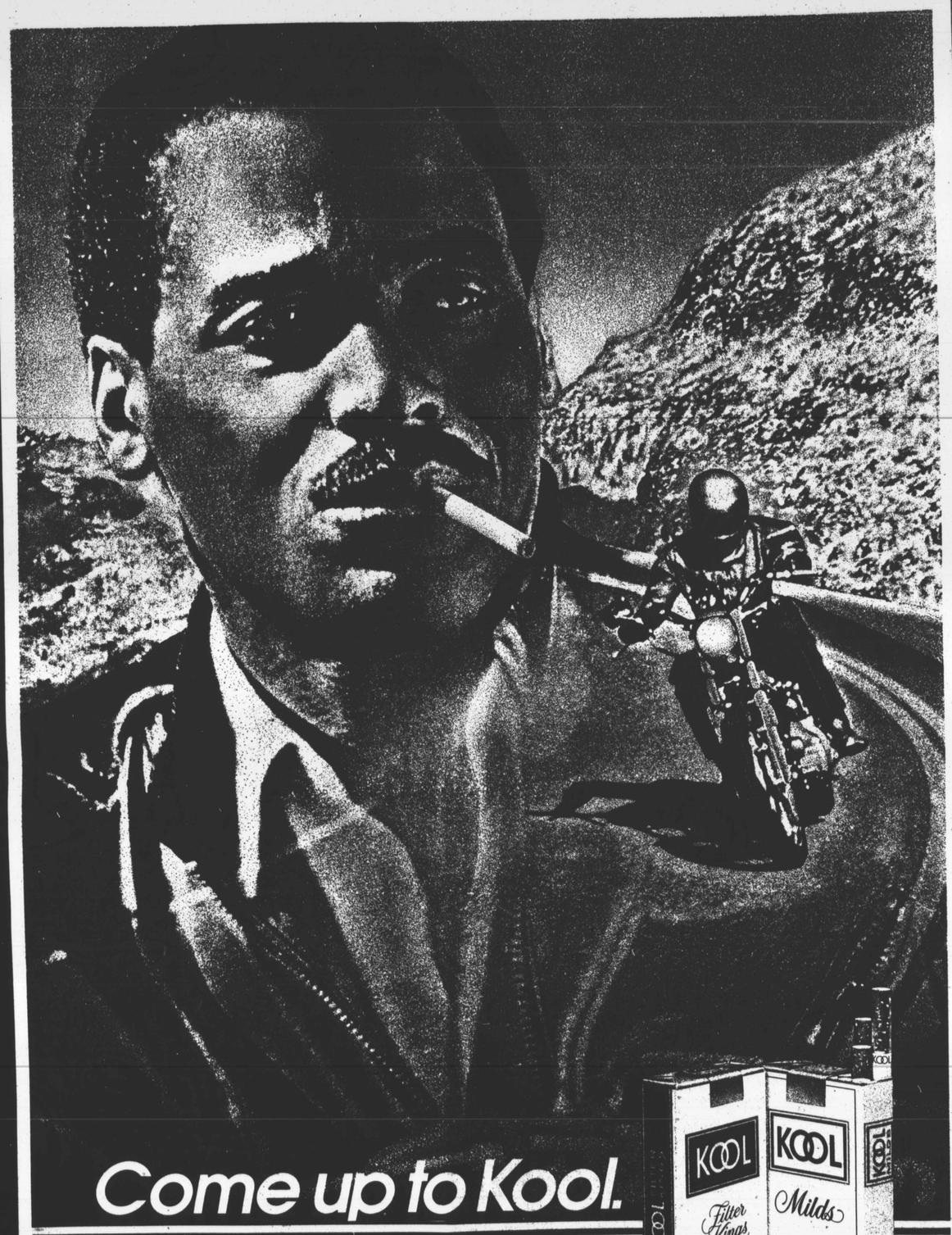

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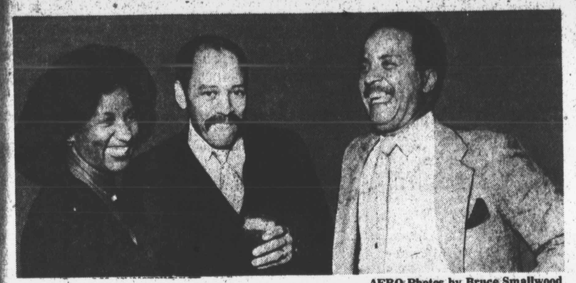

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LAUGHING IT UP during 'An Autumn Evening With Sigma,' hosted by the Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Saturday, Oct. 20 are (L to R) Mrs. Marion E. Wylie, William D. Wylie and Larry Hopkins.

WITH MICHAEL JACKSON LOOK-ALIKE Kevin K, (C) who performed during the evening are (from left) Cee Cee Stokes and Quianna Cooke, Flair models.

SEEN DURING THE FESTIVITIES are (L to R) Sheila Thompson-Alston, Clara Carter, Richard McCoy and Carrol Wright.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA are (from left) Sinin Person, Jackie Hamman and Phyliss Nelson.

HERTHA TURNER (C) strikes a happy pose with (from left) John Colbert and Steve Coles Sr.

RELISHING THE FESTIVITIES are (L to R) Joyce Burrell, Roland Burrell, sergeant-at-arms, Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter; Antionette and James Dickerson of Richmond, VA.

COUNT DRACULA (C) is seen with (from left) Marty D. and Bunny Wylie.

By Pattie Hodges

"The" Social event of the last weekend had to be "An Autumn Evening with Sigma" hosted by the Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at the Taves Center, Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave.

With the theme Under the Big Top' those Sigma men gave the more than 1,000 folks who came an affair to remember.

The evening glowed. It sizzled. It was a carnival come to life, with something to suit the taste of everyone.

For palate pleasure there were champagne fountains, open bars, exotic hors d' oeuvres, international cuisine and munchies.

And there was action galore on all three levels of the Center. Live entertainment included the Maryland Steel Drum Orchestra which provided music so fantastic that folks couldn't resist dancing to some of the latin tunes. In several rooms there were, for the jazz lovers, the Jimmy Wells Quartet, Lionel, Jiggetts Quartet and the Jazz-Pop sounds of Mirage and Jazz in the Big Top featuring Aletha and Mark, song stylists.

In the disco room on the top level, the floor was jammed with folks gyrating to the latest in disco music and the Top 40.

Down on the lower level many tried their luck on the roulette wheel, and the other game tables in a room called the Circus Casino.

On the middle level, Willia Bland, proprietor of Flair Modeling agency, was coordinator and commentator for a delightful fashion show, featuring some of the latest fashions from local stores and by local designers.

There was a magician, who, during the intermission on the disco level, entertained the guests with interesting and humorous tricks. Fatima, the fire-eater and dancer put on such an electrifying performance with the steel band as her backdrop and accompanists, that guests hurried to the area and stretched and strained to catch her exciting act.

There was even Michael Jackson look-alike Kevin K.

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BIRTHDAY SALUTE FOR SYLVIA HILL

Friday, Oct. 19 was a banner day for Sylvia Hill, proprietor of S.S.D. Inc., a housing and educational center for the adult mentally retarded.

It was her birthday, and when her friend Robert Simmons took her to dinner, and a show, he then suggested that they stop at the Woodstock Club, Park Heights Ave. for cocktails.

Little did Sylvia know that upstairs in the Woodstock's private clubroom many relatives and friends were wait'ng 'o surprise her at a party, also hosted by Simmons. The shock was written on her face as she entered semi-darkened room and heard the strains "Happy Birthday to You"...around 11 p.m. She grinned and blushed, and the party was on.

She and her guests enjoyed a sumptuous array of home-cooked foods, and cocktails. There was also a huge birthday cake, inscribed "Happy Birthday, Sylvia" which was decorated with a lady in the middle, made as part of the cake.

The disco music was jumping and Sylvia and her guests kept the dance floor teeming with action.

After the main party, which ended around 3 a.m. several guests and family members trooped to the home of Joyce Cates, Sylvia's sister, for more food, drinks and fun.

Among the family and guests out to celebrate with Sylvia were Michael Briggs, Kenneth A. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demory (Sylvia's mom and dad); Delores Creighton, Doris Nelson, Mrs. Marlene Reynolds, M's Vivian Demory (Sylvia's sister), her sister, Mrs. Joyce Cates, Mrs. Virginia Backmon, Mrs. Ida M. Conaway, Mrs. Vernice Howard;

Also Shirley Cartwright, Belinda F. Little, Roy McLean, Crystal Myrick, Peggy Welk, Stephannie Robinson, Irene Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard White, Vivian Simmons, David Cofield, Stanley and Mary Joyner, Melvin L. Johnson, Cheryl Chandler (Sylvia's niece) and yours truly.

CARON C. WILLIS RETURNS TO CHARM CITY

William M. Jones of Lyttleton Rd., Baltimore, is proud to announce the return of his daughter, Caron C. Willis, Sales representative of Sears Business Systems Center, to the Baltimore area.

M's Willis has returned from Chicago where she underwent more than a month of intensive training at company expense. She was promoted from technician to Sales Representative and is presently employed at her company's new Business Systems Center in Towson. She is the first black in this position in the Baltimore area.

M's Willis is a graduate of Northwestern High School and attended Bay College and Loyola College.

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes are extended to Bob Matthews, Executive Managing Editor, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper and Dawn Magazine.

Matthews recently underwent surgery at Provident Hospital, where he is currently recuperating. Send get well cards to him at Provident Hospital, Room 7006, Liberty Heights Ave.

SMART SET MARKS 25TH YEAR

The National Smart Set celebrated their 25th Anniversary with an elegant dinner-dance at Blue Crest North a Sunday ago.

The group which has chapters in 20 cities across the United States decorated their tables in red and white gladiola and the chef carved a rack of lamb individually at each table.

Ceremonies included honoring founders of the chapter. They included Helen Queen of Roanoke, Va. chapter; Alice Pinderhughes and Bertha Forte. Wilhelma Spruill is president and Wilhelmina Garner was chairman. The group holds their national convention in Los Angeles in November.

Hostesses were Gladys Bragg, Mabel Byrd, Kathleen Carter, Doris Cole, Louise Gilliam. Randelyn Gilliam, Sara Gray, Gloria Henderson Marie Hicks, Iris Lloyd, Phyllis Moore, Sarah Newton, Fern Stalling, Theodosia Stokes, Jacquelyn Watts, Alice Weaver and Dorothy Wood.