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Kappa 'Night in Las Vegas' attracts 1400

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The atmosphere was charged with gaiety as 1400 people thronged Martin's West on Friday, March 7.

The occasion was the annual 'Night in Las Vegas' hosted by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. And what a night it was.

With the four huge Martin's West chandeliers gleaming overhead, the jovial guests, glittering and animated in their black-tie attire, enjoyed a variety of activities and festivities from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The four roulette wheels revolved constantly throughout the evening as guests tried their luck at beating the house.

The "Gentlemen of Sound," musical group from Washington, D.C., played numerous selections of such great music that the dance floor was alive with foot-stompers and finger-poopers, doing their latest disco steps.

And ooh — what a menu — soul food! Need I say more? Goodies included: fried chicken, bar-bequed ribs, potato salad, collard greens, sauerkraut, candied yams, and believe it or not — pig's feet and honest to goodness cornbread.

And of course, there was anything you could possibly want to drink.

Special entertainment featured 'Peaches,' a local stripper, who went gracefully through her titillating paces and drew a large segment of the guests to the stage to catch her act.

Another stripper, 'Pepsi' who was a guest at the affair, asked for equal time following 'Peaches' and literally brought the house down with her gyrations.

Many folks had fun just table-hopping, sipping, joking with friends, renewing old acquaintances and reveling in the camraderie of the evening.

The biggest highlight of the evening was when prize-drawing time for the raffle came.

James B. Abram, Grand Board of Directors, drew the winning number for third prize ($100) which went to Ms. Elizabeth Davenport. She was absent.

Second prize, drawn by the Kappa's 1979 car winner, Mrs. Johnson, went to Louis Simms of Harrisburg, Pa., who got $250.

But the biggle was the first prize — a 1980 Chevy Citation. Judge Robert Bell, our new black (and youngest) judge on the Supreme Bench drew the number for this one: The big winner was Dan Crosse, who also was absent.

What a pity. It would have been interesting to catch his expression upon winning had he been there.

It was a truly festive evening. Everyone had a ball.

Visiting polemarchs were: Clarence Nelson, Eastern Province; McKinley M. Hayes, Hyattsville-Landover, Md. Alumni; Israel B. Singleton, Silver Spring, Md. Alumni; Frederick B. Senior, Washington, D.C. Alumni; Lt. Col. Eugene C. Chandler, Aberdeen Alumni; William P. Rogers, Columbia, Md. Alumni; and Donald G. Murphy, Alexandria-Fairfax, Va. Alumni.

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READY TO SPIN — Alko Barbour, (L), Kappa Hostess, and Arthur Burell, guest, (R), get ready to try for a win at the roulette wheel which was one of the big attractions at the 'Night in Los Vegas' sponsored by the Baltimore Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on Friday, Mar. 7 at Martin's West.

JENKINS ARMSTRONG, (L), raps with Kappa hostess Karen Nichols, (C), as Alice Dodson, (R), smiles happily at the Kappa's 'Night in Los Vegas' held at Martin's West on Mar. 7.

KAPPA BROTHERS — Pictured at the Baltimore Alumni Chapter's big affair of the year are Kappa brothers (L to R) - FIRST ROW: William "Box" Harris, polemarch, Baltimore Alumni; and Howard L. Tutman Jr., Board of Directors, Eastern Province; SECOND ROW: John Greene, vice polemarch, Baltimore Alumni; Clarence F. Nelson Jr., polemarch, Eastern Province; Oscar L. Mims Senior vice polemarch, Eastern Province; THIRD ROW: Claude M. Ligon, Board of Directors, Eastern Province; Eugene C. Chandler, polemarch, Aberdeen Alumni; FOURTH ROW: Frederick D. Senior, polemarch, Washington Alumni; TOP ROW: James B. Abram, Grand Board of Directors; William P. Rogers, polemarch, Columbia, Md.; Alumni; Israel B. Singleton, polemarch, Silver Spring, Md.; Donald G. Murphy, polemarch, Alexandria - Fairfax, Va. Alumni; and McKinley M. Hayes, polemarch, Hyattsville - Landover, Md. Alumni.

KAPPA GUESTS Francis "Howie" Lunch and Angie McClain check out the action at the Kappa's 'Night in Las Vegas' held at Martin's West on Friday, Mar. 7.

PLACE YOUR BET — Kappa guest, Kay Davis looks on as Attorney Bland White prepares to place a bet at the roulette wheel.

THE RIGHT NUMBER? — In deep concentration, this Kappa guest, (L), waits for the right number to come up as Kappa hostess looks on.

ENJOYING THE SCENE at Martin's West during the Kappa's 'Night in Las Vegas' are Kappa guests, (L to R): Sherry Kober, Toni Price and Nellie Taft.

RAP SESSION — Engaged in a tete-a-tete while waiting for that big winning number to come up during the festivities at the Kappa's 'Night in Las Vegas' are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards.

THAT BIG WIN — On stage for the calling of the winning number for the 1980 Chevy Citation, which was the Kappa's grand prize for their 'Night in Las Vegas' are (L to R) Howard L. Tutman Jr., William "Fox" Harris, polemarch, Baltimore Alumni; Roland Benson and Judge Robert Bell, who drew the winning number. The car was won by Dan Crosse, who was absent.

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