## Fashion Commentary

By Camay Murphy

There are some men around town who know the power of dressing well. There is nothing more intimidating than being greeted by a tall fellow who looks band - box fresh late in the afternoon when you are howed - eyed and slightly rumpled.

At a recent fund-raising event for Baltimore candidate Saundra E. Banks running for clerk of the Court, not much was happening in the early evening in the way of fundraising until a sharp dresser hits the scene with a salmon colored linen suit with top stitching, salmon colored shirt with white buttoned down collar and shoes to match. The pants were pleated sharp enough to cut your throat.

He explained that he had been on the go since 7 a.m. that morning but had to put in a plea for the urgency of financing the campaign.

The hard cash and checks started flowing. There was the usual interest in getting the minority candidate in place but in someone's psychic there must also have been the thought, "If I give this money will I look as good as he does all day long?"

The baggy pants and runover shoes are no longer the accepted image of the hard working male executive. The look of efficiency is the slim trim pinstriped suited well - groomed male who may even sport a tiny diamond tie - tac and knows all the correct buttons to push in the systems analysis - computer complex.

The Travis Winkey International Designers Show at Morgan State University on October 25th will show the newest creative designs for males.

The Black male designers have really developed distinctive styles fairly for a field from the "preppie" look of the white community.

One male model's suit features a deep, cranberry, tan wool lined wrapped jacket with nothing under the jacket but a super - developed hairy chest, (some guys will need a hair - weave on the chest to put this outfit over.)

The fabrics are tweeds and twills. Suites may be diagonally buttoned for individuality.

Some of the most flamboyant male dressers are the black athletes featuring fur - lined rain coats, cowboy hats and hand - tooled western boots.

Speaking of athletes, although women may think they are way ahead of men in style, there is not a woman alive who can get $8 million for jumping around for 45 minutes with nothing on but a pair of loose fitting striped satin shorts and a pair of oversized leather gloves.

# Phi Delta Kappa hosts annual Breakfast Meeting

APPLAUDING A POINT during the Breakfast Meet are (L to R): Ellen T. Dutton, Claire Dorsey, first anti-

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PHI DELTA KAPPA GUEST SPEAKER Mrs. Mildred J. Sadler (L), assistant superintendent, Gaston County Public Schools, Gastonia, N.C. is pictured during the annual Breakfast Meeting of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority (Gamma Chapter), held in conjunction with the Maryland State Teacher's two-day meeting weekend Friday, Oct. 16 at The Belvedere, Charles and Chase Sts. Pictured with Mrs. Sadler from left are Mrs. Rose Gallop, a Baltimore City principal and Gamma Chapter basileus and Mrs. Leana Ferrell, chairperson for the affair.

BREAKFAST GUESTS (L to R) are: Ms. Verna Chase, Mrs. Gwen Cleage, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mrs. Marian Younger, Mrs. Ruth Powell, Ms. Cecelia King and Mrs. Charlotte Wheeler.

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Gamma Chapter, of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incs. held its annual Breakfast Meeting.

Several hundred gathered at 10 a.m. at the Belvedere for a delectable breakfast and some other food for thought.

Mrs. Leana Ferrell, chairperson of the event, presided.

Head table guests and program participants included: the Rev. Dr. William McCoy, pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, who offered the invocation and grace; Soror Grace Coffey, Dr. David Danneker, president, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, who brought greetings and congratulations to the group, reminding all that education touches everyone in our society and that "We will prepare tomorrow's society in spite of the fact that education is considered in itself a problem!; Dr. Beryl W. Williams, vice president, Baltimore City School Board, who praised the theme: "The Pursuit of Excellence: A Challenge to Fulfill."

Also bringing greetings was Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, assistant superintendent, Baltimore City Public Schools, Dr. Milton Stanley, who presented a citation from the mayor; and David Coston, of the mayor's office who apologized for his absence, stating that he was in Washington fighting for funds for education in our city, and Mrs. Rose Gallop, Chapter basileus, who may have evoked the apology on behalf of the mayor by saying "when accepting the proclamation, "We have been having this breakfast for over 20 years. He (the mayor) has never seen fit to come. We are a group of educators trying to turn out the best commodity possible in our children."

Several solos were rendered by Mrs. Rose Marie McCarther, music resouree teacher, Baltimore City School, accompanied by Raymond Parker.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Mildred J. Sadler, assistant superintendent, Gaston County Public Schools, Gastonia, N.C., who is basileus Rose Gallop's sister.

Mrs. Sadler left no stone unturned in addressing herself to the theme, reminding all of the problems facing education today, and stating that we "must examine the problems that confront education, and that we help improve both the image and the quality of education by the way we handle its every facet."

She emphasized the problems facing our youth today and made positive suggestions on how we can help in overcoming them.

She brought up our rich black heritage (naming many famous blacks who, through pride and struggle managed to become successful.)

She stated "We must continue to hold high our banner of pride and self - respect. Let's learn from the past, strive to have good human relations without bitterness."

She also emphasized the importance of voting, and full participation in the various facets of community life for educators, as well as others.

Following her address the Gamma Chorus, directed by Mrs. Aurora Chambers, did a musical selection.

There were remarks by chapter basileus Mrs. Gallop, acknowledgements by Mrs. Azalee Portee and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. McCoy. It was an enriching morning for the many who gathered there.

On the Breakfast Committee were: Leana Ferrell, chair; Regina Patterson, co - chair; and members Nellie Bowie, Wynonia Rhock, Mildred Harriday, Elizabeth Young, Azalee Portee, Aurora Chambers, Grace Coffey, Shelia Scott, Marjorie Hunt, Cecelia King and Rose Gallop.

Hostesses were the Xino (the chapter's youth group), with Mrs. Charlotte Brooks, advisor.

Charter members saluted were Elmira Tibbs Collins, Elizabeth Johnson Henderson, Romaine Adams Jones and Valeria McNeill.

## COMING EVENTS

### Fall Fest at YWCA

Saturday, October 31, is the date set for the Harford County YWCA Fall Festival at 2023 Emmorton Road from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visitors will enjoy arts and crafts displays, a Halloween Haunted House for Children ages 12 and under, and flea market items. The YW will sell food and homemade baked goods.

Plan now to join in the fun and attend the Fall Festival.

A limited number of spaces is still available for Arts and Craft items and flea market items. Spaces may be rented for $5.00 by individuals, organizations, and dealers. Advance registration is required.

To register a space, call the Harford County YWCA at 879 - 0780 or 838 - 8740.

### BMA presents Arena Players

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Baltimore Marketing Association (BMA) will present the Arena Players in their production "It's So Nice to be Civilized", a new urban musical by Micki Grant, author of 'Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope.' It's a fundraiser for scholarship.

Eugene Smith is chair for the event. Fred Bailey is assisting committee member.

Sandra East is BMA president.

## —Ebony Fashion Fair

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On stage for the Fashion Fair this year were models: Chantal Latham, Flint, Michigan; Orlando Cruz, San Juan, P.R.; Wendelyn Allen, Savannah, Ga.; Roashind Connor, Northport, Ala.; Karin Wacaser, Springfield, Ill.; Robin Johnson, Takoma Park, Md.; Veda Holloway, Chicago, Ill.; Timothy McDade, Houston, Tex.; Barbara Tripp, Birmingham, Ala.; Tonya Compton, Detroit, Mich.; Tanj Jones, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and Peter Moret, La Mesa, Cal.

Officers of Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. are: President, Charlene C. Boston; First Vice President, Hazel Parks; Second Vice President, Leah Hasty; Third Vice President, Mary J. Demory; Recording Secretary, Kathie J. McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Roslyn Smith; Financial Secretary, Gwendolyn A. Lindsay; Treasurer, Maggie Wiggins; Assistant Financial Secretary, Eleanor Howard; Journalist, Angie Thornton; Historian, Thelma B. Cox; Parliamentarian, Esther Williams; Sergeant - at - Arms, Doris R. Nash and Chaplain, Dorothy J. Barrick.

The Sponsorship Committee included: Cynthia O. Thomas, co - chairperson; Gertrude Neale, co - chairperson, Beverly D. Boston, Mary E. White, Geraldine Blackwell, Nahketah Gregory, Sara Howell;

Also, Laura Knight, Jeanette Lloyd, Matelda Murphy, Hazel H. Parks, Sara Smalley, Hattie Stevens, Frances Stith, Vivian Washington, Yvonne Addison, Laura Byrd;

Also, Georgia L. Diggins, Denise Jones, Marian Finney, Maggie Wiggins, Susan King, Pasty Nwogbaraocha; Deborah Lewis, Joanne Mack, Bernie LeGrande, Mabel Murray, Almeta Sly, Sandra Baxter, Virginia Scott, Frances Jolley and Ellen Howard.

## —AKA's

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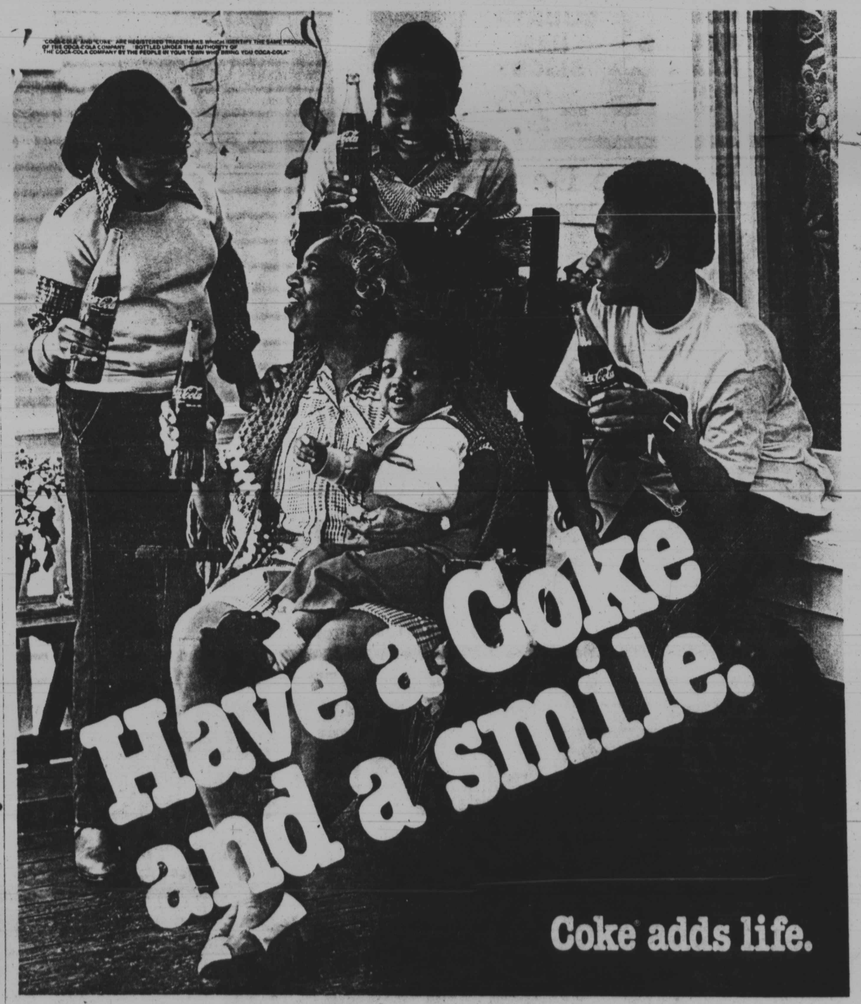
Sorors were delighted and pleased with the evening. Many soros had not seen each other in years, and some sorors present had never been associated with a graduate chapter. Still others were just happy to return.

The Membership Committee is planning to host another social as well as sponsor a few trips.

Presently the sorority is preparing for the "Salute To Outstanding Young Women" Luncheon to be held Saturday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. at The Forum, Primrose Ave.

The Membership Committee is chaired by Brenda Johnson; co-chaired by Bertha McCloud.






# Morgan U. hosts Testimonial Dinner-Scholarship Fundraiser

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER HONOREES — Dr. Rebecca Carroll (L) and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gates (R) are pictured during the recent

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Testimonial Dinner - Scholarship Fundraiser hosted in their honor by Morgan State University at Martin's West.

THE PIERIANS, INC., Baltimore Chapter, a group of women who are interested in the arts to sponsor Family Day at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Plans for this November 22nd event are being developed by (L to R), Mesdames Elizabeth Ramsey, Gwendolyn B. Tarter, Louise B. Tomb, and Doris H. Wallace, committee for the activity.

Recently Morgan University hosted a Testimonial Dinner - Scholarship Fundraiser at Martin's West, where several hundred enjoyed a delicious dinner and a program honoring two worthy persons.

Honorees for the occasion were Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll and Francis W. Gates, both retired educators. Gates is on the Morgan U. Board of Regents.

Emcee for the occasion was Earl C. Banks.

The Rev. Douglas Force offered the invocation. The Occasion was done by Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president, Morgan U.

Two selections were rendered by the Morgan State U. choir, directed by Nathan Carter.

Remarks were made on the occasion and the honorees by Dr. Sheldon H. Knorr, Mrs. Edna Campbell and Aller Quille.

Presentation of the honorees was done by Dr. Harriet Trader, who presented Dr. Carroll and Dr. Clayton Stansbury, who presented Mr. Gates.

Scholarship Campaign Progress was reported by Stewart A. Brooks.

The benediction was given by the Rev. John Bryant, pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church

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DR. AND MRS. ANDREW BILLINGSLEY are pictured during the evening's festivities.

## BCCIRA holds luncheon-meet

It was a gorgeous autumn day in downtown Baltimore, just a few short minutes from the beautiful Harborplace.

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m., the weather could only be described as "Indian Summer," with trees ablaze with red, orange, yellow, and rust colored leaves.

Just perfect to put on that fall dress or suit with your favorite shawl and stroll into the MSTA Convention Ballroom.

With the elegant Cavalier Room at the exquisitely and tastefully decorated Lord Baltimore Hotel, as the backdrop, who could ask for more. But there was more — lots, lots more.

For this was the scenario as the newly chartered Baltimore City Council - International Reading Association (BCCIRA), an organization of educators interested in having children acquire needed reading skills, as well as engenering a love for books — developing "pleasure reading habits", brilliantly executed their first major activity of the 1981 - 1982 school year, an Authors' Luncheon — the theme: "Reading and You in '82."

The planning committee, under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Dorothy CR. Clayborne, Coordinator of Reading, Office of Reading, DICM, Baltimore City Public Schools, invited local authors of national acclaim. And so it was.

Smiling hostesses introduced and then gave short bios on such outstanding writers and authors as Lucille Clifton, poet laureate of Maryland; Dr. Samuel Banks, Director of Social Studies and Multiethnic Education, Baltimore City Public Schools; Drs. Paul Daniel and Gilbert Schiffman, members of the Johns Hopkins University Reading Center; Dr. Irving McPhail, Assistant Provost at the University of Maryland and President of Kamilah Enterprises Inc.; Mrs. Bernice Lewis, retired educator, poetess and writer of numerous religious publications; and Dr. Charles Allen, Coordinator of English.

Our very own Ms. Lillie Patterson, introduced by Mrs. Margaret Murphy, was the keynote speaker. Ms. Patterson, librarian, poetess, educational specialist and author, has written numerous biographies of outstanding Americans of all ethnic groups.

After eating a delectable lunch of: Tossed Garden Salad with French and Pepper Cream Dressing, Roast Chicken, Potatoes Au Gratin, String Beans, Assorted Rolls with Butter Chips, Coffee, Tea, and Apple Pie, the audience, who sat at tables gaily decorated with story book characters as centerpieces, were enthralled by the speech of Ms. Patterson.

Ms. Patterson talked about her career as librarian, educator, specialist, and writer of numerous books for children and adults. A delightful speech and, indeed, and a most delightful luncheon.

Expect to hear more from BCCIRA, a dynamic group of reading educators who are, indeed, moving ahead in the right direction!

Not only did they rub shoulders with some of the heavy weights in the field of reading education and language arts but some 250 teachers, administrators, specialists, parents, students, and the like had the opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends and acquaintances.

So there were lots of smiling faces, cheerful hellos, plenty of hugs and kisses and "Hey girls! How are you doing? You're looking good!" A warm, wonderful experience — the Authors' Luncheon; an ideal way to kick off the Convention weekend

Lending guidance and direction to this outstanding group of reading educators is none other than our own Mrs. Dorothy R. Clayborne, President, a lady responsible for raising the achievement levels of Baltimore's children in reading.

Other charter officers include Vivian Pedrazza, Vice President; J. Thomas Husted, Vice President Elect; Myrtle Cockrell, Corresponding Secretary; Laurie Hess, Recording Secretary; Elizabeth Lauter, Financial Secretary; and Janis Langley, Treasurer.

Charter members of the council include: Beatrice Avery, Veda Cooper, Nancy Gimbel, Ruth B. Lee, Ida Quarles, and India M. Williams.

Mrs. Ida Quarles serves as Membership Chairperson, and Mrs. Beatrice Avery serves as Literacy Chairperson.

This is the group that sponsored their first membership kick - off event on June 17, 1981, at Loyola College that resulted in a total paid membership exceeding 250 persons.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1981, BCCIRA Literacy Day was celebrated in the Baltimore City Public Schools for the first time and the first Annual Literacy Award was presented to the Calvert Educational Learning Laboratory, a Division of Adult and Community Education sponsored project.

The Literacy Award was accepted on behalf of the Calvert Educational Learning Laboratory by Mr. Bill McKay, representing the Mayor's Office.

This award was represented on September 24, 1981, when Barbara Bush, wife of Vice President George Bush, visited the Calvert Adult Educational Center where she toured the facility, in celebration of Literacy Awareness Week, a project of the Mayor's Office.

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By Joe Black

Since 1960 Black people have had rallying cries such as: "We Shall Overcome"; "Power to the People"; and "Nation Time"; however, for the Black Brothers and Sisters in the 1980's there can be but one rallying motto and that is: "Survival Time."

The national administration is forcefully telling us that the government is not going to take care of us. But rather than curse this unforeseen negative action, we should heed the encouragement of a Black man who suggests: "Take the first step, stand on your feet, there is always help for the problems you meet."

Although they are suffering, I say that there is help for the Black, the poor, and the elderly; and I am not talking about any form of hand-outs. God has given to each of us a mind for thinking and a body for working and He helps those who help themselves. Thus, I am reminding you that Black survival will come through political participation and economic growth. My friends, Black America, with its projected annual gross income in excess of $100 billion dollars, is not a poverty state — we just have misguided priorities. For example, as we labor through the years we are content to think that Social Security will support us when we reach the age of 65. But why shouldn't we think and plan to live a little better during our golden years? We can if we heed these words of Mr. Allen Beasley: 'No man should stay poor, begin to save; get up! Don't be a slave.

Let's pledge to gain economic freedom by saving rather than spending. The task won't be difficult — to save $10.00 each pay day we only need to sacrifice some of our weekly alcohol and tobacco purchases. The Black philosopher tells us: "Don't be a slave to strong drink, a slave to dope; even a slave to creditors; it's no joke. Remember, it's not the one with the highest I.Q., but rather what each chooses to do."

Joe Black
Vice President
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