been a practicing attorney, he has served as assistant state's attorney, 1964-66; vice chairman of the judicial council of the National Bar Association, 1971-72; chairman of the judicial council of the National Bar Association, 1973-74; chief judge of the Criminal Court, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, 1975-76; chairman of the executive committee of the Maryland Judicial Conference, 1977-78, member of the sentencing study committee, 1978 and associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore (elected in November 1968 for 15 years).

Sunday's "Evening with Joe Howard" was a glowing tribute to a giant of a man and to his family.

Some of the members of the judge's family, aside from his wife and son, who attended were: James Toler, his daughter, Jameya, cousins from Washington, D.C., and Mr. Toler's finacee, Mrs. Beasley, and attorney Charles Howard of this city.

WO-BE-CO, sponsors for the affair, is a group of 19 women who were organized in 1967 by Mrs. Cardrienne Griffin. The group is largely civic in nature, and gives assistance both financially and otherwise to the Baltimore community, especially in the areas of education, housing, health, the cultural arts and political awareness and participation.

WO-BE-CO has participated in voter registration drives, helped the Arena Players financially, is buying a lifetime membership in the NAACP, does volunteer work for Provident Hospital and has given a television set for its Emergency Room and engages in many other worthy cause activities.

Outgoing officers are: Mesdames Marian Scarboro, president, Gwendolyn Howard, vice president, Essie Sutton, recording secretary, Sandy Vance, corresponding secretary, Barbara Padgett Lee, treasurer and Carolyn Holmes, historian.

Incoming officers for September are: Mesdames Cardrienne Griffin, president, Vera Dorsey, vice president, Carolyn Holmes, recording secretary, Barbara Lee, treasurer, Ellen Gonzales, business manager and public relations officer, Shirley Swafford, chaplain and Eugenia Britt, historian.

Other members are: Mesdames Joan Case, Clara Bailey, Regina Bernard, Marie Francis, Bettye Fitzgerald, Vera Dorsey, Sarah Giles, Amy Taylor and Mary Robinson.

Mrs. Eugenia Britt was chairperson for Sunday's affair. Other committee members were: Mesdames Joan Case, Ellen Gonzales, Cardrienne Griffin, Clara Bailey and Regina Bernard.

Miss Harriett Woodson to wed Jerry Gantt

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Miss Harriett Denise Woodson to Jerry Edward Gantt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gantt of Calvert County, Md., is announced by the bride-to-be's parents, Thade Woodson and Mrs. Lottie E. Moses.

Miss Harriet Woodson

Miss Woodson, a 1978 graduate of Morgan State University with a degree in mathematics, is presently a cartographer at the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic Topographic Center.

Mr. Gantt, a 1978 graduate of Morgan State University with a degree in physical education, is presently a senior leader at the Hilton Recreation Center.

The wedding is set for July 7 at Faith Baptist Church in Baltimore.

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The reception was held at the home of the bride on Alto Road. It was a beautiful lawn reception, with huge yellow umbrella tables circling a dance platform.

The bride's table was adjacent to the dance area and was laden with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, fresh fruit, assorted sandwiches, petit fours and fruit punch. Guests at the other tables were served Swedish meat balls, pigs in the blankets, chicken bits, open faced sandwiches and punch.

The bride and groom cut a three tiered white wedding cake, with icing ruffles and white wedding bells, trimmed with orange roses and sprigs of white baby's breath.

In the receiving line were: Miss Shyra Reynolds, flower girl; Miss Virginia Moore; Miss Lisa Granberry, maid of honor; Mrs. Deidra Bishop, matron of honor and witness for the bride during the ceremony; the bride and groom;

Also, Mrs. Earnestine Stevenson, mother of the groom; Mrs. Josephine Reaves, grandmother of the groom; Mrs. Jacqueline Ross, mother of the bride; Mrs. Lillian Williams, grandmother of the bride; James Williams, uncle of the bride who gave her in marriage; Dr. Richard Holland, usher; Glennwood Branche, best man and a witness during the ceremony and Dwight Pearman, usher.

Music for the reception was provided by John Shavers of this city.

The new Mrs. Stevenson is a graduate of The Friends School and Loyola College with a major in psychology. She is a Junior consultant for Metro-Media WTTG in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Stevenson is a graduate of Coolidge High and Howard University in Washington, D.C. and is an engineer for Metro-Media WTTG.

For their honeymoon trip to the Poconos the bride wore an off-white waffle weave suit by Dannielle.

The couple will be home after July 15 in Hyattsville, Md.

Among out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception were: Mrs. Virginia Holder, godmother of the bride, of St. Albans, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnson, great aunt and uncle of the bride, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Mrs. Josephine Reaves, grandmother of the groom, of Ayden, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Doram, aunt and uncle of the bride, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Schirer of Scanton, Pa.;

Also, Leslie Cohen of Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hodes, of Rockville, Md.; Mrs. Belle Screen of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Long, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenion, Ms. Yolanda McClain, Ms. Linda Brooks, Ms. Antoinette Weaver, Mrs. Grace Hudson, Ms. Beatrice Henson and Ms. Judlyne Lilly of Washington, D.C.; also Miss Monica Scott of Detroit.

The new Mrs. Stevenson is the grandniece of the late Dr. Maybelle Weaver and granddaughter of Mrs. Lillian Williams of this city. — PATTIE HODGES

Course offers business tips

The Small Business Development Center of Howard University and the U.S. Small Business Administration are co - sponsoring a workshop Saturday, July 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on "How to Succeed in Business."

The workshop will be held at the School of Business and Public Administration, 2345 Sherman Ave., NW., and will cover basic information for persons wanting to go into business.

AKA highlights

The presentation of numerous awards for the achievements of members highlighted the 48th North Atlantic Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. which was held in Atlantic City.

In right photo, a non-member, Atlantic City Mayor Joseph Lazarow, presents key to the city to Sorority Regional Director Nellie W. Gaylord.

In bottom photo, recipients of 25-year silver medallions pose after they were recognized for their membership in the sorority.

Other award winners were: Ms. Emma Washington Bradford, 55-year gold medallion; Ms. Lisa Aberno, straight "A" student at MIT, for academic excellence; Elizabeth Thompson, "Miss AKA" and Ms. Diane Ruth Frieman, "Miss Neophyte."

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