LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

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Lifestyle Editor

Tuskegee Alumni

The Baltimore Tuskegee Alumni Club will celebrate its eighth weekend of special activities Thursday, February 8, 1990 - through Saturday, February 10, 1990.

Recruiters from Tuskegee University will visit local senior high schools on Thursday, February 8.

A Corporate Breakfast will be held at the Center Club, 100 Light Street at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 9. The following persons from Tuskegee University will tell "The Tuskegee Story" at the Corporate Breakfast:

Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, President, Tuskegee University; Dr. Benjamin Newhouse, Dean of the School of Business; Dr. Chenits Pettigrew, Vice President, Student Activities and Resources, and Mrs. Catherine Monk, Director of Alumni Affairs.

The reception for Counselors and Principals will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Friday and the reception for Alumni, College Administrators, Corporate Executives and Honorees will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Both receptions will be held at The forum.

On Saturday, February 10, 1990, the Eighth Annual Carver - Washington Scholarship Awards Breakfast will be held at 9:00 a.m. at The Forum. The 1990 Carver - Washington Community Service recipients are: Raymond Haysbert, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Dr. Loretta Richardson and George Russell, Esquire.

States Attorney, Stuart Simms will be the guest speaker.

Breakfast proceeds will benefit the Baltimore - Tuskegee Alumni Association's Scholarship efforts and its support of Tuskegee.

Mr. Willie Williams is president of the Baltimore - Tuskegee Alumni Club. Co - Chairs of the weekend activities are Dr. Anne O. Emery and Mrs. Minnie Smoot.

Urban League dinner

The BALTIMORE URBAN LEAGUE will hold its Annual Equal Opportunity Dinner on Thursday, February 22, at 6 p.m.

Committee members are hard at work planning the event which promises to be even more fabulous and pleasurable than the ones in the past.

Honorees are George V. McGowan, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Office, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. The BG & E is a very direct supporter of the Baltimore Urban league. Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, retired Deputy Superintendent Baltimore City Public Schools, extends herself liberally in community service.

The keynote speaker is Bob Schieffer, Anchor, CBS Evening News, Saturday Edition.

Rod Daniels and Camilla Carr will host the evening.

Chaired by Odessa D. Dorkins and Co-chaired by George Johnston with a variety of personalities stemming from the league's board - staff and friends from the community.

Committee members are: Raymond Haysbert, Elnora Fullwood, Ernestine Jones, Gladys Hankins, Malcolm Potter, Marvin Jones, Regina Smith, Joyce Knox, Marie Givens, Lloyd Alston, Roger Lyons, Helen Barnes, Luddy Hayden, Lynda Sharp, Cleveland Brister, Gary Bowden, Tyrone Taborn, Rev. Bernard Keels, James Priest, MD, Florine Robinson and Ray Wallace.

Quest Artist

What better way to celebrate Black History month than with the grand opening of Baltimore's own professional dance and drama studio run by entrepreneurs and dedicated artists, Teri Joyner and Karen Kirkland.

On Saturday, February 17, 1990, "Quest Artist" cordially invite you to attend their grand opening reception between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Quest Artist will offer advanced training in dance, drama, theatrical and on-stage acting for children and adults. One step further in the world of dance, theatre and stage; "Quest Artist" will embrace the mind, the body and the soul.

Omega Mardi Gras

Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be hosting its Annual Mardi Gras and Costume Ball and Extravaganza at Martin's West on Saturday Evening, February 17, 1990 at 9 p.m.

The Gala will attract more than 1,200 individuals assisting Pi Omega to raise more than $10,000 to underwrite out Scholarship program designed to provide two $4,000 and two $500.00 awards to deserving high school students.

Persons will be judged for the most unique costumes with prizes given in the categories of best dressed individual, couple, and group.

Peabody student concert

The Columbia, Maryland Chapter of Links, Inc. will sponsor the African American Students of the Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland on Sunday, February 11, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the meeting house, Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia.

For further information: call Mrs. Sandra Gray after 5:00 p.m. on 301/992-6675.

Delta's Founder's Day

The Baltimore Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently held its 77th Founder's Day Celebration at The Forum. Chairperson for the event was Rosemary H. Atkinson. Co-Chairpersons were Carolyn W. Boston and Marian Davis-Foster.

Sub-Committee Chairpersons were Betty M. Bates, Beverly D. Boston, Jean Elsey, Ruthie M. Hall, Dolores A. handy, Lucia S. Hawthorne, Virginia C. Johns, Lillian B. Lansberry, Eugenia Mattison, Phyllis G. Nelson, Virginia Scott, M. Frances West, and Patsie Williams.

Other committee members were Miriam LaRance Barrett, Dorothy J. Barrick, Rhonda Bartee, Blanche Beckham, Eleanor Beverly, Jamari Bright, Michelle Conaway, Joan Y. Hall, Sara Howell, Gwendolyn A. Lindsay, Eleanor Matthews, Elizabeth Murphy Moss, and Elina Watty.

(Photo by Ray Gilbert)

77th Founder's Day Luncheon of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority had Jewel Jackson McCabe seated left, of New York as one of main panelists along with Congressman Kweisi Mfume (not shown). Right Soror Mae Wright Williams, past National President. Standing from (L) Ida Murphy Peters, daughter of co-founder, Vashti Turley Murphy; Sara Smalley, President Baltimore Alumnae; Christine Moore, Past Regional Director; Thelma Daley, Past National President; Atty. Georgia Goslee, panelist; Ruth Rosedom, awarded Vashti Turley Murphy Award - highest honor given Delta; Gwen Lindsay, First Vice President; Robin Mitchell, Diane Mitchell, co-chairman Trips and Tours; and Thea Mitchell.

Sara E. Smalley, president of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter said "On January 13, 1913, 22 outstanding and courageous young women met on the campus of Howard University and founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. This is 1990 and as we move "Toward's New Horizons' we can be proud of those young women who began an organization that would reach out into all parts of the globe and bring together strong college women who believe in a national program of concern and public service."

Vashti Turley Murphy was one of the original founders of Delta Sigma Theta 77 years ago. She moved to Baltimore in 1918, and later married Dr. Carl Murphy, publisher of the AFRO. In 1922, she established Epsilon Sigma, Baltimore's graduate chapter.

Also honored at the lunchen were Soror Ruth R. Rosedom, who received the Vashti Turley Murphy Award for outstanding service. Nahketah Baskerville Johnson, and Gloria Sturgis Stokes — both received the Founder's Day Service Award.

President Sara Smalley said "Delta Sigma Theta has always been on the "cutting edge" of helping with the resolution of societal problems. Our theme "Uniting With The African-American Male," provides another opportunity for Deltas to participate with others in addressing the issues relative to the African-American male. This continues our commitment to service.

(Photo by Ray Gilbert)

Marian Davis-Foster, Co-Chairperson; Rosemary Atkinson, Chairperson; Carolyn Boston, Co-Chairperson.

Prince Hall Shriners and Daughters of Isis

During their recent weekend conference, in Woodlawn, the Shriners and Daughters donated $1,000 to the relief of Black victims of Hurricane Hugo.

Emma Routh, Deputy of Desert of Maryfand, Daughters of Isis

Three hundred Maryland Shriners and Daughters met at the Ramada Inn to convene their annual Desert Conference. This was the largest Desert gathering ever held. Attending the conference were representatives from the 4 Shrine temples in Maryland: Jerusalem (Baltimore) Abulahab (Salisbury) Misr (Upper Marlboro) Anwar (Rockville).

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Edward D. Young, Deputy of the Desert of Maryland, and conference leader, told the AFRO that the Shriners are deeply committed to the support and guidance of Black youth.

Noble, William Janey, conference leader of the Youth Program workshop said that the Shrine sponsors a full youth program to include: scholarships, art, music, travel, precision drill competition and sports.

The youth program is open to all Maryland youth. The parents of youth members need not be Shriners or Daughters, Janey said. The youth program is supported by a triangle formed by the youth, the parents, and the Shrine.

Workshops were also held for line officer training, group supervision, patrol (marching units), voter registration and clown skills for adults and youth.

Edward D. Young, Deputy of the Desert of Maryland, Prince Hall Shriners.

The conference opened and closed with a religious service. The Sunday morning service was led by the Rev. Henry Turner who is a Shriner. Featured in the service was a beautiful solo by David Campbell, Rev. Turner's nephew.

Workshops for the Daughters ran concurrently with the Shriners. Deputy Young told the AFRO that the conference was informative, productive, and a good time was had by all. Young reminded all Shriners and Daughters to "Think Desert."

Irving C. Council, Potentate; Pat Matthews, Past Potentate; Ernest Brown, Chief Jester; Youth Clown Group, State of Maryland.

ENTERTAINMENT/ LIFESTYLE

LL Cool J roadies found innocent

MINNEAPOLIS — Two members of rap singer LL Cool J's entourage were found innocent Sunday of raping a 15-year-old girl after a concert in Bloomington last August.

The Hennepin County jury had deliberated since Friday in the first-degree criminal sexual assault case of singer David Parker, 26, and technician Gary Saunders, 27, both of New York.

A third defendant, bodyguard Christopher Tsipouras, 22, Union, N.J., was found guilty in an earlier trial and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The victim, now 16, testified that Parker and Saunders forced her to perform oral sex on them while six to 10 other men watched and encouraged the assault in a bathroom of a room in L'Hotel Sofitel.

The girl had won free concert tickets and backstage passes from a radio station and was lured to the hotel room with promises of meeting LL Cool J, who was not implicated in the attack.

Parker, in a taped conversation with police shortly after the attack, admitted to participating. But his attorney argued during the trial that the confession was scripted by police and that Parker was led to believe he would go free if he admitted his role.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA — Australian artist Brett-Livingston Strong unveiled his portrait of Michael Jackson entitled "The Book" as Jackson looked on. The painting has been sold to Hiromichi Saeki, president of PAX Corp., a Japanese trading and development company, for $2.1 million.

PEOPLE

Jackson diplomacy

Janet Jackson says the success of Paula Abdul, her former choreographer, hasn't hurt their friendship. But she does admit to a healthy rivalry with brother Michael Jackson. "When 'Thriller' came out, I was so nervous," Janet says of her brother's record-setting hit album. "It was so incredible. I was so happy for him, but it was like, "Why can't that be me?' That's what inspired me. I'd love to break any of his records. That would be great for me." Jackson, in the upcoming issue of Rolling Stone, says Abdul's hit records, which compete on the charts with her own, haven't eroded their relationship. "I'm really happy for the success that she's had," Jackson says. "She's a very ambitious girl and I know that's something she wanted deep down. We're all reaching for that same spot. I don't feel that we're really competitors. I guess because I know her and love her. She's more like a sister than a competitor."

Roundtree joins soaps

Richard Roundtree, the star of the "Shaft" movies, has joined the cast of the soap opera "Generations."

Rosey the Social Worker

Former football star Rosey Grier has been hired by San Diego County, Calif., a special assistant for social action programs. Grier, who followed up his 12-year NFL career with stints as an actor and author, will earn $50,000 a year working two to three days a week doing citizen outreach work. County Chief Administrator Officer Norman Hickey, who played football with Grier at Penn State University in the early 1950s, says Grier "has repeatedly demonstrated a unique capability to interface with virtually every facet of humanity, even those who have become splintered from society." The new bureaucrat's first assignment is the "New Beginnings" program aimed at improving services to needy youngsters and their families.

Benefits of Note

A Memphis, Tenn., church is putting on a benefit Friday night for Ben Cauley, the only survivor of the 1967 plan crash that killed soul singer Otis Redding and Cauley's band, the Bar-Kays. Cauley, 42, a trumpet player, has had two strokes and is unable to work, but will perform along with several other Memphis acts in the concert at the Mount Gilead Missionary Church . . . Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks will be honored Sunday at a 77th birthday at the Kennedy Center in Washington, Lou Rawls, Dionne Warwick, Melissa Manchester and the Neville Brothers are scheduled to entertain an expected 3,000 guests.

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