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Welcome Delta

By Ida Peters

Welcome, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Sorors to Baltimore; the eighth largest city in the United States...the home of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers serving the black community for 88 years on the Eastern Seaboard in Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and Newark.

We welcome you also to the home of Morgan State University and Coppin and of course to the home of the Baltimore Orioles and the Baltimore Colts.

It doesn't hurt to know that free blacks came to Maryland 345 years ago. They were John Price and Mathias Tousa with 200 English Roman Catholic emigrants at St. Mary's in 1634. Baltimore City was laid out in 1730 exactly 250 years ago Today, Baltimore's blacks represent 60 per cent of the total population.

Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is proud that Delta co-founder Vashti Turley Murphy made her home here. She was one of those 22 courageous women who founded the sorority Jan. 13, 1913 at Howard University.

And Baltimore Alumnae, then called Epsilon Sigma was founded and chartered in 1922 by Louise Hill Cook, Radcliffe College; Vashti Maxwell Grayson, Brown University; Vashti Turley Murphy, Howard University; Esther Popel Shaw, Dickinson College; and Meta Redden Young, Howard University.

Baltimore is the home of three living past National Presidents, Gladys Byram Shepperd, Mae Wright Peck and well, Eastern Regional Rep., Washington, D.C.; Ms Constance Clayton, Chairman, Social Action Commission; Philadelphia.

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Mrs. Hattie Harrison
program participant

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program participant

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Eastern Regional
Director

Appreciation Reception Committee seated are Sorors Anne Fuller, Mazie Rea and Gertrude Neale. Standing are Sorors Dorothy Barrick, and Martha Bradford.

Kits and Souvenir Committee seated are Sorors Juanita Lewis, Sheila Mason and Esther Williams. Standing are Sorors Joan Case, Virginia Scott, Jerri Stewart and Nora Cartlege.

Special Events Committee from left are Sorors Leah G. Hasty, Gloria Marrow, Gwendolyn Lindsay and Barbara Hill.

Information Center Committee seated are Sorors Frances Stith, Virginia Johns and Flora Johnson. Standing are Sorors Barbara Hill and Bernita Fuller.

V.I.P's Expected

In town or on their way to attend the Eastern Regional Conference are Mrs. Hortense Canady, National First Vice-President, Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Barbara L. Bagneris, National Second Vice-President, Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. Shirie M. Childs, National Secretary, Windsor, Conn.; Ms Lorie S. Samuels, National Treasurer, New Lenox, Ill.

Also Ms Andrea Blackwell, Eastern Regional Rep., Washington, D.C.; Ms Constance Clayton, Chairman, Social Action Commission; Philadelphia.

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Delta call convention

By Chapelle Armstead
Regional Director

As we direct our attention to impacting on the 80, we are taking one more step on the journey shaped for us 67 years ago. We are continuing the voyage of our founders whose vision, wisdom and courage helped to create a prelude for our sorority. Those 22 illustrious young women were able to capture the trends of the times and through the years, our membership has continued to build on them to the extent of creating a great monument, "Delta Sigma Theta, Inc."

In the tradition of our forebearers, we have been daring enough to venture and courageous enough to break new ground. Through the interpretation of the basic ideals of our founders, Delta Sigma Theta has continued to be relevant and inspiring and our impact on the 80s is already visible.

Our focus on black youth and black women is particularly relevant at this time when we have come to recognize the dismal plight of black women and children in this country.

We expect sorors to come together from our various communities for the purpose of further perpetuating the ideals of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. As we deliberate in the conference proceedings, I am confident that all of us will be strenghtened so that our ongoing efforts, individually and collectively, will benefit black women and children in this community, in the communities from which they will come, all across the nation, and even around the world.

Night Scene

By Bob Matthews

The lead story in news these days is the threat of a recession, coupled with rampant inflation. Whenever this occurs, people start to pinch back on their entertainment budgets.

It is being felt now in clubs and bars theughout the country as many people have begun to temper their visits to their favorite watering holes.

For example, we usually arrange to make a stop at Rasaan's Bar on Hilton and Gwynns Falls, where usually a group of older fellows enjoy happy hour and unwind from the days pressing duties.

But over the past several weeks, we begin to notice a subtle change. It is no longer guaranteed that the regulars will be on hand each evening, and the "major reason—according to them—is the lack of funds.

As prices go ever upward, incomes are not keeping pace, with the result that there is less money in circulation for pleasure.

So, in order to attract customers tavern and bar owners must add additional items to appeal to the spenders. In the instance of Rasaan's, owners Ted and Francine Manning have installed additional pinball machines.

Also, the regulars have adopted the pool tables as a part of their nightly ritual. And the same thing holds true as far as the late night activities are concerned.

Live music has become a hot attraction, and most of the clubs are hastily getting in on the act. In fact, you will find no dearth of people enjoying the Night Scene, but they are not doing so as often. It now takes a topflight attraction to insure crowds.

Of course, the element that goes out to clubs and bars simply to meet people are not deterred. But, check out some of your friends—ask them if they have been out on the town recently. The answers might surprise you. MOSTLY FOR MUSIC

This is the week for what we call one of the top three concerts to be presented by the Left Bank Jazz Society—The Johnny Griffin Quartet.

In case you are not familiar with the name, Johnny Griffin is without a doubt one of the swingingest tenor saxophone players in the world today. He has been living in Europe for the past decade or so, and usually comes to the U.S. for a couple of concerts a year.

This current tour started earlier this month, and the group will be coming to Baltimore direct from an engagement at the Bottom Line in NYC.

When he was at LBJS last November, he came out smoking on the first tune and never looked back. We expect him to do the same this time around. The personnel is expected to remain the same in the group, which means that Ronnie Matthews will be playing piano, and this is an added plus to the entire proceeding.

Fully expect the ballroom to be packed and jammed, so best arrange to get there early, or somehow stake out a seat for yourself.

At The Closet another saxophone player will be in town, Ricky Ford, who is not especially well-known in this area, but we have been hearing a lot of his recordings played on local jazz outlets recently.

He is a part of the new wave saxists, such as a Frank Strozier, or Bob Berg, Sal Nistico, Harold Watson. In essence, he burns, using hard bop as a base, but really charging straight ahead.

The usual rhythm section will be on hand, Marc Cohen, piano; Hugh Walker, drums, and Bob Gibson, bass. Ricky will be on hand through Sunday night.

At The Bandstand a jazz group from Poland will be featured. Must confess we have never heard of them, but that doesn't mean a thing. Won't attempt to spell any of the names, but Baltimore is included in their tour of the United States, and Mike Binsky assures me that they do produce some interesting, swinging sounds.

Goucher College continues its jazz lecture series, and today (Friday), pianist Charles Covington and his trio will perform at 12:30 in the Kraushaar Lobby.

Others in the group include Bob Wyatt, drums, John Nazdin, bass and Ora Reed, who will speak on the history of jazz piano. Charlie is curently a faculty member of the Peabody Institute.

One of the newest live jazz outlets in town is the Cafe Park Plaza on N. Charles St. near the Washington monument, where a group called Wooden Hands and a vocalist will be on tap through Saturday night. Got an advance tip that Coppin State College will be putting on a jazz night and fashion show during May. Current planning is to bring in the Johnny Polite trio featuring Mickey and Shirley Fields.

There'll be other attractions, about which we will "keep you posted, and the best part about this presentation, is that you and all other interested persons will get a chance to hear these top local artists free.

Drummer Jimhmi Johnsun will head up the jazz jam at the Sportsmen's Lounge this weekend at the Saturday evening set, while the John Lamkin Quartet featuring "Eartha," will hold down the Fri. and Sat. night sessions.

What's Happening

Harold Cornish is Artie Jensen, an aggressive two-timing lover in "227," Christine Houston's comedy, now at the Arena Playhouse through this weekend.

Gorham Scott, film actor ("The Hitter," "The Seduction of Joe Tynam, "And Justice For All") will be portraying "Sporting" Jimmy Sweet in Phillip Hayes Dean's "The Sty of The Glind Pig." The comedy drama will be presented April 18-19-25-26 at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts. Curtain is 7:30 p.m. for each performance. The performance April 18, is a benefit for the Youth of the church.

Lena Horne tours for Delta

Lena Horne

Singer actress Lena Horne embarked on a 26-city farewell tour April 8 in Detroit titled "Lena Horne, The Lady, The Legend."

Soror Horn's tour is a fund-raising event for DST Communications, a subsidiary corporation of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of which she is honorary chairman of its Arts and Letters Commission.

DST Communications was established to help blacks control the means through which their talents are marketed. Delta eventually hopes to acquire a TV station and move more and more into communications. Money raised by Soror Horne's tour will be used for this purpose.

Accompanying Soror Horne in selected cities will be poetess Nikki Giovanni, O.C. Smith, Billy Eckstein, Sammy Davis Jr. at Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and ventriloquist Willie Tyler and Lester.

Patti Labelle

at Lyric, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Pauline Brooks presents Fashion Show Friday night at chapter courtesy, "Black Woman's Life Style."

Maryland Council of Delta Sigma Theta

The Maryland Council of Deltas includes Annapolis Alumnae, Baltimore Alumnae, Cambridge Alumnae, Montgomery County Alumnae and Prince George's County Alumnae.

Undergraduate chapters are: Alpha Gamma, Morgan State University; Kappa Phi, University of Maryland, College Park; Kappa Psi, Frostburg State College; Lambda Kappa, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Mu Mu, Towson State University.

Also, Mu Psi, The Johns Hopkins University; Zeta Delta, Bowie State College; Zeta Epsilon, Coppin State College; Nu Rho, Salisbury State College.

What's Happening

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Members of the Social Action Committee attending are Ms Veronica Taylor, N.J.; and Ms Antoinette Lamb, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Special Events

An exhibit of painting, sculpture, photography and other media from schools, colleges, universities and special programs in the Baltimore area will be open to the public Saturday, 8:30 a.m. in the Hilton Hotel Ballroom.

Theme will be "Black Youth, Women, The Family". The exhibit will be on display until 12 Noon and is open to the public.

Schools exhibiting work include The Little School, St. Charles of Borromeo School, Greenspring Junior High School, Harlem Park Junior High School, The Kappa Guide Right Program, The Jail School, Morgan State University and Coppin State College, University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.

Deltas in charge of this program include Soror Gloria Morrow, chairperson; Sorors Lorraine G. Brown, Edith Greene, Laura Byrd, Eleanor Howard, Lyn Knight, Gwendolyn Lindsay, Chapelle Armstead, Charlene Cooper-Boston, Thelma Cox, Rubye Gill, Laura Knight, Beatrice Madison and Ruth Pratt.

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Student Panels

Delta sorors and students will hold panel discussions on the theme "Black Youth Speaks to Issues Facing Black Youth and Women in the '80's", Saturday, 9 a.m. at the Francis Scott Key Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. The session is open to the public.

Highlight of this session will be music by the Chorale of Dunbar High School. Moderator will be Ms Vivyen Ray, Morgan Student. Other topics are "Youth and Health", Ms Beverly Simon, St. Francis-Charles A. Hall High School; "Youth and Family", Ms Robin Finney, Woodlawn Senior High; "Youth and Politics", Anthony Presley, Walbrook Senior High;

Also, "Youth and Employment", Reginald Kennedy, Lake Clifton Senior High; Page for Congressman Mitchell, Walbrook Senior High; and "Youth and Mass Communication", Ms Kathy Wilmer, St. Marks High School.

Workshops

Five workshops will be held Saturday starting 2:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel and all are open to the public. The development of the workshops is under the joint sponsorship of the School for Continuing Education Community Outreach, Morgan State University with the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta. Sorors Beryl Williams is chairperson and Leah Hasty, co-chairperson.

Speakers include Soror Vivian Washington for Project Upbeat; Judge Robert Bell, "Black Women and Preventive Crime"; Soror Thelma T. Daley, "Black Women Facing Challenges", supervisor, Guidance, Baltimore County Public Schools; Mrs. Ann S. Davis, director Florence Crittendon Services, "Black Women, Youth and Family" and Mrs. Doris Roseborough, Small Business Association, speaker on "Employment and Education".

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Junetta Jones, Walter Lee at Gallery 409

Junetta Jones, soprano; Dr. Walter Lee, oboist.

Junetta Jones, Soprano, Walter Lee, Oboist and Langston Fitzgerald, Trumpeter will be in concert at Gallery 409 on Sunday, April 20, beginning at 5 p.m. The concert, one of a series, is presented by the Cultural Arts Project Urban Services Agency. Gallery 409 is loacated at 409 N. Charles Street.

Ms Jones graduated from the Peabody Conservatory and went on to study with the New England Conservatory where she auditioned for and won the Metropolitan Opera auditions. This resulted in a contract with the Met in roles in "Don Carlos", "The Marriage of Figero" and "Rigoletto". Ms Jones has sung operatic roles in both Germany and Switzerland. She has also studied extensively in public and private schools as well as a number of colleges.

Dr. Walter Lee is also a graduate of Peabody Institute and Johns Hopkins University, where he received his Doctorate in 1978. He has played with the Baltimore Symphony and the Symphony of the New World and has received several awards and grants including those from the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations.

Mr. Fitzgerald plays second chair trumpet with the Baltimore Symphony and will play G Piccolo Trumpet in the 409 concert. Julius Tilghman will accompany all three performers on the piano.

The concert on Sunday will include works from Johann Sebastian Bach, Jacques Hotteterre, Edward Boatner, Gordon Jacob, Giacomo Puccini and Gustave Charpentier.

Jesse Walker's N.Y.

New York—"Penitentiary", the first black movie of the new decade, written, directed and co-produced by Jamaa Fanaka, is setting a torrid pace at the box offices across the country—in spite of the raps on it by daily press critics. Starring Leon Isaac Kennedy, former LA disc jockey and also boasts top public affairs programming, heard mostly on Sunday mornings. The top program is "Black Ethics and Expression", Parts 1 and 2, hosted by News Director David Lampel. Recent guest was black activist Stokely Carmichael, revealing his strategies in organizing an All-African People's Revolutionary Party. An interview with former UN Ambassador Andrew Young is scheduled for airing soon.

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Ragan Henry, president of the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters is also president of Broadcast Enterprise Network, one of the nation's largest minority-owned broadcasting companies. One of his stations is WHEC-TV, a CBS affiliate and traditional Rochester, N.Y. leader in news programming. The station's new operation is fully electronic, with live programming capability and when the Region One Confab of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalists society, meets in Rochester May 2-3 it will tour the station. And Henry will appear on a conference panel, "Survival Strategy for the 1980s—What Will Television and Newspapers Do Best?" on Saturday, May 3.

Jazz vocalist Johnny Hartman—a survivor of another era—was honored at the "Bankers Broker's Ball" when Harlem saluted its own at a dinner-dance, Monday, April 14 at the Harlem World.

The Red Rooster Cocktail Lounge & Restaurant — once Harlem's most popular gathering spot—is once again becoming the place where Old Timers congregate daily to meet and greet old friends. The restaurant, under management of Pamela Adams, is serving lunch daily, except Saturdays, from 12 noon until 4 p.m., and dinners are served daily from 4 p.m. until 2 a.m.

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Ms. Verna Day, was recently chosen Woman of the Year by the American Business Woman's Freedom Chapter in an "Evening With Verna" at the Arena Playhouse. She is OMBP Employee Development Specialist and is now eligible for "Top Business Woman of America."

husband of TV sportscaster Jayne Kennedy.

Penitentiary is currently listed No. 16 on Variety's weekly list of "Top-Grossing Films", with earnings so far of $1,224,665. And that's with showings in only two cities. It grossed $675,000 in NYC its first week in 80 theatres, $110,334 in Chicago's first week and $102,000 in its second.

Con Edison holds its Yankee Kid Brunch on April 24 at the Yankee Riverboat to select the Yankee Kid for 1980. The Fresh Air Fund, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation, PAL and NYC Housing Authority nominate 10 candidates. Lucky winner, chosen by lottery, will be Yankee bat boy and travel with team for some games.

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Top Jazz

1. Fun and Games
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2. Catching The Sun
Spyro Gyra
3. Every Generation
Ronnie Laws
4. Skylarkin'
Grover Washington, Jr.
5. Hideaway
David Sanborn

Top R & B Albums

1. Light Up The Night
The Brothers Johnson
2. The Whispers
3. Off The Wall
Michael Jackson
4. The Gap Band II
The Gap Band
5. Ray, Goodman & Brown

Top R&B Singles

1. Stomp!
The Brothers Johnson
2. Don't Say Goodnight
The Isley Brothers
3. I Don't Believe You Want to Dance
The Gap Band
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