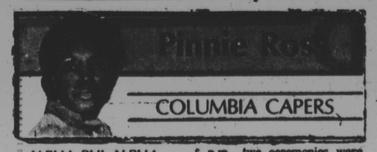

COLUMBIA CAPERS

ALPHA PHI ALPHA 'MAN OF THE DECADE'

Edward D. Young, one of the pioneers of Columbia, Maryland, was awarded the Alpha phi Alpha 'Man of the Decade' Award from Kappa phi Lambda Chapter here in Columbia. The award was officially made to Young Sunday at the Founder's Day Program held at: First Baptist Church in Guilford.

Young, life member number 413, is a charter member of Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter in Silver Sping, MD and Kappa phi Laimbda Chapter in Columbia, MD.

He was first inducted in the Sphinx Club at Beta Omicron, Tennessee State University. In 1951, at the end of the school year, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he spent the next five years. He is a graduate of Morgan State University and has a Masters degree from New York University.

In 1961 Ed was initiated into Delta Lambda Chapter, Baltimore, MD. Since that time he has been very active with chapters in the Silver Spring and Columbia area.

Young's profile reads as follows: He is a charter member of both Kappa phi Lambda Chapter and Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter.

He has held nearly every office in the Columbia Kappa phi Lambda Chapter and has served and held chairmanship of various committees. He was president of the chapter for two years.

Young has attended all of the National Conventions and has served as a delegate since 1967. He also has been a delegate to moll of the Regional Conventions for the past fifteen years. Just recently in Washington, D.C. where the National Convention was held, he was a member of the Planning Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Among many of the numerous committees and boards he serves on is the Human Rights Commission, a commission that he has been a part of since its inception. He served as president of the commission, co-leader for sensitivity training groups and sexuality and marriage workshops for the past eight years; participated in the Senior Citizens Driving Program in Howard County and is volunteer counselor for the Concerned Parents for Educational Excellence in Howard County.

He is one of the founders of St. John Baptist Church; Board member of Directors at the First Baptist Church of Elkridge and has been Chairman Personnel Committee for the Religious Commission of Howard County for three years.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Young has received several outstanding awards and wide recognition. Among many are: A Dedicated Service Award, Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter. Alpha Man of the Year Award, Kappa phi Lambda Chapter, Convention Award for Outstanding Service, Two Awards of Merit from the Eastern Region, Howard County Human Rights Commission Award for Dedicated Leadership and Service; Thirty-three Years of Dedicated Service as Secondary School Administrator, award; the American Red Cross Outstanding Service Award and many, many more.

Young is a retired vice principal from the Baltimore County School System. He resides on Green Mountain Circle with his wife, Mildred Young. (Cuff note) Congratulations, Mr. Young. The work you have done has spoken for you in this community.

SERVICE OF TRIUMPH

Funeral service was held for Annette Colbert Johnson, Sunday at Grace Presbyterian Church, Baltimore. The eulogy was given by the Rev. Reginald Daniels, Interim Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend spoke from the 2nd Samuel. He had this to say, "People look at death and life in different ways. Some look at death as a very sad occasion, and some look at death as God's will be done." Rev. Daniels encouraged friends of the deceased and family members to look at the late Mrs. Johnson's death as "Rejoice in the pleasure that she had brought her fellow man."

Two inspiring solos were rendered. "O Divine Redeemer" by Brenda Doswell and "Give Me Jesus" by Eartha Lamkin.

Just before the Family Hour at 5 p.m., two ceremonies were given, the first one by The Pierians, Inc., an art organization that the deceased Mrs. Johnson had founded in 1959, a national group of women whose purpose it is to promote and perpetuate the art in local communities.

Baltimore, Washington and Columbia chapters participated in the beautiful ceremony. Columbia president Celonia B. Walden, was late for the ceremony due to a trip to Washington, DC but two lovely members represented our chapter. They were Rana Woodford and Frencela Credle. Dr. Vera Wilson also was in attendance.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority also gave an impressive ceremony. Mrs. Vivian Washington spoke words of gratitude for Mrs. Johnson's friendship to her as one of her advisors.

The late Mrs. Johnson moved to Columbia in 1968 with her dedicated husband, Ernest Johnson. She was a retired principal of Lake Clifton High School in Baltimore City. She died November 27, 1985 after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Johnson spent thirty-six years as an educator in the city school system. She held positions as teacher, city placement counselor, vice principal and principal of several schools. She was the first principal of Lake Clifton High School, the largest in the U.S.A.

She was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John T. Colbert from Chambersburg, PA. Her father was the first black moderator of the Baltimore Presbytery. He also was the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Johnson received her basic education from Baltimore after being brought to Baltimore at the age of three. She was a graduate of Douglass High School, as an honor student. She attended Howard University in Washington, DC where she received her B.S. degree in Fine Arts. She received her M.A. degree in School Administration from New York University. She did further studies at the Johns Hopkins University, The University of Connecticut, The University of Maryland and Western Maryland.

Mrs. Johnson was a sincere friend and counselor for young people. Mrs. Johnson had, as one of her greatest life goals, that of finding innovating ways of training and placing in meaningful employment those students with whom she worked.

In 1967 she was presented "The Award of Excellence" in recognition of exemplary effort in preparing students for gainful employment in the construction industry" by the Sub-contractors of Metropolitan Baltimore.

In 1975 Mayor Donald Schaefer awarded her a certificate of honor and appreciation for her outstanding service in effectively promoting growth in the City of Baltimore through the media of the fine arts.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Ernest B. Johnson, Vice President of Rockland Industries, and a loving sister, Mrs. Charlotte C. Mebane, seven nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

SINGLE PARENTING

GRADUATING SINGLE PARENTS

The Watterson Skills Center's graduation filled the dreams of many single parents who originally thought they couldn't but now realize that it is possible. A skills center designed to provide resources for career minded people in the business world, it can proudly boast about the number of single parents as well as minorities graduating.

They have a 90 percent graduation rate with each semester. Not only do they teach basic business skills, but there is job placement provided. Mrs. Tessa Hill, the Job Placement Counselor, feels a sense of personal ties to the students. She has gone so far as to provide some outside teachings, such as bringing a makeup consultant in to the school to teach the students the importance of appearance in the job market as well as overcoming language barriers.

Correct English and a good appearance are half the battle in trying to find a job. Along with basic business skills and a good job placement counselor they will help any single parent or anyone get their foot in the door.

At the graduation, which was held recently at the Walbrook High School, the laughter and chatter of family members showing the delight to see a family member graduate from an accredited school, made the parents realize that the rainbow isn't always out of reach.

When we think of careers and single parents, housewives and young graduating students, we must ask ourselves what opportunities are available and how does one find out about the resources here in Baltimore.

The most reasonable place to began your research is your local library or by calling the Maryland State Job Placement Office.

For resource programs for parents who have been out of school for more than ten years, try your local colleges. Evening and weekend colleges can be perfect starters.

For those who must compite their GED training try calling the Community College of Baltimore.

MS. ROBIN WILLIANS (C) is pictured with her children Janelle and Michael following her recent graduation from the Watterson Skills Center.

Coppin State College, and Morgan U. also offer evening and weekend classes.

In summary, for single parents and displaced homemakers interested in starting new careers or beginning careers, there is room for you at the top.....and to the graduating students of the Watterson Skills Center and their Director, Mike Larson, keep up the good work.

BSP members, don't forget that we will have our Teen Symposium on Saturday, December 7, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Carlessa Finney, of the Johns Hopkins Adolescent Health Center, is our guest speaker.

An educational video and lunch will be provided for a fee of $5.00 per teen.

Come and find out what our teens will be doing for the 1986....hope to see you there.

For more information call the BSP hotline at 466-5554.

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