## IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

### Smile orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to the eight teens who served as living ads when Baltimore Chapter of J.U.G.S. Inc., held its 19th annual charity ball on Friday evening at the Forum.

The young high school and college students were a joy to watch as they paraded and presented roses to local business people whose ads in the group's souvenir book helped support the charity.

Typical of the group — 16-year-old **Stacey Hicks**, a Carver High junior who also has a lovely voice. She sings on the choir at St. John Baptist Church, has plans to study computer science at S.C. State College.

Cuff note: Young Miss Hicks' parents should be proud of her. She has an engaging manner and was friendly as this adult interviewed her during the picture session. She has a younger brother, **Horatio**, 10.

Mom and dad are Wayne and Virginia Hicks of west Baltimore.

Other living ads to whom we send smile orchids:— **Trevira Asbury**, Northwestern High; **Alice Costa**, Walbrook; **Jenenne Gregory**, Carver; **Trena Lewis**, Edmondson-Westside; **Melanie Muldrow**, Bryn Mawr; **Renee West**, Western; and **Bridgette Davis**, U. of Md. Baltimore County.

### More Smiles

More smile orchids to these guests with sunshine in their voices — and with whom we shared a table — **Mrs. Velma J. Bailey** and **Mrs. Mary B. Jones**, both retired Social Security employees, and members of Union Memorial Methodist Church;

and, to **Mrs. Frances West**, Lake Clifton High, English Department Head, (whose daughter was among living ads we saluted above;) to **Charles Noel**, the retired St. Agnes Hospital worker and member of First Apostolic Church;' and the **Charles Lansberrys (Lillian)** He's the realtor, she's the coordinator of the Md. Adoption Resource Exchange.

Many, many smile orchids, too, for J.U.G.S. members — **Carrolyn Glascoe** is president. Proceeds from this year's ball will go for two $500 scholarships for Morgan State University, and will provide funds for the soup kitchens at St. John AME Church and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, plus Baltimore Fuel Fund.

Cuff note: — J.U.G.S. has given over $70,000 to charities in the Baltimore area since its founding in 1967.

Editor's note: did someone's smile make your day this week? Tell this column, let us send them orchids. Write Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201 and smile, please.

### New pastor

This Sunday, Nov. 27, **Father Michael B. Curry** assumes his duties as rector of 164-year-old St. James Episcopal Church, at Lafayette and Arlington Aves. in west Baltimore.

The 35-year-old minister comes to Baltimore from St. Simon of Cyrene Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been rector and chaplain of the day school since 1982. He succeeds **Father Donald O. Wilson** who retired in December 1986.

NEW PASTOR — **Father Michael B. Curry, 35, assumes pastorate of St. James Episcopal Church this Sunday.**

Father Curry will become the fourth pastor of the church in this century. In addition to Father Wilson, others were **Father, now Bishop Cedric E. Mills** and the late **George F. Bragg.**

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., **Father Curry** is the son of Episcopal minister, **Rev. Kenneth S. Curry** and the late **Dorothy S. Curry.**

He is a graduate of the Buffalo public schools, earned his bachelor's degree with high honors at Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y. in 1975; and his master's from Yale University Divinity School in 1978. He is currently a doctoral student at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He served as rector of St. Stephen's Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., from 1978 until 1982, when he assumed his Ohio post.

This past summer Father Curry told a St. James search committee, "I believe in the joy, hope and power of the Christian gospel. Ministry for me is sharing the reality with others through my personality and work."

He added he believes that: "much that makes or breaks a ministry has more to do with personality and style than substance."

Family: Father Curry's family includes his wife, **Sharon Clement Curry**, and their six-year-old daughter, **Rachel.** Mrs. Curry is a musician and a journalist.

Her kin in Baltimore, an uncle, **Charles Robinson** of Harlem Ave., an aunt, **Mrs. Ethel Greer** of Wheeler Ave.

### A farewell

Members of St. James Church, mentioned above, did a thoughtful thing on Sunday. They turned out in large numbers to say "thank you" and farewell to **Father Charles Taylor**, who has served as interim pastor.

They gifted him with $3,000 plus offered sincere wishes for the future. He said he would use the money to help buy a house, and credited his predecessor (Father Wilson), for taking him on as assistant pastor in 1985, at a time when he was forced to sell vacuum cleaners door-to-door to make a living.

He told St. James members: "You took me into your hearts . . . and you poured such love upon me and my family that we will be tied in innumerable ways to the people of St. James forever . . ."

Present at the service, Father Taylor's wife, **Joan**, a regular communicant during his pastorate.

Also there, his 95-year-old mother, **Mrs. Cleo Taylor**, whose charm and grace won her instant friends — and she looks and acts half her age. What a blessing!

And, sons an daughters-in-law, **Andrew** and **Linda Taylor**, and **Frank** and **Caroline Taylor** and their children, **Kelly**, 10, **Mayan**, 7, and**Katie**, 5.

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Cuff note: Father Taylor is the first fulltime white rector to serve at St. James. Members will testify that his concern for them, his ability to attract young people to the church were highlights of his career, and color was not a consideration in selecting his successor.

Before you ask it — if he was so good how come he ws not named rector. Church regulations restrict an intern from becoming rector, we're told.

LIVING AD — **Teenager Stacey Hicks, one of the living ads at J.U.G.S. benefit.**

### Remember

Thinking-of-you cards to the family of **Rev. J. C. Mills**, pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Salisbury, Md. He suffered a heart attack (Oct. 30), shortly after conducting a service here in Baltimore. He was stricken on the bus, returning to the Shore. He was 48.

Survivors: Daughter, **Keisha**, 14; his parents, **Rev.** and **Mrs. Thomas O. Mills**, of Atlantic City's Shiloh Baptist Church; and four brothers,

Dr. C. Norris Mills, the Baltimore podiatrist; **Bunyan Mills**, the Atlantic City mortician; **Dr. Thomas O. Mills, Jr.**, the Bennington, Vermont pathologist, and **Don C. Mills**, the Virgin Island attorney.

### This and that

Baltimore plays host this weekend to the Guardsmen Inc., that nationally known men's club here in convention Friday-Sunday at the Sheraton Inner Harbor.

Dr. Guy Bragg is president of the Baltimore chapter hosting the conclave which is expected to attract visitors from all over the country.

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Popular talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey tapes her Tuesday, Nov. 29 program here in Baltimore, with public school students from Southwestern, Edmondson, and Walbrook invited to participate in a discussion on crime in the schools.

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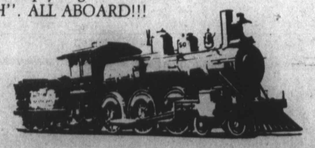

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## All-school salute

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

The Fourth Annual All School Salute brought a crowd of 10,000 Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Convention Center.

Businesses, parents, and community members were invited to help salute more than 140 students for outstanding achievements. Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, School Superintedent Richard C. Hunter, and City Council President, Mary Pat Clark presented awards to individual students from different schools.

Schools performed throughout the day. The Frederick Douglass High School Band played. Callaway Elementary cheerleaders cheered. Dancers from Malcolm X, Yorkwood Elementary, Belmont Elementary, and Martin Luther King Elementary schools performed a variety of dance presentations.

Jazz ensembles from from Hamilton Middle School and Baltimore City College, as well as City's choir wound up the day's entertainment.

Concluding the fun, was an All School Talent Show, Emceed by V103's Randy Dennis.

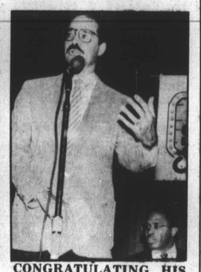
Over 150 schools displayed creative works in an exhibit featured throughout the day.

The SALUTE is sponsored by the Fund for Educational Excellence.

JOHN DORSEY, JR. — Travels the world on the pages of a book.

CREATIVE CRAFT — Polytechnic Institute students, Erica Castro and Paris S. Barnes team up to make jewelry.

FAMILY FUN — Vernon Watkins and his granddaughter, Tanya Watkins look at an Armadillo.



CONGRATULATING HIS STUDENTS — School Superintendent Richard C. Hunter encouraged students to continue striving for success as Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke sat in the background.

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