William Lemmel honor students

HONOR STUDENTS — Induction ceremonies were held recently at William H. Lemmel Junior High School for the Houston R. Jackson National Junior Honor Society. Members of the society are Michael Alston, Rosalin Anthony, Tammy Brown, David Dorsey, Andre Douglass, Cynthia Eames, Antoinette Gatewood, Donald Glover, Terry Henderson, Tracey Jackson, Edwin Lane, Rhonda Lang, Colleen Mason, Jackie Nesmith, Susan Parham, Karen Rogers, Terrie Ross, George Satchell, Maria Spicer, Charlotte Thorne, Phyllis Washington and Homer Williams. Sponsors of the program are Mrs. Ovella Queen, advisor; Mrs. Leona Carpenter, William Dixon, Mrs. Grace Gaskins.

Roberts guilty in murder of his friend's wife

A Baltimore Criminal Court jury handed down a curious split decision of guilt and innocence in the case of a 36 - year - old man who is charged with raping, robbing and killing the wife of a friend.

Claiborne E. Roberts Jr., was convicted of the first degree murder on May 21 of Mrs. Claudia Harris but was found not guilty of robbing and raping her. He will be sentenced after Judge Basil A. Thomas receives the pre - sentence report.

Roberts was found to have killed Mrs. Harris, 28 on Feb. 28, 1977 in her Pentridge Road home. The unemployed roofer, who lived in the 5200 block Pembroke Ave., had been released from the Maryland House of Correction shortly before he killed Mrs. Harris, who was a part - time model.

According to Assistant State's Attorney William J. Giuffre, Roberts had been to the victim's house around 7 a.m. the day she was killed, for a visit with her husband, Gerard Harris. When Harris left for work, Roberts also left with him.

However, evidence showed that he returned to the victim's home. Around 8 a.m., Feb. 28, 1977, the victim called her mother and said she had been raped and robbed and was dying.

Court records state Mrs. Harris was found in bed in her Pentridge Road home with one hand tied to a bedpost with a nylon stocking and a knife with a foot - long blade embedded in her abdomen.

Missing from a nightstand drawer was about $1,180. Mrs. Harris was able to tell police who arrived on the scene that Roberts had raped, robbed and stabbed her. She was also able to repeat what had happened to her when she was taken to the hospital.

Court records show there was no forced entry to the victim's home. Roberts was arrested by police several hours later when an officer observed the victim's husband and Roberts fighting on the street in the 5000 block of Pembroke Rd.

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OUR WORLD —Pacesetters, Coming Events,

ACT-SO program honors outstanding students

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

Nothing can be more rewarding than watching youth grow and achieve. Even more rewarding is the fact that someone recognizes and rewards their growth and achievement.

Such was the case on Monday, May 21, when the NAACP's ACT - SO program at Coppin State College so beautifully recognized the achievement of the youth of Baltimore.

ACT - SO (Afro - Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics), sponsored by the NAACP, is designed to motivate, encourage and support young people who are talented and excell academically. It was originally the brain child of Benjamin Hooks, the NAACP's national executive director.

On Monday night in Coppin's James Weldon Johnson Auditorium Baltimore's youth were honored for outstanding achievement in drama, creative writing, music, art, science, social science and the dance.

First place winners received gold medals. Second place winners received silver trophies and third place winners received bronze trophies.

Winners came from elementary, junior and senior high divison of the school system.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Isaiah C. Fletcher.

In addition to the bestowing of ACT - SO awards, the occasion served as a showcase for talented youth of Baltimore.

There were renditions by youthful dance groups, vocal selections by youthful soloists and choral ensembles, dramatic readings and renditions by youthful dramatists and instrumental groups.

Giving special remarks of inspiration, commendation and encouragement to the young people were: Dr. Calvin Burnett, president of Coppin State; Earl Jones, assistant superintendent for administration, (representing Dr. John Crew and Oprah Winfrey of WJZ - TV.

Special guest speaker was Vernon Jarrett, national chairperson, National NAACP ACT - SO and columnist for the Chicago Tribune).

Remarks of encouragement and gratitude were given by Dr. Cathy Pope Smith, chairperson, NAACP - ACT-SO committee.

Winners of gold medals for achievements at the elementary level were: Charlotte Bynum (School 102) for dance, Debra Hines for essay, Rodney Green for drama, Vivian Hussey for short - story writing, Doxie Nicholson (School 54) for instrumental music, Tracey Hawkins for poetry, Tracey Edmonds (School 102) for painting - drawing and Michele Thornton for achievement in the sciences.

Winners of gold medals and 1979 ACT - SO finalists in the junior high division were: James Anderson (Dunbar Junior - Senior High) for Drama, Sherree Bryant (Lombard Junior High) for painting - drawing, and Edison Booker (Harlem Park Junior High) for sculpture.

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ELEMENTARY WINNERS — The following students won awards in the elementary school decision at the NAACP's ACT-SO ceremony held at Coppin State College. Shown are (first row, L to R): Rodney Green, Vivian Hussey; (second row, L to R): Tracey Hawkins, Charlotte Bynum, Michelle Thornton, Tracy Edmond and Deborah Harris.

RSVP with Marie

Lawyers' Wives hold luncheon

By Marie Phillips Braxton

Two young men enrolled in the law and justice pilot program at Lake Clifton High School were featured when the Lawyers' Wives of Baltimore held their Founders' Day luncheon on Sunday afternoon at the Belvedere.

Antonio Beasley and Leonard Washington were the students who participated in a forum discussion, led by Jennifer Banks, director of the law and justice courses, who was responsible for initiating the city schools' only such program at Lake Clifton, now as part of the social studies curriculum.

The students told the audience, composed mainly of lawyers' wives, attorneys and judges and their friends, that their enrollment in the course had inspired them to aspire for college and a career in law.

Both are student leaders at Lake Clifton and credited the information gleaned in the course with providing them with new insights about the law.

Both described how they had helped to influence fellow students initiating a student court and helping to rewrite the students' rights handbook. They told of their special enjoyment of field trips on the city and out of the city which helped broaden their horizons. The audience gave them sustained applause.

Mrs. Gerald Smith (Gwen) moderated the forum. Mrs. Alonzo P. Hairston, (Helena), president of the group, presided. She explained how the group was organized in April 1951, under the leadership of Mrs. William I. Gosnell (Verna).

The purpose, she explained, is "to develop better human and civic relationships." Through the years, she revealed, the group has selected charitable goals to meet the needs of the community. Among them the organization's successful campaign to get blacks elected to court clerks.

Fund - raising activities have enabled contributions to Provident Hospital, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, the United Negro College Fund, the Fund for Equal Justice, and YWCA,

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SENIOR DIVISION — Gold medal winners in the senior high school division of the NAACP's ACTO-SO program are (L to R): Samuel LeSane, Allison Lane, David Johnson, Anita Stewart, Kevin Harris, Kenneth Snowden and Kenneth Ashe.

Partyline

By Pattie Hodges

On Sunday, from 6 p.m. until, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demory of Baltimore Street hosted a dinner party in honor of Miss Sylvia Hill, (their daughter), who received her master's of education degree from Coppin State College on that day.

Miss Hill, a first grade teacher at Thomas G. Hayes School, was thrilled and delighted.

The delicious dinner, held at the Demory's home consisted of barbecued and fried chicken, minced barbecue, sweet and sour pork, ham, roast beef, assorted salads and desserts, as well as punch and lots of drinks.

After dinner, there was music, dancing, congratulations and lovely cards and gifts presented to Miss Hill.

On hand to help her celebrate were: Ms. Vivian Demory, Miss Roas Moore, Fred D. Demory Jr., Ms. Mary Joyner, Mrs. Joyce L. Demory Cates, Ms. Lucille Demory, Ms. Lucelle Demory, Ms. Gwendolyn Demory, Ms. Julia Martin, Samuel Roberson, Ms. Peggy A. Demory, Ms. Catherine Hill, Ms. Fannie Doles, Fred Demory Sr., Walter H. Hill, Glorious Mitchell, Jean Campbell, Rhexsie Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Freemsm Wilks, Opie Campbell and Mrs. Virginia Backmon.

Anniversary celebration

Recently Elder and Sister Robert Smoot, of this city, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by repeating their marriage vows in a beautiful second wedding ceremony.

The ceremony took place at the Tabernacle of Prayer at 1231 E. Biddle St., where Elder Smoot is the officiating pastor.

Officiating was Elder Johnnie Washington of Jamaica, N.Y. He is General Overseer of Tabernacle of Prayer For All People Inc.

The wedding processional honorees were the Smoot children and grandchildren.

Preceding the processional was a medley of songs done by Sister Marlene Francis and Sister Omelita Toomer.

Special tribute to the couple was done by Bishop M. R. Lane, pastor of Refuge Community Church of this city. Solos were rendered by Sisters Joyce Alston and Omelita Toomer.

Sister Smoot's matron was Mrs. Shirley Smoot Johson, daughter. Best man was Milton H. Johnson Sr., son - in - law.

Ushers were the couple's sons: Thomas, James A. Leroy, Wilbert, Nathaniel, Anthony, Michael and Victor S. Smoot.

Bridal attendants were daughters - in - law: Mesdames Doris, Marlene, Irene, Delores, Audrey and Geraldine Smoot.

Flower girls were Stacey, Lisa and Terri Smoot and ReNea, grandchildren. Ringbearer was Wesley Smoot.

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Miss Mann, Mr. Washington united in marriage

MARRIED — Miss Valerie Denise Mann and Rodney Arthur Washington were wed recently in a double ring ceremony.

By Pattie Hodges

Under the expert direction of Ms. Betty S. Boone, the beautiful wedding of Valerie Denise Mann and Rodney Arthur Washington, both of Baltimore, took place recently at City Temple Baptist Church on Eutaw Street.

Ushers, dressed in sandy beige auxedos, trimmed with drak brown, escorted members of the immediate families to their respective pews.

Flowers by Oceanious adorned the rostrum, while two large urns containing green palms graced each side of the pulpit.

Family pews were decorated by large white satin pew bows.

While guests were being seated, Kenneth M. Dean, director of music, played softly at the organ.

The procession began when the mother of the bride, Mrs. Joseph Mann, was escorted to her pew by the head usher.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Mann wore a floor length, daffodil-yellow satin gown, trimmed with sequins. Her outfit was complimented by silver and gold jewelry; a small, white straw purse and white shoe - string sandals.

The bridesmaids wore floor length apricot dresses of quiana, pleated from under the bustline to the hem. The tops of the gowns were capelets that draped over the shoulders and fell to a peak in the back.

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