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Social Notes

By Paula Brooks
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Scholarship recipient

Donald Eric Hawkins

Donald Eric Hawkins, a 1989 graduate of Cardinal Gibbons High School was awarded a full scholarship to Williams and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va. 'Eric' is the son of Donald and Ireland Hawkins of halethorpe, Md. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Elkridge.

St. Agnes Awardee

Iantha Brown, R.N. received Vincentian award for caring service.

Iantha Brown, R.N., of Severn, has been named the July winner of the St. Agnes Hospital Vincentian Spirit Award. Mrs. Brown is a pediatrics nurse at St. Agnes.

The Vincentian Spirit Award is given to employees who exemplify the five core clause of the Daughters of Charity National Health System. The five principles are respect, quality service, simplicity, advocacy for the poor, and inventiveness to infinity.

Director of Staffing Phyllis O'Day cited Mrs. Brown's devotion and passion for her work as reasons for presenting her with the award. She also applauded Mrs. Brown for "administering a high quality of nursing care in five fields of maternal-child nursing." Mrs. Brown is one semester short of receiving her master's degree in health care administration. She has been at St. Agnes a year and a half.

Cloisters Go Global

The Cloisters Children's Museum is continuing its Go Global summerfest. West Africa is featured through the end of July. Storyteller Mary Carter Smith will be featured Thursday, the 27th at 10:00 A.M. On Sunday the 23rd at 2:00 P.M. storyteller Temujin will perform Tales From The Heart, and on Sunday the 30th the Nubian Dance League will perform. August will showcase China and the Soviet Union. Kids will love this opportunity to explore the world without ever leaving home! For further information call 823-2551.

African Family Festival

Sojourner-Douglass College will hold an African Family Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. There will be music, book sales, speakers, food and drinks, craft sales, childrens area, drama, contests, art and more. Vendors and entertainers welcome. Events will be outdoors and admission is free.

Phi Beta Sigma Crab Feast

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will hold their 75th Anniversary Crab Feast Spectacular on Sunday, July 30 from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at La Fontaine Bleu 7514 S. Ritchie Highway. The affair will benefit the Education Fund Project and will include wheels of fortune, door prizes, continuous music, and a 50/50 raffle.

A number of Sigma and Zeta dignitaries will be on hand for the festivities. The list includes, but is not limited to the following: PBS National President Moses C. McClendon; 20th National President, Dr. Parlett L. Moore, D.S.C. member; D.S.C. member, Dr. Guilbert A. Daley; National Director of Social Action, Marvin 'Doc' Cheatham;

Past National Director of Social Action, Clifton H. Felton; Regional Director, T. Harding Lacy, Jr.; Eastern Regional Secretary, Dr. Lawrence Miller; Eastern Regional Director of Social Action, Scherod C. Barnes; Md. and Del. area Deputy Director, Lloyd C. Morse, Jr.; D.C. Area Deputy Director, Eric Gilliam;

Zeta Phi Beta Atlantic Regional Director, Mary E. Fields; Alpha Zeta Basileus, Merlene Adair; Beta Zeta Basileus, Gwendolyn Brunson; Mu Xi Zeta Basileus, Pat Pickett; and sorority founder Myrtle Tyler Faithful.

NCCU Scholarship dance

The Baltimore Chapter of the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association is sponsoring a "Summer Breeze," an annual scholarship dance and fashion show. The affair will be held on August 18, from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. at the Middle Branch Park and Yacht Club, 3301 Waterview Ave.

A festive occasion is planned with dancing to the music of Lou Nixon, African fashions and accessories, light refreshments, and a chance to mingle and chat with alumnus and friends of NCCU. The proceeds will provide scholarships to youth from the Baltimore area.

Park integrators reunite

On July 11, 1948, members of the Baltimore Tennis Club and the Young Progressives of Maryland participated in an interracial tennis match in Druid Hill Park to publicly protest segregation in the Baltimore City park system. Twenty-two men and women were arrested; seven were convicted of conspiracy to commit a public disturbance.

To commemorate this historic event and to honor those brave individuals and the lawyer who represented them, a reception was held recently at the Baltimore City Life Museum's (BCLM) Peale Museum.

Druid Hill Park desegregators reunite at Peale Museum reception.

Hosted by the BCLM, the Baltimore Urban League, the Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Citizens for Black History Exhibits, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Citizens for Black History Exhibits, this special event was offered in conjunction with the BCLM's exhibit, "The Play Life of a City: Baltimore's Recreation and Parks, 1900-1950."

On view at the Peale through Dec. 31, the show illustrates through stunning life-size enlargements of vintage photographs and a selection of artifacts, the development of recreation in the city and the struggle of black Baltimoreans for equal access to park facilities.

Chimes dedication reception

The Chimes, Inc. recently hosted a champagne reception to dedicate their new administrative, vocational and clinical facility. Since 1947, The Chimes has been providing educational services as well as residential programs and vocational training to help Marylanders with mental retardation and other handicaps develop to their fullest potential.

Approximately 400 guests including City, County, and State politicos, Chimes clients and families and supporters of the non-profit program celebrated the opening together. Music by Moon August added to the festivities.

A plaque honoring major donors of the new Chimes facility was unveiled at the dedication ceremony by Chimes prexy, Terry Perl and board member Westley B. Johnson and Alice Hall.

After presentations by County Executive Dennis Rasmussen, Councilwoman Rikki Spector, Councilman Melvin Mintz, Senator Paula Hollinger and Lt. Governor Melvin Steinberg, a ribbon was cut to symbolize the opening of the center.

Over 500 Marylanders with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities are served by The Chimes.

Moles 39th Annual conclave

Richmond, Virginia was the scene of the 39th annual conclave of The Moles, a national group of 26 chapters of women located across thirteen states and the District of Columbia. The Petersburg Chapter was the hostess for the recent weekend of business, fun, and festivities, where more than 700 Moles and Mules (husbands) enjoyed themselves.

The Moles present check to Petersburg Symphony Orchestra. Left to right, Mrs. F. Nathaniel Gatlin, Mole Mrs. Gladys B. Holland, Mole Dr. Pennie E. Perry, Dr. Edgar A. Toppin, president of board of directors of the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, and Mole Dr. Marianna W. Davis.

Beginning on Thursday, the National Board of Directors met, with the Portsmouth, Virginia Chapter serving as hostess. Delegates from all chapters discussed and handled the business of the organization prior to the convening of the Conclave Delegation for its business on Saturday, June 24. Presiding at the Board Meeting was Mole Margaret F. Nelson of Washington, D.C. The local Board Delegates were: Audrey W. Pearson, Columbia and Nancy Barrick, Baltimore.

Under the theme, "Time Out For Love," the Petersburg Moles produced a three-day affair, with a supporting cast of sixteen Moles and ten Mules, as the husbands are called. The Moles and The Mules began the show with Act I on Friday with a First Performance titled "Hawaiian Luau" in the Grand Ballroom of The Marriott Hotel in downtown Richmond. The Hawaiian troupe came from Virginia Beach to entertain until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday was a day filled with three scenes of Act II. Following conclave registration that began on Friday, the business meeting was held under the direction of Dr. Pennie E. Perry, National President. The business meeting was handled with the delegation which included the Board delegates, the Conclave delegates, and the national officers. The local Conclave delegates were: Juanita C. Hall, Columbia and Helena Hairston, Baltimore.

The annual luncheon was held in Salons 1-5 at the Marriott. The highlight for this event was the presentation of $1,500 to the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra. Receiving the check was Dr. Edgar Toppin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the symphony. Dr. Toppin is also the Dean of Graduate Studies at Virginia State College. Also in attendance for this event was Mrs. F. Nathaniel Gatlin, widow of the late Dr. F. Nathaniel Gatlin, founder of the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra.

Among those appearing on program at the luncheon were The Honorable Florence S. Farley, Mayor of Petersburg; The Honorable Claudette B. McDaniel, Vice Mayor of Richmond, and the Select String Ensemble of the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Ulyssee Kirksey, conductor.

While the Moles were being entertained at their annual luncheon, the Mules were being entertained at the Richmond Civic Center, with food, fun, and festivities.

On Saturday night, the conclave was properly entertained at the annual dinner/dance in the Capital Ballroom at the Marriott. Music was furnished by John "Chops" Turner and his orchestra.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

By Marjorie Green

Dunbar Class Of 1959 Commemorates 30th Year

Members of the 1959 February and June graduating classes of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School recently held a reunion Dinner/Dance at The Forum to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of their graduation.

Former Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, an East Baltimorean, who began his rise to political prominence as a shower attendant at Dunbar High, was the keynote speaker.

The buffet dinner dance, attended by approximately 100 members of the 1959 classes, was planned and organized by a 22-member steering committee headed by Lutricia Bridgeforth-Madison, George Stanley, Reeta Buie, Ruth Lashley, Milton Solomon, James Buie, Jessie McKinnon-Nelson and John Stanley who set the tone for the evening with theme references to the "Survivors" in his welcoming speech.

"It has been 30 years, almost to the day since we embarked on the Grand Adventure of Life. I deliberately called you "Survivors" now just what did I mean? We were born at the beginning of World War II, we grew up through the Korean war, we served in the Vietnamese war; and yet, We've Survived Them All."

His greeting ended with, "In our youth, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was for mowing, COKE was a soda, you cooked things in a POT, and AIDS helped the teacher in the classroom.

"We were certainly NOT before the differences in the sexes was DISCOVERED, but we were surely before the SEX CHANGE! WE MADE DO WITH WHAT WE HAD, and we may have been the last generation naive enough to think that you needed a HUSBAND to have a BABY! No wonder we are so confused and there is a GENERATION GAP! BUT WE SURVIVED. What better reason to celebrate?" he asked.

Highlights of the evening were the buffet laden with goodies, a series of skits that included fond reflections of incidents involving favorite teachers; the awarding of two $750 scholarships to deserving students of the Dunbar Class of 1989 and the presentation of a $1,000 grant to the Dunbar Alumni Association which was received by Ms. Blonchette "Cookie" Britt.

Red silk flowers were used to distinguished the class members from other guests; The women wore red rose corsages and the men sported red carnations.

According to several guests, the class was very innovative in developing a yearbook which included pictures of dozens of Class of '59 students as they are today. Each picture carried a short biographical sketch. The yearbook was developed by Lutricia Bridgeforth-Madison, John and George Stanley, Freida Morton and Mary Howard.

Other Class of '59 students in attendance at the affair included: Mary Howard, Carolyn Henson, Rhoda Hill, Jean Elsey, Mary Johnson, Wade Young, Daisie Scott, Varnell Britt, Roberta Smith, Essie Savage, Sallie Mitchell, Audrey Parker, Patricia Tuggle, Joseph Williams, George McAlily, Corinthia Curbeam, Norma Ferguson, Mae Cumberbatch, Gerald White, Fred Benford, George Benjamin. Sylvia Wooten;

Franklin Showell, Oather Jones, Donald Parker, Ronald Powell, Patricia Pickens, Russell Camper, Sandra Braxton, Mary Phillips, Edith Brandt, Barbara Waller, Minglin Cheatom, Eddie Lightner, Amariah Johnson, Leslie Rowlette, Rosetta Gainey, Bertha Noel, John Glover, Louise Keating, Reginald Diggs, Janice Johnson. Dorothy Clowney, Doris Duncan, Roosevelt Smith, James Crafton, Charles Crafton, Gloria Kelly, Cathleen Wade, Louise Branch;

Ruth Perry, James Mayo, Sarah Colbert, Sara Lyles, Elaine Lynch, Alois Lang, Shirley Rodgers, Eva Knights, Jean Sturgis, Thelma Black, Deborah Moore, Adina Carter, Billy Johnson, Tillie White, Ella Foster, Granville Collins, Christine Wright, and Claudia Waters.

In addition to the dinner dance, the class also sponsored an Oldies But Goodies dance in April, a crabfest and a Vesper Service in June. The Vesper Service held at the First Apostolic Faith Church was especially meaningful for the class because their first vesper service was held in the same church 30 years ago. The present Bishop, Rev. Cornelius Showell, is also a June 1959 graduate of Dunbar High School.

Palmer-Palmer retirement

Dual Retirement Ceremonies and Festivities were held for Juanita Brooks Palmer and Dr. Warren Donnell Palmer, recently at Helen Stough Elementary School and at the home of Dr. E. B. Palmer, 119 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh, N.C., respectively.

Juanita, a teacher of 33 years in South Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh, N.C., and Warren, a Toledo, Ohio Optometrist of 34 years, were "Roasted, boasted, and toasted" in a one and one half hour ceremony presided over by Juanita's personal friend, Mistress of Ceremonies, Wanda J. Garrett, a member of the N.C. State Board of Paroles and former producer and hostess of "Black Unlimited," Channel 11, WTVD, Durham, N.C., and Master of Ceremonies, Edward T. Stewart, Executive Director, UDI Community Development Corporation, Durham, N.C., a friend and high school constituent of Warren.

Following a "Special Salute" and "Greetings" from the Mayor and the City of Raleigh, extended by the Honorable Ralph Campbell, a member of the Raleigh City Council, the ceremonies were opened with a musical prayer solo by Thensia Bailey, a Broughton High School Senior.

"The Past Comes to Life" was made real by the appearance of John Harrell, Juanita's first principal at Gibbs Elementary School, Florence, S.C., her high school alumnus of Allendale High, Allendale, S.C., Bernard Allen, Political Lobbyist, N. C. Association of Educators, Raleigh, and Attorney Nathan Garrett, CPA, High School, Durham. Robert McAdams, School of Business, N.C. Central University, represented the community and boyhood friendship to Dr. Palmer.

In the "Another Town — The Past Continues" section of the program, Elsie Nunn, retired educator of Estes Hill School, and Woody Edmonds, principal of Culbreth Elementary School, former principal of Frank Potter Graham School, both former coworkers of Mrs. Palmer in Chapel Hill, brought fond memories of Juanita as the first black teacher to desegregate the Chapel Hill School System.

The honorees were truly roasted by the appearance of two past special guests: Dr. Palmer's life-time high school and college classmate (Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.), Juanita Branch Clemons, who told of his great football career at Morgan as "Tank Palmer" and his "Blinders - on - Courtship" (one girl only - Laura Ann), whom he married 38 years ago.

Cliff Edwards, Juanita's sixth principal and first mentor in Raleigh, presented his ex-teacher in a narrative poetic fashion as "We - Need - A - Juanita" and her husband, E. B., as "Everything Bad," who later in the Sonnet, because of love, changed to a nicer person, "Lower Case - e.b."

In the Toasting Section — "and On Into The Present And Future," Jack Nance, Juanita's seventh and current principal humorized one of her past student cases showing how Juanita did an excellent job of teaching, but still had not mastered the "correct fundamentals of Sex Education," according to the responses of a couple of her first grade boys.

Dr. Charles Holland, Raleigh Optometrist, member of the Board of Education, Raleigh - Wake Co. School System, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, N.C. Central University, inducted Dr. Palmer into the "State of Retirement" on behalf of his professional colleagues as a pioneer in the integration of the profession in Toledo. Dr. Palmer was also the first Black to serve as president of the Toledo Optometric Organization.

The ceremonies were finalized by the presentation of gifts to the honorees. Dr. Palmer received Deep Sea Fishing equipment to serve him upon his return to North Carolina. Mrs. Margo Harris presented a Pewter Mug to Mrs. Palmer, inscribed by the Faculty of Estes Hill School.

The event was climaxed when Dr. E. B. Palmer presented his wife with a multiple choice gift: (1) an envelope containing a check for up to $4,000 for a Mink Coat Only; (2) the option on the purchase of rental property to supplement her retirement income, and/or; (3) a gift wrapped box (contents undisclosed). He gave her until September to make her selection.

Music for the Retirement Celebration was coordinated by Mrs. Linda Bailey of Carnage School with Master Gabriel Briley, a junior at Fuquay - Varina High School, rendering three solos. Chamber music was furnished by Tamara Bailey, Violin and Taunya Bailey, Flute, twins, both 7th graders at Carnage Middle School.

The Celebration's festivities and reception were held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Palmer, 119 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh, where more than 265 persons wined and dined on five turkeys (cooked four ways — chopped barbecued, smoked by David Simmons; sliced barbecued, prepared by E. B. Palmer; and baked by Primrose Jackson);

Juanita Brooks Palmer retired educator.

Two Barbecued Pigs (picking style and chopped, prepared by William Bass); grilled and barbecued chicken, fish fry, hush puppies, hamburgers and hot dogs, savannah rice, potatoe salad, tossed salad, peach cobbler, apple cobbler, cakes, pies, and special double chocolate chip cookies prepared by E. B. Palmer.

Guests at the Reception and Festivities toured the "C. M. Palmer Nature Trail" and the "Rev. Manner Brooks Memorial Gardens," bowled, played schuffle board, putt putt golf, horseshoes, badminton, cards, volley ball, conversed, went swimming, and danced.

Ms. Jeanette Terrell prepared the joint "Retirement - Anniversary" two tier cake.

On Friday evening, preceding the Retirement Celebration, Dr. and Mrs. Warren Palmer were showered with a 38th Anniversary Dinner in the Governor's Room of the Capitol City Club located on the top floor of the CP&L Building (Raleigh's tallest building). The anniversary party was led by Edward and Eunice Stewart of Durham and consisted of William and Ruth Tonkins of Baltimore, Dr. E. B. and Juanita Palmer, Raleigh, and the honorees. Live music was furnished by The Bill Walton Trio.

Coordinators for the two day affair were: Marie Black, Estill, S.C.; Ruth Tonkins, Baltimore, Md.; Laura Palmer, Toledo, Ohio; Jack Nance, Raleigh, NC; Primrose Jackson, Raleigh, NC; Jeanette Terrell, Raleigh, NC: Joyce Rose, Raleigh, NC; and Billie Watson, Raleigh, NC.

Twilah Says: What every parent should know about drugs

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What every **Parent** should know about Drugs.

The problem of drug abuse in the United States is a national crisis and the problem is **still growing.**

It sort of seems to me young people often know more about drugs than their parents and teachers. Now the teenager who doesn't know where he can find illegal drugs, especially marijuana, is a rarity.

I've done a little research and I am sharing these few suggestions with my AFRO friends?:

1. How can I help my child or children avoid drug abuse? It's so simple.

a. **Communicate** openly with your children. Be interested and involved in their activities. Talk **frankly** and **above** all listen when they talk.

b. **Learn** what your child is doing — who his or her friends are.

c. **Teach** your child that stress of daily life normally can be handled without drugs.

d. **Set the example** by not abusing alcohol and drugs yourself. Your child could not be expected to listen to drug warnings if cocktails, cigarettes, and unwarranted medication are part of your daily life.

e. **Keep track** of medical drugs in your home. Take as directed and please, **above all** destroy leftovers.

f. **Know the facts** about drugs. Your child may know a great deal about them, more than you or I, but let's try to be ahead of them. You know they do claim or act like they know more about street actions than us, but let's get educated and show them up. Remember scare tactics based on half-truths will not be effective.

g. Let's make a choice and take firm actions and take a **stand today** and check out these tips and facts.

Parents, AFRO readers and all my friends, let's set the pace, be a good example, keep track of your child's activities, and know the facts and the symptoms of **drug abuse** and its **dangers. Let's get talk**ative and create psychological dependence on us. We can win if we get closer and stick together. Know about your child, your children. Let's go beyond and get the facts.

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