Columbia Deltas open Easter social season with debutante cotillion

Elite from five states attend brilliant affair

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Dinner and dancing until after midnight followed the April 5 formal presentation of 19 beauteous debutantes by the Columbia, Md. alumnae chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The event which opened the Easter social season was held in the elegant ballroom of the James Rouse Building in Columbia.

Some 600 friends, relatives and sponsors of the young ladies and their escorts attended the black tie affair with Soror Alice Haskins, president, presiding. Soror Hazel Braxton, chair Soror Gilda Lewis announcing. Guests arrived from five states and Washington.

Soror Celonia Waldon extended the awards to debutantes. Gifts and other awards were by Soror Haskins. A highlight was the performance by the Baltimore Dance Theatre, Eva Anderson director.

The 10 - course dinner was catered by Harold Reid.

The elaborate 198 - page program book contained a thumbnail story and formal portrait of each DEB, congratulations from friends and relatives and Columbia merchants.

THE DEBS

The 1982 debutantes are: Travia Donree Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker; Kimberly Maria Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bray; Alicia Helanie Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman; Deidra Rose Gingles, daughter of James and Mhrl Gingles; Melanie Claire Grant, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alice Grant;

Also, Yolandra Linette Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson; Tina Marie Langford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Langford; Julia Bethann McAdoo, daughter of Dr. John and Dr. Harriet McAdoo; Jesselyn Burnette McCurdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McCurdy; Donna Maria Neale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neale; Deidrea Yovonda Newkirk, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Louise Newkirk; Monique Leesa Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pierce.

And, Cheryl Denise Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robb; Lisa Arlene Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Robinson; Stephanie Dorise Taylor, daughter of Mr and Mrs. O. C. Taylor; Donna Jean Toomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Toomer; Tracie Lynne Wheeler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Wheeler; Kimberly Yvette White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Woodie White; Leslie Adrienne White, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor and the late William L. White.

Junior Debs are Raquel Walker, Jemeile Wilds, Lisa McElrath, Pamela Miller, Tara Whittaker and Rhea Craigen.

Since establishment the Chapter has awarded several scholarships to Howard County students and four year scholarships awarded to three Howard County students.

Delta is a Life Membership of the Howard County NAACP and has made many public service awards to organizations in Columbia and Howard County.

During the past year, Columbia Deltas participated in the Columbia City Fair at the Mall, and sponsored eight youths at Bear Trax, a police summer camp.

One of the Chapter's major accomplishments last year was its Fund - Raising Dinner held for Maryland Black Colleges: Morgan, Bowie, Coppin and UMES.

The Chapter also sponsors a Teen Lift Project for interested Howard County young people which includes tutoring, preparation for college entrance examinations, field trips to colleges and universities throughout the area and cultural enrichment.



DEBUTANTES Misses Melanie Grant, Stephanie D. Taylor, Lisa A. Robinson, Deidrea Y. Newkirk, Dedra G. Gingles, Tracie L. Wheeler, Alicia Chapman, Yolandra L. Johnson.

Awards

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	Stephanie Dorise Taylor
Melanie Claire Grant	$100 SCHOLARSHIP
Cheryl Denise Robb	Tracie Lynn Wheeler
SCHOLAR - ATHLETIC	COMMUNITY SERVICE
Donna Neale	Dedra Rose Gingles
Lisa Robinson	Monique Lessa Pierce
Yolandra Johnson	Donna Jean Toomer
ATHLETIC	Trivia Donree Baker
Julia McAdoo	FINE ARTS
Jesselyn McCurdy	Kimberly Maria Bray
Tracie Lynne Wheeler	Tina Maria Langford
Kimberly Yvette White	Deidra Yovonda Newkirk
LEADERSHIP	Leslie Adrienne White
Alicia Helanie Chapman	



ESCORTS holding the debs' bouquets await their arrival: Kallon Dickens, Marvel Fletcher, Jay Ethridge, Garnell Bagby, James Ware, Jonathan Lynch, Wendell Harris, Bernard Baker and Anthony Lee.



MORE DEBS — Donna M. Neale, Kimberly M. Bray, Cheryl D. Robb, Kimberly Y. White, Leslie A. White, Tina M. Langford, Travia D. Baker, Jesselyn B. McCurdy, Donna J. Toomer, Julia B. McAdoo, Manique L. Pierce.



MORE ESCORTS ready to present the debs with bouquets are: Craig Smith, Errol Davis, Robert Day Jr., Ross Haith, Kevin Smith, Jeff Palmore, Arthur McNeal Jr., Delaney Pickett, Patrick Montague III and Melvin Washington.



By Bettye Moss

If you ask me

Hats off!

Our salute this week goes to two teenage students who take the time to volunteer their services to community organizations.

They are, 17 - year - old Alicia Andrews, a Carver High senior, and 18 - year - old Veronica Scott, a Southwestern High grad, who is in her freshman year at Morgan State University.

We met these two attractive teens at the recent Md. League of Women's Clubs annual luncheon.

They are members of the Business and Professional Women's Youth Club. Earlier in the day, they had visited the Granada.

There, they led a songfest, and presented residents with gifts they had made. (Sara Smalley is their advisor).

In addition to her studies at Carver, Miss Andrews works part time as a data entry clerk at Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

Miss Scott does volunteer work with the NAACP. Hats off to these young teens.

Please continue nominations to this column's salute section. Help us identify young people who are doing well. Remember, many of our youngsters hear our adult voices when they do poorly. Hats off!

About people

Baltimore chapter of Northeasterners hold champagne sip Easter Sunday at Shane's in Timonium.

Same evening, Washington Kappas host annual Easter Sunday gala at the Capitol Hilton.

Easter Monday events include Baltimore chapter of Links' luncheon at the Hyatt.

Charles G. Hillen, the retired Social Security exec, who was hospitalized this week, should be recuperating at home by the time you read this, is doing well after foot surgery, hopes to be released next week.

Keeping busy in retirement department - Orchids to Serena G. Mills, the retired Social Security worker and former University Hospital employee.

These days she shares her original poems with school and civic groups. (Her verses have appeared in 3 anthologies).

And, she has time to work on her novel and cook book, due for publication soon.

In the cook book, her prize - winning, non - alcoholic beverage recipe. It is already published in the Maryland Flavor, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

And, Mrs. Mills finds time to serve as volunteer with the cancer society's Park Heights - Forest Park unit.

If you'd like to hear her Mrs. Mills' readings or have her demonstrate her recipe, call her at 358 - 0905.

Clergy meet

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance's monthly meeting on Thursday, (April 1), at the new Brown Memorial Baptist Church, attracted a cross - section of the town's clergy of all persuasions and all races.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom pastor of Douglas Memorial, is president. You can depend on this prestigious ministers' group to deal with community issues whenever they meet.

Last week's session was no exception. For example, WEBB owner, Dorothy Brunson, shared her concerns about her inability to get necessary approval for 24 - hour airing, and received support of ministers in her efforts. (By sending letters to the FCC and local officials).

Advance Federal president, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., told of the association's new facilities and savings plans, and received a commitment from clergy to transfer and - or open accounts.

Rev. Willie Ray announced that renovation of the youth center, Caesar's Palace, is set for June.

Petition

A petition to endorse the nuclear weapons freeze was explained and endorsed (Rev. John Peabody commented, "President Reagan's performance last night was discouraging enough to make us all want to sign this petition").

Rev. Chester Wickwire and Dr. Bascom expressed concern that the National Council of Christians and Jews had selected President Reagan for its humanitarian award, and the group endorsed the protest telegram.

Nice gesture: Before the ministers had lunch, there was a moment of silent prayer for the Rev. Ward D. Yerby, and a special tribute by Dr. Bascom who remembered him as a "giant" of a man.

The Rev. Douglas Miles is pastor of the host church, located in the 3200 block W. Belvedere Ave., near Park Heights, (a block from the Pimlico race track).

Formerly located in the 2000 block N. Fulton, Brown Memorial Baptist congregation occupied its spacious new facility last month.

Roses for Betty

Some 350 persons gathered Wednesday evening (March 30), in the ballroom at the Belvedere to say thanks to a dedicated and beloved teacher, Betty Williams.

The retirement party saluted her for "reaching out and touching" so many lives during her 35 plus years as a teacher and administrator in the Baltimore city schools, (her last post was an Administrative Assistant, Northwest Region).

It was a perfectly beautiful affair for a beautiful person. The candlelit tables, decorated with deep pink cloths, carried out the honoree's favorite color. So did the pink programs, designed with her favorite roses.

The honoree was a picture in cream colored lace gown.

In the testimonial audience, city and school officials, her former associates, mentors, relatives, friends and former students. (Fourteen of these former students, now successful citizens, were present to join in the salute).

Good speech

There were numerous citations and gifts, attesting to the esteem in which Miss Williams is held, because she has insisted on excellence and set an example in her teaching and administrative career.

In her response, Miss Williams allowed she was pleased to have had an opportunity to be a teacher and, "a part of the fine tradition sound education in Baltimore."

If she was planning a career today, would she choose the same field? Yes. "I'd choose the little red school house, the social climate notwithstanding."

On the need for good speech (her specialty), she noted, "my abiding belief in the value of good speech.

She saw school teachers rendering a great service when they "develop the thinking capacities of students so that they have something to say, and are able to say it well!"

Among gifts

Cuff notes - Gifts to the honoree included a video cassette recorder, a complete tape of the evening's program, an arm bouquet of roses, an album of tributes from friends, and a vase engraved with her favorite literary gems, the latter presented by her cousin, Dr. Roland Williams.



Betty Williams

School Board member, Milton A. Dugger, presided. Barclay Elementary principal, Gertrude S. Williams, chaired the affair.

Music was outstanding by the Dunbar High Chamber Choir, the Robert Smith Trio, Barbara Kelly and Clarence Henderson and Delores Mears.

More participants: students, Sabrina Barrett, Barclay; Michelle Porter, Martin Luther King School; Michael Lee, the attorney and president of Northwestern Alumni; Herb Finnelsen, Poole Junior High principal; Dr. Kathleen Lucht, NW region head; and Mrs. Rose Gallop principal Arlington Elementary.

Examples

Nice gesture The former students, now active in their chosen fields, who came to participate and say thank you to Miss Williams were Colletia Hawkins, Planned Parenthood manager; Larry S. Gibson and Brownyn Wallace Mayden, attorneys; Deborah Gray, security officer; Martin Compton, U.S. Army captain and Howard U. law student;

Also, Pamela Johnson, department store executive; L'Tanya Brothers, social worker; Dellaphine Greene, state trooper; Milton Dugger, insurance executive; Mamie Grover Johnson, executive secretary school headquarters; Ruth Greene, Charles Dugger, teachers; and Dr. Marsha Brown Brodie, and Dr. Lawrence Bell.

There was much more, but time and space do not permit.

Cuff note A native of Waverly section of Baltimore, Miss Williams is a product of the city's public schools, and spent her entire career serving our students here.

Among participants, former neighbors and fellow church members from St. Matthew Methodist.

A fitting tribute to a deserving lady.

Cabell Smith

Jr. (or Frederick) Cabell Smith Sr., who was eulogized on April 2, was a longtime insurance executive and resident of Springdale Ave. in East Baltimore. He was 60.

Longtime customers of Mutual Benefit Society will remember Mr. smith as the firm's sales exec for over 40 years, a familiar face at the W. Franklin St. office (now a part of NC Mutual Life)

Later, he managed the East Baltimore branch, the post he held when he retired two years ago.

Mr. Smith was a member of Trinity AME Church for over 50 years, and served as steward. Funeral services were at the E. Hoffman St. church.

He was also active in the two local clubs, the Libertarians and the Nomads, serving as financial secretary of the latter.

He was also a member of the Advisory Board of Advance Federal Savings and Loan.

Survivors: His wife of 35 years, the former Kathryn Jones; daughter, Mrs. Adrienne Fields, the postal worker; and sons, Frederick C. Jr., and Robert, all of Baltimore, and six grandchildren.

Dave Brown

David Brown, 62, was eulogized on April 3, at March Funeral Home.

He was the longtime Chesapeake Cadillac employee.

Survivors: His wife, Viola; and seven children.

Also, sisters, Agnes Coleman, Esther Brown and Nettie Bundy; and brothers, James and Elbert; and 23 grandchildren and 2 great - grands.

More people

Prince Hall Grand Master, Samuel T. Daniels and Deputy Grand Master James T. Dorsey are back from Frankfurt, Germany. They were there for the testimonial honoring Germany's District Deputy Grand Master Junior N. Glenn.

Thinking of you cards to Provident Hospital for Mrs. Mamie Woodford. She suffered a broken hip and other injuries Wednesday evening when she was attacked by thugs in front of her home.

READ THE AFRO



SAUNDERS' TAX SERVICE
1724 W. North Ave.
462-2900
22 Years Experience

FEDERAL-STATE, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL FORMS PREPARED
We Get You Your Maximum Tax Refund
- Earned Income Credit
- Child Care Credit
- Energy Credit
- Business & Itemized Deductions

Drop off service or by appointment
Hours: Mon thru Fri. 9-7 • Sat. 10-4

—Area Obituaries—

Mrs. Lillian Brown

Funeral services for Lillian J. Brown were Saturday, April 3 at Providence Inspirational Baptist Church. Burial was at Maryland National Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Daniel and Julia Steele. She was born in Charlotte, N.C. and died March 28, 1982, at Mercy Hospital.

One of three children, Mrs. Brown attended public schools in Charlotte. When she moved to Baltimore, Mrs. Brown attended and graduated from Frederick Douglass Evening School.

She was a member of Providence Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. E. W. White. Mrs. Brown served as president of the Progressive Workers and was a member of the church's Usher Board and Nurses' Unit.

Mrs. Brown was married to the late William Brown. She worked for the Baltimore Department of Education before retiring in June, 1970.

In December, 1976, she became a part of the organization of Providence Inspirational Baptist Church. She remained active in the church until her illness, about a year ago.

Mrs. Brown is survived by a sister, Mrs. Bertha Weathers.

Frederick Smith

Funeral services for Frederick Cabell Smith Sr. were Thursday, April 1 at Trinity A.M.E. Church. Burial was at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Smith was one of two sons born to Alexander and Mary C. Smith on Aug. 20, 1911 in Baltimore. He received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools.

He received his religious training at Trinity A.M.E. and in his later years, Mr. Smith was appointed to the Stewards Board.

Mr. Smith married Catherine Jones, to whom he was married 35 years.

An employee of Mutual Benefit Insurance as an insurance agent, he later became manager of the company's East Baltimore Branch. He retired the summer of 1980.

A charter member of "The Libertarians," he also was a member of the Nomads, Inc.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, two sons, Frederick Jr. and Robert, a daughter, Adrienne, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

LAST CHANCE!
To Take Advantage Of the Incredible Buys Being Offered At
Two Guys GOING OUT OF BUSINESS Sale
IN BALTIMORE, DUNDALK, TOWSON & GLEN BURNIE

SAVE 50% TO 70% on everything WHILE IT LASTS!

MAKE THE BUYS OF A LIFETIME DURING THE LAST SALE IN TWO GUYS HISTORY! HURRY IN! THEY WON'T LAST LONG AT THESE INCREDIBLE PRICES!

GET READY FOR EASTER!

FOR THE FAMILY:
Spring fashions for men, women & children!
BOYS 3 PC. SUITS, SLACKS, DRESS & SPORT SHIRTS
GIRLS DRESSES, BLOUSES, SKIRTS
MEN'S & LADIES APPAREL & SPRING OUTERWEAR
HOSIERY FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS
FINE 14K JEWELRY, WATCHES, PENDANTS, COSTUME JEWELRY

FOR THE HOME:
Dress up your home for Easter!
- TABLE CLOTHS - CURTAINS
- LUGGAGE - KID & WICKER
- FURNITURE - TV STANDS
- KITCHEN GADGETS & PLASTICS
- INDOOR & OUTDOOR PAINTS
- HARDWARE - CAR WAXES & POLISHES - RECORDS & TAPES
- BOOKS - STATIONERY

BATTERIES - BASEBALL GLOVES - FERTILIZER & MORE!

LISTEN FOR EXTRA SPECIAL MONEY SAVING ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

LOOK FOR RED TAGS FOR EVEN GREATER SAVINGS!

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF CHOICE MERCHANDISE STILL REMAINS THAT MUST BE SOLD NOW!

ALL SALES FINAL FIRST COME FIRST SERVED! DEALERS WELCOME! MANUFACTURERS WARRANTIES VALID ON ALL ITEMS!

VISA, MASTERCHARGE & CASH ACCEPTED. (Sorry ... NO CHECKS)

Two Guys
GLEN BURNIE — 6th Ave. & Richie Highway
DUNDALK — Merrit Blvd. & German Hill Rd.
TOWSON — Goucher Blvd. & Joppa Rd.
BALTIMORE — Belair Road & Cliftmont Ave.
STORE HOURS: MON.-SAT. 9:30 AM-9:30 PM