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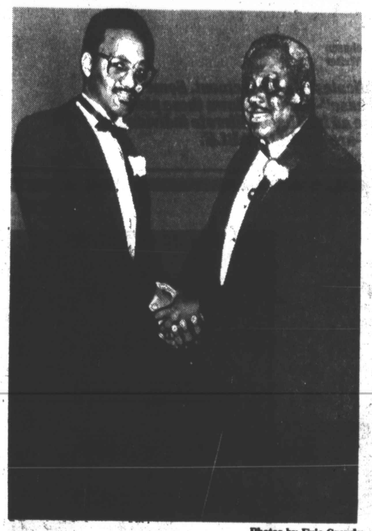
Sigmas mark fraternity's 70th year



Photos by Eric Grandy

SCHEROD BARNES (L), chairman of the 1984 Founders' Day Committee for Baltimore's Zeta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., greets honoree and guest speaker Demetrius C. Newton, national Sigma president, during Zeta Chapter's annual Founders' Day hosted Saturday, Jan. 21 at Blue Crest North.

Saturday, January 21, Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its 70th Anniversary of the Fraternity's Founding. The Black-Tie Affair was held at the Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd. This year's theme was "Sigma: Involved to Fulfill the Dream."

The Cocktail Hour including Hors D'oeuvres began at 5:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer, Sigma Brother Percy L. Alston called the affair to order. The affair was attended by approximately 200 people braving both the cold weather and snow on the ground. Bro Dr. Guilbert A. Daley, Chapter President, gave the Statement Of Purpose. The Lord's Prayer by Malotte was then sung by Mrs. Letita Leigh assisted by her accompanist. Bro. Alston gave the Invocation and blessing prior to the delectable sit-down dinner. Mrs. Leigh rendered several other selections during the program.

The brothers of Sigma wore white carnations, their fraternity flower of blue and white. The Crescents (Sigma's pledge group) wore red carnations and the Sigma Beta Club members wore pink carnations.

Flowers were donated by the Sigma Wives, and the head centerpiece was contributed by Norman Holl Florist.

Bro. Alston, Vice President of the Chapter, introduced the Dias Guests, all of whom brought greetings. The greetings list included: Soror Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Co-Founder, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; George McKenney, President, Baltimore Pan Hellenic Council; Soror Nathalia Roberts, Zeta's Md. State Director, Bro. Scherod C. Barnes, Md. Sigma State Director, Inc.; Sorors Anne Moreland, President, Sigma Wives; Dr. Edith V. Francis, Grand Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Bro. Dr. Gilbert H. Francis, National President, The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.; and Bro. Marvin 'Doc' Cheatham, Eastern Regional Vice Director, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. Cheatham introduced the many Eastern Regional officers present. Included in that list were Sigma brothers: Archie James Powell, Eastern Regional Director Providence, RI; T. Harding Lacy, Jr., Eastern Regional treasurer - Richmond, Va. Greville French, Regional Secretary—Brooklyn, NY; Lloyd C. Morse, Jr., Director of Bigger & Better Business—Baltimore, MD; James H. Johnson, Director of Education—Camden, NJ; Andre C. Jones, Director of Social Action-Harlem, NY; George H. Hibbler, Director of Publicity-Philadelphia, PA; Clarence L. Juvenellano, Area Director of Southern New Jersey-Runnemeade, NJ and Albert Simmons, Past President, Beta Lambda Chapter-Rosedale, NY.

Memorial Moments were then rendered by Bro. Alston for two recently deceased brothers-Dr. George M. Crawford (1905-1983) and Rev. Dr. William Lyndsal Pitts, Sr., Esq. (1912-1983).

The Programme, which was materially re-produced in the Souvenir Booklet, continued. A message from Governor Harry Hughes was read into the record as well as a Proclamation declaring January 21, 1984 as Phi Beta Sigma Day in Baltimore by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Dr. Daley introduced the guest speaker, Sigma Brother Dr. Demetruis C. Newton, Esquire, National President, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. Dr. Newton gave a rousing speech that challenged both the Sigmas' and the audience to do more, on the theme "Believe." The audience gave Dr. Newton a standing ovation.

A Medley of Black Spirituals was then done by Ms. Leigh, who was also accorded a standing ovation.

Achievement Award Presentations were given out by the chapter. Service awards were given out to many

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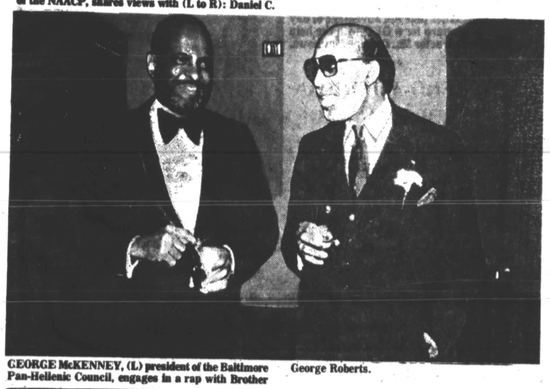
PAMELA RICE (C) chats with (from left) Adrian Hubbard and Arthur Hill III during the festivities.

MRS. ENOLIA McMILLAN (L), new national president of the NAACP, shares views with (L to R): Daniel C. Moore and Thelma Smith.

FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS are (L to R): Sigma Brothers Marvin Cheatham, Eustache St. Greaves, Scherod Barnes, Guilbert Daley, president, Zeta Sigma Chapter and Willis Nichols.



GEORGE McKENNEY, (L) president of the Baltimore Pan-Hellenic Council, engages in a rap with Brother George Roberts.

ALL SMILES during the affair are (L to R): Johanne White and Gail Robinson.

Partyline

By Pattie Hodges

CONGRATULATIONS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymone Thomas Tubman (Gwendolyn) recently hosted a party of congratulations at their lovely home in the Morgan Park area for their son Attorney Raymond Tubman who recently passed the Maryland bar exam.

kept the sippables flowing and dee jay Mark Tubman kept the music going.

Atty. Tubman, a Towson U Pre-Law graduate, was No. 6 in his law school class at Southern University Law School, Baton Rouge, LA and is also on the Louisiana State Bar Association, is president of the Student Bar Association of Maryland and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha

RETIREE GETS UNIQUE PLAQUE

Grace Young Jones, Past Grand Auditor of the Grand Temple of the Daughters of Elks, received a 30-year plaque recently from Teddy Kerns, District Director of Internal Revenue, Baltimore

Out to help him celebrate and to wish him well were Seaton J. White III, News American reporter; Toi Carter, Veronica CeLa Roche, Ella Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, Darlene Jones (his cousin), Ada Jones, Delores Gantt, Pamela Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Abraham;

Also Atty. George F. David IV, Darryl Jones, Neal Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Williams, Vernon Brown and Ms. Fatima Ball.

The unique plaque has embodied in the Treasury Dept. symbol, a three fourth inch, round acquamarine stone, Ms. Jones' birthstone.

It was also a gift made up by her former office in Washington, Foreign Operations Division, where she worked and traveled for 33 years. Grace ended her government services January 3, 1984.

JUDES HOST BOWL PARTY

George and Vashti Jude's Super Bowl party on Sunday at the Hopkins Club saw an enthusiastic group of football fans gather for viewing and dinner.

While the mostly pro-Washington Redskins [illegible]

disappointed, at the lopsided score, there were frequent expressions of admiration for the winning Oakland Raiders.

Two guests-Hermione Weaver and Alfred Woodridge-correctly predicted the 38-9 outcome to walk off with the afternoon's jackpot.

Guests were: Messrs and Mesdames Sam Blackwell, Melvin Callaman, George Carter, Richard Cummings, Bruce Edemy, Aaron Ellis, Ben Foreman, Charles Hillen, Charles Lynch Charles Shipley, Glenn Tartar, Errol Taylor;

Also, Messrs and Mesdames Lawrence Waters, Royal Weaver, Ed Williams, Elroy Young, A. Paul Moss, and Mrs. Gloria Phillips, Mrs. Margery Frost, Milton Stanley, the Jude daughters, Laura and Elise, and

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

HOW TO GET YOUR MAN

One of the biggest problems facing the single parent is the dating side. Too often single parents are left to feel as though they must sacrifice their social life, now that they are playing the part of both mother and father.

Women in particular seem to have the most problems. First of all let's look at some of the problems facing the single parent woman. The most common problem is finding a babysitter and also who pays the fee. When you are establishing your new relationship first, make your new - found date aware of the fact that you would like for him to pay a portion of your babysitting fee. After all, you should not have to pay to go out on this date all by yourself.

After you have found a babysitter, which should be someone whom you trust, who loves kids and is capable and responsible, make sure that when your date arrives you display a positive attitude when leaving home. In talking to some single parents who have younger children they said "everytime I go out on a date I have to leave my child in the midst of a storm. My child is either crying as if I am never coming back or hanging onto my coattail. I feel so embarrassed and somehow or another it seems to set the stage for the rest of the evening."

Irish, another single parent said that when she is going out on a date, she plans well in advance. She makes sure her child is asleep when she leaves because she has tried all kinds of tactics so that her son isn't HANGING ONTO HER COATTAIL.

In trying to get that man, try to display a positive attitude. Dress casually. Maybe you are one of those single parents who everytime a man compliments you on your hair or your dress, you automatically disagree. Can you imagine being out with someone and everytime you give them a compliment they disagree with you?

Are you one of those whose clothes always seem to fit in all the right places, like paper on a wall? Do you use strange language, street talk, etc? If you are a smoker, do you smoke while out on the street? Even though men will compliment you in the street about your skin tight pants, and how well you look with your cigarette hanging out of your mouth, the average guy is looking for someone who may be a bit conservative.

However, the bottom line is that most men are often looking for someone who may resemble their mothers somewhat. I am not saying that all men are looking for their mother in a woman, but they would like to be acquainted with someone who displays a likeable attitude, seems to be in control of her own home life, and is pleasant.

If you really are trying hard to get that man, DON'T RESORT TO THE HOROSCOPE SYNDROME. Mary, a single parent, believed wholeheartedly in the horoscope and decided to become involved with men that the horoscope said were compatible with her. Somehow or another everytime I talked with Mary she was on the outs with this person that was supposed to be so compatible with her.

Horoscope dating is old hat by now, and if you check out the horoscope messages you will find your message also for other signs as well.

If you are looking for a rich man, you must remember that you must go to the places which the rich frequent. You can't find a rich man in your corner grocery store. Too often, the single parent will look in the wrong place to find that man.

Another strong point which is a "NO NO" is trying to trap or chastise the man when it isn't necessary. Oftentimes, if you let the relationship begin on a casual basis without trying to probe, you will find out that within a month's time he will either tell you or display his true and natural feelings. If he is really interested you will have no real problems.

Another problem that single parents face is how soon should you have intimate relationships with your mate. This all goes back to how you were raised and morally how you feel about yourself. There are some who have standard procedures that they keep to themselves, and there are those who will have intimate relationships on a first date. What may be comfortable for you may not be comfortable for someone else.

However, you must decide if this man is interested in you only for your body or if he really is interested in you as a person and wishes to really establish a long, creative relationship.

Face it, as a single parent, it involves playing the part of two parents, and knowing who is for you and who isn't.

Here are a few pointers when trying to get the right man for you:

Show that you are in control of your own situation.

Make sure you don't have a child "HANGING ONTO YOUR COATTAIL"

Have a positive attitude

Forget about the "SKIN TIGHT" clothes

Remember horoscope dates are for the birds

Put a handle on your bad habits.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

MLK COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Under the theme "Reaffirming the Dream—Jobs, Peace, Freedom", the Office of Central Records Operation, SSA, recently held its Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative service in the downtown Baltimore Metro West Building.

The program opened with greetings by Edward P. Arthur, OCRO Director who shared some of the OCRO staffs work accomplishments during the past year.

The Rev. R. Douglas Force, director of the Morgan College Christian Center, delivered the invocation which was followed by music furnished by the Woodlawn Senior High School gospel chorus.

Mrs. Dea Kline, a white female and community affairs director at Johns Hopkins University since 1969, was the featured speaker.

Performing in a role that she referred to as unusual since she did not fit the stereotyped Black Clergy mold, nor was she a former associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. According to some Metro West employees, Mrs. Kline's presentation was courteously accepted even though it lacked the charismatic spirit generated by the Rev. John Bryant who was last year's dynamic speaker.

Ms. Kline, a recipient of the "Baltimore's Best Award", is a community worker and is active with numerous Baltimore City volunteer activities including the Steering Committee for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

The program reached its highest point with the reading of essays by the winners of the OCRO MLK, Jr. essay contest held for children of Metro West employees.

This year's winners were Onika Chambers, Elementary School level, who said that MLK was her hero. Joseph C. McClellan, Jr. a Junior High School student wrote that he believes that every man should be "entitled to a job based on his skills and not based on the color of his skin."

Senior High School freshman Brigitti K. Brown received an enthusiastic reaction from the audience when she read her award winning essay that stated her dream for a day when she could get a job and help her mother to support their family. She explained her concern at seeing her mother "so tired, overworked and underpaid."

Conspicuously missing from the Metro West Commemorative service honoring the slain civil rights leader, according to reports, were many of SSA's Top executives including members of the Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity, the office formerly charged with the task of administering and monitoring SSA's equal employment opportunity program.

A community friend goes home

JUDSON H. KERR SR. (R) who recently closed his Real Estate and Tax Service at Lafayette and Fremont Aves. and moved it to his home from which he will now work after 40 years in the business is being greeted at his recent retirement reception at the Forum by Robert Gregory.

KERR EMPLOYEES (from left) are: Zera B. Taylor, Helen Taylor, Elizabeth Cooper and George Cooper.

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

When Judson H. Kerr Sr. recently hosted his retirement reception at the Forum, Primrose Ave., it was not just to mark the closing of his business of 40 years, (Kerr's Real Estate and Tax Service) at Lafayette and Fremont Aves. and moving it to his home. It was, he said, a celebration to thank all of his clients and employees of the past 40 years.

Folks began arriving early bearing gifts and cards of well - wishes and they signed two registers, one for friends, and one for former employees, and each added a word of congratulations or best wishes to a man they all seemed to love, admire and respect.

Reception fare consisted of delectable fruit and cheese, mouth - watering hors d'oeuvres, top round of beef with biscuits and cocktails.

Kerr, who began his operation 40 years ago in a patent medicine store (in which he had a fountain) at 1001 Lafayette Ave. soon changed his interest to real estate and taxes, when Carver Vocational High School moved from Lafayette and Carrollton Aves.

Kerr is lauded for his genuine interest in people, not only those who worked for him, and those who came to him for assistance (he is well - known for his expertise in filling out tax forms and other difficult legal papers) but he is known as the kind of man who is a friend to the community.

Pre - taped music "Oldies But Goodies" tunes from the 40's and 50's played throughout the afternoon until it came awarding time.

Yes, even though the affair was for his clients, they turned the tables on him, and he was toasted, roasted and awarded. Many folks gave testimony to how he had been a "real friend" to them at some time or other in life.

Some - recalled that when he hired them to work for him it was their first job. Others praised him for his love, encouragement and understanding to young people.

There were several who grew up with him who recalled humorous incidents.

He was referred to by one friend as the "little man with a big heart." Others dubbed him, "a

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HONOREE AND FAMILY — Members of the Kerr family pictured during the reception are (front row, L to R): Jeffrey Kerr, honoree's grandson; Gertrude Kerr, sister-in-law; Judson Kerr III and James Kerr Jr., grandsons. (Back row, L to R): James H. Kerr, son; Mrs. Delores Kerr, wife; honoree, Judson Kerr and David Kerr, son.

OTHER EMPLOYEES of the Kerr outfit (from left) are Phyllis Gross, Lorraine Thomas and Cladie Holcomb.

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her son, Fred Douglass Mason3rd., Mrs. Carol Wright and son, Julian; Cliff Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chesley of D.C.

NEWS FROM FLAIR MODELS

Leatha Walker Tours Japan

Flair Models bid "bon voyage" to Leatha Walker at a holiday reception held at Flair Studio in Mondawmin Mall. Ms. Walker left early in January for a four month tour of military bases in Japan with the USO.

In addition to her work as a Flair Model, Ms. Walker, a gifted singer and performer, used her training as a Community College of Baltimore music major to become a featured singer in summer stock at King's Dominion in Virginia. This served as a springboard for her USO tour.

She will return to the States just in time to begin rehearsals for her summer work after which she will be actively looking for further opportunities to enhance her "show business" career.

Flair Models Salute Valentine

Flair Models' annual Valentine fashion show and dance will be held on Friday Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. at Martin's West. Coming at the height of the in - between season, the show is geared to "help me make it through the rest of the winter."

There is something for everyone: . . . a designer fashion show choreographed by Andrea Bland Travis, dance performances by Flair's Dancers "The Maniac Movers,", an appearance by "Mr. Maryland's" music for dancing by Anderson Ward of "Maxi - Disco."

For ticket information, telephone Flair Models at 669-5365.

FEBRUARY IS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE AFRO-AMERICAN WILL HAVE A BLACK HISTORY PACKAGE TO AID STUDENTS IN GAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR BLACK CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

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- *The August 27, 1983 "March on Washington" (limited supply)*
- *Calendar featuring some of America's firsts in Black History of the 20 Century.*
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