Poly student named AFRO Carrier of the Month

The AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers held its first "Carrier of the Month" awards ceremony Wednesday, Feb. 27.

John Douglas was named January AFRO Carrier of the Month. Kevin Wheeler was runner-up.

The program is designed to recognize and award the AFRO carrier w ho has increased monthly sales, paid promptly for papers, satisfied customers and has good grades in school.

Douglas, an AFRO carrier for the past six years, is an 11th gradestudent at Poly where he is a member of the varsity basketball team. He also bowls with the youth duck pin team at Perring Parkway Bowling Lane.

He attends St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church where he sings on the Celestial Teen Club Ensemble choir.

His ambition is to be a doctor.

The two carriers were honored at the awards ceremony. Douglas was presented a plaque by Ron Jackson, vice president, circulation. Wheeler was given a certificate of merit by Baltimore circulation manager, Arthur Murray.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

CONGRATULATIONS — John Douglas prepares to cut the cake made for him as part of ceremonies naming him AFRO Carrier of the Month for January, 1980

The honorees mothers, Mrs. Phyllis Douglas and Mrs. Odessa Wheeler, who could not attend, were presented flowers to recognize the support mothers give to news carriers.

Douglas and Wheeler were greeted by AFRO company officers, including John H. Murphy III, board chairman; John J. Oliver, presidentand George C. Lottier, treasurer.

Others present for the celebration were Denise Douglas, sister of the winner and Bobby and Wendell Wheeler, brothers of the runner-up.

Also, Owen Lovelace, distributor; Bernard Conway, zone manager; Joseph Smallwood, distributor and Robert Rea Sr., zone manager.

Also, Mark Hughes, AFRO zone manager; Charles Baker, distribution director; Mrs. Grace Singletary, administrative assistant to vice president, circulation and Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, circulation sales, promotion manager.

Following the presentation, guests enjoyed dessert and punch after the winner, John Douglas, cut a cake made especially for him.

The program will continue each month and will conclude next January when the winners, runners-up and their families will attend a banquet where the AFRO Carrier of the Year will be announced

FBI recruiting black agents

Edward Hegarty, special agent in charge of the FBI told the AFRO he is "determined to hire more blacks", as FBI agents.

With the mandatory retirement age of 55 with a minimum of 20 years of service, the department now has openings for 500 agents. There are 7,211 agents across the country and only 198 are black.

The FBI is now trying to recruit black male and females. Hegarty stated, "You don't have to have a law degree to be an agent. You must be between the age of 23 and 35, have a bachelor's degree and three years of work experience."

Hegarty said since the requirements have changed, he hopes more people will apply. The starting salary is $18,760 while in training at the FBI school in Virginia for 15 weeks which consist of academic and physical training.

If you are available for an assignment anywhere in the bureau's jurisdiction and have uncorrected vision not less than 20200 and corrected to 2020 in one eye and 2040 in the other, you should apply.

The FBI in Washington has been unable to find low level clerical workers in Washington and have hired more than 1,000 workers during the past year from Baltimore

The clerical position starting salary is $8,925 per year and with a good work record, in five years you would earn $15,009

Most of those recruited were black and females The employees have organized a bus service and pay $5 a day round trip No experience is needed for the clerical positions and you must have a high school education.

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10 women to watch

Although the so-called "decade of struggle" of the '60s is long gone, dramatic gains are still being reaped by many who have reaped the fruits of that era."

Black women in Baltimore are on the move.

While it would be impossible for us to list all the accomplishments of local women in the past decade, we are spotlighting 10 we feel are worth watching as the '80s begin.

They symbolize the spirit and the vitality of a new generation of black women. The pages of the AFRO cannot possibly manage to recognize the many women who have abandoned traditional female roles to assault the traditional male enclaves of power, but we would like to spotlight 10 women.

Today's black women are more adventuresome, more highly trained, and are willing to assume total repsonsiblity in their chosen careers.

The 10 women we have selected are in feilds of endeavor which range from private enterpreneurships to positions in local government, but they all have one thing in common: a desire to depart from accepted roles and the ability to blaze new trails in their respective disciplines.

Amelia Pinder

Amelia Pinder holds the distinction of being Baltimore's first black female optician, and owns her own optical firm, which is located in the 200 block W. Read St. Ms. Pinder received her training in optics from the Optimetric Center of Maryland, and has been in business for herself since September.

She has one son, age eight, and

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Saundra Banks, court officer

Brenda Alford, dynamic vocalist

Dr. Sandra Johnson, health center director

Avalon Jackson, high fashion model

Elise J. Mason, assistant to City Solicitor

Roslyn Smith, magazine publisher

Denise Deleaver, real estate broker

Dr. Gwendolyn Cooke, education specialist

Michelle Young, organizer of working women

Amelia Pinder, optician, entrepeneur

Partyline 'Charmers host fabulous swing-about

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

THE CHARMERS HOST HOLIDAY SWING-ABOUT

The invitation, with its front done up like a newspaper read: CHARMERS' PARTY NEWS, with the headline: 'Gala Party Schedule! Small print read: "Fun is Good for you" and at the bottom - "For details, see page 2 of this edition."

And oooh—those details!

On Saturday, Feb. 16 ten ladies who call themselves "The Charmers" hosted an out-of-sight combination Valentine's-George Washington Birthday bash which they called 'A Heartthrobbing Swing-About.' This fabulously festive bash was held at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Shad) Brown (Priscilla. Needless to say, Priscilla is one of the 'Charmers.'

And what a charming evening they had for the more than 200 guests who showed up to party from 10 p.m. until the wee wee hours.

The party room was festively done with red and white streamers wrapped around the pillars and draped across the ceiling.

The ten Charmers were all decked out in black pants with black or red tops.

Food prepared by the ladies was gourmet delicious and of mammoth proportions.

Menu goodies consisted of fried and barbecued chicken wings, meat balls, greens, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, chili, pickled beets, homemade cornbread, cherry cobbler and cherry cake.

To wet the palate there was anything you could possiblyswant to drink.

And the music. The Charmers had gotten a real disco d.j. Ernest Custis, who kept the lively disco beat going for an entire evening of dancing

Folks had so much fun that they didn't want to leave. Many said, "This is the best party I've ever been to."

The ten Charmers responsible for the all this gaiety were, in addition to Priscilla: Ms. Gloria Jones, Mrs. Tina Thaniel, Ms. Evelyn Johnson, Ms. Nonie Thompson, Mrs. Queenie Jones, Mrs. Sheila Phillips Mrs. Miriam Brown, Mrs. Lagae Caldwell and Mrs. Irene Dixon.

Who knows? It was such a great evening that maybe the ladies will consider making it an annual affair.

Birthday Fetes

Naomi Satterfield

Mrs. Naomi Satterfield, of the 200 block of N. Stricker St. was given a surpise birthday party at the Holiday Inn Downtown, on Saturday, Feb. 23.

It was hosted for her by her niece, Mrs. Emma Lewis, of Boston, Mass.

Guests on hand to help her celebrate were: Mrs. Susie Fitzpatrick of Onio; Mrs. Nellie Rutherford of Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson (Diane); of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Edna White of Baltimore; Charles Johnson of New Jersey; James Johnson of Illinois, Mrs. Linda Demetris of Boston;

Also Mrs. Rosana Cury of Virginia; Mrs. Irene Johnson of Virginia; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Travis (Dorothy) of Virginia also George Johnson of Boston Miss Shirley Goldman, Edgar Barnes and Mrs. Edna Johnson of Baltimore.

Bernice White

George White put one over on his wife, Bernice. He invited friends to their Callaway Ave. home and swore them to secrecy.

He instructed Bernice to get dressed for dinner. She, thinking they might be going out, followed orders.

She was truly delighted as guests poured into wish her a happy birthday — and to share with the couple their joy that

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