# If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

## Hats off!

Our salute this week to a paramedic who was unusually kind and helpful.

Mrs. Marie Presberry of Argyle Ave., writes this column about him:

"I would like to salute the black paramedic who gave me medical help after getting me in the ambulance and rushing me to University Hospital on Friday, January 8.

"I want to salute him not only for his medical help, (he gave me an IV), but also because two days later he returned to give me my eyeglasses. I was very worried about them.

"In fact, I didn't know anything until I came to in the hospital. So I say thanks very much to him, and may God bless him and everyone who works for our Fire Department . . ."

## Likes job

We called the Fire Department to ask the identity of this week's nominee.

He is Willie James Williams, 26. He is paramedic No. 4, assigned to Engine Co. No. 13, at McCulloh and McMechen Sts., in west Baltimore.

He told us that he observed his third anniversary on the job Feb. 1, and that he "likes what I'm doing."

Mrs. Williams is a 1973 graduate of Polytechnic High; has taken courses at Community College of Baltimore, and the University of Maryland. He is a member of the Army Reserves Special Forces unit.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams, (Queenie), of Woodbine Ave.

He is married to the former Barbara Dautary, a food chain cashier. They have a three - month - old son, Willie James Jr. The Williamses attend Bethel AME Church.

Continue nominations to the Hats Off section of this column. Help us identify young people who stand tall.

Thanks to reader Presberry for taking time to tell us about paramedic Williams.

Remember, too many of us adults only find time to complain about young people. Too few of us give them a well done.

## Wed 55 years

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Foster, (Marie), marked their "53rd anniversary of love," on Thursday evening, (January 29).

They invited 280 relatives and church members to join them for dinner. The elegant affair was at LaFontaine Bleu.

Many know the Fosters for their devoted church work. He is a deacon at Timothy Baptist Church, and has been treasurer for 25 years.

She is active in Faith Baptist, where she is an usher and missionary. She gives volunteer service at the Baptist Aged Home, and the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind. and

Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster are noted for helping others - the sick - distressed, and for being supportive of each other in these volunteer activities.

He is 80, and a retired longshoreman. She is 74, and retired from Western Electric.

## Many praise

Natives of Fairmont, WV, they settled in Baltimore in the 40s, residing first on N. Eden St., and later on East Preston St., where they still live. Their East Baltimore neighbors praise their good works, as do residents in other sections of the city.

Program participants included Rev. James L. Ball, pastor of Timothy and the church's deacon, J. Martin Capehart; Deacon Norman Whippie of Faith Baptist; Rev. W. W. Payne, City Temple Baptist pastor, (whom the honorees call their pastor - in - law);

Also godson; Rev. Philip Smith, Seven Angels Community Baptist; Mrs. Betty Johnson, City Temple secretary; Mrs. Rosie S. Keene, Memorial Baptist who spoke on behalf of the couple's many godchildren.

Mrs. Bessie H. Mason, of Faith, brought greetings from the International Baptist Missionary Convention of which she is president. Famed poet Mary Carter Smith, a cousin, did a love reading.

Other participants: Russell Keene, Grace Memorial Baptist; and from Annapolis, Father Robert M. Powell, rector of St. Philips Episcopal Church, the Foster offspring, worship

## Kin there

The family tribute was given by their son, William Reese, the Annapolis mortician.

Also present, his wife, Eleanor, the retired Annapolis teacher, and their twin sons, Harry and Larry Reese, with their wives, Blanche and Fredericka.

Other out - of - town relatives present: Mr. Foster's brother, Richard, from Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Foster's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Detroit.

Cuff note: Mrs. Foster was a picture in a two - piece white, floor length gown. The tunic top was aglow with sequins and gold, and a solid string of seed pearls.

## Love notes

The printed program — with gold cover — included a thank you to relatives and friends, including Timothy's Senior Usher Board, which served as hosts and hostesses.

In their own words, the honorees told of their first meeting: "Curtis, a 17 - year - old coal miner met a lovely young lady named Marie Coleman Reese at a birthday party given by an aunt in Fairmont, WV.

"It was love at first sight . . . we were married in the study of Rev. Brown on High St., on Jan. 29, 1929.

". . . ours has been a relationship of hope, peace and love . . . we have had our ups and downs . . . all our problems have been solved with the help of God . . . who is Number One in our home . . ."

Also on the program, a verse, entitled, "We have lived and loved together."

Excerpts: "We have lived and loved together. Through many changing years, We have shared each other's gladness. And wept each other's tears. And let us hope the future, As the past has been will be: I will share with thee my sorrows, And thou thy joys with me."

## About people

Garwyn Medical Association elected new officers last week. Dr. Shirley Clinton, who founded the Garrison Blvd center, is the new president.

He succeeds Dr. William M. Hall, who resigned a month back to take an army medical position at Ft. Meade, MD.

Other officers: Drs. Louis Randall, vice president; Donald Stewart, secretary; and Donald Chambers, treasurer.

Mrs. Gloria Phillips, the retired teacher, and president of the Philomathians, is back in the hospital. Get well cards to her at Lutheran.

More Sullivan: Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, the Philly minister and businessman, who is nationally known for development of OIC, (Opportunities Industrialization Centers), has Baltimore ties.

When he spoke here last month, he noted his wife, the former Grace Banks, is from here, and to the delight of the crowd at the Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast, he said: "She is the prettiest thing that ever came out of Baltimore . . ."

Cuff note: The Sulivans have three college - age youngsters, Leon Jr., in grad school in Boston; and daughters, Julie and Hope, both undergrads.

## Movies

One thing about the change in one's mode of life - one gets an opportunity to change recreational activities.

In the last ten years, we can count the times we've dated at the movies. In the past two weeks, we've seen three. Unbelievable!

This week we saw "Ragtime," the film starring Baltimore - born Howard E. Rollins in the role of coalhouse Walker Jr.

If you're lured by the promotion pictures that show Rollins making love to Debbie Allen, you'll be disappointed.

There is a lot of love in this moving motion picture - but there is a lot of hate, as well as an insight into the problems black women and men have faced through the years.

Rollins' portrayal of a man with integrity, who dares to stand up for his principles, and the courage of the black woman who dies for his cause, can be understood by black viewers who have suffered such incidents in their lives.

Rollins and Allen are excellent actors. You don't want to miss this film.

Cuff note: Last week, when we talked about seeing "On Golden Pond," starring Katharine Hepburn, Henry and Jane Fonda, we noted the audience stayed rooted to their seats even after the film was over.

## Angry!

Not so after the last sequence of "Ragtime." In fact, some of the predominantly black mdviegoers, were up from their seats the minute the fatal shot was fired.

In the lobby, one lady commented, "I've been telling my children about the things we and our parents went through. They need to see this."

Another, angry, rushed hurriedly outside muttering, "the bastards."

You'll have to go and see for yourself!

Cuff note: Howard Rollins has beautiful hands — the sequences where he plays the piano, and where he stands fast for his rights are well done.

"Absence of Malice," another movie playing in this area, is worth seeing too, that is if you can keep from getting the characters mixed up. So many of "them" look alike.

Cuff note: Times do change. To think, we went to a movie house in Baltimore, where twenty years ago we joined pickets to open the doors to all.

And, even though they've been open to all for over two decades, we were not interested in getting inside.

There is a difference in movie houses. All have popcorn for sale. Rates vary for afternoon and evenings. But you can tell the clientele from the dirty words on the restroom doors.

## Happy 70th

The Cross Country Blvd. home of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. (for Leslie Banfield was aglow on Sunday afternoon.

Relatives and friends gathered to wish him a happy 70th. (It was on Feb. 1).

Mrs. Banfield asked guests not to bring gifts, simply come to join in the happy occasion.

She and daughters prepared tasty desserts for the occasion. Guests just loved the raisin carrot - lemon cake.)

Children there, daughter, Adrian and her new hubby, assistant State's Attorney Warren Brown, Sondra Timoll, Karen Fox, and son, Gilbert L. Jr.

The children and grands gifted pop with a Dalmation puppy. The grands there: Jada Pinkett, Tiffany Jenkins, Jason and Garth Timoll and Brett Fox.

Birthday toast was offered by Michael Franch, leader of the Baltimore Ethical Society, who was present with Mrs. Franch.

## Who was there

Other guests, Messrs. and Mesdames Wayne Overman, Wilbert Jones, Roy Borom, Alex Stark, Timothy Wright, James Lomax, Roland Williams, Robsol Pinkett, Harold Simon, James Zabrin, Victor Sacharoff, Robert Manekin and children, Sara and Jonathan;

Also, Drs. and Mesdames, Eugene Owens, Garth Samuels, Glenwood Brooks, Jerome Frank, Ferdinand Leacock, Eugene Byrd, Bernard Christmas, Edward McDaniels, William Wade, Theodorre Patterson, Phillip Butcher, Bruce Russell, Lionel Desbordes, Walter Shervington, Robert Williams;

And, Dr. J. Walter Fisher, Roy Patterson and daughter, Dale; Mrs. Bonita Simms and son, John; Walter Gantt, Thelphs Evans and Mesdames Mildred Campbell, Pauline Watts, Margaret Jackson, Alimay Kendrick and Mabel Alleyne, and Misses Edna Abramson, and Swaran Dhawan.

## Dedicated

Dr. Banfield is one of the few physicians who has remained to practice in the inner city of Baltimore.

He set up practice on N. Fulton Ave., back in the early Forites, and has no plans to desert the city and the area he serves.

He and his wife, the former Marian Martin, met at Howard University (where she was a star student too.)

They were married in 1938 in the Howard U. Chapel by the late and famed Dr. Howard Thurman.

Like her husband, Mrs. Banfield keeps up her interest in her fellow citizens — still volunteering her time and service to the Family and Children's Society.

Best wishes to both of them.

## Delta founder

Baltimore area members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority had a real treat over the weekend. Special guest at the weekend 69th celebration was one of the 22 co - founders, Bertha Pitts Campbell, who came from Seattle, WA.

Despite her 92 years, she is alert, articulate and very much up with today's problems.

At the Saturday morning rededication and closed luncheon at Blue Crest, she had the 300 listeners in the palm of her hand.

They enjoyed every minute of her reminiscenses about how the public service sorority was founded at Howard University in 1913.

She did not tire of the endless autograph seekers, and was able to be up and about for the Sunday morning breakfast in her honor at the Hyatt, and for the Sunday afternoon musical and awards ceremony at Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Younger sorors - especially the new members initiated last month - kept her surrounded, asking questions and hearing first hand of the sorority's early struggles and the founders' hopes and dreams. Perfectly beautiful!

## Awards

Baltimore members who received awards for outstanding service to the sorority at the awards ceremony, included: Rosemary Atkinson, Josephine Brown, Rebecca Carroll, Marian Davis Foster, Eleanore Howard, Kath J. McLaughlin and Julia

Mrs. Woodland is principal of Dunbar High, whose choir highlighted the musical program.

The chapter's coveted Vashti Turley Murphy Award, named for the Baltimore - area co - founder, was won by Mrs. Ellen Fisher, long a dedicated member of Baltimore Alumnae chapter.

Sara B. Gray and her mother, Juliet Bragg co - chaired the founders day celebration.

Speaker at the Saturday afternoon closed luncheon was Allie Miller Holley of Wilmington, DL.

Older Baltimore residents may remember she was at one time the Girl Reserve leader at the Baltimore YWCA.

Cuff note: Prayers at the Saturday musical and awards ceremony were given by two granddaughters of co - founder Murphy - Vashti Murphy Smith McKenzie, the radio station manager and minister; and Marie Murphy Phillips Braxton, associate minister of Allen AME Church.


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Music by, The Youth and Young Adult Day Choir
3:30 P.M. Speaker, Bishop Naomi C. Durant, D.D., Pastor, New Refuge Deliverance Holiness Church Inc.
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# — Area obituaries —

## Rev. Mary Cardozo

Mary Sharpe Cardozo

Funerl services for the Rev. Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Cardozo recently were held in Baltimore.

The Rev. Cardozo was born in Anne Arundel County and was the daughter of Elzina and Alfred Sharpe. She was the granddaughter of Enoch Peters and the niece of Charles Peters.

The early Peters' Chapel Methodist Church now is known as Peters United Methodist Church of Calvert County.

The Rev. Cardozo died Jan. 18, 1982, at North Charles General Hospital. She was 85.

A licensed practical nurse and a registered physical therapist, she worked private duty through Sinai and University Hospitals. She founded the first nurses unit and Payne A.M.E. Church in 1954.

The Rev. Cardozo was ordained in 1960 and became assistant pastor of Mt. Gilbo A.M.E. Church, where she served four years.

In 1958, she was transferred to the Randallstown Circuit as associated pastor of the late Leroy C. Brown. The circuit consisted of Union Bethel, Mt. Pleasant and Campfield A.M.E. Churches.

She was an ardent missionary worker and was Worship Chairperson of the Matilda Monroe Area Missionary Society for many years.

In the community of her residence, Brantly Ave., The Rev. Cardozo served as president of the neighborhood club. She also was a volunteer at the Northwestern police station, working on community relationship projects.

She was awarded a certificate of merit March 28, 1971 by the District Police Community Relations Council of Baltimore City.

Her survivors include a daughter, Florine Hunt; a son, George Webster; a grandson, Owen Webster; son-in-law, Clifton Hunt, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Dorothy Joynes

Funeral service for Dorothy C. Joynes were Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1982, 12 noon, at Berean Baptist Church. A family hour and Eastern Star service preceded the service.

Mrs. Joynes, a native Baltimorean, was born Aug. 3, 1932 to Mable and the late James Carnegie.

She attended the Baltimore City public schools and graduated from Frederick Douglass Senior High School in 1951. After graduation, she was employed as a saleslady at Goldsteins on Gay St.

She was also employed by William Kaufman and Co., another Gay St. merchants.

On Aug. 24, 1958 she married George E. Joynes. In 1972, she became ill and died Friday, Jan. 29, 1982, at the age of 49.

Mrs. Joynes is survived by her husband; her mother; five sons, Donald, Aaron, Jeffery, Michael and Kenneth; four aunts, Salli, Myrtle, Georgia and Helen, three uncles, James John, and Lawrence and a host of other relatives and friends.

## John Branford

Funeral services for John Wesley Branford were held Feb. 3 at Alethia McCrimmon Funeral Home. Mr. Branford died Jan. January 31. He was born April 14, 1923 and was the son of Dorothy Richardson Branford and William Henry Branford Sr.

He was a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church. He is survived by his stepmother, Rachel Oden; an aunt, Maggie Branford Green; two brothers, William Branford Jr., and Rodell Norwood Branford; two sisters, Austina Smith and Betty Brunt; one sister-in-law, Lillian Branford and a brother-in-law, Theodore Smith.


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# Mabs Diary

By Mabs Kemp

# Celebrities and dignitaries at Chamber dinner

If the "sold out" 1982 Awards Dinner and 44th Annual Installation was any indication, then the D.C. Chamber of Commerce has pulled itself up by its bootstraps; and, in the words of Mayor Marion Barry, is "Alive, well and getting healthier." It is a known fact that 1981 was a difficult year for the floundering Chamber, but as DC Council Chairman Arrington Dixon noted, "The Chamber is strong and moving forward."

Wednesday's banquet, held at the Washington Marriott Hotel attracted hundreds of guests who were enthusiastic and thrilled to participate in the program which was headed by a galaxy of dignitaries, both on stage and among the diners.

With Bruce Martin, the Chamber's second vice president, as MC steering the program through the welcome, the installation of officers, the awards presentations and a dynamic speech by the Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, Congressman from the 7th District State of MD, who was keynote speaker.

At the head table were: Marion "Duke" Greene, International Business Services, who received the Business of the Year Award; Dr. Edward C. Mazique who received the Outstanding Service to the Community Award; Jackie Jones, wife of the immediate past president, Carlton Jones; Gayle Perkins, editorial director, WRC TV who received the Media Award; Mayor Marion Barry; Malcolm Beech Sr., the Chamber's president and vice president of the Fox Trappe; Iverson Mitchell, chairman of the Board of the Washington Bar Association; Merritt Brown, president Penn - Carpenter, Inc. who received the New Business of the Year; Marguerite Mazique, wife of Dr. Mazique; Carlton Jones, immediate past president who welcomed the dinner guests and was cited for Distinguished Service to the Chamber; Councilman Arrington Dixon; Paul Cunningham, architect and member of the Board who gave the invocation; and, Congressman Parren Mitchell, guest speaker. Congressman Mitchell received the President's Award which was presented by Malcolm Beech Sr., president.

Other presenters included: Bryant G. Harris, a past president; Margaret Stewart, a past president and Secretary-Treasurer of the Stewart Funeral Home; Mary Roberts; Marcus Griffin and Joe McLaughlin.

About the Chamber: In June of 1938 incorporation papers were filed at City Hall. The name on the papers at that time was the Washington Chamber of Commerce. In August 1946, the name was to be changed to the Negro Chamber of Commerce to reflect the fact that organization was formed primarily to serve and protect the interests of all black businesses. On Oct. 23, 1957 the present name, District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce was officially declared. With the name change came a new direction and purpose.

Today the Chamber continues to serve as a strong organizational base for effective representation of the views and interests of the entire business community. It represents business in the political decision - making process, conducts community economic development programs and exists as a vehicle for informational exchange.

Past presidents include Thomas W. Parks Sr., founder; Carl Reed, Welker Underdown, R. M. Horton, Belford V. Lawson Jr., Berkeley G. Burrell, Jessie O. Dedmon, James S. Stanback, Theodore R. Hagans Jr., Gregory W. Harrison, W. Roland Evans, Dr. Charles Holloway, Larry C. Williams, Esq., James L. Denson, Margaret Stewart, Carlton D. Jones and Malcolm E. Beech Sr.

Board of Directors (officers): Richard Hopkins, esq., 1st vice president; Bruce Martin, second vice president; Jimmy McMillian Jr., treasurer; James T. Speight, Jr., secretary; Harriett McGinnis, financial secretary; Marrell Foushee, sergeant - at - arms and Marion Jackson, parliamentarian.

Board of Directors (members) Van Alexander James Banks Andrew Bryant Howard Carter P. Nicholas Cunningham, W. Ronald Evans, Rev. Ernest Gibson, Norman Goldberg, Marcus Griffith, Theodore Hagans Jr. Gregory Harrison, William Jameson, Elaine Jenkins, Carlton Jones, Larry Johnson, Everett Ladd, Sr., Clinton Lewis, Mortimer Lebowitz, Robert Linowes, Joseph McLaughlin, Roy B. Moss Jr., Claude W. Roxborough, Esq., Merry Miles, Frederick Rigney, Mary Roberts, Margaret Stewart, Kenneth Tracy, Ken Vinston, Larry C. Williams, Esq., Jacques Wilson, Frank Washington.

Spotted among the guests: Cirtie Mae Turner, Cynthia Harris, Bill Harris, Freeman and Roberta Hair, Dorothy W. Evans, Richard and Winifred Lee, Alfred and Anna Johnson, Melvin Marshall, Lori and Dr. Howard Davis, Alma Carter, June Foshee, Marcia Smith, Eddie and Davetta Madison (Eddie is president of Three Elms, Inc.)

**PARTY FARE**

Fred and Isabelle Durrah's "Open House" revealed a magnificent transformation of a stately old house into a dream castle — what with additions, subtractions; chandeliers, spiral stairs, inovative nooks, plant - infested alcoves; antiques, paintings, furnishings, — the culmination of from two to five years' work and the putting together the handiwork of two separate contractors.

The "Open House" staggered into two days, Wednesday and Sunday, with Isabelle toying with the idea of a third day so that all, (well, almost all) of her friends could see. But the bottom line is, it was the Durrahs' 25th wedding anniversary too and nobody knew it until arriving and seeing hanging silver bells, silver engraved napkins and other little mentos which gave away the secret.

Some of the guests invited on Wednesday were Barbara Stockton, Eleanor Singleton, Father John E. Wilbur, Father Harry B. Stock, Mrs. Jacquelin Jones, Evelyn Rhinehart, Mrs. Helen Files, Mr. and Mrs. Devon Mogan, Alfred "Tim" Neal, Mr.

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# Omegas' Mardi Gras attracted 3,000 spirited souls

## Thirteen pretty co-eds vied for the coveted title of queen

By Mabs Kemp

Almost 3,000 people turned out last Friday night for Alpha Omega Chapter's 25th Annual Omega Mardi Gras, held in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel. The Ballroom was literally bursting at the seams and a real festive atmosphere prevailed as revellers got set to party and be entertained from nine p.m. until two a.m.

Already recorded music of Count Basie, Wild Bill Davis, Duke Ellington were bringing back memories of Mardi Gras of previous years as Bobby Felder awaited in the wings to bring us back to the present.

Thirteen pretty co - eds were putting on last minute makeup, and patting their gowns into shape, preparatory to being judged Mardi Queen, 1982. It was going to be a difficult task for Judges Therrell Smith, Peter Robinson Jr., Loretta Ballard, Conrad Thompson and Raymond Weir who were also gearing up to judge costumes.

Anticipation was running high for Julie Deanne Perkins, sophmore, Howard University; Comelia R. Sanford, junior, Howard University; Joanne Sandra Saunders, senior, American University; Tanya Nadine Simpkins, freshman, Bowie State College; Adonica Renee Vinson, sophomore, Bowie State College; Jacqueline Denise Wyatt, graduate student, George Washington University; Linda Elaine Cherry, senior, Bowie State College; Bridgitte Ford, sophmore, Howard University; Algie Renee Gray, freshman, Howard University; Rosalind Harper, 1980 grad of American University; Glenda Michelle Johnson, freshman, Bowie State College; Kimberly Denise Johnson, senior, University of Maryland and Kimberly Lynette Ogletree, freshmun, Howard University.

Costume wearers were also in a frenzy of anticipation readying themselves for category participation. And, of course, as is the custom every year, the Omega Wives were preparing to "strut their stuff" — costumes, umbrellas, et al, to exhibit their wears.

The festivities began during intermission with greetings from Paul S. Wallace who acted as M.C.; followed by the crowning of King Que IV, Frank Bolden, by King Q III, Wendell Morgan after which a presentation was made to the incoming king by Henry D. Wesley, chairman of the Mardi Gras.

Excitement ran high with the announcement of the various promenades which included the petite promenade with Omega Wives in costume, the grand promenade with all other persons in costumes and the umbrella strut with Omega Wives. Costumes were not as varied or as plentiful in years gone by. As one Frater put it: "Guests now seem to prefer to get all dressed up instead of costuming." All categories were represented however and the winners were as follows: first prize went to Omega Wife B. Wilder for her portrayal of a headless horsemean; Omega Wife Kitty Flora got second prize for her portrayal of a bride and groom (just married); and, Omega Wife Jean Medford won third prize as the World's greatest golfer.

In the singles, Sylvester Dorsey won a prize for his portrayal of Grandpa Panda. First place for couples went to Robert Artisst for: Everybody Loves a Clown and second place went to Nan Greenwald: Swami and Friend. Byron Bacon and his Bees won the prize for group participation. Artie Bell, judge of the Umbrella Strut, gave first prize to Lola Lewis and second, to Mattie Robinson.

Then came the real highlight of the evening when Nadine Matthews King, DC Teachers' College, Mardi Gras Queen, 1958 and Nicole Crawford, Howard University, Mardi Gras Queen, 1981 led the parade through the spotlight to assend the stairs to be seated beside King Q IV who awatied on his throne. All the beautiful young ladies followed on the arms of their handsome escorts . They and the previous afore mentioned queens formed the Qeen's court and were presented by Kenneth A. Brown, immediate past third district representative.

Adonica Renee Vinson, Bowie State, was the lucky winner and will reign throughout 1982 as Omega Mardi Gras Queen. The new queen is majoring in communications. She is secretary - treasurer of the Public Relations Student Society of America, is official scorekeeper of the Varsity Basketball Team and is a reporter for the Bowie State Spectrum.

She is a former Washington Redskin Cheerleader, "Miss Public Relations Student Society of America," Miss Virginia — U.S.A. "State finalist and "Miss Black Model" third place runnerup. The crowning of the queen was done by Delmar E. Nelson Sr., basileus, Alpha Omega Chapter, after which she took a stroll down the ramp and was serenaded by George Harshaw, who sang the very beautiful Omega Sweetheart Song. At the end all Omega men formed a circle within a circle and sang most impressively, Omega Dear.

Officer of the Chapter: Delmar E. Nelson Sr., basileus; Ralph J. Briscoe, Jr., vice basileus; Alfred O. Taylor Jr., keeper of records and seal; Vincent Peden, vice keepter of records and seal; Archie C. Smith Jr., keeper of finance; Charles H. Strayhorn, chaplain; Samuel L. Williams Jr., keeper of peace; Marion Allen, chapter editor.

Mardi Mardi Gras Committee: Henry D. Wesley, chairman; Lester E. Tyler, vice chairman; Frank P. Bolden, Kenneth A. Brown, S. Bruce Brown, Everett W. Carter, Herbert B. Dixon Jr., Thomas L. Douglass, Kenneth Doyen, Robert W. Edmonds, Robert F. Ferebee, Hermon Flora, James W. Ford, Milton O. Fowler, Lee Grant, Ronald A. Harper, Eugene E. Howley, Ralph M. Jackson, Ernest E. Johnson, Conwell Jones, Roy U. Levy;

Also, William D. Martin, Sr., James C. Mason, George E. Miller, Wendell G. Morgan Delmar E. Nelson Sr., Frank B. Patterson, Thomas T. Robinson, J. Matthew Shaw, Jr., Benjamin L. Spaulding, Alfred O. Taylor Jr., Paul S. Wallace Jr., Alfred L. William Wilso, A. Hugo Word.

Guests in attendance: Mildred and Allan Holland, Joseph and Delilah Pierce, Nikki Nakatani, Gladys and Dr. Isiah Burton, Bernard Walton, Minnie and Osmond Brown, Allie and Albert Weeden Carvella and Joseph Beavers, Mary and Robert Reed Melvin Marshall, Thelma and George Campbell, Thada and Frank Payne, Ruth and Sherman Jackson, Viola and John Wells, Sybil and Lawrence Hunt, Etheldra and Ralph McKinney, William Parkerson and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, Yvonne Smith, Johnnie and Robert Hough, Frances and Raymond Moore, Jim and Betty Somersille, Lorraine and Baldwin Whitlock, Alma and Harry Davis, Elaine Magruder, Al Lafayette, Maye Jackson, George White, Helen and Wilbur Ellis.

Norma and John Stewart, III Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Johnson, Daniel O. Shaw, Marion Compton, Valeta Smith, Doris Bodwin, Randolph Brown, Katie Wortham of VA, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard R. Fields, Thomas and Mary Douglas, Thomas and Nettie Waller, Almeria and Ralph Williams, Meitze and Theodore Pinkney, Vivian Smith, Raymond "Reds" Hall, Mabel and Blackwell Palmer, Nell and Samuel LaBeech. (After the Mardi Gras, the Harrods' guests made their way to the Leegate NW home of their host and hostess for breakfast, more talk and fun).

While twirling around the ballroom floor spotted Hattye and Zelmer Young, Geraldine Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Thompson, Everett and Dori Crosson, qjames and Queen Gladden, Alton and Bevins, Mike Holder, William and Sue Jones and Gwen Jones.

ATTENDING THE ANNUAL FESTIVITIES at the Omega's Mardi Gras were from L-R Terrance Stradford, president Alpha chapter, Omega Psi Phi, Howard University; Linda Cherry, queen court; Jeanne Sanders, queen court and Ayron Fears, escort.

(Photo by Courtney)

KISSES FOR THE KING — 1958 Mardi Gras Queen Nadine King, D.C. Teachers College and 1981 Queen Nichole Crawford, place kisses on cheeks of King Que III, Frank Bolan, at the Annual Omega Mardi Gras festivities held at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

## Washington Sidelights

# It was 'round robin' on the social circuit

By Nikki Nakatani

A QUARTER CENTURY OF FUN AND COSTUME

Alpha Omega Chapter of OMEGA Psi Phi Fraternity chhalked up twenty - five years of fun, costumes and Mardi Gras Queens on Friday evening in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel with approximately 2,800 persons in attendance. It was the largest crowd ever — surpassing their annual figures in the neighborhood of 2,500.

As usual, there was the spirit of celebration (and many took the occasion as their first venture out of the house in a week due to the snows) and the Bobby Felder company — in rare form. The music kept the dance floor filled from start to end. While there didn't seem to be as many costumes as last year, most colorful and interesting. I fell in love with the giant Panda.

As always, there were large numbers of lovely gowned ladies and one of the most striking figures coming across the dance floor to her table was Sylvia Jackson, with her charming husband, Al, in a floor length mink coat. At my favorite table with S. Bruce and Theresa Brown were Mildred and Allan Holland, Delilah and Joseph Pierce, Gladys and Dr. Isiah Burton, Bernard Walton, Minnie and Osmond Brown, Allie and Dooley Weeden, Carvella and Joseph Beavers, Mary and Robert Reed Thelma and George Campbell, Theda and Frank Payne, Ruth and Sherman Jackson, Sybil and Laurence Hunt, Etheldra and Ralph McKinney, Yvonne and Percy Smith, William Parkerson and Mildred and Mabs Kemp.

Gloria and LeRoy Harrod did their usual honors by having Irene and Maurice Carter, Inez and David Grant, Martuna and Wilson Monk, Celeste and Sherwood Coleman (looking good as always), Dr. Milton Dickerson, Rae Preston, Leslie R. Simms, Mary and Tom Douglas, Mary and George Weaver, and handsome Rudy Aggrey and his personable wife.

Also Alonica Renee Vinson a Bowie State College sophomore who was selected queen. Majoring in communications, she is the secretary - treasurer of the Public Relations Student Society of America, official scorekeeper of the Varsity Basketball Team and a reporter for the Bowie State Spectrum. A former Washington Redskin Cheereleader, "Miss Public Relations Student Society

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