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If you were too tired to do anything but look, it was worth coming just to see the costumes. Many were hilarious, some simply gorgeous and all interesting.

Interesting also was the fact that no one seemed tired. For the ev evening everyone seemed to have forgotten their daily cares and were in effervescent spirits, and the spirit of the evening was one of conviviality and congeniality as guests dined, danced, rapped, tried to recognize who was who (under the masks), laughed it up and table - hopped all evening.

Special highlight of the evening was the Costume Parade, during which costumed guests vied for first, second and third place in three categories.

Winning for "Most Original" were Gregory Johnson (who came as an outlandish dragon); and garnered first place: Donald E. Logan (who came as cute 'Miss Piggy') and won second place and Warren Garrett, who came in third as the Reaganomics Devil.

In the "Best Couple" category Mr. and Mrs. Ben Logan walked away with first place honors as "Fruit of the Loom"; Terry Boston and Cheryl Banks got second place as a 'Chinese Couple' and Charles and Linda Brown, who won third place as 'a couple from outer space!

In the winner's circle as "Best Group" were the hilarious first placers 'Reaganomics I' with their 'Jelly - bean syndrome' and Welfare Mother' signs which was led by Dr. and Mrs James Priest (Ponjola) who played the role of the president and Mrs. Reagan.

Others in the group were Ms. Ruth Daniels, James Smith, Dr. Delores Kelly, Ernest Brown, Sena Reid, Lorraine Brown, Harold Reid, Dr. Russell Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Payne, Emma Staggers, Shirley and Orville Swafford, Roy Staggers, Crumpton Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Morton, Carol and Barbara Anderson and Robert Matthews.

Two groups who tied for second place in that category were 'The Spanish People' (John Nash, Ms. Jeraldine Cragway, Mrs. Doris Nash and Vernell Roberts) and the Oriental People.'

Third place group winners were 'The Cooks,' led by Lenwood Ivey, Urban Services Executive Director!

All winners got checks. First place winners got $100; second place, $50 and third place $25.

All received certificates, which is great because the costumed guests were pricelessly entertaining.

Judging the costumes were Lucretia Bridgeforth (formerly of Metropolitan Magazine); John Taylor, aerobics studio director and disco dance expert; Sam Wilson, Arena Players director; Willa Bland, director, Flair Studio Modeling Agency; Myrtle Waters and yours truly of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

Everyone agreed that Omega Mardi Gras '82 was "one of the best ever" — many even said "the very best."

Omegas, who were gracious hosts and as much a part of the fun as anyone else, gathered in a circle near the end of the affair to sing the 'Omega Song.'

Chairperson for the Mardi Gras was Brother James Grant co-chairing was Ben Whitten.

Other committee members included: Donald Patterson, Ernest Curtis, Bill Ghant, Walter Riddick, Eddie McDaniels, Arthur Lambert, Ernest Moody, Thomas Hasty, Bertram Harrington, Charles Payne, Russell Young, William Neal, Alfred Woolridge and Garland Brown.

Pi Omega chapter [illegible] Lloyd Alston

—More Partyline

On Friday, Feb. 12 Willie T. Jones was feted with an extravaganza dinner - dance by his wife Gloria at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The occasion was to celebrate his retirement from Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation after 27 years of service.

Willie was handsome in his brocade pink and black formal attire and his lovely wife coordinated with a soft flowing pink -on - pink gown with bronze shoes.

The beautifully attired guests in the elegant surroundings of the Hyatt captured an unforgettable event.

Willie was lauded with many words of praise. Stan Johnson, representing Kaiser, presented him with a distinguished wooden - gold plaque.

Gifts, delicious food and beautiful music by Rob Cummings and his band were the order of the evening.

At the head table were Willie (the honoree) and wife Gloria; Fannie Howard, Stan Johnson and wife Ruth, Columbus McNeil and Gwendolyn Kellam.

From 7 until 8 p.m. there was a reception with a receiving line, with Gloria Jones presiding.

During this time guests enjoyed large bowls of fresh fruits.

Grace was done by Columbus McNeil, after which dinner was served.

During dessert time there was the introduction of head table guests and a segment called "Moments with Willie."

Speaking were Stan Johnson (of Kaiser Aluminum, supt., Industrial Relations); Mrs. Fannie Howard, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbus McNeil Thirty Third Degree, Hiram Grand Lodge and Imperial Grand Potentate, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Response of appreciation was done by the honoree, and special recognition given for flowers, photography and hostesses.

Following the program there was dancing until midnight.

Other guests included: Earl and Lena Brown, Theodore and Maude Brown, Sidney and Faye Burnett, Elihu & Ann Norris and Phyliss Shamwell, Lilyan Slater; Also May and Leonard Adgerson, David and Marie Brown, Laura and Zack Jeffers, George and Annie Newton; Cora and Nathaniel Williams;

Also Ruth and Hollee Barnes, Arthur Boyd, Lillie and Norman Branch, Mary and William Griggsby, Thelma and Walter Heggans, Valeria Tocci;

Also Julia and Charles Baily, Rudy and Marian Haley, Elaine and Scott Heckstall, Rosabelle and Leon Hubbard, Ruth and Robert Lee;

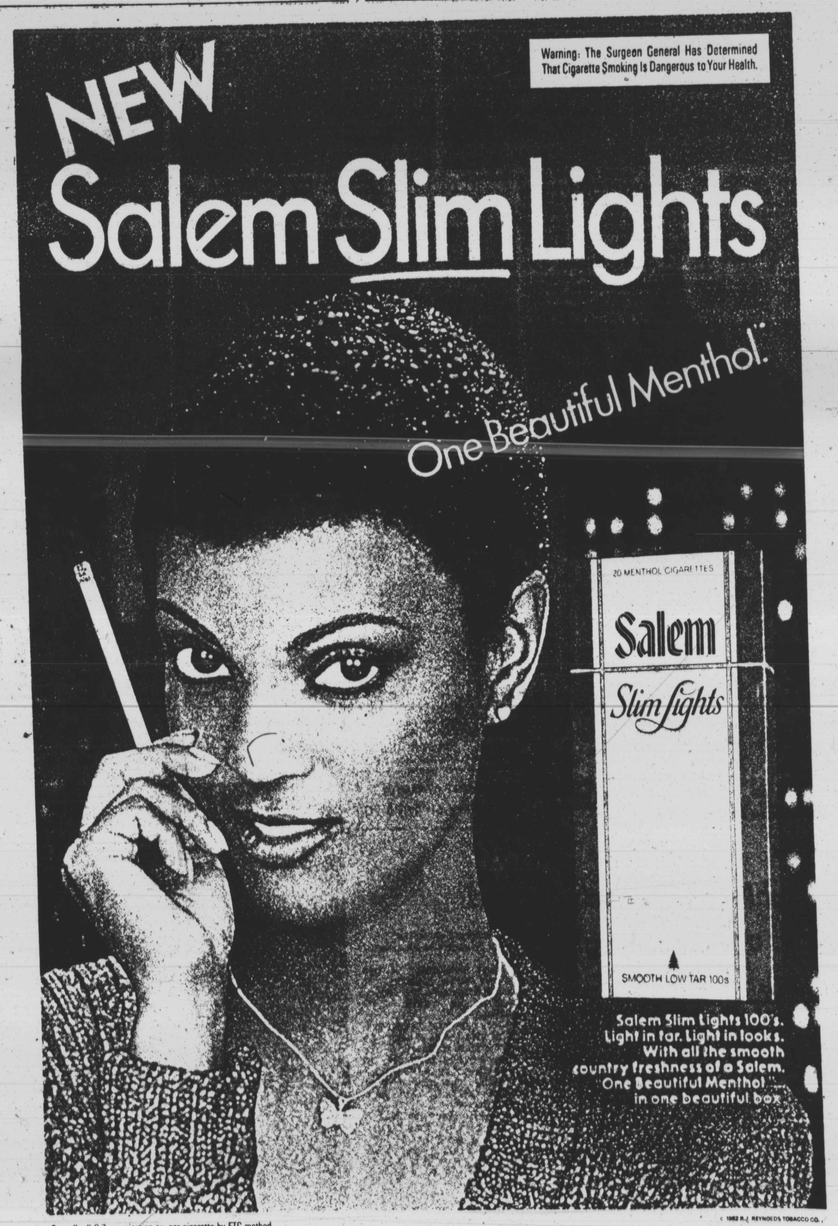
Also Edwin and Allen Burke, Lorraine and Sampson Greene, Lillian and Vivian Holmes Gundy, Jane and Maurice Harrison, Francis and Herbert Sith;

Also Clyde Boyd, Virginia Boyd, Gladys and George Brown, Geri and Roland Curry, Eugene Redden, Winfield and Lillie Thompson;

Also Charlie Carter, Charlotte and George Martin, Shirley and Henry Mays, Ruth and Anthony Messimini, Trannie and Johnny Murdock;

Also Leon and Marian Conley, James and Vi Jones, Edward and Dorothy Johnson, Sam Johnson and Francis Brown.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIE T. JONES are pictured during the retirement celebration hosted for him recently at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel.

AT SPHINX CLUB PARTY held recently for Governor and Mrs. Harry Hughes, the governor and his wife (center) are pictured with Charlie Tilghman (left) and his son Randy, club owners.

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