Former Councilwoman Victorine Adams is presented an award for her years of services to the House of Delegates during the 60's at the Black Caucus Testimonial held Sunday.

Shown in the background (L to R) is Del. Hattie Harrison (D-44), Del. Margaret Murphy (D-41) and Del. "Pete" Rawlings (D-40).

Former Senator Louise Murphy is presented an award by Del. Margaret Murphy (D.-41) at the Black Caucus Testimonial held Sunday.

Hildegard S. Boswell receives award at Black Caucus Testimonial held Sunday presented by Del. Mary Adams (D-40) for her services as a member of the House of Delegates during the 70's.

Make an appointment in 1984 to examine your child's record in school

Make an appointment in 1984 to examine your child's records at school.

You have that right as the result of the school records law. You may discover notations you do not agree with. You have the right to add a statement telling why you disagree.

If you see something questionable, ask for a copy of that document so you can take it home and talk with some other person about it.

Bill Rioux, a founder and senior associate of the National Committee for Citizens in Education, Columbia, Md., made those points when interviewed about the family educational rights and privacy act. It became federal law in November 1974, largely as the result of an NCCE crusade.

The law gives parents and students over 18 the right to examine the records.

"There were lots of doomsayers who said the law would stop the schools by limiting what teachers could put in records," Rioux said. "But that hasn't happened, although there are still some out there who wish for the old days."

Rioux said the law has improved relationships between parents and teachers in a very open atmosphere, and eliminated the practice of making irrelevant entries in a child's permanent school records.

"I don't think notation of parents' political beliefs belongs in a school record," he said. "Yet we found such things as, parents are avid Democrats.'

"And we found notations about things that should not follow a person through life. The record of a 10th grader, for example, still contained a notation made by a second grade teacher: he's a bedwetter.'

"The trash wasn't cleared out and it was a tragedy that such records followed people through life."

Before the law, the school record had become a kind o- secret dossier for prospective employers and others looking into a person's background, Rioux said.

The educator, who started as an English teacher in Manchester, Mich., has been on most rungs of the educational ladder including that of guidance counselor, president of Merrill-Palmer Institute of Detroit, and an official of the old U.S. Office of Education.

He said many parents and even school administrators still are not fully informed about provisions of the school records law.

It guarantees parents the right to examine all records the school keeps on their child, and to request changes if information is inaccurate, misleading or invades privacy.

It also requires the consent of the parents — or the student after age 18 — for the records to be released to any individual or organization, except employees of the school where student is enrolled.

NCCE, a non-profit advocacy group dedicated to improving education through more parental and citizen involvement, operates a toll - free line for anyone with questions about the law. The number is (800) network (639 - 5979).

Following passage of the law, callers told of massive paper shredding operations in schools, Rioux said.

Some of the frequent questions posed by callers, with answers from NCCE:

Q. How can I find out which records are kept by the school about my child?

A. The school is required each year to provide parents with a list of all records kept on students, including those in the nurse's office or kept in a main office. These will "include notes and comments placed in the file in addition to the regular documents."

Q. Do I have the right to look at a test my son or daughter was given in school?

A. "If the school system has the test in a file, you have the right to see it."

Q. My ex-wife with whom my child lives has told the school principal not to allow me to see the records or talk with her teacher about her progress. What can I do?

A. While rights of non-custodial parents were not included explicitly in the original law, Department of Education guidelines ensure that both parents have rights to access to their child's records, regardless of custody. Unless a court order specifically denies this right, you have a right to see them, make copies, and talk with the teacher.

Q. Does the law apply to private schools?

A. Private schools are covered by the law if they receive federal funds administered by the U.S. Secretary of Education. However, funds for school lunches (from the U.S. Department of Agriculture), handicapped children (often administered by state departments of education) or Chapter I money (from the local school district) are not considered direct federal aid to private schools.

Conservatives are 'disappointed' with Reagan, poll says

By Clay F. Richards
UPI Political Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new poll of conservatives shows 63 percent are disappointed with the Reagan presidency, but 69 percent say they still want him to run for a second term.

Some 873 readers of the "conservative digest" — an audience thought to be highly conservative in their philosophy — gave Reagan a score of only 4.2 out of a possible perfect 10 rating on a scoreboard of issues.

His ranking ranged to a 6.0 for cutting taxes to 1.7 for abolishing the departments of education and energy — a campaign promise that has gone unfulfilled.

Some 52 percent said they considered Reagan a moderate, not a conservative.

Sixty-nine percent of those polled said Reagan should run for a second term, although only 28 percent wanted to see vice president George Bush as his running mate.

However, 70 percent of those polled predicted Bush would get the GOP nomination if Reagan does not run. When asked their preference if Reagan did not run, Rep. Jack Kemp of New York with 48 percent, won over Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, with 17 percent.

Conservatives were Blunt about their feelings on Reagan.

"I feel betrayed," said Trish Buckingham of Missoula, Mont. "Reagan has dropped the ball."

"Too many turns to the left," said Arvid Johnson of Shelton, Wash., and Stuard Diggins of Woodstock, Ill., complained, "I can't think of a single promise he's kept."

While those on the right have been highly critical of Reagan almost from the start of his adminstration, he is given a favorable rating by more than 60 percent of the people responding to most national polls — an extremely high rating for any incumbent after three years in office.

Asked what they liked best about the Reagan presidency, the Grenada invasion was ranked first by 24 percent followed by his national defense policy by 23 percent and his personal characteristics -- leadership, character and charisma — by 20 percent.

The conservatives, who mostly identified themselves as republican in the survey, showed a willingness to leave the party if Reagan does not run and a moderate GOP candidate is nominated. About 64 percent said in that case they would support a conservative third party candidate.

The conservatives also have their minds made up about the democrats. Some 78 percent predicted Walter Mondale would be the democratic nominee for president, compared to only 19 percent for Sen. John Glenn of Ohio and 4 percent for Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

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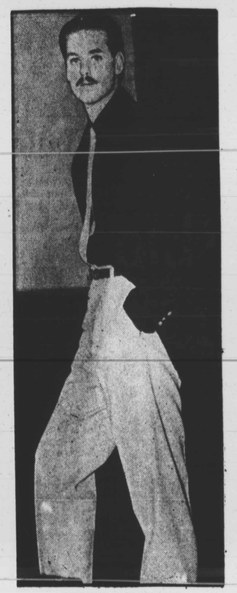
OUR WORLD

Flair models holiday Fashion Show sparkles

(Photos by Eric Grandy)

CEE CEE STOKES models with Flair for Flair Studios, a fabulously beautiful evening (After 5) outfit, replete with matching coat.



STEVEN SAWCZENKO, in a relaxed pose, models nifty casual wear.

IN SHIMMERY OUTFIT of high style with an Oriental flavor is Shirley Muldrow.

A new holiday fashion show, destined to become a tradition, was added to Baltimore's rich fashion heritage on Saturday December 3 when Flair Models launched their all new designer holiday fashion show.

The area's fashion artisans were combed to select ten of Baltimore's Best designers to present winter, holiday and cruise fashions for right now and into Spring 1984.

The collection, though lavish and brilliant, was aimed at a very specific market—real women who live and work in the real world. Designs for men were seen also. The show was coordinated and choreographed by Andrea and Willia Bland, Directors of Flair Models.

The magnetism of a dinner dress by Gladys Williams; suits for committee meetings by Barbara Worsham; the dress and coat for fashion show wearing by Jean Taylor; and the allure of after five dressing by Gloria Jennings and Lady Dar (Darlene Langley) — these are the elements that make a fashion show exciting and explosive. Put in hats by fashion legend Nell Sheridan and add cool city styles by Ken Carter and Catherine Wooten and your fashion statement is complete.

But not quite . . . this holiday show introduced two people new to the heady world of high fashion — designer Brenda Olivis and boutique owner Maggie Shropshire (Maggie's Place of Gay St. Mall). These two brought spectacular garments, displaying that they are as confident, hardworking and refreshing as their more established counterparts.

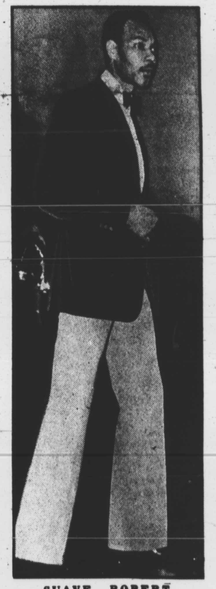
The Maryland Historical Society on West Monument St. aglow with its most brilliant ever collection of Maryland Silver, poinsettias and other holiday greens provided an elegant setting for this important fashion collection.

Dancers from the Flair Ballet Company, in flowing white satin dresses and on their toes in pale pink pointed shoes, introduced the show. The Company came alive under the direction of Flair's Dance Director, Shawan Patterson. From that moment on, the evening was magic as fashions for every conceivable occasion, rolled by in a profusion of rich and diverse fashions and styles.

The gala evening was highlighted with a tribute to Nell Sheridan, whose birthday was celebrated the same day. Mrs. Sheridan was one of the city's first Black designers who has continued to give her leadership and inspiration to others. He helped to establish a Baltimore chapter of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD).

Models who were featured in the show included Michelle Akinbolajo, Dale Brown, Pamela Clayton, Candace Easterling, Melissa Easterling, Dorothy Francis, Robert Gafford, Tracey Gatewood, Tamara James, Gwen Kellam, Brenda Laney, Lindae Massey, Shirley Muldrow, Odelia Pearson, Linda Pendergast, Shaudon Pinkney, Steven Sawczenok, Leatha Walker and Wendy Washington.

Fashion watchers will want to be alert to Flair Models' next important production, their Valentine fashion and dance on Friday February 10 at Martin's West with plans for a spring Bridal Show on the drawing board.



SUAVE ROBERT GAFFORD airs splendid coordinated menswear, with a dapper bow tie.

SOPHISTICATION PAR EXCELLENCE is seen in this afternoon dress with interesting collar to waist lapel treatment and side buttons modeled by Michelle Akinbolajo.

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HOLIDAY BRUNCH

By Pattie Hedges

Brenda Johnson, science teacher at Northern High School spread yuletide joy Sunday, Dec. 11 by hosting a delectable champagne brunch for several friends at her cheerfully elegant Forest Part Ave. home.

Brenda said her purpose in hosting the brunch was to begin the holiday season, celebrate her December birthday and to chat with friends of 15 years or more.

The tasty menu included bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, buttered croissants, pastries, coffee and champagne, both pink and [illegible] of course.

The lively chatter interestingly touched a variety of topics, and guests who came at 10 a.m. [illegible] until mid afternoon.

[illegible] present were Bettye [illegible], Ruth Hale, Peggy [illegible], Carolyn Shansbury, Christine Hall, Patricia Speights and yours truly.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Friday november 25, the Columbia home of Treadwell and Marie Phillips was the setting of an affirmation of marital commitment in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

The ceremony was unique in that most participants were family beginning with a vocal rendition of "Endless Love" by their daughter, Ms. Jerilyn Payne accompanied by Mr. James Green.

Dr. F. Allison Phillips, Pastor of the Mount Zion United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio officiated with prayer offered by the Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, Pastor of the Heritage United Church of Christ, Baltimore, MD. Both ministers are brothers of Mr. Phillips. Mrs. Brenda Payne, accompanied by her husband, Jerryl, son of the couple, completed the ceremony with "The Lord's Prayer."

Standing with the couple were her cousin, Mrs. Velma Phillips and their son Deryk Phillips.

Sharing in the joy, solemnity, and beauty of the evening were: Master Lance Adams, grandson; Ms. Alaine Adams; Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Baden; Yale Beverly; Ms. Alice Burley; Gene Calvert; Diron Carr; Mrs. Hannah Carr; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Carraway; Mrs. Ruth Daniels; Ms. Pamela Dillon; Ms. Mary Distance; Cornelius Fletcher; Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher;

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fletcher; Mr. & Mrs. James Green Ms. Lois Holman; Ms. Sue Jackson; Ms. Angela Jones; Mrs. Felicia Jones Mr. & Mrs. Jakie Matthews; Mr. & Mrs. Darnell Mitchell and Jason; Maurice Moore; Gene Nelson; Ms. Beverly Nickens; Ms. Gwendolyn Parrish; Ms. Jerilynn Payne; Mr. & Mrs. Jerryl Payne; Ms. Cheryl Phillips; Deryk Phillips;

And Dr. & Mrs. F. Allison Phillips; Miss Alyson Phillips; The Rev. & Mrs. Wendell Phillips; Mr. Wendell F. Phillips; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shane; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sherard; Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Steele; Mr. & Mrs. Kernie Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Turner: Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Turney; Mr. & Mrs. Delano Washington; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Young; and Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Young.

KAPPA SILHOUETTES

The outgoing administration of the Baltimore Alumnae Kappa Silhouettes Inc. leave behind a legacy of accomplishments that were attained by the contagious enthusiasm generated by its president Mrs. Lee Draine and carried out by the governing body, consisting of Gloria Marrow, vice president; Gloria Carpenter, recording secretary; Elaine E. Harris, financial secretary; Hortense Perkins, treasurer and Weldena Kelly, historian.

Outstanding among these accomplishments was the hosting of the 60th Eastern Province Meeting which was deemed the largest ever attended in this region.

Assisting the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi with the Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner which was such a success that this endeavor has been designated to continue as an annual project, was another Silhouette project.

The tireless efforts of the Special Activities Committee chaired by Ms. Gladys Dumas, which led to the chapter's being presented with their own Kappa Silhouette's Banner depicting the dates of inception, and their being recognized by the national chapter.

Mrs. Merita Donaldson and Mrs. Elaine Harris also served on this special committee.

Certificates of Appreciation for their cooperation and efforts were awarded by president Mrs. Draine to Laura Brown, Gloria Carpenter, Betty Knight, Gladys Dumas, Hortense Perkins and Clara Tucker who is now the new president of the Kappa Silhouettes.

The Silhouettes are dedicated to public service endeavors, and are always willing to reach out in extending a helping hand to those in the community.