NAACP committee sets special activities

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES for the NAACP 1976 Membership Drive will be coordinated by (left) John Wood and (right) Joel Newton. They are shown in this AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyer with Ms. Michele Bland, Membership Drive chairperson.

Theater parties and jazz concerts are just two of the ideas currently swimming around in the heads of Joel Newton and John Wood as they coordinate activities for the NAACP 1976 Membership Drive.

In keeping with current revitalization plans, the team hopes to "carry out the dictates of the committee" with events that appeal to the young and old alike.

They are heads of the Special Activities Committee whose responsibility it is to suggest activites to community organizations and then assist such groups in the promotion and proceedings of the events.

They are specifically responsible for organizing and carrying out special events under the auspices of the NAACP itself.

Both Newton and Wood are familiar with the workings and purposes of the NAACP, being members of the Baltimore Guardamen and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Both organizations have lifetime memberships.

This is the first venture for each as committee heads in the NAACP, but they have worked together for a number of years on other activities.

Newton and Wood intend to accomplish much in their new positions, for they are confident in their ability to work together and, as they stated, "We believe in the NAACP."

School population down this year

By Clarence W. Hunter

Baltimore school system, ranked the 10th largest in the nation begins its 1976-77 school year Sept. 7 with an estimated 160,000 to 165,000 pupils answering the first bell.

According to school officials, the estimated 160,000 to 165,000 population is a decline over the more than 171,000 enrolled in the 1975-76 school year.

Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent, and other school officials feel the main reason for the drop of population is unhappiness with the desegregation plan the Department of Education has implemented.

According to some officials, many parents took their children out of school and put them in private Catholic schools.

However, despite the decline, officials worked hard all summer to bring the system up to, according to some, "the prestige it once cherished."

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Dr. Crew, in a recent interview, said he expects a good year. He has an operating budget of roughly under $277.7 million and has streamlined the nine regions and his own administrative staff.

When he announced June 30 he was dropping Region 1, he stated its elimination would place about 20,000 pupils in each remaining region and eliminated about 54 positions. He said that making the move would save about $1 million in funds.

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The enrollment average in the school system today is approximately 74 per cent non white to 26 per cent white. Education personnel are also predominately non white ranging from 54 per cent in the central offices to 71 per cent on the elementary school Level.

In terms of realigning his administrative staff, Dr. Crew reassigned the four executive directors of the different areas of education to the Bureau of Education and gave them them the title of assistant superintendent.

He appointed Lewis Richardson, Region 6 superintendent, as deputy superintendent of management services replacing Dr. N. Nuebert Jaffa who retired at the close of the last school year.

Dr. Crew also appointed Dr. John G. Gist to the position of deputy superintendent of public instruction, replacing Dr. Paul Vance who resigned his position as deputy superintendent of executive matters this summer. The post he held is being eliminated.

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This school year Dr. Crew is faced with the task of continuing to improve the instructional program. This is something he strongly believes in.

"I have no hesitation in saying that the instructional program is the true reason for being of the public school," Dr. Crew once wrote in a recent article. "I also have no hesitation is saying that we must strive for a balanced approach to the instruction program."

According to Crew, during the last school year the system has pursued the strengthening of the instructional program by "refining the organizational structure and operational procedures."

In order to realize the goal the system laid 11 accompanying objectives.

They are: 1. Improve achievement levels in reading, writing, and mathematics.

2. Continue to develop programs which elicit improved student adjustment behaviors.

3. Improve the quality and increase the frequency of communication.

4. Build improved internal and external human relationships.

5. Improve the quality and extent of community contact and participation.

6. Re-examine and redevelop support services to ensure that they enhance the education processes.

7. Decrease the time required to obtain services

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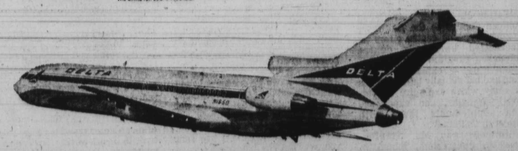

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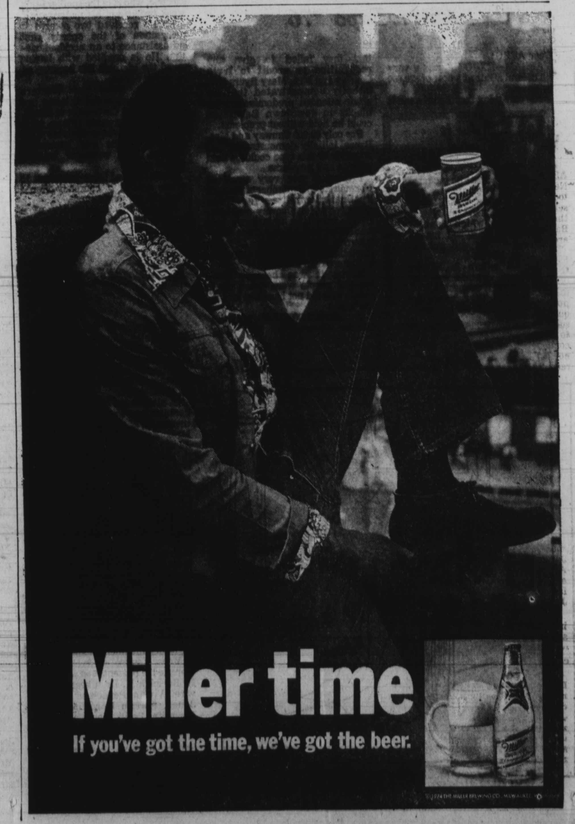

Miller time

If you've got the time, we've got the beer.

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(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips)

The Baltimore Adult and Youth Chapters of the National Association of Fashion and Accessry Designers walked away with ten trophies when they attended the national convention of the organization in Philadelphia last month. In panel one, model, Renaud wears a design by Catherine Wooten of Carsell Fashion Salon which won first place in the Men's Wear Category. Second panel is model and designer, Teresa Smith, a 12th grader at Forest Park High School who won the second place trophy for Workmanship and Design for her striped double knit dress worked with chevrons. In third panel is Linda Brown, 21-year-old former student of the Maryland Institute who will be attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in the fall. Linda won the fourth place trophy for Creativity when she displayed this two-piece suit of loose weave tweed with brown background and a color blend of orange, aqua and mulberry. The fourth panel shows model, Panetha Williams displaying a design by Gwendolyn Biddle. This evening gown won the first place trophy for Evening Wear.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips)

Catherine Wooten and Selena Thomas won the third place trophy for Suit Ensembles at the NAFAD Convention with this dress which had matching raincoat. Model, Panthea Williams displays the navy dress made of jersey quiana with tucked neckline and hipline.

NAFAD seek members; wins ten trophies

By Michele L. McRae
Reflections Staff Writer

Do you have a creative designing or sewing talent that you want to pursue?

Having trouble trying to find someone to help you? Well, help is on the way!

The Baltimore chapters of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers are seeking members for their adult and junior chapters.

Persons who are seriously interested in careers in the fashion industry should seek further information by calling: 383-1160 or 728-1011.

And what better chapters could you affiliate with?

The Baltimore chapters of NAFAD recently attended their national convention in Philadelphia and walked away with ten trophies for their creative designs and abilities.

Founded in 1949 the organization was created to foster the development of blacks in the field of fashion through scholarships, training, exposure and influence.

With more than 500 members, NAFAD moves to acquaint its members and others in the black community with the market potentials in designing, manufacturing and retailing of fashion merchandise, while aiding them in securing wider distribution of their product.

Under the leadership of Nell Sheridan, the adult chapter members participate in many fashion shows in and around the Baltimore area.

Members of the adult chapter include:

Kenneth Carter, vice president; Selena Thomas, secretary; Catherine Wooten, treasurer; Jackie Britton, historian; Dale Griffin, reporter; Tony Dorsey, Renee Grey, Christy Brown, Gwendolyn Biddle and Mr. Comagey.

The junior chapter of NAFAD is advised by Gwen Biddle and headed by president, Michele Johnson.

Other members include: Janice Young, vice president; Marilyn Clark, secretary; Stephanie Wrighton, assistant secretary; Blandona Fletcher, treasurer; Linda Brown, Joanie David, Roslyn Ford, Yasmine Ford, Velisa Norman, Bernita Robinson, Natalie Smith, Teresa Smith and Joyce Wilson.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips)

Model and designer, Janice Young won third place in the Clothing Construction category at the NAFAD Convention. Her dress is made of imported wool knit from Italy with navy background and print design.

Entry Blank

My choice for the 1976 AFRO-Greyhound Woman of the Year is:
Name:
Address:
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Reasons:
(If additional space is needed for reasons, please attach sheet of paper).

Mail this blank to: Woman of the Year, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Woman of the Year

BALTIMORE — THE AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers announced today a contest aimed at selecting a 1976 Woman of the Year for the Baltimore metropolitan area.

The awards contest was the outgrowth of an idea that there are undoubtedly many women in the Baltimore, area who possess outstanding qualities and have made substantial contributions to various aspects of community life but have not achieved public recognition.

And who is better qualified to find this outstanding person than our readers?

Within this issue and the next four issues of the AFRO you will find detailed instructions and an entry blank for you to vote for the woman of your choice as Woman of the Year.

The contest is sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers in cooperation with Greyhound Lines, Inc. The winner will be honored at a Woman of the Year Luncheon September 25, 1976.

Joe Black, vice president - special markets, the Greyhound Corporation, or Chuck Smith, assistant to the vice president-special markets, The Greyhound Corporation, or Carole Thompson, manager, community relations-special markets, will serve as toastmaster of the event.

Your next door neighbor, friend, sister, daughter, aunt, or mother may be the winner in the Woman of the Year Program. You, the reader, must decide what are the qualities such a woman must possess. She must be outstanding, obviously, with accomplishments in some worthy phase of community activity.

Readers may explain their reasons for their personal nominations in space provided on the ballot on this page. If additional space is required, readers may attach the information on a separate piece of paper.

How will the selection for the 1976 Baltimore Woman of the Year be made? — The AFRO has selected a blue-ribbon committee of judges to choose the ultimate winner from the nominations in the hundreds of ballots that are submitted. The other finalists besides the eventual winner will be honored at the luncheon.

The 1976 AFRO-AMERICAN - Greyhound Woman of the Year and her two Court of Honor attendants will receive Paul Revere Silver Bowls to be presented by the Messrs. Black or Smith or Ms. Carole Thompson on behalf of The Greyhound Corporation, and the AFRO. The AFRO urges early voting and reports there is no restriction on

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Speaking of women...
(A look at what black women are doing locally.)

By Michele L. McRae
Reflections Staff Writer

The shy and very modest, Miss Ann Alease Jerkins walked into the AFRO office a few weeks ago escorted by her father, Dr. Kenneth P. Jerkins.

Just after the formal introductions this writer said to Miss Jerkins, "Your father recently called the Reflections Department and told us he'd like a story written about his daughter who is great in her own right. Tell me about yourself, Ann."

"There's nothing much to tell. I don't know why my father even wanted this done," Miss Jerkins said very modestly.

At this moment this writer determined that Miss Jerkins was rather shy and therefore had to be plagued with questions in order to assure she would get some answers.

And with only the first question a beautiful story was uncovered of a young woman bound toward success.

Miss Jerkins, an 18-year-old sophomore at the University of Maryland, College Park is a biochemistry major with a 3.8 accumulative average.

A member of the Minority Pre-Professional Society, Miss Jerkins was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta honor Society during her freshman year.

How did Miss Jerkins ever choose bio-chemistry as a major?

"I was always interested in science and had both chemistry and biology in high school. I really enjoyed chemistry and decided I wanted to stick with it," says Miss Jerkins who hopes to become either a successful physician or a research biochemist.

Miss Jerkins was educated in the Baltimore Public Schools and graduated from Western High School, where she was ranked among the top twenty of a graduating class of 625.

Miss Jerkins has served as a volunteer in programs sponsored by the American Red Cross at Rosewood State Hospital and at the Montebello Rehabilitation Center. In addition, she has also served as a volunteer instructor in the Hopkins Tutorial Project.

When asked what advice she would give to other students interested in becoming bio-chemistry majors, Miss Jerkins said, "Have some type of exposure to chemistry before making a decision about it. It would be wise to talk to a teacher or counselor. You have to study regularly and stick with it. You must be determined."

Do you know a dynamic woman — an outstanding community leader, church worker, businesswoman, mother, club woman — who is great in her own right? The AFRO wants to know about her. Send a brief biographical sketch and black and white glossy picture (or we can arrange to take a photo of her) to: Speaking of Women, c-o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. Sorry, pictures can not be returned.

(Photo by Norma Spencer)

Ann Alease Jerkins

Community calendar

Aug. 21
Miss Teenage Baltimore Pageant semi-finals, Franklin Senior High School, Reisterstown, 8 p.m.

Aug. 21
Wedding of Miss Andrewette Nance to John Davis, Mt. Hope Baptist Church, 1 p.m.

Wedding of Joyce Howell, Wayland Baptist Church Chapel, 3:30 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Maria McMurrin and Clifton Alexander Turner Jr., Gillis Memorial Church, 1 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Josephine Bloomfield and Carl Scruggs, Refuge Temple Church of God in Christ, 5015 Gwynn Oak Ave., 3 p.m.

Aug. 22
Lewin United Methodist Church in Calvert County; buses leave 4820 Reisterstown Rd. at 12:30 p.m. The Rev. James. H. Smith, pastor.

Trip to Hershey Park, Pa. Buses leave Mondawmin Shopping Center, 8 a.m. Sponsored by Mrs. Beulah Murray and Mrs. Geraldine Johnson. Call 669-1176, 225-7118 or 355-8115.

Aug. 28
Wedding of Miss Karen Palmer and Bernard Foster, Central Church of Christ, 4301 Woodridge Rd.

Aug. 28
The Church of Saint Gregory the Great, Women's Day Committee sponsors a crab feast and disco dance, 6 p.m. - midnight, 1542 N. Gilmor St. Call 523-0061.

Aug. 29
Johnson-Hamilton Family Reunion, Cade Memorial Armory (Winchester Armory), noon.

Sept. 4
Wedding of Miss Sharon R. Harris and Corjuan C. Cooper, St. Timothy's Christian Baptist Church, 3 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Lavone Staples and Raymond Franklin Ellis, Faith Baptist Church, Bond and Ashland Ave., 3 p.m.

Sept. 4
The Senior Usher Board of Concord Baptist Church sponsors their annual Luncheon-Fashion Show at the Hilton Inn, Reisterstown Rd., 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Julia Dalton and Delores McKinley, chairpersons.

Sept. 5
Fashion Show and Breakfast, Odell's, North Avenue, 10 p.m.-6 a.m.

Sept. 5
Homecoming Service of Bethel AME Church of Church Hill, Md. Special service at 4 p.m. with the Rev. N.E. Blackton of Ganonsville, Md., his choir and congregation. The Rev. Arthur A. Mitchell, pastor.

Aberdeen Alumni of Kappa Psi Fraternity holds Boat Ride on the Port Welcome, 8 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds to benefit scholarship Fund. Call: Tom Dixon, Joppatowne, 679-9742 or Margaret Boone, Bel Air 879-4794.

Sept. 12
The Deacon Board of the Knox United Presbyterian Church will celebrate their anniversary. The Rev. Willie Wood of Trinity AME Church will deliver the sermon. The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver, pastor, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18
Tri-State Association of I.B.P.O.E. of W. Inc., Md., Del. and D.C. sponsor a bullroast in Houston, Del. Call 624-4794.

Wedding of Ms. Genevieve Davis and Faustino Poquez, Mount Hope Bape Baptist Church, 2 p.m.

Sept. 25-26
Love Knots sponsor trip to New York City to see Broadway musical, "The Wiz." Call: Cynthia Spence, 669-7053 or Norma Smith, 728-7714.

Sept. 26-Oct. 3
Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107 and Temple No. 761, IBPO Elks of the World celebrate 33rd anniversary, Ebenezer AME Church; 3 p.m. Gala Street demonstration. Week long open house. Call 624-4794

Sept. 26
East Baltimore Deliverance Center holds Fashion Show and Tea, 1001-05 N. Caroline St. Benefit for the Women's Day; the Rev. Phillips, pastor. Call 276-6478.

Sept. 26
The Men of Knox United Presbyterian Church will present the Cornelius Thomas Chorale at Holiday Inn North, 5 p.m. Call 276-6786 for further information.

Sept. 28-Oct. 1
Don De Grate and the De Grate Singers in Revival, East Baltimore Deliverance Center, 1001-05 North Caroline St., 7:30 nightly.

Oct. 14-16
East Baltimore Deliverance Center sponsors trip to Florida and Disney land. Call: 563-2818.

Oct. 17
The Women's Day Committee of St. Peter Claver Church go to Cherry Hill, N.J. for dinner and a show. Buses leave noon. Call 669-0512 or 523-9856 for information.

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