Project Survival benefit held

An evening with Brooks Robinson and Lloyd "Sodie" White

SAM LACY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS of $1,000 each toward tuition for the colleges of their choice went to Gary Jefferson (L) and Denise Brockington (R), both seniors at Walbrook Senior High School. Sam Lacy (C) introduced the two recipients.

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PROJECT SURVIVAL HONOREES Lloyd "Sodie" White (L) and Brooks Robinson, (R) receive plaques of commendation presented by Senator Clarence Blount, Urban Services Commissioner (C) during 'An Evening with Brooks Robinson, with Special Tribute to Lloyd "Sodie" White' held Wednesday, July 15 at Martin's West to benefit Project Survival, an Urban Services Agency Program.

SODIE WHITE'S 1948 CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM who were on hand for Sodie's night of honors are pictured during the festivities.

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The Third Annual Benefit for Project Survival — "An Evening with Brooks Robinson with special tribute to Lloyd "Sodie" White, coordinated by Alvin S. Steele, Youth Director, Office of Youth Affairs, Urban Services, was held Wednesday, July 15 at Martin's West.

Nearly 1,000 gathered for the occasion which honored two men — Brooks Calbert Robinson, a star Oriole baseball player of more than 20 years (now in the Orioles Hall of Fame) and Lloyd Sterling "Sodie" White, also a star sports figure, having captained the New York Black Hawks and the Brown Bombers professional football teams for seven years and having played three years with the Washington (D.C.) Lions.

Prior to becoming Athletic Director and Department Head at Carver Vocational - Technical High School "Sodie" coached every varsity squad in the school.

Both men have shown great interest in and given service to youth — Sodie, both in the athletic arena, as YMCA camp organizer and as a champion in eliminating segregation and discrimination in the area of high school sports.

Both men were showered with verbal accolades as well as many plaques, citations and gifts on 'Their Evening.'

Morgan U. coach, Earl C. Banks, was emcee.

Head table guests and program participants included Father Lloyd Vernon George, rector, St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church who offered the invocation and John Oliver Sr., president, AFRO - Newspapers, who gave the welcome, after which guests enjoyed a sumptuous sit - down dinner.

Others bearing gifts, plaques, citations, words and letters of praise were Elva Edwards, Associate Director, Urban Services Agency; Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Senator Clarence Blount, Urban Services Commissioner; Delegate Margaret Murphy, the Hon. Clarence "Du" Burns, vice president, Baltimore City Council; Ted Thornton, secretary, Personnel, State of Maryland, Dr. Saul Purdue, assistant superintendent, Baltimore City Public Schools, (who introduced Sodie); Vince Bagli, sports commentator, (who introduced Brooks);

Also Lloyd Alston, president Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (who read poems dedicated to the honorees);

Also Fred Brown, Budweiser rep. of Anhauser - Busch (who gave Sodie and Brooks a $1,000 check to establish Scholarship Funds in their names, Dr. John Crew (with greetings, letters of commendation and Certificates of Merit for both men), Bud Freeman, Community Relations, Baltimore Orioles, Leon Albin, president - owner, Lee's Sports, Inc.;

Also Ted Jackson, vice president, Crown Central Petroleum (who announced a $3,000 donation from the company to Project Survival in honor of Brooks, Lenwood Ivey, Urban Services Head who presented Sodie a plaque from the agency and Brooks a trophy;

Also Jo An McKinney, chair, Physical Education Dept., Carver, who presented letters and plaques to Sodie and Brooks, John H. Murphy III, who presented AFRO plaques of Honor to both men; Doris Trainor of BGAE (also bearing plaques);

Also Jerry Pollino, district manager, Allegheny Pepsi with a $1,500 check to Brooks for Project Survival Scholarship Fund, Vernon Woltz, Director of the Urban Services Office of Youth Affairs and Project Survival director (with gifts) and Clarence Harris, vice president, Meritocrats, who presented Humanitarian Awards to Sodie and Brooks.

Also announced was the contribution of $3,000 from the Buckingham Corp., $800 from the Greyhound Bus Station and many, many other pledges of dollars which will truly swell the coffers of Project Survival and be of great benefit to youth.

It is expected that the Project will reach or surpass its last year's $25,000 mark.

This year's scholarship award recipients are Walbrook graduates Denise Brockington and Gary Jefferson, each of whom were introduced by Sam Lacy, (the first Project Survival honoree) and received a $1,000 scholarship award and the Sam Lacy trophy.

Prior to the benediction by Father George both honorees expressed their gratitude and feelings of pride for being so honored.

Steele, the moving force behind Project Survival, also thanked all for helping to make the affair a resounding success.

Hostesses, headed by Mrs. Gertrude Steele, were Flair Studio models, Willia Bland, directress.

Woodlawn Highlights

Walter C. Statham Room dedicated

By Marjorie Green

"Walter Statham was a courageous, intelligent, just humane person and I can attest to each one of these virtues," said Jack Campbell, SSA's retired deputy director, Bureau of Data Processing (BDP), during last week's dedication ceremony of the Walter C. Statham Room in the Metro West building.

Mrs. Ruth Statham, widow, her sons Gary and Michael listened with family members and several hundred employees and invited guests as executive staff members, retired executives and representatives of the rank and file employees paid tribute to the memory of Walter Statham, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (OCO).

Walt Statham, the Man, according to program excerpts, was a man for all seasons. He was a man dedicated to his mission, yet always found the time to listen to the problems of others.

His humanistic approach to management made the mail clerk feel just as important to the mission as the executives who worked with him.

He was an admirable leader and excellent follower.

It is further recorded that Walt Statham, the manager, spent nearly one - half of his life in the service of the Social Security Administration. He was in the first class of the Social Security Administration Executive Development Program; he was one of the first assistant regional representatives for health insurance; and he was Assistant Bureau Director for Administration, BDP, prior to the 1979 reorganization.

He served as Executive Officer, OCO and was later appointed to the position of Director, Office of Central Records Operation (OCRO), a stepping stone to the position he held at the time of his death, Deputy Associate Commissioner, OCO.

Herbert R. Doggette Jr., Deputy Commissioner for Operations, recalled how his life has been personally enriched by his association with Walt.

Betty Brown, a unit manager in the Division of Earnings operations, compared Walt to the military leaders of our time when she stated that "he was a fighter. You could say that he was a five star General to the troops of the Social Security Administration," she said. "The five stars in conjunction with the little people here at SSA were trust, respect, compassion, humility and love."

Others who spoke during the short afternoon program were Arthur Simermeyer, Acting Associate Commissioner, OCO; Joseph Carnody, retired Deputy Director, BDP; and Evelyn Simmons, Correspondence clerk, Division of Registration Operations.

In his response on behalf of his family, Michael Statham said, "It is rewarding to know that one who meant so much to us, means so much to others. Where we once had grief, we now have pride and honor and I'm sure that if he were here today, he would share those feelings. Not only have you all through his act forever etched his memory in our minds, you have also left a lasting memory of yourselves."

In addition to the naming of the multi purpose room, a portrait of Walter Statham was unveiled by Stuart Schuck, Acting Director, OCRO. The portrait will be affixed to the wall in the Walter C. Statham Room in the Metro West Building.

ON THE SCENE for 'An Evening with Brooks Robinson and Sodie White' are (L to R): Myra Beads, Ollie Walker and Captain and Mrs. Theodore Giles.

UNVEILING — Pictured during the unveiling of the portrait of the late Walter C. Statham at the dedication of the room named in his honor at the SSA's Metro West Building are (L to R): Michael Statham, son; Gary Statham, son; Mrs. Ruth Statham, widow and Stuart Schuck, acting director, Office Central Records.

By the way...

By J. e Black

The National Administration is planning budget cuts for several domestic programs. There is a resurgence of activity by the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi party. Who, or what group, speaks as the leader for Black Americans? Unemployment is still high in the Black community. These are only a few of the headlines that Black people have read during the past few months.

Yes, my friends, there are some difficult times ahead for Black people. But the problems are not insurmountable. We, Black Americans, can and will overcome. We can gain moral support from yesteryeer's quote: "Trouble don't last always," but we will have to take more positive action if we are to overcome these obstacles to improve socio-economic conditions.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "We must learn to live together as brothers, or perish as fools," and I echo his sentiments when I urge that we use non-violent methods to improve conditions.

Our economy can be improved through jobs and/or entrepreneurship. The development of new business is never an easy task and the probable reduction of funds for minority business development won't make the task any easier. So let's take the path that requires nothing but desire, discipline, dedication, and initiative. I am talking about educational and job preparation. Our young people have to stay in school and not only do their best, but they must select courses of study that relate to the jobs that they want. And Black adults, with dead - end jobs, must give up some party-time and enroll in some evening classes that will make them more competitive in today's labor market.

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Georgie Goslee is 'moving on up'

By Pinnie L. Ross

Yesterday, I had a long interview with charming Attorney Georgia Goslee, a Columbia attorney and current hostess of the talk show, "Sunday Live at the Supreme Court, a popular recreation facility for racquet ball, where you can find Georgia at least twice a day. "Working out, as she calls it.

Mrs. Goslee, a native of the Eastern Shore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Harmon. She has two sisters and two brothers.

Harmon an entrepreneur, a first class one at that, was the first Black man to own two McDonald's restaurant franchies on the Eastern Shore.

"When I was young, my father instilled in me self-esteem, and for that I am most fortunate," stated Mrs. Goslee.

Before the charmer became eighteen, she had not been exposed to the outer world. "I only knew the Eastern Shore," she said.

Attorney Goslee was formerly married to Thomas Goslee and is the mother of two sons, Thomas Jr., a track and football star of Oakland Mills High School, who will be entering North Carolina Central university in September, and Winston, the youngest son, who will be attending Fork Union Military School, also in September.

Mrs. Goslee always had a life-long dream to become a Lawyer. "Everybody kept telling me I should become a lawyer, because I was very talkative and would challenge people," she said.

The young beauty completed the requirement for her BS degree in social work at the University of Maryland, Princess Anne.

She entered the University of Maryland School of Law and graduated in 1970 at the age of twenty-six.

She was the first black female from Maryland to take and pass the bar exam in the first sitting; after which she joined the prestigious law firm of Howard, Brown & Williams, as a law clerk, and worked her way up as a full partner.

In 1978 she accepted a job in St. Louis, Missouri as assistant U.S. attorney, after 18 months, she returned back to Columbia to start her private practice.

Attorney Goslee defines herself as a community lawyer. She handles mostly cases ranging from divorces and domestic counseling to criminal and business law cases.

This brilliant young charmer has embarked on another career besides her law practice. Each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on Channel 13 WJZ-TV you will see her co-hosting the popular Black talk show "Sunday Live."

Her partners, co-hosting are Bob Smith and Whitney Phippe, the young man with the golden voice.

I asked the 34-year-old charmer in my interview, What in particular she liked about co-hosting "Sunday Live?" "I like meeting different people, local personalities as well as national" she continued. "It comes pretty easy to me, talking to the camera is not a difficult thing to do."

One might wonder how attorney Goslee fucked up on "The Sunday Live" show. Well, says Mrs. Goslee, "I have always been interested in the TV medium, and one day while filing a grievance petition in court, I was discovered by a cameraman covering a news story.

He complimented me on how photogenic I was and asked me to come and audition for the WJZ-TV Square Off Show.

Supreme Bench Judge Billy Murphy, former host of Sunday Live Heard of the offer. "Don't worry," said the brilliant Judge Murphy, "I'll get on it first, after which I'll get you on.

"Sure enough, it happened they had a style of their own on Square Off." Attorney for the poor and oppressed. She was then encouraged to audition for "Sunday Live" another winner for the beauty.

The two shows have opened many doors for the young personality through personal appearances, speaking engagements to civic, schools, youth groups and sororities.

"I am naturally argumentative, I see myself as a representative of our people who would like to say what I am saying on the air."

To keep herself spiritually fit, Georgia meditates during the day. She reads the St. James version of the Bible. The book of the Old Testament (The Book of Psalms).

It has been a great pleasure for me to converse with her in reference to various verses in the book of Psalms.

From the rural area of the Eastern Shore to Baltimore, Md., Coppin State College to a law degree at the age of 26, to a full partner in a prestigious law firm, to U. S. Assistant Attorney, a glamorous career in television, she is "moving on up" next stop into the movie industry.

The intellect is in preparation for her first movie. She will be playing the role of a judge in the upcoming movie "Deferred Dream."

Georgia Goslee, a mother, an attorney, TV personality, and future actress, she is a charmer and an intellect. The skies are not limited for Georgia, because she is reaching and "moving on up" in many directions. She is finally "getting a piece of the pie."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It's no secret what God can do, what he has done for others, he'll do for you. Just trust him.

NAFAD

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a beaded hat. All winners received lovely trophies. prize dor dazzling mink sombrero. All winners received lovely trophies.

It was a thrilling extravaganza. Ebony Fashion Fair, look out! You're top class, but so is NAFAD.

Special remarks were given by Judge Robert Bell and by Jeanetta Welch Brown, NAFAD founder and special awards made by Nell Sheridan, NAFAD head of the host chapter, which finished a life - membership payment when Mrs. Sheridan presented a check to Mrs. Enolia McMillan, local NAACP head.

AFRO - AMERICAN Certificates of Appreciation were presented to past national presidents and founders by this writer.

Past national presidents and other top NAFAD officios present were Lois K. Alexander Lane, National past president, founder of the Baltimore chapter, founder of the Harlem Institute of Fashion and the Black Fashion Museum, N.Y.C.; Catherine Blackwell, Henrienne Vincent and Ernestine Stovall, all past national past presidents.

Final remarks were by Alma Wiggins, now national prexy.

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Successful fundraiser held for Sarbanes

SEN. PAUL SARBANES greets guests at the fundraiser held for him recently at Martin's West.

SARBANES' SUPPORTERS — Guests at the recent fundraiser for Sen. Paul Sarbanes included, (L to R), Mesdames Louise A. Simms, Elsie B. Scott, and Ruth M. Dorsey.

AMONG GUESTS at the recent benefit for Senator Paul Sarbanes were, (L to R), Herb Brown, Del Margaret Murphy, and Del. John Douglass.

Diane Hutchins and Norman Brailey, two assistants to Senator Sarbanes described the response to a fundraiser for Sarbanes, held at Martin's West several weeks ago, as 'great.'

The receiving line including Governor and Mrs. Hughes greeted over 600 supporters.

During the speeches Senator Sarbanes stated that he regretted the early campaigning but elements outside of the state were launching television and newspaper propaganda in order to unseat him in 1982.

Sarbanes is allegedly part of a 'hit' list of elected officials throughout the country whose views on welfare and other issues differ widely from the arch - conservative position.

Governor Hughes stated that Senator Sarbanes' policies and record have the support of the people of Maryland.

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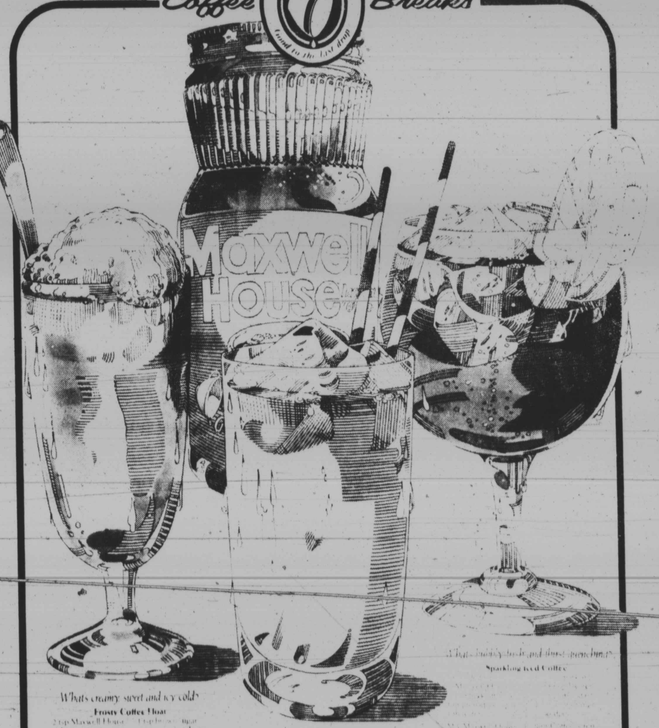

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