Partyline

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. hosts annual luncheon-fashion show

By Pattie Hodges
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Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Kappa Chapter, presented its annuall Business Week Luncheon - Fashion show and 'Miss Iota Pageant recently at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The theme was "Women Facing Challenges in a New Decade."

The 400 guests who attended were inspired by the beautiful fashions which were by Montgomery Ward. Commentator for the show was Le Pena Powell. Fashions for daytime, evening and playwear were presented.

Guest designer aired fashions by Vicara, featuring handbags and unusual fashions for swimming and daytime wear.

Modeling the interesting fashions were: Thomasine Foster (who made and designed her own fashions); Michelle Gray, Angela Lane, Aval Carey, Yvette Gwynn, Wendy Poulson, Marian Gaskins, Daiva Frazer, Eloise Johnson, Adrienne Franks, Ronald Humphries, Glenn Singleton, Clarence Kelly, Felicia Vaughn and Billie Ranson.

Special highlight of the program was the 'Miss Iota Pageant.' The Miss Iota contestants were Misses Mia Conyer, Patricia Parker, Miftina Phillips, Grace Spencer, Terselle Wright and Sonya Wooten. The winner of the contest was Miss Sonya Wooten.

Another special feature of the afternoon was the presentation of Iota's 1979 F. I. G. essay contest winner, La Tanya Brown. She was presented a trophy.

'Soror of the Year Award' was presented to Soror Evelyn Faulk. She was given a plaque.

The purpose of the affair was to raise funds for the chapter's scholarship fund for worthy students entering the field of business.

Chairperson for the affair was Soror Chistine Frazer. Co - chairperson was Soror Blanche Williams. Soror Doris B. Austin is president of Kappa Chapter.

Pan-Hellenic Spring Formal

On Saturday, May 10, The Pan Hellenic Assembly of Chester County, Pa. hosted its annual Spring Formal from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Continental Inn in Lancaster, Pa.

Journeying from this city for this lovely affair were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Robinson (Shirley); and Mr. and Mrs. John Mohamed (Marlene).

Mr. Robinson is the head of the Harbor City Learning Center of the Caltimore Bepartment of Education. Mrs. Robinson is a teacher with the Department of Education.

Mr. Mohamed is precipal of the Southeast Middle School. Mrs. Mohamed is principal of the Winston Middle School.

Music was provided by The Dynamics, a fantastic group which played delightful melodies to which the beautifully bedecked ladies and their handsome guys danced.

Officers of the Pan Hellenic Assembly which decideds policy for the existing Greek Leiter Organizations in that area are: Alfred J. Tolbert, president; Dr. Louis C. Stokes, vice president; Harry L. Starr, recording secretary; Dr. Charles H. Butler, treasurer; William B. Cuff Sr., financial secretary; Alfonso E. Jones, publicity director; Norman C. Hines, chaplain and Dr. F. Lafenus Hutchins, parliamentarian.

Members of the dance committee, who are entitled to laurels for putting together such a divine evening were: Dr. P. Custis Howard, chairman; Warner A. Durnell Sr., Dr. Samuel R. Overton, Alfred J. Tolbert and Patrick H. Walk, Jr., committee members.

Poettes Disco

The Poettes, a local social club, presented a scholarship benefit disco at the Teamsters Hall, 6000 Erdman Ave. on Saturday, May 17.

Guests came out to enjoy lively disco music and to party from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The purpose of the affair was to present a scholarship to a deserving Dunbar High School Student.

Winner of the scholarship, which was given in honor of the late Ida M. Gladden, a former Poette and Dunbar High student who majored in business, was Ms. Eltenease Davis.

Officers of The Poettes are: Ms. Ester Taylor, president; Ms. Patricia Thompson, vice president; Ms. Vera White, secretary and Ms. Barbara England, treasurer. Other members are Ms. Frechetter Bell, Ms. Anne Bunch, Ms. Shirley Cartwright and Ms. Lorraine Peachock.

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IOTA PHI LAMBDA Sorority sisters who served on the committee for their Kappa Chapter's Annual Business Week Fashion Show and Luncheon held at the Baltimore Convention Center recently are (L to R): Blanche Williams, co-chairperson; Christine Fraser, chairperson; Doris B. Austin, president, Kappa Chapter; Helene Gwynn, Madelyne E. Redder and Pauline Carter. On the committee but not pictured was Mary Ames.

Columbia Capers

Talented Columbia teen on the way up

By PINNIE L. ROSS

Pretty Charlene White is the teen with talent, and one who knows just where she is going in the future.

After talking with Charleene over the past three years, it's an indication that she is headed for the top.

She is only 17 years old, a senior at Wilde Lake High School, she resides in the Harper Choice section of Columbia with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White.

Charlene is an all around performer in drama, singing, dance and piano.

She started her training in piano at the age of four at the Sewell Music Conservatory in Washington, D.C. where she used to live prior to moving to Columbia.

Charlene's vocal lessons began at the age of six; she danced a year after that, and subsequently won a musical contest for the D.C. metropolitan area.

"Music, I love it to death," she said. She loved it so much that after moving to Columbia she continued her instruction at The Peabody Conservatory.

About two years ago the talented teen added modern dance with disco King John Taylor to her repertoire. She helps Mr. Taylor with his classes and travels at times with his revue, demonstrating the various dance steps.

In addition, she receives personal voice lessons from Isaiah Lurry, a lyric baritone with the Washington Opera. Mr. Lurry performed in the stage production of Timbuktu.

Other directors under whom Charlene has worked locally are Carolyn Kelemen, Ann Waugh Allen, Sandy Fiarhurst, Ray Hatch, Bennie Hill, Donald McBee and Toby Orenstein.

Another top honor for Charlene was when she went back to Washington in 1977 to the Metro Talent Hunt. This time she took the spotlight as the star of a local television show called 'Spread a Little Sunshine.'

She is now appearing in educational scenes on public television. She filmed a teen - age talk show called "Stuff" to be aired later in the summer.

The Teen beauty's recent stage appearances include parts in 'The Mad Woman of Chaillot', 'The Me Nobody Knows', 'West Side Story', and the 'Young Columbians' show, Broadway.

She has met such artists as the Commodores, L.T.D., George Benson, B.B. King, The Sylvers, The famed Jacksons, and Switch.

Her other activities include being on the high school communications team, the NAACP Youth Council, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Guilford, where she sings in the A.D. Webb Ensemble.

What does this talented teen plan to do with her future? "I am definitely going to college, where I'd like to major in general communication.

"After that," she smiled and said, "I hope to perform on Broadway and T.V.; dancing, acting and singing; teach all three; work behind the scenes as a producer or director; work as a disc jockey, and as a studio engineer."

This young 17 - year - old student is ambitious, intelligent and beautiful. The skies are not limited for her. It wouldn't surprise me if she reaches beyond the sky.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Reach for the sky and go beyond it. Your goal is at the top and far beyond that, just keep on reaching.

—Douglass Reunion

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They were: Dr. Elijah Saunders, chief of cardiology at Provident Hospital; Warren W. Parker, third generation of a successful business in the Baltimore area, (Thin Shelled, Fiber - Reinforced Concrete) and a major contractor for the Baltimore subway; Henry E. Parker, the first black comptroller of Connecticut, who has served in that capacity for five years; George Russell, the first appointed city solicitor for Baltimore; Dr. Elaine Howard Davis, called the 'Educator of Educators, who holds five degrees and is a former administrator, now retired; Bishop L. Robinson, deputy commissioner of the police department and adjutant professor in Crimal Justice at Coppin;

Also The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, Maryland's first black congressman, D - 7th; Earl Koger Sr., a Baltimore writer, editor, publisher, insurance broker and community leader;

Ethel Ennis, local songstress, who has established her versatility as a singer from Duke Ellington's work to those of Chopin, who has recorded 10 albums, appeared on radio, television and in supper clubs and has contributed her talent to the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore's Best;

Avon Long, actor and producer, who played Sportin' Life in the original "Porgy and Bess" musical (1942) has appeared in "Kiss Me Kate," "Bubbling Brown Sugar," "Carmen Jones", who was Chicken George in "Roots II" and is now producing a musical called '40 Acres and a Mule'. Long credits his success to his Douglass High School Latin teacher, Ms. Nellie Buchannan.

Scientific award went to Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, well - known arctic explorer, the second black man to go to the North Pole and the perpetuator of the memory of Matthew A. Henson, first black man at the North Pole.

Mayor William D. Schaefer's representative Alvin Watson of the Baltimore Budget Dept. read the mayor's proclamation declaring Saturday, May 17 (beginning at noon) "Douglass High School Alumni Day" in Baltimore.

Dr. Rebecca Carroll, associate superintendent of Baltimore City public schools represented Superintendent Dr. John L. Crew and gave greetings on his behalf.

Others recognized at the reunion were those who had come from the greatest distance, the oldest married couple and the oldest alumni member.

Carnering accolades for coming from the greatest distance were Lorraine Myers Winston of San Juan, Mich; Margie Davis Halliman who journeyed from LaVerne, Italy and Lawrence Lee Thomas, who came all the way from the United Kingdom. Johnston, Wallies, and Jo Ann Stallings from California.

The oldest married couple (both alumni of Douglass) was Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown Sr. (he's 87 years young, she's 65) of the class of 1916, when Douglass was called The Colored High School. They have 10 children, 35 grandchildren and 32 great - grandchildren, all living. The oldest alumni, from the class of 1908 was Mrs. Mattie White Ashton, who graduated from Douglass when it was the Colored High School at Pennsylvania Ave and Dolphin St.

The Pauline Brooks Fashion Boutique gave a $25 gift certificate to the wife of the oldest married couple. The Arlington Phillips Funeral Home and Roger's Beauty Supply (of Pennsylvania Ave.) donated 2,000 lovely complimentary token gifts each.

Closing remarks were made by Hannibal Mickens, who encouraged the individual chapters to continue their own planned activities. He stated that even though the BIG reunion was a glorious occasion it was in no way meant to deter or discourage the individual chapters from continuing their good works.

The hundreds and hundreds of alumni proudly stood to sing their alma mater.

Earlier they had enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, replete with assorted beverages and deserts. There was continuous open bar.

Following the formal program, alumni and their guests, who were beautifully frocked and dazzling, danced the rest of the evening away to the tunes of The Infinite Experience Band.

It was an evening to remember. Many said they would never forget it. It was, by Far, the biggest black social event of the season.

Virginia State Round-up

The Baltimore Metropolitan chapter of the Virginia State University Alumni Association is having Round-Up Number 2 — An evening of pleasure at The Ritz, 20 Light St., on Sunday, June 1, from 5 until 9 p.m.

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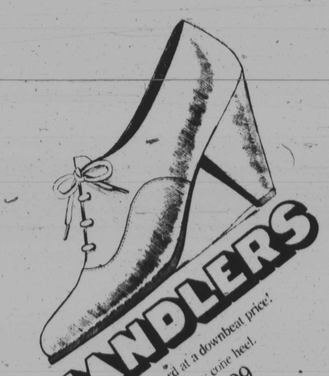
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