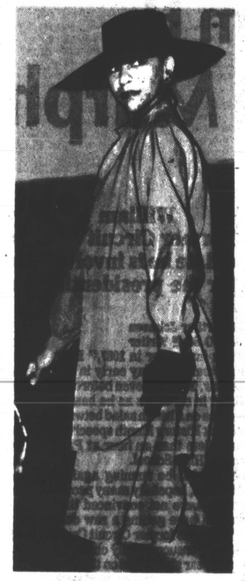
OUR WORLD

Flair Studio hosts Sweethearts' Ball-Fashion Show

AIRING BAT-WINGED KNIT COCKTAIL DRESS designed by Vernest Moore during the Flair Studio's annual Sweethearts' Ball-Fashion Show is model Hazel Walker. The affair was held last Friday at Martin's West.



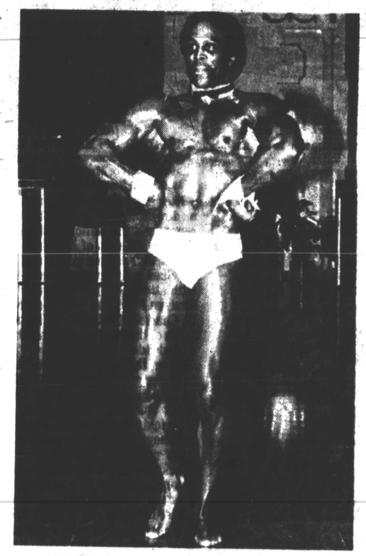
QUIANNA COOKE models a spring cotton ensemble which she designed herself.

CANDACE EASTERLING strolls in striped spring mini also designed by Vernest Moore.

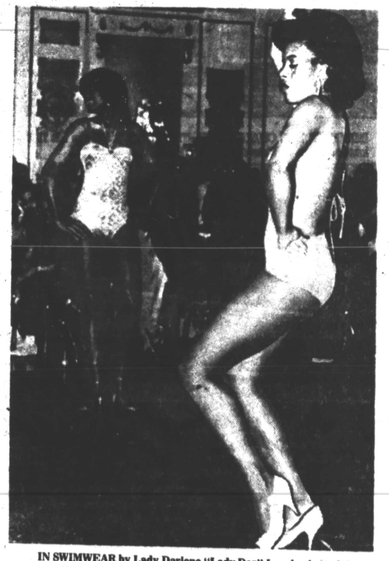
Photos by Eric Grundy

CYNTHIA JAMES sirs a two piece satin cocktail set by designer John Lewis Bey.

LYNETTE RUFFIN poses in a cream suit also designed by John Lewis-Bey.



BODY BUILDER George "G.T." Taylor shows off his muscles during fashion segment.



IN SWIMWEAR by Lady Darlene "Lady Dar" Langley is model Carolyn James. (foreground)

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

There were 600 people out last Friday, February 10 for Flair Studio's 5th annual Sweethearts' Ball and Fashion Show.

The event, held at Martin's West, lasted from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. There was open buffet and bar, with music by Anderson Ward's Maxi-Disco.

Fashions aired by Flair models introduced the works of new designers Vernest Moore, John Lewis-Bey, Brenda Olivis and Rigshanah.

Other designs were those of Lady Darlene Langley and Lexington Lady, Mondawmin.

Seen were spectacular red and white Valentine scenes of spring fashions for all occasions, intimate apparel (for the lovers of the evening) and scintillating swimwear for the 1984 season. Willia Bland, owner-manager of Flair studio, was commentator.

Special highlight of the evening was Artartius Jenkins—dancer, actor, model and fashion commentator, who danced and sang. He also modeled his skimpy bikini, much to delight of the ladies, who were squealing and squirming in their seats.

A body-builder, George Taylor, better known as "G.T.," modeled formal wear for a pool party—black and white satin cape with matchin bikini cuffs and bowtie. He gace a fascinating exhibition of 21 poses after the ladies relieved him of his cape.

Super highlight of the occasion was the act of the "Flair Thriller Dancers" replete with a Michael Jackson look-alike-all teenaged dancers trained by Andrea Bland Travis, who also is their choreographer and who was coordinator for the Valentine's show. They brought the house down.

In the Thriller dancer group are Yolanda Brown, Mona Hanson, Danielle Dorsey, Marcia Meeks, Valerie Geiger, Melissa Easterling, Seante West, Antoinette Nixon, Brian Hawkins, Vernell Arrington, Andrew Jackson, Nicole Jones, Judith Robinson, Howard McClain, Rhonda Boozer and Kamia Mance.

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POWELL SHEFFEY HOSTED AT 80TH B'DAY FETE

Powell B. Sheffey, of Baltimore was hosted at an 80th birthday party celebration spearheaded by his children Carol Sheffey Parham and Barbara Davenport recently.

The elegant affair, held at Blue Crest North, was attended by nearly 200 people, who had come out to celebrate with the honoree. Featured were a sit-down dinner and music by Bill Cummings. Emcee for the occasion was Vernon Sheffey, the honoree's brother.

There was a citation from the Board of School Commissioners presented by School Board representative Joseph Smith, who also read a letter of congratulations from Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, superintendent, Baltimore City Public Schools. Sheffey, who retired in 1969, taught for 35 years with BCPS.

Senator Clarence Blount read a Proclamation from the state Senate and a letter of congratulations from the governor. There was also a letter read from President Ronald Reagan.

Warren Sheffey, (a son) read a Proclamation from Omega Psi Phi the fraternity of which the honoree has been a member for 59 years.

Bill Cummings played and dedicated Sheffey's favorite song "My Way".

The color scheme was red and white, with white tablecloths, (red bordered), red napkins and programs. Inside each program was a card on which each guest could write his own birthday message. A nice touch.

There were numerous other gifts and cards from family members and friends.

Sheffey's sisters and brothers who gifted him with a money tree were Vernon Sheffey, Luster Sheffey, Georgie Brown, Frances Pinkney, Dorothy Sheffey and Hilda Askew, (the eldest) who made the presentation.

Older nieces and nephews of the honoree presented him with a crown of money.

POWELL B. SHEFFEY (C) is pictured during his 80th birthday fete hosted for him by his children recently at Blue Crest North with Carol Sheffey Parham, daughter and a friend, (from left) Mrs. Dorothy Joyce.

Grandchildren Julie Parham and William Parham III and great-grandchildren Melodie and Crystal White wheeled in the main birthday cake— a huge strawberry shortcake with 10 candles, in keeping with the red and white theme. Each table also had an individual strawberry shortcake as centerpieces.

Other children and in-laws helping to make the affair a grand success were William Parham, son-in-law; Dorothy Williams Noble Williams and Warren Sheffey.

Hostesses were Mary Sprow, who introduced the receiving line, Barbara Bennett, Inez Bowyer, Dorothy Lewis and Rebecca Griggs.

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Flossie Ross

COLUMBIA DELTAS CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' DAY

The Columbia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrated its Founders' Day recently with a candlelight luncheon at the Hilton Inn in Columbia, MD.

Preceding the luncheon, an impressive Rededication Ceremony was held to celebrate the founding of the Sorority in 1913 by twenty-two women at Howard University.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Lennie Marie P. Tolliver, The United States Commissioner on Aging. Dr. Tolliver, a presidential appointee, highlighted in her presentation the numerous black colleges who are participating in the programs commissioned by the Agency.

Other guests and members of the Sorority included on the program were Mrs. Gilda Davis, chapter President; Mrs. Pearlie B. Freeman, president of the Maryland Council of Delta, who gave a special rosea and candlelight Tribute to the founders; Dr. Vernon Gray, Howard County councilman; William Manning, Board of Education member; Mrs. Celonia Walker, first president, founder of the Columbia Chapter; Mrs. Ruth Felton, Charter Member, and Mrs. Dorothy Harris, member.

As a part of the program, the following ladies were recognized by the Columbia Chapter for having been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for 25 years or more: Madames Mary Carter, Alice Clark, Shirley Colvin, Hallon Higgins, Ruth Felton, Lillie Frazier, Marion Graves, Alice Hankins, Gilda Lewis, Mae Lucas, Ruth Myrick, Marjorie Payton, Elmira Tilley, Celonia Walden and Mary Woodfork.

The Sorror of the Year Award was presented to Mrs. Lillie Frazier, and Mrs. Hazel Braxton received the Fortitude Award.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were treated to a beautiful rendition of the song "My Way" by Mrs. Hallie Hawkins, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Woodfork.

The Founders' Day committee members were Mesdames Mary Bracey, chairman; Jacqueline Shropshire, Famebridge Payne, Jean Myatt, Claudia Pittman, Celonia Walden, Ruth Felton, Lois Norman, Claudette McIntyre, Sallie Hawkins and Lillian Cunningham.

Realtoms for the event were the 1984 Debutantes who will be presented by the Columbia, MD Deltas in a cotillion in April.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority provides scholarships each year for graduating seniors who have a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Other criteria for the awards include service to the school and community, demonstrated leadership and specific plans for post secondary education. Dead line: March 31, 1984.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity offers more than $3,000 in scholarships, plus many special recognition awards to Howard County students who distinguish themselves in areas such as academic, leadership, citizenship, character, service to humanity or achievement in the field of sports. Deadline: April 15, 1984.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be patient with everyone but above all with yourself
I mean, do not be disturbed
beholden of your imperfections,
and always rise up
bravery from a fall.
St. Francis deSales

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

The Office of Disability Operations opened its Black History Month programs with employees attempting to identify noted Black women as portrayed by co - workers during a Wednesday lunchtime program.

Members of the audience were given the opportunity after hearing questions and answers and viewing the costumes, to guess the names of the distinguished Black women. Each of the persons who first named the women, were gifted with African Queen calendars.

The characters and costumed employeeswho portrayed them were as follows: Minnie Little was the Queen of Sheba; Claressa Carter - Bey, Sojourner Truth; Lessie Torain, Mary McCleod Bethune; Mary Fries, Madame C. J. Walker; Dorcas Clark, Nikki Giovanni; Sylvia Harris, was Mary Church Terrell; Marjorie Ferguson, Bessie Coleman and Flora White - Wirts played Phyllis Wheatley.

Kathleen Dinnis was the Mistress of ceremonies for the program.

The second program dealt with "Black Americans In the Struggle for Educational Excellence." It consisted of a panel moderated by Dr. Anne Emery, Asst. superintendent of schools, Director, Division of Communications.

Panelists were Dr. Cecil Payton, Morgan State University Biology department; Dr. Warren Hayman, vice president, Student Affairs; Dr. Charles Woodward, Coppin, Dean of Student Services and Mrs. Rita Hubbard, Associate Baltimore Board of Education, Division of Post Secondary Education.

RETIREMENTS

Early next month members of the Office For Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (OCREO) staff, SSA, will sponsor a joint farewell luncheon fo Mary "Kitty" Smith and George Tyson. The luncheon will be held at the New Pimlico, 1777 Reisterstown Rd., Friday, March 2.

Reservations can be made by contacting Ethel Hill, Bonnie Yocum or Dorothy Green in Woodlawn. Metro West employees can contact Dorothy Banister.

On Friday, March 9, Earl E. Young, another longtime SSA employee will be the honoree at a luncheon which will also be held at the New Pimlico.

For additional information, interested persons can contact the following persons: Bluma Miller, Jesie Pertney, Angie Taylor or Terry Schroeder.

PRATT LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Margaret Pagan, an analyst in the Office of Assessment, has an exhibit of her family history on display at the Enoch Pratt Library. The exhibit includes photographs, letters and newspaper clippings. It was mounted in celebration of Afro - American History Month and reflects her genealogical research to date.

The exhibit can be seen during regular hours during the month of February on the second floor, near the Maryland Department, 400 Cathedral St.

AWARDS

Congratulations to Cindy Fox, Payment Staff Supervisor and Lucy Anderson, Technical Staff Manager. Both received, performance awards. Their offices are in the Woodlawn Dickinson building.

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RETIREMENT FETE

After 40 years with AMTRAK, Earl Lee Harris recently celebrated his retirement dinner party with 120 relatives, co - workers and friends recently at the Millbrook Park Centre. Relatives and friends came from as far as North Carolina, Richmond, Washington, Delaware, New Jersey as well as local Maryland guests.

Upon arriving at the center, the retiree was greeted by a huge mural reading "I've Been Working On The Railroad" and "Best Wishes" along with a basket of flowers on a white metal stand. The guest book was signed by everyone as they entered.

The reception hour gave the invitees an opportunity to greet and extend all wishes to him as they nibbled on marinated vegetables, ham, cheese and sipped cocktails.

The program followed with speeches that possessed memorabilia along with roasting and toasting the retiree. The theme, "I've been working on the railroad" was then carried out as the toastmaster read the program: Train To Happiness, Leaving On Time, Track No. 7, Train 29.

Following those remarks a trio danced the dances of the late 30's to Glen Miller's Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Many gifts were received by the retiree. One in particular was a toy steam engine given him by his son that was a replica of an old AMTRAK engine.

BIRTHDAY FETE

When Jeanne Cummings, the Montgomery County school administrator left her West Baltimore home on Saturday evening with hubby Richard, she thought they were going to friend, Mary Lou Redd's Dennison Rd. home to honor another friend.

She was dumbfounded when she entered the home to find family and friends gathered to wish her a happy birthday. Daughter, Linda, son, Glenford, and friend, Mary Lou, arranged for the guests to gather early, and prepared the tasty dishes, as well as the birthday banners.

There were tears of joy as she moved about the room greeting guests. When the doorbell rang and in walked second son, Richard Jr., his wife, Krista, from Valley Forge, Pa., with their 3 - month - old daughter, Marne, the honoree was overcome with happiness.

Present to greet and gift her were: Messrs and Mesdames James Stokes, Filmore Hart, Orville Swafford, Cyril Byrun, Wallace Baden, Royal Weaver, Queener Willis, Edward Slater, Roland Williams, David Wright, Milton Stanley, Charles Hillen, Melvin Callaman, Paul Moss;

Also, Judges and Mesdames Harry Cole, Robert Watts, Ben Foreman; Drs. and Mesdames Edward McDaniels, James Priest, William Garner, George Woodland, Otis Froe;

And, Mesdames Christine Moore, James Laforest, Mary Camper Redd, Helen Quarles, Norma Maiden, Gwendolyn Carter, Ivy Harris, Vivian Pendleton, Phyllis Shamwell, Myrtice Bennett, Margaret Mason, Rev. and Mrs. H. Wesley Wiley of Silver Spring, and James Queen.

"SURPRISE!" — That's what guests yelled when Mrs. Jeanne Cummings, second from left, entered home of friend to find it filled with well - wishers on her birthday on Saturday. Family members who helped planned the affair are from left son. Glenford; husband, Richard, and daughter, Linda. Also helping to arrange the event, son, Richard Jr.; wife, Krista, who came from Valley Forge, Pa., with 3-month-old daughter, Marne.

Scenes from the Eubie Blake 101st Birthday Celebration

MRS. ELVA J. EDWARDS, Associate Executive Director of the Urban Services Agency and General Chairperson of the Eubie Blake Museum Development Committee presides over the program and the charter signing ceremony at the Eubie Blake 101st Birthday Celebration Monday, Feb. 13 at the Eubie Blake Center, 409 N. Charles St. Charter Membership gathered to sign the 409 Gallery Scroll.

ALBERT SIGISMONDE, president of the Metropolitan Baltimore Musician's Union signs the Membership Charter. He is assisted by Helen Marcus of the Cultural Arts Staff.

DR. FLOSSIE DEDMOND has the honor of the first cutting of the birthday cake. Dr. Dedmond was the first person to purchase a sponsor's membership for the Eubie Blake Center.

NORMAN ROSS (L) of the Cultural Arts Program points out an object to Dr. Lenwood Ivey, Executive Director of the Urban Services Agency.

PARTIAL VIEW of the crowd attending the Eubie Blake 101st birthday celebration.

AMONG THE GUESTS attending the celebration were (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman III, with Dr. Dedmond (far right.)

FASHION SHOW FOR PAYNE

The women of Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church proudly present "Fashions from the Baltimore Chapter of NAFAD" on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. at The Holiday Inn, (Lombard and Howard Sts.(in "The Ballroom."

It is their second annual fashion show in benefit of Women's Day at the church.

Dinner reservations are $15.00, and there will be "door prizes."

For ticket information or additional information please contact: Mrs. Doris Jackson — 466-7274, Mrs. Betty McDaniels or Mrs. Nell Sheridan, 2523 - 9123 - 9143

The Rev. Howard L. Camper is pastor of the church. Women's Day at Payne: Sunday, March 18, 1984 — ALL ARE WELCOMED!!!

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The Cathedral will not disclose the name of any person or persons furnishing such information to it.
Anyone having such information should call 396-2721.
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