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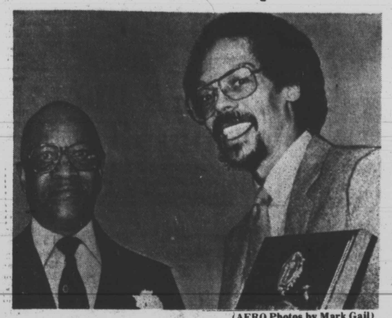
## Sigmas mark 67th year at Founders' Day



JUDGE ROBERT M. BELL (R) receives plaque of Achievement from Brother Joseph Wiles, (L) general chair, Zeta Sigma Chapter, after giving the keynote address during the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's 67th Founders' Day celebration held at the Belvedere Hotel, Charles and Chase St., Saturday, Jan. 10.

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SUPER PRIDE EXEC Frank Edwards (R) the Bigger Better Business Award from Brother William Dorsey, Zeta Sigma Chapter, on behalf of Charles T. Burns, owner of Super Pride Stores, who could not attend.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. marked its 67th anniversary with a Founders' Day Luncheon and program on Saturday, Jan. 10.

This affair, hosted by Baltimore's Zeta Sigma and Epsilon Nu Sigma Chapters, was held on the 12th floor of the Belvedere Hotel, Charles and Chase Sts., and was attended by nearly 300 Sigma brothers, wives and family members, friends and members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (sister group to the fraternity).

The cocktail hour held across the hall from the banquetroom was a time of lively camaraderie, with guests greeting, gabbing, sipping cocktails from the open bar and enjoying the goodies from the International Cheese Display and Fruit Barni.

Background music was provided by the duelet sounds of the Bob Smith Trio.

When the throng moved across the hall to the main banquet room, they feasted on sumptuous luncheon fare of gourmet salad, braised beef Jardinere, stuffed baked potato Parmesan, Oriental Vegetable Medley, an assortment of fresh rolls and butter, coffee, tea, milk and for dessert, lemon crumb pie.

Brother Guilbert A. Daley who presided for the program, gave the Call to Brotherhood and the Call to order.

The assemblage raised their voices to sing the Black National Anthem, followed by the Rev. Brother Harold Johnson Sr., giving the invocation prior to the luncheon.

SOCIAL ACTION AWARD is presented to Brother Marvin L. Cheatham Sr., (L) president, Epsilon Nu Sigma Chapter by Brother C. Morris, as Mrs. Chatham looks on.

EDUCATION AWARD is garnered by Brother Ernest W. Lee, (L) prominent educator, by Dr. George Crawford, Zeta Sigma Chapter, as Mrs. Lee looks on.

ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES during the Sigma's Founders' Day Celebration are (L to R): Rodney Cofield, Mrs. Joanne Wallace and Mrs. Bernadine Butler.

## Zeus hosts holiday banquet — honors retired members

DR. LUCIUS LEEPER admires plaque of recognition which he received in honor of his retirement from S.S.A. as Director of Medical Services, during the annual holiday banquet hosted by Zeus, Inc. at the Holiday Inn Belmont recently. His wife, Shirley looks on fondly.

(AFRO Photos by Mark Gail)

The Annual Holiday Banquet hosted by Zeus, Inc. that local social-civic club of long standing, was held recently at the Holiday Inn Belmont.

Guests who came out to enjoy the festivities arrived at 8 p.m. and stayed until 1 a.m.

A delicious sit-down dinner and cocktails served as party fare.

Disco dancing, with music provided by Mike's Music Machine, was high on the agenda for merriment.

This year, the members of Zeus decided to honor their members who had retired from the working world during 1980.

Dr. Lucious Leeper, formerly director of Medical Services for the Social Security Administration, was presented a plaque of recognition.

Fred P. Lockett, retired principal, Woodlawn Elementary School, also received a plaque of recognition.

Joseph Hobbs, also a retired educator, Baltimore County Schools, was honored, but was absent due to his illness.

Following the dinner and awards, the crowd danced the night away.

PARTY PATTER—Chatting genially during the festivities are (L to R): Beale E. Cooper, Zenus Turner, secretary-treasurer; Fred Lockett, sergeant-at-arms and Williams, recording secretary.

Officers of Zeus, Inc. are Charles Hughes, president; Beale Cooper, vice president; Francis vice president, Mrs. Grace Turner and Francis Turner, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Other members are Samuel Costen, Avon Davis, Joseph Hobbs, Lucius Leeper, George Moxey, Hollis Posey, Ellis Robinson, Sidney Sheppard, Maurice Staples and Joseph P. Yates.

FOUR GENERATIONS were represented at the recent 80th birthday celebration hosted for Mrs. Mattie Seaberry (second from L) they are (L to R): Johnnie McGowan III, grandson; Nikkia McGowan, 4, great-granddaughter; the honoree, Derek McGowan II, 1, great-grandson and Mrs. Bessie McGowan, daughter, who hosted the party.

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## Baltimore Kappas descend on Atlanta

By Carolyn Ali
AFRO Staff Writer

On December 26, 1980 over fifty members from Baltimore Alumni and their families left BWI via Eastern Airlines for Atlanta, Ga. to attend the Sixty-third Grand Chapter Conclave of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

These brothers, led by Polemarch William "Box" Harris, were given luxurious accomodations at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel which served as headquarters for the Conclave.

This Conclave was of special significance for Baltimore Kappas. A member of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, Dr. G. James Fleming, was awared the Laurel Wreath which is the highest honor is Kappadom and is awarded for meritorious to the fraternity as well as civic and community achievement.

Dr. Fleming, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Morgan State University and former Chairman of Morgan's Board of Regents, is only the thirtieth person to be awarded the Laurel Wreath in the seventy year history of Kapp Alpha Psi.

Another honor for Baltimoreans came at the Public Meeting held on Sunday, Dec. 28. The speaker at the meeting was a native of Baltimore, The Honorable Henry A. Parker, Douglass High School Class of 1946, who is now Treasurer of the State of Connecticut.

The Baltimore Brothers and their families traveled in grand style. All flight arrangements and chartered buses for ground transportation were handled by Colonel Charles R. Kelly and Mrs. Robert C. Tarter.

A hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency was kept open for the enjoyment and convenience of the brothers, their wives and special guests. This room was under the supervision of Dr. James F. Cooper and his committee.

Among the social activities enjoyed by the Baltimore Brothers were an Indoor Picnic at Morris Brown College, a tour of the fabulous Black Atlanta, nightly disco dances, the Closed Banquet with William "Sonny" Walker speaker and the Beautiful Closed Ball.

A final honor for Baltimore occurred when Mrs. Handolph T. Edwards (Elva) was unanimously re-elected National President of the Silhouettes.

The Baltimoreans were indeed privileged to have attended this Conclave which was the largest in the history of the Fraternity. Over 2000 Kappas from fifty states were in attendance.

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## Ms. Clifton Park Junior High Pageant to be held

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MS. CLIFTON PARK CONTESTANTS — Contestants who will be vying for the title of Ms. Clifton Park Jr. High during the pageant on January 17 in the Clifton Park Auditorium are (front row, L to R): Danette Cooper, Janette Cooper, Yvette Lynch, Robin Nesbit, Audrey Jones; (back row, L to R): Andora Taylor, Debbie Walker, Vickie Carter, Adrian Bands, Angela Greene, Carlene Jones and Mia Harvey.

The Pageant which will result in the crowning of Ms. Clifton Park Jr. High will be held in that school's auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

14 contestants will be vying for the title and one will come away a winner — Ms. Clifton Park Jr. High.

The pageant will be judged by five judges from the Baltimore area — David Wyche, music teacher, Winston Middle School; Andrea Mosley, Ms. Black Maryland contestant; Everette Mason, local model; Patricia Lewis, Home Economics teacher at Lake Clifton and Ms. Sawyer, modern dance teacher at Lake Clifton.

Ms. Clifton Park Jr. High will serve as official hostess for the school during her reigning year. She will win a trophy, flowers, a savings bond and a gift certificate from a local department store.

Some of the girls who are competing will go on to enter the Miss Inner City Teen Pageant.

The age level for the Ms. Clifton Park Pageant is 15 - 16 years old.

There are three segments of the pageant on which each contestant will be judged — evening gown competition, talent and a personality segment, during which each contestant will answer a question spontaneously which deals with contemporary life.

Ms. Eleanor Lawrence, Clifton Park music teacher, is directress for the pageant.

The contestants vying for the title have varied feelings about it. Here are some of their sentiments: Debbie Walker: "I think it feels good to experience such competition with such beautiful girls. This gives me a chance to show my inner talent."

Danette Cooper: "I feel really good to be in the Ms. Clifton Park Pageant and I'm getting a lot out of the experience." Mia Harvey: "I feel this is a great opportunity for me and I will go on in life for other pageants to become successful." Robin Nesbit: "The way I feel about being in the Ms. Clifton Pageant is that it is a great opportunity for me, and I plan to be in the Miss Inner City Teen Pageant."

Audrey Jones: "It feels great to be in the Ms. Clifton Pageant as a contestant. It's a real learning experience for me. I plan to go on to the Miss Inner City Teen Pageant." Carlene Jones: "I feel happy and excited to be in the Ms. Clifton Pageant. I would like to continue to compete in other pageants." Vickie Carter: "Being in a pageant is very interesting, fun and exciting. I would like to be in the Miss Teenage America Pageant. I think I have learned a lot by being involved in a pageant."

Yvette Lynch: "I feel very good being able to be a contestant in the Ms. Clifton Pageant. I hope in my future years to be a contestant in Miss Black Teen and also Miss Black America." Angela Greene: "The way I feel about the pageant is great and I would like to participate in other pageants as well as Clifton's."

Andora Taylor: "I feel very unique to be in any pageant that would have very much competition with any young lady and it makes every young girl feel beautiful to be in a pageant." Adrian Barnes: "I feel as though being in the pageant is meaningful. I think I will try to continue to go forward to be in other pageants." Janette Cooper: "I feel wonderful to be in the Ms. Clifton Pageant and I would like to be in other pageants like Miss Black Teen Pageant. I like to be seen.

HIGH SCHOOL CHUMS— Over 20 years ago these young women formed a group in high school known as the AGNN's. Recently they held an anniversary luncheon party at Blue Crest. From left, kneeling, are Mesdames Maxine Higginbotham, Gwendolyn Seaborne, Elise Clark and Helena Edmonds; standing, Mesdames Ann Johnson, Bernardine Harrison, Alice Pinderhughes, Theresa Freeland, Ruth Dorsey, Bertha Forte, Thelma Moore, Laura Robinson, Mary Smalley and Pauline Blackwell. All reside in Baltimore except Mrs. Smalley who lives in New York, and Mrs. Freeland who is president and resides in Washington, D.C.

## Local girl to compete for Miss Maryland-USA title

Miss Velva Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menris Greene, McKean Ave., has been selected as a finalist in the 1981 Miss Maryland - USA Pageant scheduled for Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn situated in the Baltimore suburbs the weekend of January 17 - 18.

The winner will represent Maryland in the 30th Annual Miss USA Pageant to be telecast nationally by CBS-TV from the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum. Approximately 70 young women from Maryland will compete for the state title.

Miss Greene will be judged on the basis of beauty of face and figure, poise, personality, grooming, intelligence and speaking ability.

She is now attending Western High School. She presently is employed by Martin's West Catering Inc.

While in high school, Velva participated in Concert Choir, Gospel Choirs, Drama Club, Mime Troupe, Science Club, Bible Club, National Honor Society and Dramatic Reading Contest.

Her other activities include: singing, poetry writing, tutoring, reading, cooking, meeting and talking to people and playing the piano.

Velva stands 5'6" tall, weighs 136 and has black hair and hazel eyes. She is 17 ½ years old. She lists her measurements as 34" - 26" - 46." She has 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Miss Greene's sponsors to the Miss Maryland - USA Pageant are: Beaufort Rodgers, Ms. Gloria Miles, David Morgan, Timothy DeAngelis, Yvette Ferguson, Opendell Cooper, Sharon Drain and Mrs. Mary Greene.

The reigning Miss Maryland - USA is Tonja Walker, a 20 - year - old former student at Towson State University and now a budding Hollywood starlet. She is from Kingsville.

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The authority to implement this law had been delegated to the Maryland Public Service Commission by the U.S. Department of Energy.

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