LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

By Paula Brooks

Lifestyle Editor

Coppin Homecoming

Coppin State College's Homecoming 1990 will be February 5 thru February 10. A basketball game, pitting the first rank Coppin Eagles against Morgan State University will kick-off activities at 5:30 p.m. on February 5. The Lady Eagles will tip off against the Lady Bears. The men's game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Feb. 5 at 4:00 Crowning of Miss Coppin, Angela Melton, in James Weldon Johnson Auditorium.

Tuesday, February 6 is Blue and Gold Day. All Coppinites are expected to wear the school colors. A prize will be awarded to the best dressed student. The event will take place in the Fireside Lounge at 12:00 noon. A splash party will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Coppin Center. All are invited to participate.

On Wednesday there will be a Dating Game at 12 noon that will take place in the Fireside Lounge, Tawes College Center.

Manhattan Records recording artists, Pieces of a Dream, will be in concert on Friday, February 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium. The group features Curtis D. Harmon on drums and James Lloyd on keyboards. Tickets may be purchased in the Director of Student Activities Office and/or the information counter in the Tawes College Center.

From 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. there will be an Alumni Cabaret in the Tawes Center. Featured musical guests will be Mickey Fields and his Ensemble.

Events will culminate on Saturday with the Homecoming Game — The Coppin Eagles versus Florida A&M University.

The women's game will start at 5:30 p.m., and the men's game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Also, there will be a Cocktail Sip at 5:00 p.m. in the Rathskellar, followed by a victory celebration at 9:30 p.m. A students' Victory Dance will take place after the game.

For further information call the Office of Student Activities at 333-7026 or the Office of Public Relations at 333-7427.

Rosa Parks 77th birthday

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) will join hundreds of other admirers in a national birthday tribute to Rosa Louise Parks Feb. 4 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. She will be 77.

Mrs. Parks ignited the Civil Rights Movement in 1955 when she refused to move to the back of a bus for a White rider under a Jim Crow law enforced in Montgomery, Ala., and throughout the South.

"Mrs. Parks' courageous act of conscience re-directed the course of history for our entire nation," said Janet Jones Ballard, of Richmond, Va. and international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

An honorary AKA and "mother of the Civil Rights Movement," Parks' stand for civil justice subsequently led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott which brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to national prominence. The Montgomery transportation system came to a near standstill when thousands of Black commuters voluntarily walked or drove instead of taking Jim Crow buses.

The tribute to Mrs. Parks kicks off other commemorative services to be held in February during the nationwide celebration of Black History Month.

The Honorary Committee includes August Busch, III, Stephen Wolf, president and CEO of United Airlines; U.S. Rep. Cardiss Collins, also an honorary AKA and U.S. Rep. John Conyers whose Detroit office Mrs. Parks supervises.

They and other figures in Washington, D.C. hope their tribute will serve as a fundraiser for the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development in Detroit, a non-profit facility started by Mrs. Parks in February 1987.

The center was Mrs. Parks' and her late husband's dream to provide a place to train, inspire and develop urban youth leaders to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Black Shriners meet

Prince Hall Shriners from every corner of Maryland will gather at the Ramada Inn on Feb. 2 and 3. The conference is being convened by Edward D. Young, 33rd degree, who is the state representative of the Imperial Council which is the national body of Prince Hall Shrinedom.

The working sessions of the conference will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday. The first session is a religious service. Among the workshops to begin at 10:30 a.m. will be workshops on the Shrine Youth program and voter registration.

Deputy Young told the AFRO that the Desert of Maryland contains four Shrine temples:

Jerusalem Temple, Baltimore
Abulahab Temple, Salisbury
Misr Temple, Upper Marlboro
Anwar Temple, Rockville

The thrust of the conference will be to solidify the team efforts among Maryland Shriners.

"We shall give our full support to voter registration and join the vanguard in the fight to save our youth," said Young.

Farewell banquet for Brenda Gilliam-Jones

Brenda Gilliam-Jones is leaving her position as Chief of Regional Field Services Division of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration. She has worked for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration for the past seventeen years.

She has been a creative force in the development and oversight of a variety of treatment programs that have assisted in the recovery of thousands of Baltimore City residents during this period.

Co-workers say she was an excellent supervisor and leader. Her vast knowledge, concern, patience and skill in bringing out the best work performance in her staff and co-workers has earned her unanimous respect and admiration.

Ms. Gilliam-Jones will be leaving Baltimore to join her husband in Orlando, Florida. A Farewell Banquet was held for her last week-end at Tony Cheng's. Among the many awards and citations she recieved were The Mayor's Proclamationof January 19, as her day; The Governor's Citation; Baltimore City Health Dept. citation; Dept of Health & Mental Hygiene certificate;

Maryland Halfway House Association Award; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration award and crystal clock; Liberty Medical Center Award, and NAACP citation from statewide conference.

Left to right, Pamela Ferguson - Oliver, Renee Howard, Brenda Gilliam - Jones, and Gloria Campbell at farewell banquet.

Left to right, Zeldalyne Williams, sister; Karen Gilliam, niece; Cynthia V. Williams, sister; Ruth Hall, mother-in-law; Ernestine Jones, friend; and John Lewis, father were among friends and family well-wishers.

Iota meeting

The Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Incorporated met recently. The highlight of the monthly session was an In-House Founder's Day Celebration chaired by Aline Lyden. The sorors, who were attractively donned in red and white, participated in a rededication service led by Ida Wroten and accompanied by Elizabeth Day.

Recipients of awards included Marie Dowell for Sisterhood, Dorothy Smith for Achievement, Officers, Chairpersons and Sorors for Service, and Shirley Watkins, Denise Weems, and Dorothea Jordan for Scholarship. A tribute to Iota Chapter's Charter Members was made by Bettye Wooden to Valerie Brown, Mary Owens, and Nevie Wooley.

An interesting, informative, and entertaining part of the afternoon was the presentations made by the Acorn Clubs using the theme: "Through the Years." Presenters included Louise Turks, Imogene Douglass, Arabella Ross, Elizabeth Day, Ida Wroten, Marguerite Wilkins, Elaine Alexander, and Mildred Armstead. Gloria Banks and Denise Weems sang beautiful solos.

The presentations concluded with a champagne toast to all Iota Sorors. The Sorors in attendance were: Elaine Alexander, Mildred Armstead, Rosalie Burkes, Leonora Terrell, Gloria Banks, Catherine DeFord, Ruth Cooper, Sheila Jessup, Elizabeth Day, Vivian Bennett, Imogene Douglass, Josephine Flournoy;

Lynn Flournoy, Mildred Franklin, Veta Grieg, Ella Hamilton, Phyllis Hawkins, Lillian Jones, Dorothea Jordan, Marlene Melton, Hattie Sewell, Barbara Nelson, Ovella Queen, Arabella Brooks, Betty Shelton, Dorothy C. Smith, Joyce Sturgis, Dorothy Stone, Louise Turks, Marguerite Wilkins, E. Monterey Williams, Bettye Wooden, Denise Weems, and Ida Wroten. Elaine Alexander is Chapter Basileus.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibel Jones of Springdale Ave. will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Feb. 10. They are members of Church of God and Christ, North Ave. and Bentalou St.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie Ross

Howard County, the first Maryland County to participate and organize a committee to support the United Negro College Fund, was the last county to make its report at the 1990 UNCF Telethon. Nevertheless, Howard County came through, as always, with a total of $7,755.00 for the fund.

The telethon was held on Saturday, January 13, 1990 on Station WBAL TV beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 12:00 midnight.

1990 marks the fifth year for Howard County's participation and involvement with the UNCF Telethon. The County's effort is under the direction and leadership of Dr. C. Vernon Gray and yours truly.

We wish to thank all individuals who called to make pledges from Howard County during the Telethon. I hear that about forty - four county residents called to pledge after we made the county report. Their pledges are not included in our report of $7,755.00. Praise God!!!!!

Our sincere thanks to our many staunch supporters who have been with us since the inception of the county's participation, people with generous hearts and whose gifts will help some of the finest and ablest minds of our young people; young people whose minds would be wasted without the college education made possible with help from UNCF.

Howard County Contributors

Columbia (MD) Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, $2,145,000. Alex Humphrey, Polemarch; Howard County Golf Tournament, $2,000.00. Walter Wright, Chairman; Columbia Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, $605.00, Elaine White, President, Columbia Alumni Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, $600.00, Clinton Sellers, President;

Columbia Alumni Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, $500.00, Cecil Christian, President; Columbia tots and Teens $500.00 (cuff note) The first contribution from the Tots and Teens was $100.00. Each year they work very hard to raise a higher amount to contribute than the previous year thanks to Mrs. Mildred Smith Evans.

Grayson Homes, $400.00, Floyd Grayson, President; Unity Baptist Church, $400.00, Rev. Samuel Moore, Pastor and a special thanks to Mr. John Smith, who was instrumental in raising the funds for the church; National Council of Negro Women, $300.00, Iris Mapp, President; Jack and Jills of America, $250.00, yvonne Howell, President; Columbia Chapter, Club Dejouir, $50.00, Hazel Ervin, President; Romona Smith, $100.00 and William Parham secured a $50.00 matching grant from his employer to match his Kappa Alpha Psi contribution.

Over the years, Howard County residents and organizations have raised more than $36,000.00 for UNCF.

The wonderful workers who head the Maryland Office for the Fund are: Wendy Johnson, Area Director; Ruth Daniels, Telethon Chairman; Flossie Johnson, our special lady, County Coordinator; Edwina Watkins, Coordinator for Clubs and Organizations and Dr. Levi Watkins, General Chairman. Victor Frenkil is Board Chairman.

Thought For Today

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste"

An Elegant Dinner Party

Many Columbians are whispering about the formal dinner party hosted by Maurine McKinley, President of McKinley Berman Associates, Inc., Corporate Meeting Specialists and Eloise Lee, a retired United States State Department employee, just recently.

The dinner party was held at Mrs. McKinley's spacious Columbia town home.

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Hall, Jones to receive special award

The Fourth Annual Soul Train Music Awards, set for Wednesday, March 14 at the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, will be highlighted by two special awards, including the presentation of the Heritage Award to famed record producer, recording artist and composer Quincy Jones for outstanding career achievements and the Sammy Davis, Jr. Award to talk show sensation Arsenio Hall, as one of 1989's most important and successful entertainers.

Jones has produced and/or co-produced several of the best-selling albums in music history, including three Michael Jackson albums, and is celebrating 40 years as a leading arranger, musician, composer and producer in all forms of popular music.

Jones has also accounted for numerous successful motion picture scores, as well as initiating "The Color Purple" as a motion picture project and serving as its producer.

Jones's latest project is his own new Warner Bros. album, Back on the Block, which ingeniously combines performances by legendary stars associated with his jazz roots with performances by current R&B, pop, gospel and rap music superstars.

Soul Train Music Awards Executive Producer Don Cornelius describes Jones's new album as, "the privilege of a lifetime in listening pleasure and a qualitative masterpiece."

Arsenio Hall's accomplishments in 1989 as a television talk show host and executive producer were herculean in nature, as he led the Arsenio Hall Show from late-night obscurity against a well-established field, which includes such staples as Johnny Carson and David Letterman, to what Time magazine recently described as "TV's liveliest melting pot and number one (in ratings) among the important under-35 audience."

The Sammy Davis, Jr. Award was inaugurated as a special award one year ago in honor of Davis and his long, spectacular career. Michael Jackson became the first Sammy Davis, Jr. Award recipient on the Soul Train Music Awards last spring.

SAMMY DAVIS, JR. IS HONORED at a star-filled variety tribute celebrating his 60th anniversary in show business. The show included stage performances plus clips of Sammy's illustrious career in nightclubs, movies, television, Broadway and in concert. Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson are just some of the personalities that will be seen when the show airs Feb. 4 (8:30 to 11 p.m.) on ABC-TV. (Right) Magic Johnson confers with the master.

Tribute to Mahalia Jackson being prepared for Broadway

Broadway is battening down the hatches this spring for the rafter-shaking TRULY BLESSED: A Musical Celebration of Mahalia Jackson starring gospel's thrilling Queen Esther Marrow.

TRULY BLESSED, a smash hit at Washington's Ford's Theatre last spring (under the title Don't Let This Dream Go), chronicles the life of the legendary gospel singer Mahalia Jackson from her impoverished beginnings through her trials and including her triumphant performance at the March on Washington in 1963.

TRULY BLESSED features many of Mahalia Jackson's classics, including "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," "Didn't It Rain" and the historic "I've Been Buked," as well as three new compositions written by Queen Esther Marrow and Reginald Royal, musical conductor. TRULY BLESSED will come to Broadway's Longacre Theatre (220 West 48th Street) in mid-April.

The musical will be produced on Broadway by Howard Hurst, Philip Rose and Sophie Hurst, in association with The Ragsdale Group, Inc. and Frankie Hewitt (producer, Ford's Theatre). The Ragsdale Group, Inc. is an arts and entertainment production company headquartered in Cleveland whose mission is to develop arts attractions with emphasis on minority artists and audiences.

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TRULY BLESSED marks The Ragsdale Group, Inc.'s Broadway debut.

Write On, Sonja Brown!

Burger King® and the Burger King Minority Franchise Association congratulate Miss Sonja Brown, Grand Prize winner in our Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Scholarship Essay Competition. We awarded Sonja a $10,000, 4-year scholarship to help her achieve her dreams. And she was just one of 27 essay winners who received scholarship awards totaling $30,000.

Burger King is very proud to honor young men and women like Sonja, who aren't afraid to break the rules and go for their dreams. Because at Burger King, we feed dreams too.

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