Alphas mark 80th year at Founders' Day Celebration

DR. CALVIN W. BURNETT (L) President, Coppin State College, enjoys a rap session with Major General Eugene R. Cromartie, who was the guest speaker during the Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Founders' Day fete, (which marked the 80th year of the fraternity) held recently at the Forum. Dr. Burnett received the fraternity's 'Community Service' award.

JOSEPH THOMAS (L) and Jerry D. Parkins find much to talk about.

MRS. GRETTA BURNETT, (L) wife of Dr. Burnett, chats with retired educator Mrs. Theda Wilson.

ALPHA FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS were (seated, L to R): Ramon Wright, Joseph B. Bracy, chairman; Charles T. Mitchell, Chapter president; Martin K. Austin, co-chairman; R. Royal White; (standing, from L): Leon S. Gilmore, Clayton C. Stansbury, Eugene A. Austin, co-chairman and E. Gaines Lansey Jr.

DR. EARL RICHARDSON (L) is seen with Mrs. Cromatrie, and Charles T. Mitchell, Chapter president.

PRIVATE JOKE?—Bunny Gwens (L) and Art Stepney are all smiles during a private conversation.

It was honor your founders and honor your brothers as the men of Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. gathered at the Forum Sunday, Dec. 7 for their Founders' Day Commemoration, and marked the 80th year of the founding of the fraternity.

With the theme "Addressing Tomorrow's Problems, Today" Bro. Joseph B. Bracy, chairman of the event, presided, giving both the Founders' Day Commemoration and the welcome.

Alpha brothers and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, following the grace by Ward Parham, chaplain.

Guest speaker for the occasion, introduced by Bro. Tom Mitchell, was Bro. Eugene R. Cromartie, Major General, U.S. Army.

After paying homage to the seven founders (jewels) of Alpha Phi Alpha, which was the first black Greek letter Fraternity, he stated, "We are still in the process of becoming. We are still arriving. We need to take a look at ourselves, not for ourselves, for others."

He spoke of the underfunded state of black colleges, how we should not forget our roots, how we should be subtelists in moving onward and upward. He stated the importance of having healthy self-images, but also of remaining humble, listening to others, especially our youth, and admonished all that we must be willing to take risks.

General Cromartie was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the chapter and a check which he promptly donated to the UNCF, proving immediately his concern for the welfare of black colleges.

During the Rededication Service, led by Bro Eugene A. Austin, there was a candle lighting ceremony, with a candle lit for each one of the seven founders. There was also the Omega Chapter Roll Call, led by Bro. Leon S. Gilmore, during which honor was given to their deceased Alpha brothers and their wives.

Dr. Sue Jones, president, Alpha Wives, lit a candle for the late Alpha Wives. She also honored the Alpha men on Founders' Day by having all Alpha Wives stand as she presented to the chapter a $2,000 check for their scholarship fund.

In charge of awards was Bro. Clayton C. Stansbury and Alpha president, Charles T. Mitchell. Awards went to Dr. Earl Richardson (who got a Certificate of Appreciation meritorious service); Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president of Coppin State College, Community Service Awardee, Burnett, (who got a check for $500 for Coppin, in addition to his plaque) and Nathaniel Hawk, who was the 13th life member.

Undergraduates receiving awards were Bros. Don C. Brunson, Beta Alpha Chapter, whose award was accepted for him in his absence by young Wendell Phillips, and Bro. Ronald Wright, Pi Theta Chapter, Coppin.

Following the Alpha Hymn, proudly done by the brothers of Alpha, remarks were forthcoming from Bro. Vernon Pennington, vice president, Delta Lambda, and the benediction was pronounced by Father Donald O. Wilson, who, along with his wife, Theda, is retiring to Palm Coast, Fl.

Founder's Day Committee members were: Bro. Joseph B. Bracy, chairman; Bro. Eugene A. Austin, Co-Chairman; Bro. Martin K. Austin, Co-Chairman; Bro. R. Royal White, Invitation and Finance; Bro E. Gaines

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SINGLE PARENTING

THE FOUR GOALS OF MISBEHAVING

Now that Christmas is over, you may ask yourself was it really necessary to spend so much money on expensive toys? Or did you really think that if you brought them what they wanted for Christmas all those threats you made just before the holidays would make them behave the rest of the year? Well you are in for a surprise? Children's misbehavior is for major reasons.

Goal number one is **attention**. Regardless of age, everybody wants attention. Children believe that the only way that they can become useful citizens or for you to love them is through getting your attention. Getting your attention by doing little antics, or whatever it takes, makes them feel that you will love them even more. Parents can easily recognize the attention seekers when they are around other people. Does you child always want to stand out like a sore thumb?

Goal number two, **power**. Have you ever been in a position where you find yourself arguing with your child? Or the child has a tendency to badger you into doing something that they like? A typical situation is "Kathy may want to go over her grandmother's and the mother refuses, saying that she has other things planned for the day. The child instinctively says, "oh ma I want to go over grandma's . . . . . we never seem to do anything.....I am bored.....everybody else has something to do but us. The mother's reaction is to give in. The child is using the power technique to handle his or her parents.

Goal number three **inadequacy**. These children believe that their families only love them when they show an inability to handle any situations for themselves. You have seen and heard about the parents who always seem to take up for their kids. They begin by telling the teacher that little Johnnie can't do this or you are asking too much of my child. Or, my child isn't ready for this yet. These parents also seem to pamper their child by reinforcing their inadequacy.

Goal number four, **revenge**. Children can master the art of provoking their parents to the point of seeking revenge. It may be subtle revenge or it could de deliberate acts to irritate the parent.

In each case of misbehavior, the best solution is using a logical approach to any situation. First it isn't necessary to holler, scream, beat, or act like an oversized adult throwing a fit.

If you know that your children usually expect you to spank them when they misbehave, try a different approach. If punishment is needed say something like, "you didn't obey my rules therefore, I would like for you to stay in the house today. . . . . maybe tomorrow you can try listening to what I had to say again." Don't continue to badger the child about the act of misbehavior. Administer the punishment and be finished with it.

Don't coax your children when trying to discipline. They may stop for a while, but eventually they will misbehave again. Use a democratic approach when disciplining older kids. This means give them a choice in what kind of punishment they should receive, for misbehavior.

Don't take on the responsibility for your children's misbehavior. They must be responsible for their own misbehavior. If you don't let them suffer the consequences, as they grow older they will always lean on you when things don't go right.

In summary, the four goals of misbehavior are a natural function that all children use on their parents. Using logical disciplinary actions can help any parent be not just a good parent, but a responsible one.

So now that the new year is upon us, parents make it a point to pay attention to what your child is saying to you. And keep in mind the four goals of misbehavior . . . for there are no others.

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MCC volunteers host benefit

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DR. NATHAN PITTS AND MRS. CATHERINE ADAMS are caught by the camera during the benefit luncheon - card party hosted by the Volunteers for the Maryland Committee for Children at the Forum recently. Dr. Pitts and Mrs. Adams were co-chairs for the event.

ENJOYING THE SCENE are (L to R): Vera B. Flint, Ida Peters, Edith H. Henry, Mary H. Ellis, Anethia B. Williams, Ella White Campbell, Mae W. Peck, Norma W. Bracy and Nikki Randolph.

Volunteers for the Maryland Committee for Children presented a benefit luncheon and card party Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

Chairing the gala holiday fundraiser, which was attended by nearly 300 folks, were Catherine Adams and Nathan Pitts.

Following the welcome by Catherine Adams, grace was offered by Volunteer Rosalie McGuire and guests savored a delectable luncheon, which was spiced by many delighted guests receiving door prizes garnered through their lucky ticket stubs.

Dr. Nathan Pitts, co-chair, presented a check for $3,000 to Julie Andres, president, Maryland Committee for Children, and the Volunteers for the committee were recognized.

Other lucky winners, in addition, to those who were high scorers at bridge and pinochle and to winners of individual games of bingo, were Mary Gross, who won a weekend at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, and Irene Terry, who was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers for the Maryland Committee for Children were: Catherine Adams, Nathan Pitts, Mary Pitts, Marge Land, Dorthe Johnson, Mildred Taylor, Pauline Watts, Beatrice Butler, Mildred Williams, Doris Johnson, Dora Hutchinson, Shirley Pinkett, Mary Robinson, Mattie Gardner, Mertyce Bennett, Rosalie McGuire, Anne Moreland, Louise Lockerman, Carrie Johnson, Myrtle Jones, Harrison Fuller, Ruth Muldrow, Anethia Williams, Barbara Bray, Sally Fletcher and Camilla Sherrard.

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DR. LEVI WATKINS, cardiac surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Maryland Chairman for the United Negro College Fund, confers with Mrs. A. Bernice S. Hunley, immediate past president of the Maryland Women's Committee for UNCF at the Committee's recent Installation of Officers Brunch held at the Hopkins Club, Johns Hopkins University campus.

MRS. ELNORA FULLWOOD (L) presents the MCW's Community Service Award to the AFRO-AMERICAN'S Our World Editor, Pattie Hodges.

MWC for UNCF installs officers

The Maryland Women's Committee for the United Negro College Fund held an elegant brunch-luncheon recently in the intimately cozy Tap Room the Hopkins Club, Johns Hopkins University campus.

The key purpose was the installation of officers for the Committee, but other highlights included the savoring of the delectables, a very motivating speech by Dr. Levi Watkins, cardiac surgeon, Johns Hopkins Hospital, an original poem by Mrs. Mildred A. Williams and awards, including a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Watkins, who is the Maryland Chairperson for UNCF, and the group's Community Service Award to Pattie Hodges, the AFRO's Our World Editor.

The invocation and blessing were offered by Mrs. Johnny Mae Stevenson, and greetings were forthcoming from Mrs. Elnora Fullwood, MWC president, Mrs. Laura Knight, chairperson of UNCF telethon and Lawson Brooks, Assistant Area Director, UNCF.

A strolling musician, playing a banjo-type instrument sparked the event with his delightful music.

Mrs. A. Bernice S. Hunley gave a history of the Maryland Women's Committee, a group of dedicated and civic-minded women, unhappy about the imbalance in educational facilities and opportunities for black students, who organized in the 50's to help alleviate the problem and to support the United Negro College Fund.

For more than 30 years the local organization has produced a fundraiser that increased by thousands of dollars the national treasury.

In 1971 the MWC instituted the "Miss UNCF Gala" which involved high school and college young women, contesting, in their fundraising efforts, to become the first "Miss UNCF." This activity has been repeated annually and successfully for nine years.

Recently MWC initiated a public program, not only as a fundraiser but also to award entrepreneurships and other types of achievements by community People.

New officers, installed by Dr. Watkins, were Elnora Fullwood, president; Mildred A. Williams, first vice president; Marian Patterson, second vice president; Emma D. Dudley, third vice president; Darscell Washington, recording secretary; Irene Shavers, corresponding secretary; Dorothy Pope, financial secretary; Johnny Mae Stevenson, treasurer; Chessie Brailey, chaplain and Frances Robinson, parliamentarian. Immediate past president is A. Bernice S. Hunley.

OTHERS ENJOYING THE OCCASION are (L to R): Johnnye Mae Stevenson, Irene C. Shavers, Emma Duvall Dudley and Frances B. Robinson.

ENGAGED IN LIVELY CHIT CHAT during the event are (from L): Darschell Washington, Dorothy J. Polk and Mildred A. Williams.

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