King's Daughters present first 'Debutante Pageant

Sharon S. Duncan

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MISS COURT OF HONOR — Participants (future debs) in the King's Daughters Productions Debutante Pageant in the 'Miss Court of Honor' segment are (L to R): Dawn Febray Abrams (winner of 'Miss Court of Honor 1981'); Jacqueline Erainia Campbell, Veronica Vashti Jones, (first runner-up) and Regina Eldridge.

Barbara Renee Jones

Michele McAllister

Carrie L. Thweatt

Anitte Dixon

Dalia Ann-Marie Grant

Dorenzer Karen Duncan

Dazon April Abrams

Shirl Deatrice Powell

Twelve lovely young ladies made their formal bow into society on Sunday Evening, April 20, and four future debutantes also took their bows, in 'Court of Honor.'

The King's Daughters Productions, a non-profit organization dedicated to train and inspire youth to vecome better citizens in our rising world of religion, education and industry, presented its first Annual Debutante Pageant.

Three hundred proud parents, sponsors, guests, officers and members of the K.D. Productions gathered at Martin's West for the event.

The program began with an overture by Anthony Dorsey, saxaphonist. Masters of Ceremony for the occasion were Eric Meyers and Windell Sutton.

Judges for the occasion were Mrs. Anne E. Larkins, assistant principal, Commodore John Rodgers Elementary School; Allen J. Bennett, project director, Provident Druid Community Health Center; Mrs. Shirley Duncan, director, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Arlington Recreation Center; Ms. Mardina Bradley, radiologist, University Hospital and Ms. Alice, director, Youth Development Center and founder of the 'Miss Inner City Teen Pageant.'

Bringing special remarks from the pastor of Edmondson Heights SDA Church was pastor W. A. Thompson, former secretary for the Columbia Union Conference.

The deb - contestants did a spirited opening production sequence called "Cheerleaders Let's Cheer."

Program highlights included solos by Amos Mackall; Sean Hayden and Lester Black; the introduction of the deb - contestants; a duet by Sean Hayden and Lester Black; the deb - contestants' talent presentation; the introduction of the judges, an instrumental solo by Anthony Dorsey; in the announcement of the semi - finalist; their personality questions and answers; the presentation of the 'Miss Court of Honor,' the announcement of special awards and the debutantes' bow, with parrents assembled.

During the presentation of the 'Miss Court of Honor' (future Miss Debutantes) took their formal bows. All wore beautiful baby blue gowns and carried bouquets of spring flowers.

Theme song for them was "Do You Know Where You're Going To?"

Dawn Febray Abrams was the winner of 'Miss Court of Honor; Veronica Vashti Jones was first runner - up; others in the court were Jacqueline Erainia Campbell and Regina Eldridge.

Debutantes, making their formal bows, wearing lovely white gowns and carrying one long - stemmed rose were Misses Annette Marie Barnes, Shirl Deatrice Powell, first runner - up; Michelle McAllister, winner, 'Miss Debutante Pageant 1981" Carrie L. Thweatt, Sharon S. Duncan, Denise Yvette Jones, second runner - up; Dorenzer Karen Duncan, Dalia Ann - Marie Grant, Janet Coleman, Dazon April Abrams, Anitte Dixon and Barbara Renee Jones.

Following their bow, was the coronation of 'Miss Debutante 1981' — 'Miss McAllister.'

The winner and runners - up received scholarships, trophies and gifts from various local businesses.

All of the debs are from local high schools and colleges. Their talents ran the gamut from singing to drama to instrumental music.

They were sponsored by their parents, churches, sororities schools and friends.

Escorts for the Pageant were Clifton Gaither, John Carroll Robinson, Troy McQuaige, Nevu Buris, Roosevelt Duncan, Clifton F. Macer II, John Riddick, Craig Wallace, Randy Baler, Nathan Harcum, Emerson Ruffin, Maurice Small, William Stokeley and David Williams.

Officers of the King's Daughters Production are Pearl Abrams, president; Margaret Jones, vice president; Catherine Huggins, recording secretary; Cynthia Baler, assistant secretary; Susie Brock, treasurer; Audrey Brown, assistant treasurer; Geraldine Davis, financial secretary, Lois Brown, public relations; Patricia Butler, seeking fun secretary and Pam Fraser, chaplain and Bernice Dixon, mem...

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Chapter officers are Sorors Charlene Cooper Boston, president; Hazel Parks, first vice president; Leah Hasty, second vice president; Mary Demory, third vice president; Kathie McLaughlin, recording secretary; Roslyn Smith, corresponding secretary; Paulette Spencer, financial secretary; Gwen Lindsay, assistant financial secretary; also Maggie Wiggins, treasurer; Rosemary Atkinson, assistant treasurer; Esther Williams, parliamentarian; Dorothy Barrick, chaplain; Thelma Cox, historian and Doris Nash, sergeant - at - arms.

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Mt. Vernon soup kitchen will open despite protests

"Our Daily Bread," the tiny soup kitchen located on W. Franklin St. is still fighting for its existence following a ruling that it can open by the very same judge who last month said that it could not because it was in violation of city zoning regulations.

Supreme Bench Judge Mary Arabian ruled last month that becuase the establishment proposed by Catholic Charities was not a lunchroom, it could not open in the Mt. Vernon location.

Her decision overruled an earlier decision by the city's zoning board, which said in December, despite protests by Mt. Vernon merchants, that the soup kitchen could open and was not in violation

Merchants, apparently worried that the lunchroom would draw too many poor people to an area cited for its "spirit of urban renewal" vowed to appeal the zoning board's decision, which they did by taking it to Judge Arabian.

But in decision last week, Judge Arabian, reviewing new evidence presented to her by Catholic Charities, ruled that although the soup kitchen was "still not a lunchroom," it was a charitable institution and was therefore not bound by the zoning laws she had earlier cited.

Sister Mary Abromaitis, coordinator of food services for Catholic Charities, told the AFRO that "we are still being appealed."

"We can operate unless the judge places a stay on our opening," said Sr. Abromaitis, adding that the doors would not actually open until June 1.

Catholic Charities renovated the once-vacant building and had no opposition to the proposed opening until some Mt. Vernon merchants, worried about the image of their neighborhood, decided to try to ban the establishment.

Their action at the zoning board, led by one real estate dealer whose building stands next to "Our Daily Bread," came to a head right before Christmas last year.

But Sr. Abromaitis told the AFRO at that time, and again after Judge Arabian's first ruling, that Catholic Charities would not give up.

At the most recent hearing before Judge Arabian, the charitable organization presented statements made by the zoning board saying that the proposed establishment was "a charitable organization opening a lunchroom."

"We didn't present that information the first time," said Sr. Abromaitis.

"Apparently, judges only consider evidence that is presented to them," she said

Bethlehem Steel report sales losses

Bethlehem Steel Corporation has reported 1981 first quarter earning of $25.9 million less than half the figure posted in the same period of 1980.

The nation's second largest steelmaker said its first quarter earnings were $25.9 million or 59 cents a share, compared with earnings of $54.4 million, or $1.25 per share, for the first quarter of 1980.

Sales were $1.858 billion, compared with $1.924 billion last year, Bethlehem Steel spokesman Robert Lemay said.

Steel shipments were 3 million tons in the first quarter and 3.32 million tons for the same period last year. First quarter steel production totaled 4.11 million tons and 4.59 million tons in the first quarter of 1980.

"Production and shipment levels were 10 percent and eight percent respectively, lower than in the first quarter of 1980 and net income declined $28.5 million from the year earlier period," said chief executive officer Donald H. Trautlein.

He attributed the decline over the first quarter of 1980 primarily to lower steel production and shipment levels and cost increase that exceeded price increases.

Trautlein said he expected a significant improvement during the rest of 1981 because of moderated steel imports and a move by manufatturers to rebuild depleted steel inventories.

He noted, however, that a long coal strike could have an adverse effect on total domestic shipments for the year.

"Shipment levels in the first quarter were better than we had anticipated and we expect the second quarter to be slightly higher," said Trautlein.

"In addition, to improved results from our basic steel activities, we also anticipate continued strength in our offshore drilling rig and oil field supply businesses."

(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)
THE PRETTIEST OF THEM ALL — Queen Imani Fudge, 8, poses next to Maypole she danced around at city's Flower Mart. Ms. Fudge was part of Peabody dancers who took part in festival.

Mitchell names LBJ Cong. intern

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) announced today the appointment of Ms. Sheila F. Maith as a 1981 Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Intern.

Ms. Maith is a sophomore honors student at Duke University in North Carolina, where she majors in public policy. A resident of the seventh congressional district where she lives with her parents on Elderon Avenue, Ms. Maith is a product of Grove Park Elementary School and graduated cum laude from Roland Park Country School in 1979.

The LBJ Congressional Internship is a program established by the House of Representatives which allows each representative to appoint an intern for any two months in any year to work on Capitol Hill.

The intern must be a teacher in government or social studies, or a student, and is compensated approximately $1600 for the two month period.

Ms. Maith will serve in Congressman Mitchell's Washington office during the months of May and June. She will work directly with Mitchell and his legislative staff on such tasks as monitoring legislation and congressional hearings, responding to constituent inquiries on public policy issues, and developing background materials for future legislative initiatives.

Ms. Maith has also been named as Duke University's Angier B. Duke scholar. Under this program, following her tenure with Congressman Mitchell, she will study for six weeks during the remainder of the summer at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Free summer lunch program to continue in city

Mayor Schaefer has announced that the Summer Lunch Program will again be providing free lunches for Baltimore City children this year.

In making the announcement, the mayor urged community organizations interested in participating to apply now for the June 29th to August 21st program.

The Summer Lunch program is scheduled to run for eight weeks, five days a week, but any non-profit organization, community, church, day camp or residential camp operating a lunch site may choose program length based on their needs and facilities.

To qualify as a lunch site, a minimum of 20 youth, 18 years old or younger, must be participating in ongoing, organized activities provided on the site.

Lunches are delivered between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and a responsible adult must be on site to supervise the program.

According to Mayor Schaefer, over 20,000 children were served each day during the 1980 program, and this year, the Mayor's office of Manpower Resources, administrators of the program, would like to reach more.

Mayor Schaefer also noted that the free meals—of the same quality and quantity—are available to all children in attendance at all meals, and that in operating the program, there will be no physical segregation or other discrimination against any child because of race, color or national origin.

Eligible organizations wishing to become involved in the Summer Lunch Program should contact Ms. Harrie Dawson in the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources at 396-6140 to secure an application.

A.A. Co. exec unveils new budget

The Anne Arundel County executive unveiled a $308 million budget for fiscal 1982 that is 5.7 percent larger than the current spending sheet and would require a 26 cent increase in the property tax.

"When times were good, we returned surpluses to you in the form of tax cuts," Robert A. Pascal, the county executive said. "When times are tough, we ask you, through tax increases, to invest in the county's future."

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The advisory board meets regularly to discuss the program and its services to the community.

The Baltimore City Hospitals Community Psychiatry program is a grant-funded program of the Baltimore City Health Department providing a full range of outpatient psychiatric treatment. The program offers individual therapy as well as group, family and couples counseling.

The program is committed to involvement with the southeast Baltimore community, offering two socialization groups meeting outside the hospital.

The program is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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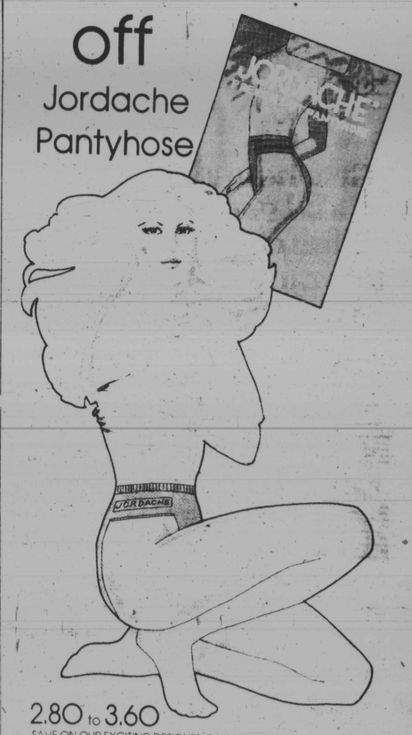

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