Columbia Capers

Interracial Columbia Couple wins Newlywed Game

By Pinnie L. Ross

The Newlywed game, hosted by Bob Eubanks, was in the Columbia Mall recently. It was the real thing just like on T.V., but the audience consisted of community people.

One of the couples participating whom we know very well was popular Michael and Diane Brown, Columbia's first interracial couple.

Diane Brown is a very charming person with an out-going personality and she's very intelligent.

It certainly wasn't her engineer husband Michael's idea to be a guest on the show. According to Diane, "Michael said a flat out and out no," but she signed them up anyway and they became the stars of the show by winning the game with top scores.

The advertisement had read: "If you're a newlywed or just feel like one, fill out an entry blank". "I actually feel like a newlywed!" the charmer said.

The Browns have been married for 14 years and proud parents of two sons and a darling daughter.

"What do I have to lose? I guess the worst thing that could happen is that I'd at least get a good story out of it", said the high-spirited Diane.

Mrs. Brown is a staff writer for the Columbia Flier.

The Browns' oldest son Michael Jr. was just a little disturbed. "How can you do this, mom?" he asked. "You told me never to be on a show like that when I get all grown up and married."

Just how does a Columbia mother of three and her husband who gave her a flat "no" end up being the winner of the Columbia Mall's own version (I mean with the real host, Bob Eubanks) the most watched T.V. show for young couples?

There were 170 entries for the game. About half of those decided they couldn't go through with it for some reason or another, but Diane, with a strong determination hung in there, and along with other remaining contestants was questioned by a professional interviewer from a New Jersey firm during a try out version conducted in the management office.

A segment of the wedding march rang out "Here comes the Newlyweds" and of course the star of the show Bob Eubanks appeared. The crowd screamed, just like on T.V.

The fun began Diane said she kept telling herself that she wasn't nervous especially when the couples left the stage for the humidor room of the Pipe Pub, the sound proof booth for a portion of the show during which time questions were asked about the husbands such as "which of your friends would your husband most like to cuddle up with?

Believe me, they came up with the same answer on four occasions which brought their score up to 50 points.

The Browns tied with another couple. The tie was broken by the Browns actually predicting the score they would get before the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown won an overnight stay and all day jaunt at Resorts International, the sponsor of the show in Atlantic City.

It was a new experience for Diane and Michael.

The popular Columbia couple has been written up in several nationally known magazines as an ideal couple, and appeared on television in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Both Diane and Michael are graduates of the University of Maryland. She is the daughter of Baltimore's own fashionable Willia Bland.

POPULAR INTERRACIAL COUPLE, Diane and Michael Brown, of Columbia, Md. won the Newlywed Game when it was taped in Columbia recently.

Dyanne Boone follows family tradition — graduates from Hampton

A Boone family tradition may have ended with the graduation of Dyanne R. Boone from Hapton Institute on Mother's Day, May 11.

But for Dyanne's big day, the Boones, their relatives and friends, were in their regular seats for a Hampton commencement ceremony—rows I and J in the Hampton Coliseum.

Douglas and Anne Boone of Baltimore, both Hampton grads, beamed with pride as their youngest child and only daughter received her bachelor of Schien-science degree as a fashion merchandising major.

Their oldest son, Douglas Jr., who like his wife Beverly, graduated from Hampton, is an account executive for ABC's Boston affiliate WCVB-TV. Beverly's father also graduated from Hampton.

Their youngest son Duane, also a Hampton graduate, is a health physicist with the Virginia Electric and Power Company and lives in Hampton. Likewise, his fiancee, Darlene Turner, is a Hampton alumnus.

Over a 12-year span Douglass Sr., the director of career development and continuing education for the Office of the Secretary with the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., and Anne L. Boone, an educational specialist with the Baltimore city schools, have had a son or daughter at Hampton.

Although all the members of her family went to Hampton, including grand Uncle Ben and Mary Davis of Suffolk, Va., Dyanne says she had a choice.

"But perhaps some subliminal force said 'Hampton'," she confided. "My parents would talk about the fun times they had at Hampton. So I applied to only one college and that was to Hampton Institute."

Miss Boone also had Hampton memories of her own. Her parents introduced her to the campus early. They took her to homecoming events there and she even has a photograph of herself running beneath the Memorial Church tower on campus dressed in a romper suit and white hightop shoes.

Those Ivy League schools that pressured her to enroll at their institutions really didn't have much of a chance. What Dyanne now calls the "Hampton Experience" was something she apparently had looked forward to enjoying. of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Kappa Omicron Phi Home Economics Honor Society, and was president of the Human Ecology Club. Dyanne was also selected for "Who's Who Among both national publications.

An "A" student who was rated number one in her department, Miss Boone received the James E. Gregg award (the only student to receive the coverted award both junior and senior years), the Stokely Van Camp Honorary Home Economics Award, the Flemmie P. Kittrell Award, and the Honors Council Award.

Miss Boone was hired early by the J.C. Penney Company

Dyanne R. Boone

Diane A. Moore to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore Jr. of Gwynns Falls Pkwy. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Diane Andrea Moore, to James Joseph Jones Jr. son of Mrs. Helen Jones of Thomas Ave. and Mr. James Jones Sr., of Catonsville, Md.

The bride elect is a graduate of Walbrook High School and attended Community College of Baltimore.

Her grandparents are Mrs. Maybelle Forrester and the late Reverend Robert C. Forrester Jr. and Mr. Joseph C. Moore Sr. of Philadelphia and the late Mrs. Carrie Moore.

Her fiance is a graduate of Walbrook High School and presently a senior at Coppin State College.

Miss Diane A. Moore

His grandparents are Mrs. Lucille Hill and the late Walter C. Hill from Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barney Sr.

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Along with regional planning sessions, highlights of the conference include workshop sessions on Saturday, June 21, centered around the theme "Lost in America — Where Is The Family?", a luncheon following the workshops, featuring readings by Mary West Miller and opportunities to win many door prizes, and includes the Saturday night spectacular — A Hawaiian Luau, featuring a fashion show, dancing and games.

President of the Baltimore Club is Mrs. Edith M. Thomas. Conference chairperson is Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, past national president of NANBPW.

The Mid-Atlantic Region's governor is Mrs. Candace Daisey of Philadelphia, Pa.

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Local girl cuts a hot new record

Pat Moore

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Thomas Bond is proud to present his hottest new act, "Pat Moore", with her brand new single, "Where There's A Will, There's A Way".

Following the trend of most black artists Pat Moore who was born and raised in Catonsville, Maryland, started singing at Grace Methodist Church and attended Benjamin Banneker School, where her interests in music was developed by the late, great Weldon J. Irvine, who also has numerous albums to his credit.

It was through his expertise and guidance that Pat entered the high school's talent contest with her vocal group, "The Rosebuds", they won first place.

Upon graduation from Catonsville Senior High, Pat and her family moved to California; she sang in the local nite clubs in San Jose for many years. In 1973, she moved to "Hollywood" and joined a group called "Sunfire".

They traveled to Mexico, and headlined a concert for Jose Feliciano. This was the beginning of many tours, taking the group to such places as Texas, Canada and Florida.

After leaving the group, Pat began to branch out and work with Studio Musicians as a Background Vocalist, and later in Reno, Nevada in "A Chorus Line" Revue.

In 1974, Pat Moore made her national television debut in San Francisco, thanks to Don Lucas, a friend of Redd Foxx.

After a four-year break, New York seemed to be the last stop; If she could make it there, she could make it anywhere.

In a recent interview, Pat stated; "To make a saleable product, there are two factors involved in today's record industry: One, you have to be aware of the time element and two, and you have to understand Harmony. These two factors hold true for: many things in life, love between two people, harmony in nature and existence of beauty in all things, big and small."

One of the nicest things about working with this brand new company is that Pat has the freedom, to experiment with her music, to get that funky sound, that driving intensity that helps her to push when she sings.

"I have to be inspired when I sing; if I can't feel the music, then I know the people can't relate to what I'm saying. I guess I'm from the old school, music is my substance; - that's what keeps me going," Pat claims.

"My future plans include becoming a record production manager then moving into the capacity of engineer.

"There is nothing more exciting than to mix and master your own records. This makes me know that there ain't nothing finer than to fulfill a lifetime ambition. It was a lot of hard work but it was definitely worth it. This is my dream come true.

Wes Unseld

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'An Evening With Wes Unseld' was a great shot in the arm for Project Survival.

The 40 head table guests, not only paid high honors to the two men in the spotlight for the evening. They contributed generously through the businesses and organizations they represented to this worthy cause.

Monies presented are expected to total more than $25,000.

Coach Earl Banks, athletic director at Morgan University, who spearheaded the benefit, along with Linwood Ivey, head of Urban Services and Alvin Steele of the U.S. Office of Youth Affairs, served as emcee for the evening's festivities.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., pastor, Wayland Baptist Church and vice chair, Urban Services Ageney Commission.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, after which emcee Banks introduced the head table guests.

Greetings and introduction of government officials and sports writers was by Elva Edwards, associate director, Urban Services; Greetings and special introduction of NBA players was by Bob Perry, general manager, Washington Bullets;

Present were Mayor William D. Schaefer, Congressmen Parren J. Mitchell, State Senator Clarence Blount, Margaret Murphy, member, Maryland House of Delegates and Walter F. Orlinsky, president, Baltimore City Council.

Receiving scholarship awards were Wanda Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson and a Dunbar High senior and Dwayne Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood, a youthful athletic star in his own right.

Head table guests paying tributes to Wes and 'Sugar' Cain and making contributions on behalf of Project Survival were: Brate Accorsi, assistant general manager, Baltimore Colts; Andrew Bellenger, president, Morgan U.; William Fowler, vice president, Colts Corral Inc. Co.; Thomas Hammond, parks commissioner; Fred Brown and Victor Julian, of Anheuser Busch; Jim Gardner, president, Winner Distributing Co. / Charlie Gladden, president, Dunbar Ports Athletic Club; William Hall of the Garwyn Medical Center, Inc., a Heublein Company representative; Ernie Humbles, special representative, Pepsi - Cola Co.; Joe Kitchner, president, Mortgecrats, Inc.; John H. Murphy III, chairman, board of trustees, APRO-AMERICAN; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanna, representing John McLendon, national representative, Converse Rubber Co.; Jeff Marks, eastern division, manager, Buckingham Corp.; Bill Neill, consultant, physical therapist, Kernan Hospital; Willie Phillips, Dunbar Class of 1960;

Also Jerry Seals, executive vice president, Washington Bullets; Edwin Staplin, director, Corporate Planning, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.; Harry Stevens, president, Quality Brand Co. (Cutty Sark) who donated over $5,000 to Project Survival; Dick Szymanski, general manager, Baltimore Colts; Jim Thompson, director, special affairs, Miller Brewing Co.; Richard Watkins, vice president, Allegheny Pepsi;

Also Vernon Weist, director, Office of Youth Affairs, USA and director, Project Survival; Julia Woodland, principal, Dunbar High School; Dorothy Bishop, youth advisor, Office of Youth Affairs, USA; Alvin Steele, youth director, Office of Youth Affairs, USA; Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools and Dorothy Towler, supervisor, Information Systems, USA.

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