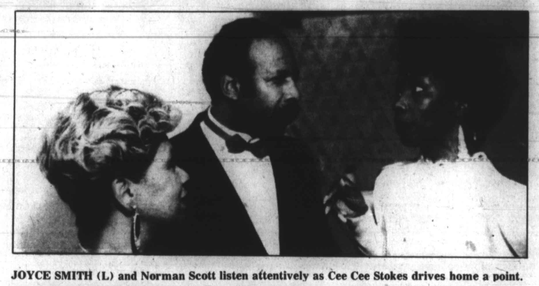
Our World

Kappa's 'Night in Kappa Vegas' attracts 1500

Photos by Bruce Smallwood

IN LIVELY RAP SESSION with Marty Resnick during the annual 'Night in Kappa Vegas' hosted by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. are (L to R): Dale Webb, Gladys Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lopez-Layton. The event was held Friday, March 4 at the newly-renovated Martin's West.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JOHNSON (L) chat with Lloyd and Barbara Greene.

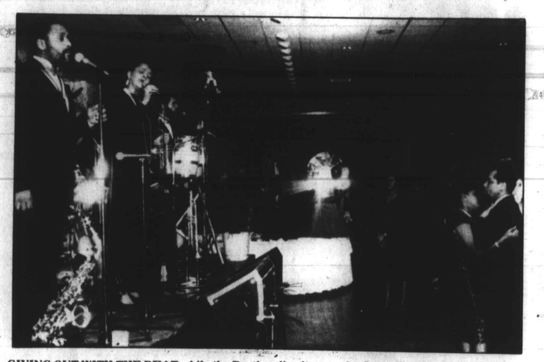


JOYCE SMITH (L) and Norman Scott listen attentively as Cee Cee Stokes drives home a point.

HAVING FUN are (L to R): Tyrone Parker, Shirley Parker, Janette Lewis and Dr. Samuel Little.

LAUGHING IT UP are (from L): Stan and Ann Jackson and Ruth and Frank Smith.

ON THE COMMITTEE for this year's 'Night in Kappa Vegas' are (L to R): Edgar Powell, Randy Edwards, Chairperson; Milton Mayo, polemarch; Robert Jacobs, Lloyd Mitchner and Harry Peaker.



GIVING OUT WITH THE BEAT while the Partiers live it up on the dance floor is the effervescent Bobby Felder Band.

By Pattie Hodges-Berry

It was "Parr . . rr . . ty!" as nearly 1,500 folks from all walks of life thronged the newly-renovated Martin's West Friday evening, March 4 for the 16th annual "Night in Kappa Vegas" hosted by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

From 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. an ambience of sheer joy pervaded as Kappas and their guests sipped from open bar and supped from a sumptuous buffet of soul food — barbequed spare ribs, candied sweet potatoes, roast beef, greens, potato salad, fried chicken, cornbread, etc. (Yum: Yum:), Many lined up to try their luck at the numerous roulette wheels, and most at some time or other, danced and danced to the fantastic, foot-tapping tunes of the Bobby Felder Band.

There was more than just fine food, cocktails and dancing. Ladies, shimmering in their gowns, T-Length and mini-dresses with complimentary jewels and shoes, were animated, bubbly. Men, handsome in their black tie regalia, seemed to glow with pride and let their personalities shine with warmth. There was much table hopping meeting and greeting of friends, and those ever-jovial, ever-hospitable men of Kappa circulated throughout the evening, always greeting, welcoming, joking with and smiling at their many guests, seeing that they got the 'red carpet' treatment.

Kappa hostesses constantly escorted guests to tables of red and white linen and napery, with silver candelabra and red and white balloons bobbing festively above the heads of the guests.

That wasn't all! There were three lucky people, whose raffle tickets made them big Kappa prize winners. Richard Fry, winner of the $500 Third Prize, whose ticket was drawn from the spinning basket by Cheryl Green, an official at the Reisterstown Rd. Plaza, was thrilled. Tom Brady, winner of the $1,000 second prize, whose ticket was pulled by Ellen Howard, was ecstatic. The grand prize winner, who garnered the First Prize — 1988 Toyota Tercel, and whose lucky number was drawn by yours truly, was Brenda J. McCleston. She was absent, so we can only imagine her astonishment when she was called with the great news.

Near evening's end the Kappa Sweetheart Song was done by the band, with Kappas dancing with their wives and sweethearts. The evening was so electric with fun and frolic that when the lights were turned on at 2 a.m. to signal the end of the grand affair, guests reluctantly said their good-

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RETIREMENT PARTY

A Retirement Roast was recently held in honor of Mrs. Gertrude M. Steele at her daughter Elaine M. Davis' spacious Vickers Rd. home.

The affair, for family members and close friends, was hosted by Ms. Davis, Alvin Steele, the honoree's husband; James "Jay" Davis, grandson, and Raymond Simmons.

Mrs. Steele recently retired as executive secretary for the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, where she was employed for 15 years.

Guests strolled down memory lane as immediate family members and other relatives and friends extolled the celebrant's virtues and recalled pleasant experiences shared with her.

Mary Agnes Brown, a friend since early childhood, vividly described Gertrude's running for the street car to go to work during the war years. Dorothy C. Alves read a poem from one of her books which had been written for Gertrude.

Bertha May recalled her first meeting with Gertrude on a cruise to Bermuda in the sixties. Ruth E. Frazier, a former coworker, told of a unique experience she and Gertrude had shared by getting lost in a parking lot.

Mary H. Hines, a very close cousin, warned guests never to ask Gertrude for directions for they may never reach their destinations. She cited an incident which happened years ago when travel conditions were a far cry from today. Johnnie Montgomery, whose friendship is the most recent, had no experience to recall. However, he delighted the audience with a little "white lie."

Gertrude's husband, Alvin, shared a story of Gertrude's sudden decision to drive, which literally brought the house down.

Presentations all showed the warmth which the presenters felt toward the honoree, and most were spiked with humor and wit as well as serious truisms.

Other guests sharing in the festive occasion were: Cousins Conrad, Sandra, Sherri and Robin Yorkshire; James and Rebecca Fowlkes of the District of Columbia and Mary Muir, an aunt.

Also Beverly Simpson, Placide and Catherine Jasmin, Laura Priestly, Albert Madison, Andre Brown, Pam Branch, Will Brown, Earl Holmes, Ellen Gor-

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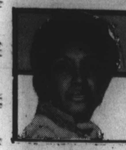
Mrs. Gertrude M. Steele



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COLUMBIA CAPERS

CONGRESSMAN MFUME LUNCHEON SPEAKER

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., Columbia Chapter, will celebrate its Tenth Annual Benefit Luncheon, Sunday, March 20, 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Columbia Hilton Hotel, 5488 Twin Knolls.

The theme for the luncheon is "Moving Into Action With New Directions."

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be The Honorable Kweisi Mfume, United States Congressman, 7th District, Maryland. He is a native of Baltimore.

Prior to becoming Congressman, he was a member of Baltimore City Council for eight years. He has a solid reputation as an articulate, forthright advocate for his constituency.

The first month of his first term, he was elected Treasurer of the Congressional Black Caucus and Deputy Whip of the Freshman Democratic Class. He serves on two important committees: the powerful Banking, finance and Urban Affairs Committe, the Small Business Committee.

He was appointed to three banking subcommittees: Housing and Community Development, Economic Stabilization, and International Development. He serves on two Small Business subcommittees: Minority Enterprise and Exports, Tourism and Special Problems. He was also appointed to the Select Committee on Hunger.

He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Morgan State University, where he taught Political Science and Communication classes. He was also Program Director of the university's radio station.

Mr. Mfume holds a Masters in Liberal Arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University, where he concentrated in International Studies and Foreign Relations.

Tickets are $20.00 per person. For further information call Pinnie Ross, 730-9545.

REFLECTIONS OF OUR HISTORY

The Howard County Coalition for Black History presented the Sixth Annual Black History Fair at the Mall in Columbia just recently. "Reflections of our History" was the theme for the Fair.

The entertainment program got underway at noon and lasted until late in the evening with Masters of Ceremony David Rakes and John Milton Wesley presiding.

Proclamations were presented by County Executive Elizabeth Bobo, County Council Chairperson Ruth Keeton and School Board Member William Manning. Celonia Walden presented Roberta Briscoe an award for Special Service to the Coalition.

The Black History Program was divided into three segments. Sounds from the Motherland featured African drummers, dancers and music. The second, called Diaspara, featured Kimberly Kelly with spiritual contributions of Black America. Ragtime, spirituals by the Woodlawn High School Gospel Choir under the direction of Harrison Hill were special in this segment. The third, Stomping at the Savoy, featured famous Motown recordings, a society music ensemble, a violinist and big band music by the Lewis Hamlin Company.

There were 34 exhibitions designed to promote an awareness of the Afro American culture and the contributions of Black America to our society.

Among the exhibiters were: Howard County Rainbow Coalition, Howard County Women's Commission, A. E. Green, publishers; Fraternities and sororities, Beth Art Studio, Culpepper, Head and Hughes, the Doctor's Corner, the Howard County Council of Housing Resources, Waring-Mitchell Law Society, Montague Cobb Medical Society, NAACP, NCNW, NANBP, Jack and Jill and colleges and churches.

It was our very own Sylvia Cook-Martin who founded the Black History Fair, along with the Columbia Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

The Columbia Club called together the county's Black organizations to discuss the promotion of a Black awareness in the County. Five other organizations shared their desire to sponsor an entertaining and educational event.

In February fo 1982 the first Howard County Black History Fair was held and the Howard County Coalition for Black History became a reality.

The officers are: Roberta Briscoe, President; Mae Beale, Vice President for Programs; Sylvia Cook-Martin, Vice President for Education, Celonia B. Walden, Treasurer; Executive Committee Members Jacqueline Banks, Mary Bracey, Terrie Kendricks, Jean Lewis and Hilda Wallace.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

HUNT FOR THE DIFFERENCE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Francis Parkinson Keyes

Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

month Mrs. Betty Brown, member of the Woodlawn Toastmistress club captured the first place in the clubs' Annual Speech contest.

Ms. Deanie B. Green celebrated her 40th birthday with friends and relatives at Martins Champagne Room on Patapsco Avenue. Over 100 guests dined at a hot and cold buffet before dancing the night away under a swirling crystal ball in a room decorated with red, white and blue floating balloons. It's amazing how time does fly.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

Thomas and Senoca Ford celebrated 42 years of marriage in an unusual service for the renewal of the marriage vows held this past Sunday during the morning worship service at Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Avenue. The Rev. Matthew Jones performed the Sacred service.

KLW BUS TRIP

Since wrapping up the business of the MLK, Jr. Memorial breakfast, the Kings Landing Women (KLW) have been busy making plans for an April trip to Atlantic City and a June Dinner fundraiser. Keep watch for the magic dates for these two events.

TLOD ANNIVERSARY

The Forum ballroom on Primrose Ave. will be the site for the tenth Anniversary dinner dance sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) on Saturday, June 11.

NAACP DOES FOREIGN TRADE STUDY

On Saturday, March 19, the Montgomery County NAACP Branch, under the auspices of the Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches will unveil an in-depth study on "Foreign Trade" issues. NAACP leaders throughout the State will gather at a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn in Silver Spring, MD to hear Mr. Leroy Warren of the Montgomery Branch present the shocking detailed facts.

The study focuses on the negative impact the vanishing of United States industries and jobs has on black citizens. In addition, the study addresses the impact of the excessive trade deficit upon America; the status of education both locally and nationally. It also presents an in-depth investigative look at the pain and suffering caused by the flood of imports into this country. For information regarding the study call 468-7744 or 622-3633.

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Four years ago this month during the Top Teen of America Program, the Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD) installed Rhonda Fleming as Top Teen president.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is a community service organization founded by Lady B. Johnson and has over 65 chapters throughout the United States.

. . . The Golden Cross Society of John Wesley United Methodist Church honored Edward Alston at a luncheon held at Kibbys Restaurant in South Baltimore.

. . . The Community Coordination Committee of the Baltimore Branch, NAACP sponsored a Tribute dinner at "The Forum" in honor of Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan who earlier was named National President of the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

Mrs. Carol House gave birth to a healthy bouncing baby girl in South Baltimore General Hospital.

Three years ago this

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don, Marlene Mason, George and Mildred Montgomery, Jean Caldwell, Arnold Morgan, Mary Montgomery, Edith Overstreet and Warren Blue.

The evening's festivities were video taped as a lasting memento for the honoree to enjoy in times to come.

BULL ROAST PLANNED

The Men's Club of All Saints Catholic Church is sponsoring its sixth annual Bull Roast on Sunday, March 27 at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave. from 1 until 6 p.m.

For info and tickets call Will Berry, Chairperson, at 664-8588 (after 5 p.m.) or the church rectory, at 542-0445.

CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

What parents, teachers and caregivers can do to enhance the early childhood years, and protect children from the pressures of being pushed too soon, is the cornerstone of the Maryland Committee for Children's (MCC's) fifth annual child care conference, "Child Care Challenge '88: Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Policies And Perspectives."

Scheduled for Saturday, April 9, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Columbia, MD, the conference invites participants to attend two workshops, and offers a choice of six different areas of information regarding infant, preschool, school age and family day care, and administrative and public policy concerns.

"Child Care Challenge '88" will present nationally-known educator, Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III, who will elaborate on the conference theme during his keynote address, "Developmentally Appropriate Programs: Translating Theory Into Practice."

Other special attractions during the conference day include a bookstore of materials covering early childhood curriculum and concerns, children's books and posters, and ongoing video viewings.

Cost of the conference, which is presented annually by MCC for the benefit of child care providers, teachers, parents, day care administrators and other child care advocates, is $25.00 for MCC members and family day care providers, and $30.00 for non-members.

The deadline for registration is March 28, 1988. For further information and registration, call (301) 752-7588.

While the conference will address appropriate programming for both preschool and school age care, of particular risk to the dangers of accelerated education are children under age six. In today's hurry-up world, "kinderkomputer" and suzuki are often touted as necessary curricula for two year olds, the natural pace of children's growth is neglected and forgotten.

Child psychologists, advocates and teachers are attempting to counteract this disturbing trend by educating parents and child care staff on the dangers of pushing children beyond their developmental capabilities with academic programs more appropriate to school-age learning.

Dr. David Elkind, President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children warns in his book, *Miseducation: Preschoolers At Risk*, "If we do not wake up to the potential danger of these harmful practices, we may do serious damage to a large segment of the next generation."

The Maryland Committee for Children, Inc. is a private, nonprofit child advocacy organization dedicated to improving the quality of child care and early educational opportunities for children in Maryland.

SURPRISE B'DAY FETE

Mr. Boshine has done it again. This time his festivity was a surprise birthday feast for his sister, Mrs. Catherine Faulkner at Boshine's Druid Hill Ave. home held Sunday, March 6 at 7 p.m., with family, friends and a close friend and companion, Sam Robbins attending.

The menu included baked turkey, ham, deviled eggs, barbecued chicken, cabbage, macaroni and tuna fish casserole, string beans and punch, and a beautiful birthday cake from the birthday lady's children and grandchildren.

The honoree also received many gifts from her friends, Sam Robbins, her sister and brother, children and grandchildren.

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bys, but went home with the warm glow of another "Night in Kappa Vegas in their heads and hearts.

Chairperson for this year's event, held for the benefit of Kappa's charities and scholarship fund, was Randolph T. Edwards. Committee members were Hiram F. Ammons, Raymond Carpenter, Paige T. Davis, William Day, William E. Goodall, Clarence Hawkins, Robert Jacobs, Russell Jolivet, Lloyd Mitchner, Edgar J. Powell, Alfred E. Smith, Alvin S. Steele and Howard L. Tutman. Chapter Polemarch is Milton A. Mayo.

VA starts flu study

The Baltimore VA Medical Center under the direction of Dorothy A. Snow, M.D. is conducting a flu study with a new, safer, and possibly better tolerated oral drug call rimantadine.

Influenza continues to be a very important cause of serious illness this winter especially for those who develop secondary complications.

The goals of this study are to test the drug's ability to lessen the acute effects of influenza infections and to look for a reduction in the number of hospitalizations directly related to influenza secondary complications such as pneumonia and worsening heart disease.

To be part of this study, veterans with influenza must be 65 or older or have chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, or chronic heart disease. For the drug to be effective, patients must enter the study within 48 hours of the beginning of the flu. Call 554-5921 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Study finds poor parenting causes worse child abuse

Parents who physically abuse their children also display dissatisfied, angry and isolated parenting styles, new psychological research demonstrates.

Abusive parents are less satisfied with their children but worry about them more, view child rearing as more difficult and less enjoyable, rely on more punitive disciplinary techniques, and tend to promote isolated lifestyles for both themselves and their children, compared to nonabusive parents, said psychologist Penelope K. Trickett.

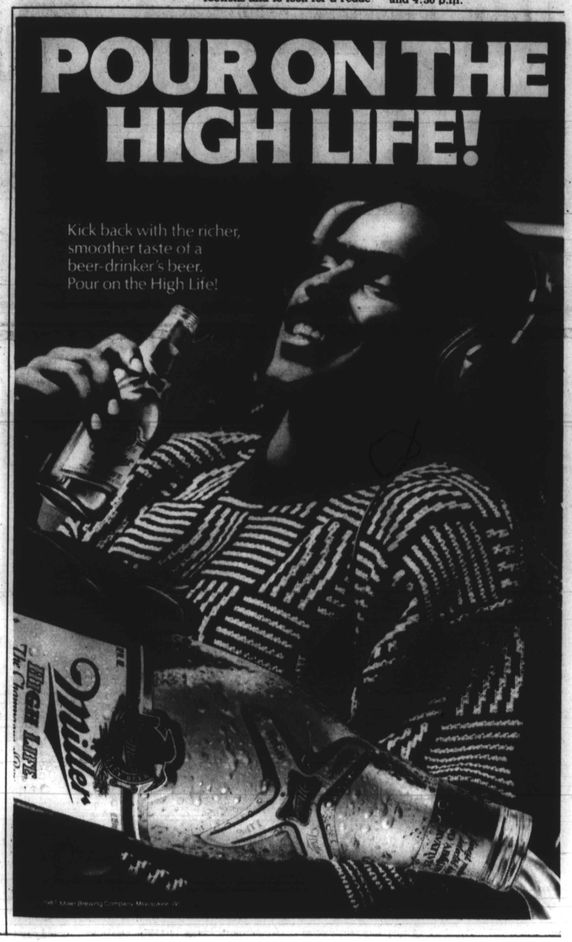
"These findings indicate that it is not just the sporadic and relatively infrequent abusive incidents that may have an impact on the development of the abused child," said Trickett, of the National Institute of Mental Health. Rather, it is the volatile combination of family violence and poor parenting styles that make child abuse so harmful.

These findings have direct implications for current child abuse prevention programs, which typically focus on modifying parents harsh disciplinary practices, according to Dr. Trickett and psychologist Elizabeth J. Susman, of the Pennsylvania State University College of Health and Human Development.

Changing parenting practices to include more reasoning and other nonpunitive forms of discipline, allowing children more independence and autonomy, may improve the child-rearing environment in abusive families, says Dr. Trickett. "That, in turn," she added, "could lead to fewer negative consequences for the abused child."

In their study, the researchers examined 56 families with children between the ages of 4 and 11. In half those families — located through child protection agencies in the area—children had been physically abused. In 95 percent of these cases, abusive incidents had been occuring for months or years.

Cases of sexual abuse, or neglect without physical abuse, were excluded from the study.

The remaining half of the sample were non-abusive families matched with the race, sex and age of the abused children, and with single- or two-parent, and socioeconomic status of abusive families. Beliefs about child rearing were measured in each family through interviews and standardized tests during in-home and laboratory sessions.

Abusive parents reported they were less likely to encourage independence and openess and to suppress agression in their children, and more likely to suppress sexual curiosity, the researchers found. On ratings of family environment, abusive parents scored higher on measures of conflict and isolation; and lower on expressiveness and organization than control families.