Showtime

Coppin Alumnae are also volunteering to assist with the DREAMGIRLS benefit. (L-R): Arnita Woodlon (Class of 1931), Audrey Pinkney (Class of 1948), Maxine Gaskins (Class of 1952), and Emily Bryant (Class of 1949).

Members of the Coppin DREAMGIRLS Benefit Committee go over details at the briefing session held recently for the upcoming performance (L-R): Ruth Lewis, volunteer; Evelyn Haysbert, Co-chair; Alice Arena, chairman; and Yvonne Lansey, volunteer and vice president of Ideal Savings and Loan.

Coppin Preparing for 'Dreamgirls' Benefit

The "Dreamgirls" Benefit Committee of Coppin State College is busily wrapping up plans for its benefit performance of the hit Broadway musical. The performance will benefit the College's fund for scholarships and visiting scholars and lecturers, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Lyric Opera House, an 8 p.m. performance.

Coppin's "Dreamgirls" Benefit Committee is headed by Alice Arena, volunteer and wife of Hutzler's Department Stores chairman (Angelo R. Arena), as chairman; Evelyn Haysbert, volunteer and wife of Parks Sausage CEO (Raymond Haysbert), as co-chairman; and Mayor William Donald Schaefer as honorary chairman.

Also coordinating this special event is Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president of the College, and Melvin Bilal chairman of the College's Foundation Board.

"Dreamgirls", a Tony Award winning production, has been described as the musical of the 80s. It's the story of three pop singers' rise to stardom. Created by the brilliant Michael Bennett. "Dreamgirls" is a dazzling musical and will feature the Broadway cast when the show comes to Baltimore.

To request tickets, call 383-3153 (54). A champagne reception will follow the performance.

African Art Gallery Opens

There's a new art gallery in town! Art Horizons Unlimited opened on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 1619 Sulgrave Avenue in Mt. Washington Village.

The gallery specializes in contemporary African Art from such countries as Zaire, Mali, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia and the Cameroon and features the works of artists Ken Baron, Jim Brewster, Sally Hopkins, Jerry Prettyman and Toni Truesdale.

Throughout the two floors of the gallery an extensive representation of African art is shown: masks, statues, weapons, stools, medicine and divination pieces, gold weights and more that give the visitor visual evidence that destroys the myth of African culture tradition and art being "primitive."

The owners, Ann Cobb and Judith Uhlmann, welcome all members of the Baltimore community to come in and share the experience of their gallery. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 Noon to 5 p.m. Special viewing by appointment call 466-7774.

An Ibeji figure is a memorial to a dead child. Upon the birth of twins, if one dies, a carver is commissioned to create a figure representing the dead twin in an effort to provide a proper resting place for its spirit. The Ibeji is cared for, clothed and fed, as is the surviving twin. If both twins die, two figures are carved and cared for.

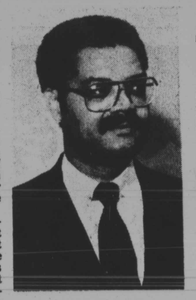
A Book Review:

The Political Economy of the Urban Ghetto

The following book review, by Dr. Earl S. Richardson, president of Morgan State University, was published in the summer of 1985 edition of National Forum: The Phi Kappa Phi Journal. Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society dedicated to the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all fields of study.

Founded in 1897, the organization's motto is "Philosophia Kraiteito Photon" which is freely translated as, "Let the love of learning rule mankind." Phi Kappa Phi is a founding member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

When we put together the conditions and circumstances that have made it, the remedies that have been advanced to end it, the changed technologies everywhere, and the forces that do not really want or cannot afford its abolition, we must conclude that the urban ghetto will remain with us forever.



Dr. Earl S. Richardson

The authors of **The Political Economy of the Urban Ghetto** have set forth a courageous program for putting an end to ghetto living. In summary, they set as goals the peacetime attainment of full employment; the provision of a living wage" for all workers; the training and retraining of displaced or unskilled workers; more, not less, affirmative action, at least for a limited time; and such other federal aid as the establishment of "urban enterprise zones."

"Put bluntly," say the authors, 'the poor must earn a living wage if the urban ghetto is to be eliminated and America's underclass is to participate effectively in economic progress."

Seeing the urban ghetto as made up predominantly of blacks and Hispanics, they admit that their proposals will not come to pass because the white power structure of the cities will not permit such change-will not see it to their economic advantage to do so.

To the power structure, a pool of low-paid workers is necessary to keep a vigorous industrial system going; this reserve army of workers is necessary, too, to a vigorous capitalist system.

Even the upgrading of the skill levels of a few blacks, for instance, through higher education will not improve the lot of the mass of black workers in the lowest socio-economic classes, since these blacks (those who win high places in corporate and governmental America) usually get lost in the struggle for upward mobility among blacks in general.

Fusfeld and Bates maintain that if the ghetto is not to be a center of unemployment and poverty, of hordes of workers underschooled and unskilled, of deteriorated and overpriced housing, and of financial arrangements which shift income from the ghetto to banks and enterprises outside of the ghetto, then there will have to be many political policy changes. In other words the ghetto (the inner city) cannot save itself.

Whether the progress achieved by blacks in politics will make a difference whether the ascendancy of a black man or woman as mayor, for example, will produce notable change (for the better), the authors at least recognize the psychological value of such gains. But they point out that, even in cities with black mayor, "the large financial and real estate interests that provide the City's economic base effectively control city policies."

Despite the efforts already made and proposals for the development of the ghetto, the authors are of the decidely strong opinion that "it would take at least a millenium or two to impact significantly the life of most ghetto residents."

If this provocative and enlightening study sounds pessimistic, it is because it views American society as continuing very much as it is today. In "a millenium or two," however, this may not necessarily be so. Dr. Earl S. Richardson, President of Morgan State University.

Female head with poppy blossoms (dog collar plaque), chryosprase, enamel and gold 1898-1900, Art Nouveau Jewelry by Rene Lalique: Masterpieces from the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon, and United States Collections will be on display at the Walter's Art Gallery.

Pratt Happenings

Special Events

Celebrate Deaf Heritage Week at the Central Enoch Pratt Free Library. "Music in Sign," an interpretation of music through sign language, will be presented by Shirley Foxwell, former director of the Deaf Senior Center, Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 12 Noon in the Wheeler Auditorium of the library, 400 Cathedral St. Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., also in the Wheeler Auditorium, a program highlighting the achievements of the deaf, "The Sounds of Colors of Silence," will feature talks, music, and an art display. FREE. Details call 396-5494 for 396-4441.

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Talks

"The History of the Deaf Feminist" will be the subject of a talk by Adele Shuart, Client Assistant Specialist with the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Central Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St.

On the same program, Manny Golden of the Baltimore City Public Schools, will discuss "The Activities and Contributions of Deaf Men in Society." The event, highlighting the achievements of the deaf, has been planned by the Pratt Library in honor of Deaf Heritage Week, 1985, call 396-5494 or 396-4441 for details. FREE.

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Free Events for Children

Monday, Dec. 2

Canton Center, 1030 S. Ellwood Ave., Films: "The Foolish Frog" and 'Angus Lost," 3:30 p.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Ave., Film: "The Christmas Tree," 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Brooklyn Branch, 300 E. Patapsco Ave., Films: "Yankee Doodle Cricket" and "The Violin," 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Hamilton Branch, 5910 Harford Rd., Films: "The Adventures of J. Thaddeus Toad" and "A Boy, A Dog, and A Frog," 3:30 p.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Ave., Film: "Trouble at Number Thirty-two; Paddington and the Christmas Shopping; Christmas," 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

St. Paul Street Center, 2551 St. Paul St.: Preschool films, "A Christmas Story with Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids," "The Tale of Custard the Dragon," and "The Cricket and the Violin," a.m.; "Zlateh the Goat," 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 6

Brooklyn Branch, 300 E. Patapsco Ave., Preschool Films: "Fantasy of Feet," "A Visit from Space," and "Paddington Hits Out; A Visit to the Hospital," 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Patterson Park Branch, 158 N. Linwood Ave., Films: "The Miser's Slippers" and "Delicious Inventions," 3:15 p.m.

TOP HITS

1. Pinocchio
   Walt Disney
2. Dumbo
   Walt Disney
3. The Care Bears Movie
   Samuel Goldwyn Co.
4. Bugs Bunny's Wacky Adventures
   Warner Bros.
5. Life With Mickey
   Walt Disney

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Top Video Rentals

1. Beverly Hills Cop
   Paramount Pictures
2. Ghostbusters
   RCA-Columbia
3. The Breakfast Club
   Universal City Studios
4. Amadeus
   Thorn-EMI-HBO
5. Ladyhawke
   Warner Bros.

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Top Spiritual Albums

1. Blessed
   The Williams Brothers
2. Dedicated
   Nicholas
3. Have Mercy
   Edwin Hawkins
4. Tomorrow
   The Winans
5. Love Alive III
   Walter Hawkins

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Top R&B Singles

1. Caravan of Love
   Isley-Jasper-Isley
2. Who's Zoomin' Who
   Aretha Franklin
3. Part-Time Lover
   Stevie Wonder
4. Everybody Dance
   Ta Mara & the Seen
5. A Love Bizarre
   Sheila E.

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Top R&B Albums

1. In Sqaure Circle
   Stevie Wonder
2. Rock Me Tonight
   Freddie Jackson
3. Who's Zoomin' Who
   Aretha Franklin
4. Whitney Houston
5. Emergency
   Kool & the Gang

Pieces Of A Dream will be in concert Sunday, Dec. 8 1985 at Godfrey's New Famous Ballroom on Charles St.

Mrs. Annissie Johnson, one of Mrs. Santa's newest helpers is pictured with the dolls she crocheted for some of the children in our program. Mrs. Johnson has been crocheting for some 32 years. She donated 12 of her dolls to Mrs. Santa.

Mrs. Santa received help in the form of 3 Thanksgiving baskets to be donated to needy families, from members of the Coppin State Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Pictured are the chapter's President Dorothea Tucker and Vice President, Angela Thornton.

Mrs. Santa's Fund
$5,223.00
(Goal $30,000)

Softball Marathon	$1,549.75
Estate of Miss Elinor Cornelia Dimmy	1,208.83
S.A.T. Foods	200.00
Mrs. Beatrice Howard Hall	150.00
William & Minnie Shorter	125.00
Samuel Survey & Co., Inc.	100.00
Mrs. Bernice Hawkins Shorter	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Myers	100.00
Herbert Alston, Jr.	100.00
Rev. James L. Moore	100.00
The Lawyers' Wives	100.00
The Charmettes	100.00
United Bowling Club	
Mr. & Mrs. James Franklin	75.00
Mrs. Inez Cox	75.00
We Moms	50.00
William & Catherine Blackmon	50.00
In Memory of Mrs. Jennie Carrington	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Taylor	50.00
Ingleside Hercules, Inc.	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. James T. Perry	50.00
Jerusalem Court No. 1 Daughters of Isis	50.00
Bernard & Alma Reed	35.00
Flair Studio Mrs. Willa Bland	35.00
Mrs. Frances L. Murphy, II	30.00
Mrs. Vivian S. Bennett	25.00
Rudolph Typewriter Co.	25.00
Allen H. Vesselis	25.00
Ms. Llewellyn H. Walker	25.00
Ms. Elizabeth A. Edmonds	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer S. Patterson	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. McDaniel	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Bowie, Jr.	25.00
Ms. Sandra E. East	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton A. Turner Sr.	25.00
Mrs. Marie E. Murphy	25.00
Mrs. Ruby Mills Taylor	25.00
Harry & Calatha Marshall	25.00
Law Offices of Rochlin & Setteman, P.A.	25.00
Mrs. Gertrude Winston	25.00
Lake Ashburton Neighborhood Assoc.	25.00
Mohogany, Inc. (50/50 Raffle)	22.00
Mohogany, Inc.	20.00
Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rodman O. Harris	20.00
Walter & Geraldine Dorsey	15.00
William G. Contee Jr.	15.00
Mrs. Sarah S. Rayne	15.00
Ms. Emma L. Davis	15.00
Ms. Thelma F. Johnson	10.00
Ms. Fannie B. Poulson	10.00
Arvel & Pauline Owens	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Billups Jr.	10.00
Ms. Angie L. McClain	10.00
Ms. Vivian M. Bailey	10.00
Ms. Marjorie A. Jennings	10.00
Ms. Marguerite E. East	10.00
Rudy's Grocery	10.00
Mrs. Shawan D. Gregory	10.00
Howard M. Contee	10.00
Ms. Mary K. Pool	5.00
Madames Hazel & Mildred West	5.00
Myva & Elmira Harris	5.00
Ms. Beverly A. Reid	5.00
Mrs. April Gluckstern	2.50

Mrs. Henrietta Williams, one of Mrs. Santa's helpers for some 15 years, volunteers her services whenever possible at the Mrs. Santa headquarters.

Mrs. Santa Needs You:

Dear Friend:

HELP!! The AFRO's Mrs. Santa needs you again this year to make sure needy families have a Christmas dinner. You will not believe that there are so many families in this community who are unable to make their food stamps and money last through the month.

The AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund, AFRO Charities, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to raise funds to make sure no family goes hungry. Names are supplied by our readers, AFRO Clean Block Captains, Police Department, Urban Services and other city agencies.

In 1984, Mrs Santa's baskets went by the hundreds to housing projects, upper Park Heights and folks, black and white, all over the city. We were also able to give a party for the children of inmates at City Jail. In addition, we were able to operate a store at the AFRO. It was stocked with warm clothing and nearly new toys, where families in need could come and select items for their families without charge.

We have moved our office to smaller quarters. Therefore, we regret that we are unable this year to accept clothing and toy donations. However, your help is still needed. Please make a generous cash donation in order that perishable foods for the baskets may be purchased wholesale. Every little bit helps Mrs. Santa reach her goal of $30,000. You may wish to start a canned goods drive. Whatever contribution you make will be greatly appreciated.

For all contributions of $100 and over, arrangements will be made for a picture with Mrs. Santa. Your picture published in the AFRO encourages others to give to the cause, which is desperately needed.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Vanessa Johnson
AFRO Mrs. Santa Director

Cases

Case 56: I've never had a good Christmas when I was growing up. I don't want this to be true for my eight children. I can't afford toys and clothes for them, not even a good dinner. I need your help if this is going to be any kind of Christmas at all for them.

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Case 57: I am writing this letter on behalf of my grandmother. She is a widow and has high blood pressure and arthritis. She has always been a wonderful lady, always willing to help others. Now she can barely help herself.

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Part-time job didn't help

Case 58: I am a single mother raising three children. We were receiving a check from social service, but in July I found a part-time job working maybe two or three days a week. Sometimes this is not even 8 hours a day. But they said that because of this job I could no longer receive aid. Now I won't be able to give my children toys or even a hot meal for Christmas. We are asking for your help.

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Case 59: I am 26 and the single parent of three children. I have 2 girls ages 10 and 7 and a little boy age 3. Last year, Christmas was not very good for the children because we had just moved into this apartment and it took every thing we had to move. This year, it looks like the same thing because I am without a job and still cannot afford much.

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Case 60: I am raising my grandchild all alone. She has been retarded since birth. I also keep my 76-year-old mother who is very poor health. She has to make frequent trips to the doctor. I cannot supply a good meal for them for Christmas. I am asking for your assistance.

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Father raises 5 boys alone

Case 61: I am a concerned neighbor writing this letter on behalf of the family that lives next door to me. There are five boys ages 11, 10, 9, 8, and 6. Their father raises them alone. They are not on any federal assistance program. The father has a job but it doesn't pay the type of money needed to raise five boys, especially since one of the boys has spinal bifida. The boys are in need of warm clothing for school. Also, with Christmas right around the corner, they will want a toy or two.

Case 62: I need your assistance in making this a merry Christmas for my family. My wife and I have 5 children, their ages are 16, 6, 5, and 1. Our electricity was turned off and it took everything we had to get the service turned on again. I sell produce for a living and business has not been very good. We will need a Christmas basket from you if we have hopes of having any kind of Christmas at all.

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Elderly Couple

Case 63: I am 75-years-old and my husband is 63. Neither of us work. The income we have is from social security. This money never takes us through an entire month and we end up getting food from churches and other charities when our money runs out. Please help us with a Christmas basket.

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Case 64: I am raising three boys and one girl alone. I also keep my mother who is an elderly lady. I realize times are hard for everyone, and my family is certainly not an exception. Please help us with anything you can.

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Case 65: I am 13 years old. I am writing to ask you to send my mother a Christmas basket for me and little sister and brother. Both of my parents are out of work and so we are staying with my grandmother now. The three of us are very good children.

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Case 66: I am writing this for my brother and I and my 8-year old grandson. My brother has glaucoma and he is blind. I am an epileptic and blind in my left eye. I also have high blood pressure. My grandson lives with us and we both will do all we can to give him a happy holiday, but after bills are paid, there isn't much else we can do. We pray you can help us.

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Case 67: For the last 3 years I have been in and out of hospitals with operations. I have worked all my life but now my poor health does not allow me to work anymore. The check I receive from Social Service doesn't cover my rent. My son helps me with that. I am hoping that you can assist me in some way.

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Case 68: My 15 year old son is very ill. He bleeds internally. I send him to the Bear School for the handicapped. I need clothing for him but I can't afford anything. I would also like to receive a basket for the holidays.

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Case 69: I have been laid off from my job. I worked there for 15 years and suddenly now I am unemployed. My benefits have run out now and I am still unemployed. I hope you will help matters for me by donating a food basket for the holidays.

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Case 70: My wife and I have three teenage children ages 17, 15, 12. We had been homeless for some 6 months, until very recently. I am an unemployed long distance truck driver. I still have not found a job but I look every day. I know something will happen for us. I am just asking for your assistance in the meantime to help make this holiday season a nice one for us.

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Case 71: I am disabled due to severe arthritis in my legs. Because I cannot do very much for myself, my two grandchildren live with me. I receive my husband's social security but it is still very hard to make ends met. I hope you can help me and grandchildren.

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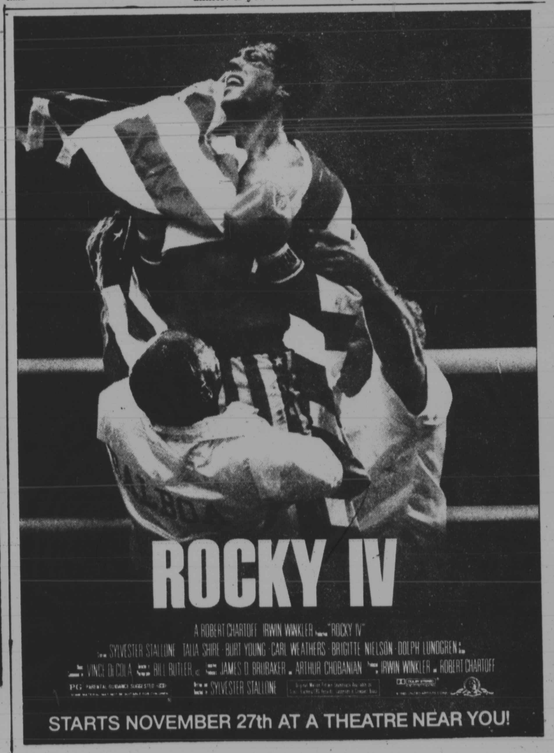
Case 72: I am raising my four grandchildren. They are 8, 6, 4, and 3 years old. I have never asked for your help before. But I can't bare to allow another holiday season to pass without so much as having a toy or a decent hot meal for my babies. Christmas is such an important time to a child.

"Vega", a newly established social organization, became another of Mrs. Santa's newest helpers. The organization donated food baskets for needy families for Thanksgiving. Pictured are three of the group's members: Ms. Venetia Latimer, Ms. Emma Sellers, and Ms. Kafi Johnson.

If You Know of a Needy Family...

The AFRO Charities, Mrs. Santa Program provides as a service of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, designed to help needy families have a Christmas dinner. If you know of a needy family WRITE AFRO Mrs. Santa, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Give name, address, telephone number, zip code, number and ages of children and why the family needs help.