Omega Mardi Gras alive with costumed revelers

BEST OMEGA DRESSED — Lemuel O. Boone Jr. (L) and Harold K. Kennedy (R) took first place honors as the Best Omega Dressed in the costume competition of the Pi Omega Chapter's Omega Mardi Gras held at Martin's West recently.

More than 1000 persons attended Pi Omega's Mardi Gras on Friday, February 15 at Martins West from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The annual affair affords members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and their guests the opportunity to dress up in costumes. Prizes are awarded for the most original, best group, best Omega Man, and best couple.

In recent years, fewer persons have taken the time to develop original costumes; however, this year's affair saw the resurgence of them. A majority of persons in attendance wore costumes, and the competition for the various prizes was intense.

The Bobby Felder band of Washington, D.C. provided the music.

The highlight of the evening was the competition which came between dancing and just after all persons had been served a delcious buffet dinner.

Among this year's winners were: Lemuel O. Boone Jr. and Harold K. Kennedy, who took first place honors as the 'Best Omega Dressed', Mr. and Mrs. George McKinney who came in second place for 'Best Couple', and the 'Best Group' winners who posed as Olympic contestants.

It was a great evening that passed all too quickly.

As one guest commented, "I arrived at 10 p.m. exactly and now its over. What happened to those four hours? I was just beginning to get warmed up."

Officers of the Pi Omega Chapter are: Kenneth Ervin, basileus; Washington Green, vice basileus; Daniel Lyle, keeper of records and seal; Harrison Fuller, keeper of finance; Clarence Henderson, chaplain;

Walter Riddicks was chairperson for the Mardi Gras.

OLYMPIC CONTESTANTS? — No, not quite. Just the First-Place Best Group in the costume competition at the Mardi Gras hosted by the Pi Omega Chapter, of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, (Baltimore) at Martin's West recently. Front row, l. to R Bettye Moss, Shirley Swafford, Ponjie Priest and James Priest; Second row: Gertrude Robinson, Roy Priest and Russell Kelley; Third row: Emma Staggers, Barry Young, Fanbridge Payne and Lorraine Brown; Back row: Sue Priest, Orville Swafford, Ernest Brown, Osbourne Payne and A. Paul Moss.

SECOND PLACE Best Couple in the Omega Mardi Gras costume competition are Mr. and Mrs. George McKinney. Here they stroll proudly at Martin's West where the affair was held recently.

Announcement

Hill's Family Reunion Dinner featuring Chicken, Ribbs and Vegetables

Will be held at the Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107, Elks' Home, 2009 Frederick Avenue, Saturday, March 22, 1980, from 12 Noon - 12:00 Midnight.

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For information call 542-6897.

Charter Cay Celebration marks Howard University's 113th year

DR. ROLAND B. WILLIAMS, (L), president of the Baltimore chapter of Howard University Alumni, is pictured here with Howard U. alumni Mrs. China L. Van Putten and Dr. Juan Van Putten, guests from Honolulu, Hawaii, at the Howard U. Charter Day Celebration held at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. on Sunday, March 2.

CHARTER DAY HONOREES — Pictured at the Howard University Charter Day Celebration held at La Fontaine Bleu on March 2 are (L to R): Dr. Louise N. Young, Miss Gwendolyn E. Biddle, the Rev. W. Lyndsai Pitts Sr., Mrs. Mary C. J. Spellman and Dr. Parlett L. Moore. At far right is Mrs. Irene D. Johnson, chairperson for the affair. Senator Verda Welcome, one of the honorees, is not pictured as she was unable to attend due to illness.

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Staff Writer

On Sunday, March 2, at 5 p.m. nearly 300 guests assembled at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. for the Charter Day Celebration commemorating the 113th anniversary of the founding of Howard University.

Lovely corsages were presented to the honorees and other head table ladies; boutinerres were given to the male honorees and head table guests.

Head table guests included Dr. Roland Williams, president of the Baltimore chapter, Howard Univesity Alumni; Mrs. Irene Johnson, chair for the occasion and honorees for the affair. Miss Gwendolyn E. Biddle, Dr. Parlett L. Moore, the Rev. W. Lyndsai Pitts Sr., Mrs. Mary C. J. Spellman, Dr. Louise N. Young, the Rev. Kirk Monroe and Mrs. Gwendolyn Brooks.

Presiding for the evening was Mrs. Irene Johnson. Greetings were extended by Dr. Williams and the Occasion given by Mrs. Brooks. Musical selections were rendered by Richard Hobson and Charles Lloyd. The Rev. Kirk Monroe gave the invocation after which guests enjoyed a delicious dinner.

Following the dinner honorees for the occasion were presented. Miss Gwendolyn E. Biddle, who was honored for her work in creative arts and

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