LIFESTYLE

Zetas 68th Anniversary Boule held here

Photos by P. A. Greene

DR. REID TUCKSON, Keynote speaker for the Press Luncheon held on Tuesday, July 12, at the Hyatt Regency (where the Boule was based exchanges greetings with Soror Myrtle Faithful, Zeta founder.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM H. GRAY, III (Far R) of Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District, is seen during the opening banquet which kicked off the five day 68th Anniversary Boule of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. hosted by the local Zeta Chapter, Alpha Zeta, at the Convention Center beginning Sunday, July 10. With Congressman Gray, who was the banquet's keynote speaker, are (from L): Congressman Kweisi Mfume and Eunice S. Thomas, International president, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

SOROR DELORIS L. BYRD (far R) chats with (from L): Michelle Scales and Erica Payne, Archonette.

MARY E. FIELDS (L) Basileus, Alpha Zeta (host) Chapter, is seen with Dr. Marjorie Costa.

THE COORDINATING COUNCIL of Alpha Zeta Chapter for the 68th Anniversary Boule are (seated, L to R): Sorors Esther K. Reid, Doris J. Johnson, Linda J. Brown, Associate Boule Marshal; Mary B. Hurt and Bernice S. White. (standing, L to R) Sorors Marian Graham, Ethel D. Hall, Beatrice Hall, Sandra E. East, Sallye Carter, Angie McClain, Mamie B. Williams, Reva G. Lewie, Catherine Neal, Merlene Adair, Ovella Queen, Beatrice Payne, Sharon Duncan, Anita Myers and Catherine Beard.

Eunice S. Thomas, International President and Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Founder, led an impressive list of national and local dignitaries at a public banquet, the kickoff event for the 68th Anniversary Boule of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. The public banquet, attended by over 2,000 people, was held at the convention center and marked the beginning of the group's five-day conference in the city.

Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer and Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke joined many other national officers in welcoming sorority members and their families to Baltimore. The week was proclaimed "Zeta Phi Beta Week" in the city and state.

Dignitaries participating on the program at the public banquet Sunday, July 10 which marked the official opening of the Boule were Mrs. Doris Johnson, Executive Assistant to Governor William Donald Schaefer, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, who presented a Proclamation in honor of Zeta Phi Beta Week; Congressman Kweisi Mfume; Senator Clarence Blount, Delegate Hattie Harrison, Stuart Simms, Baltimore City State's Attorney; MSU prexy Dr. Earl Richardson, Dr. Edmonia Yates, representing Mrs. Alice G. Pinderhughes and the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor, Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Pennsylvania congressman William H. Gray, III was the banquet's keynote speaker. He is in his fifth term in congress, representing his state's second congressional district. He chairs the House Budget Committee and is renowned for his commitment to minority economic development.

His address, centered on the sorority's national theme "Designing Strategies for the 21st century include recognizing that the civil rights struggle is one of accessing economic opportunity, investing in education, reducing barriers for all based on racial or sexual differences, and returning to traditional black values of family in the black community.

Mrs. Thomas, in accepting the speaker's challenge for the group, acknowledged that she had reaffirmed the sorority theme and set the pace for the upcoming week's meetings and workshops.

Mrs. Thomas made numerous presentations to community groups such as the National Negro College Fund, the National Council of Negro Women, and the March of Dimes following the presentation.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. a black sorority founded in 1920 at Howard University, fosters the ideals of service, scholarship and black community self-help.

More than 65,000 women are members in graduate and collegiate chapters nationwide in cities throughout 39 states and the District of Columbia, the Virgin and Bahama Islands, West Germany and West Africa.

The Sorority has extensive national programs to address substance abuse prevention, AIDS, teen pregnancy, illiteracy, and political and economic development. PROJECT ZETA, a substance abuse education and prevention program, was officially recognized as an agenda item at the five regional White House Conferences on Drug Abuse and the sorority's Stork's Nest, a national program co-sponsored with the National March of Dimes Foundation, provides prenatal care for women in more than 300 cities.

Ten chapters were awarded mini grants to continue these and other programs within the sorority's national interests. The sorority, a forerunner in community education and civil rights, is a leader among black groups.

Throughout the week-long conference, delegates attended workshops for college credit and continued strategizing on achieving the

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PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

TOP LADY SELECTED

The Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction recently observed its tenth anniversary with an elegant dinner dance at The Forum. Prior to the event there was a closed induction ceremony in which five new members were inducted into the Chapter.

They were Mesdames Agnes E. Brown, Dr. Estelle Brown, Valeria A. Norris, Mildred Johnson, and Edna Thornton. Present to perform this sacred ceremony were Area II Director, Dr. Barbara Lett Simmons, Area II Secretary, Dr. Phyllis Hopson and Lady Laura Culver, all of Washington, DC, assisted by the Baltimore Chapter's Dean of Orientation, Lady Evelyn Faulk.

As members, adorned in gorgeous pink tea-length dresses and gowns complemented by silver and gold accessories, and dignitaries arrived, they were pinned with beautiful corsages which initially set the tone for the evening. As music played softly by the band, members and guests openly admired gifts found at their tables.

Presiding was Clarice LaV Brooks. Awards and certificates were presented to Ladies who were recognized for performing outstanding services for the year as advisors or as chairpersons of the four national thrusts. Honored were Fannie B. Poulson, advisor of the Top Teens of America, the Chapter's organizer, and coordinator of the affair; Emma Arnelle, Senior Citizens; Helene S. Gwynn, Beautification; and Juanita Rogers, Status of Women. Trophies were presented to former Top Ladies of the Year.

Following was the bestowing of the honor of Top Lady

Doris Browning Austin

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Scenes from Alpha's Press Reception

MARION GRAHAM (C) receives warm greetings during the Press reception hosted Friday, July 15 by the Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the 1989 Eastern Region Convention Committee from (L to R): Charlie Robinson and Royal White. The purpose of the reception was to announce the plans for hosting the Fraternity's 1989 Eastern Regional Convention here in Baltimore.

(Photos by John H. Murphy, III)

EXCHANGING PLEASANTRIES during the event, held at the Stouffer Harborplace Hotel, are (from L): Gil Logan and Douglas Sands.

COUPLES ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE AFFAIR are 9 (L to R): Joe and Norma Bracy, Ray and Pearline Johnson and Dr. and Mrs. Eric L. White. On the reception committee were Charles T. Mitchell, chairman; Roland G. Fletcher, co-chairman; Charles Pinchback, Mary E. Robinson, Shirley Pinkett and Yvonne Fletcher.

Michele Thornton weds Sgt. Rodney Payne

Miss Michele Wynne Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Thornton, Jr. and Allen Rodney Payne, Sergeant, United States Army, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Craig, of Baltimore, MD. were married on June 11 at The First United Baptist Church, Gloucester, VA. The double ring ceremony was officiated by the pastor, the Rev. P. D. Wells, Jr.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin sheath grown with a jewel neckline, a V-back and a bubble pendlum. Her Gibson sleeves and bodice were trimmed in lace. She wore a bridal cocktail hat trimmed with beaded flowers and poufs of veiling. Beautifully setting off her attire, the bride wore a satin Cathedral Watteau Train. For her bouquet, the bride chose Gardenias and Stephanotis in a smartly crescent-cascade, on a prayer book.

Maid of Honor was Miss Serita Lee, cousin of bride, of Gloucester. Bridesmaids were Miss Renee Thornton, cousin of the bride, of Gloucester, and Miss Stacia Saunders, cousin of the groom, of Baltiore.,

The bridal attendants wore blue glo-brite taffeta gowns and carried arm bouquets of mixed blue carnations. Flower girls were Miss Kisha Foster and Miss Tasha Foster, cousins of bride, of Gloucester. The Ring Bearer was Master Marcus Dunigan, cousin of groom, of Baltimore.

Best man was Edward Craig, father of groom, of Baltimore. Groomsmen were Keith Craig and Antoine Payne, both brother's of groom, of Baltimore. Ushers were Floyd Pryor and Willard Bryant, both of Baltimore.

A reception was held at the Ramada Inn, Newport News, VA.

After a honeymoon trip to France and Belguim, the couple resides in Kitzingen, Germany.

The new Mrs. Payne, a 1985 graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, is a senior at Towson State University, Baltimore. She will continue her education at the University of Maryland in Kitzinger, Germany. Sgt. Payne attended the University of Indiana. He's now stationed in Germany, for a three year tour of duty.

Mrs. Payne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scott, Sr. of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Thornton, Sr., of Gloucester, VA.

She's the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Julia Feggans, of Brielle, NJ and the late Mr. Benjamin Feggans, of Brielle, the late Anna and Samuel Thornton and the late Mary and Lambert Scott, all of Gloucester.

Sgt. Payne is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Hurd, of Balto., Md., Mrs. Anna Payne and Mrs. Eleanor Bond of Phila. PA.

Mrs. Clara T. Garnett of Gloucester was Wedding Directress. The Photographer was Raymond Linear of Baltimore.

Hostesses were Mrs. Catherine Lee, Mrs. Polly Thornton, both aunts of bride; Mrs. Joyce J. Larrimore, Mrs. Gladys Perrin, Dr. Louise D. Stokes, Miss Lucille Madison and Mrs. Ruth McKeller, all of Gloucester.

Organist was Dr. Louise D. Stokes. Soloists were Harry Johnson, uncle of groom, and William Lynch, both of Baltimore.

Prayer was offered by the bride's uncle the Rev. Dr. John Scott, Jr., pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Baltimore.

Wedding guests included relatives and friends from Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey, New York and California.

Sgt. and Mrs. Rodney Payne

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of the Year for 1988 upon Doris Browning Austin. Chapter President Marguerite A. White presented Lady Austin with a beautiful crowned shaped trophy and a resolution from City Council President, the Honorable Mary Pat Clarke.

Representatives from the NAACP, The Governor's Office, the Mayor's Office, Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, and the City Council brought greetings and felicitations. Guest soloist was Mrs. Linda Ridout.

Ladies present were Arnelle, Clarice LaV Brooks, Doris Browning Austin, Ernestine Dunston, Evelyn Faulk, Dr. Clara Frailing, Marjorie Green, Eloise Johnson, Ruby B. Lee, Fannie B. Poulson, Jonell Ray, Juanita Rogers, Councilwoman Agnes Welch, Ann Wood, Helene S. Gwynn, Geraldine Hooper and Sheila Henley.

Guests in attendance from area chapters were Lady Cora Rice from Prince George's County, and Ladies Dr. Barbara Lett Simmons, Dr. Phyllis Hopson, and Laura Culver.

Among the many guests present were Dr. Darrilynn Arnelle, Mercedes Mazyck, Lawrence C. Austin, Dr. and Mrs. William Panky, Johnnie A. Dunston, Mr. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ross, Doris Johnson, Linda Rideout, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harrod, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Gram, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marrow, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Milburn, Dorothy Bunn, James L. Spignor, James Ames, Leoda Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Ailor Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, Dollie Anderson, Doris Doughty, Paulette Joyner, Annie T. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Poulson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Poulson, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dyer, Barnett Jiggetts, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Devoe and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Richardson.

RINKY DINKS DONATE

The Rinky Dinks Social club recently presented a donation to the University of Maryland Hospital Hypertension Fund in memory of Charles Tilghman, well known owner of the famous Sphinx Club, who died recently. Charlie was the only male ever awarded honorary membership in the Rinky Dinks Club and was an asset to the club with his generosity, his business expertise and with his jovial personality. Current and past members of the Rinky Dinks are Theresa Jones, president; Dolly Robinson, vice president; Carol Taylor; acting treasurer; Lillian Thomas, treasurer; Adelaide Jackson, business manager; Minerva Carter, Susie Carter, Charlie Williams and the late Toni Brown.

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goals and objectives of the national program.

At the Press Luncheon on Tuesday, July 12 the keynote speaker Dr. Reid Tuckson, Washington, D.C., head of the District of Columbia's Public Health Commission, gave an interesting and informative speech.

There was a contribution of $4,000 from the Digital Corporation presented to the Zeta's Youth Development Program in the name of the late Soror Theresa Suggs of Columbia, MD.

Other national keynote speakers for the Boule were Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, vice president of Academic Affairs for Central State University, Wilberforce, OH; Dr. Yvonne B. Miller, State Senator (first black woman) 5th D., Virginia General Assembly; Peter Bell, executive Director of the Institute on Black Chemical Abuse, located in Minneapolis, MN and the Honorable Shirley M. Dennis, Director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor.

Alpha Zeta Chapter was the recipient of numerous cash awards and citations, including $1,000 from National to further its "Just Say No Program" in the Baltimore City schools; $2,000 for the Myrtle Tyler Faithful Scholarship Fund; $300 from Founder Fannie P. Watts for the chapter's Amicette Youth Group and a certificate for being the largest chapter in Zetadom.

The Atlantic Region, directed by Soror Mary E. Fields also received three awards.

In keeping with Zeta's strong emphasis on youth development, a full program of educational and recreational activities were planned for the large contingent of Amicettes, Archonettes, Undergraduates and visiting youth in attendance. Workshops were held on "Just Say No to Drugs," Parliamentary Procedures, You and the Law, Zetas Investing in People and Posture and Runway Modeling.

At the Closing Awards Luncheon, the young ladies who participated in the Posture and Runway modeling workshop displayed the techniques they learned and modeled for the sorors.

Other activities included a talent contest, aerobics workshops, visits to Inner Harbor attractions, disco, swim party and slumber parties, Amicette Spell-A-Thon, and the National Undergraduate "Step Show."

Youth activities were coordinated by Sorors Doris E. Hall, National Youth Director; Cynthia Grandberry, Midwestern Region Youth Coordinator; and Gloria A. Garrett, Alpha Zeta Boule Youth Chairperson.

Talented members of Alpha Zeta Chapter provided some of the beautiful music for several functions. Sorors and guests gave many ovations to local Sorors Alma C. Macer, soloist, accompanied by Audrey McCallum. Soror Macer also directed the Alpha Zeta Ensemble, which performed a diversified repertoire of inspirational selections, and the Atlantic Regional Choir.

The Night of the Performing Arts provided a variety of Cultural and artistic entertainment. Sorors from five of the Regions showcased talent that included musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, dramatic readings, an original skit, a story teller; and original poems dedicated to Grand Basileus Eunice S. Thomas.

Highlight of the evening was the concert rendered by the Morgan University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Nathan M. Carter. Musical selections included classics, pop and jazz numbers.

The closing event was the Blue and White Presidential Ball held at the Convention Center, and attended by many community leaders and representatives of organizations in Baltimore area. Music was provided by the Bobby Felder Band.

Soror Mary E. Fields is Basileus of Alpha Zeta Chapter. Boule Marshall was Soror Beatrice A. Mayo assisted by Sorors Linda J. Brown and Elaine Johnson. The next Boule is scheduled for July, 1990 in St. Louis, MO.

The end of training

Airman Brian D. Dorsey, son of Vikki D. Savoy of 13840 Castle Blvd., Silver Spring, Md., has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Forces.

He is a 1987 graduate of Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring.

BRIAN DORSEY

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