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BALSA's eighth annual Awards Banquet — a smashing success

JUDGE ROBERT M. BELL is pictured during the eighth annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA) at the Governor's Club, N. Eutaw St. Saturday, March 12. Judge Bell receives the '1983 Service to BALSA Award' from Ada Cherry.

'TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD' RECIPIENT was Evelyn Cannon (R), a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law since 1977.

'DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI' Harry A. Cole, of Baltimore's 'AWARD' was garnered by Judge Court of Appeals.

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SENATOR VERDA WELCOME expresses her thanks for having been selected as recipient of BALSA's '1983 Community Service Award.'

BARRISTER CLAYTON POWELL, JR., schmoes with his legal peers during the basquet.

ATTORNEY WILLIAM N. HALL JR. and wife Neema chat during the affair.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

The Governor's Club, 1123 N. Eutaw St., with its rich, oak - paneled walls on one side, its rows of archway windows interspersed with mirrors on the other, its long oak - beams squared off over the white ceiling seemed like just the right place for a group of judges, lawyers, others in the field of law and law students to gather — very staid, solid.

But the atmosphere when the members and guests of the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA) gathered there on Saturday evening, March 12 for its eighth annual Awards Banquet was far from chamber - like or somber.

The animated conversation was as sprightly as the green plants hanging at the windows and spirits just as bright as the vivid red drapery panels which commanded a space down the middle of each mirror panel.

BALSA is a black student organization founded in 1968 to articulate and promote the professional needs of black American law students. The national chapter of BALSA currently was approximately 7,000 members in chapters throughout the country.

Maryland's chapter has 116 members. Their goals are to foster and encourage professional competence; to promote equitable educational opportunities and experiences for black students at the University of Maryland; to promote legal occupational opportunities for black students and to instill in the black attorney and law student a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the black community.

The theme of local BALSA's evening was "Our Legacy — Delivery of the Dream." The welcome was given by Cheryl Griffin Cash, chairperson for the event. Invocation was offered by the Rev. Tony W. Tomlin, a second year law student at the University of Maryland.

Introduction of Dias guests was done by Marcella A. Holland and greetings were forthcoming from Dean Michael J. Kelly, dean, Univ. of Md. Law School. Dean Kelly gave BALSA credit for good communication between the law school and the community.

City Solicitor Benjamin Brown presented the mayor's proclamation which designated March 12 "BALSA Day in Baltimore," which was heartily accepted, but with undertones from some: "Why couldn't the mayor come?"

Robert C. Evans led the assemblage in the Black National Anthem.

Following dinner, Atty. Bernadine Myles, president of the Monumental City Bar Association, spoke of the reason for the awards banquet, and cited the excellence and helpfulness of the black legal community toward BALSA.

Head table guests and other dignitaries were presented by Marcella A. Holland, who was able to name in her presentation a vast array of Baltimore's black legal community and the state, including Judges Joseph Howard, Solomon Baylor, Robert Hammerman, Kenneth Johnson, John Carroll Burns, William H. Murphy Jr., G. Lawrence Spears, James Taylor, Arrie Davis, James Bundy, Askew Gatewood, Archie Williams, Thurgood Marshall Jr., David Mason and others.

Many court masters were also on hand, as well as new state's attorney Kurt Schmoke, his wife, Patricia and his deputy Stu Simms, City Councilman Michael Mitchell, and Atty. Larry Gibson and his wife, Diana. The legal community was truly well represented.

WILLIAM STONE and Louis Huff (seated) engaged in 'heavy' discussion during the evening's festivities.

Guest speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Barrington Parker, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, who has presided over many newsworthy proceedings including those against Richard Helms, former CIA director and the trial of John Hinckley Jr., charged with the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan.

In his remarks he stated: "BALSA is to be saluted for bringing minority students together for support and strength."

He spoke of problems of blacks, women and other minorities in predominantly white schools.

He also stated that law students must see themselves as special with a special place in society in order to try and remedy some of the ills of society still facing us.

He reminded the assemblage that BALSA must and should not be used as an excuse or a crutch, that we must never paper over existing problems, but must serve as a foundation and an incentive for excellence.

Judge Parker recalled W. E. B. DuBois, his influence and inspiration for young blacks, his spearheading of the Niagara Movement, which served as a launching platform for the NAACP.

He spoke of the "cycle of poverty" as widening from generation to generation by existing problems, of racists and their efforts to preserve white supremacy, stating "Racism is now a bigger concern than it was 50 years ago." He further explained that it now is subtle with

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partyline

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY FETE

A surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. Irene Amy of 2201 Whittier Ave. was held at the Pimlico Hotel recently. She was celebrating her 85th birthday.

Her guests included her sister Mrs. Ella Day, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, Mrs. Amelia Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bannerman and son, all of Philadelphia.

Also Mrs. Earlene Russell of Richmond, VA; Mrs. Phenors Copes of Temple Hill, MD;

And Mrs. Lena Lewis, Mrs. Veronica Peaco, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Day, Mrs. Crystal Black, James Smith IV, Luther Day III and Ms. Michele Smith, all of Baltimore.

ABWA SPRING ENROLLMENT EVENT

Inner Harbor Chapter of the American Business Women's Association held a spring Enrollment Event on March 23, at the Johns Hopkins' Sheraton Inn.

During March, ABWA chapters throughout the country have held similar events, focusing on a lucky Spring and the good fortune of belonging to ABWA — an association network to help business women achieve their goals of personal and professional success.

ABWA Enrollment Events are held semi - annually to introduce ABWA and the local chapter to business women in this area. More than 1,900 other ABWA chapters will hold this event.

The goal of ABWA is to help women in business advance through education, increased competence, and through upgrading of professional skills and business attitudes.

The association, founded in Kansas City, Missouri in 1949, now has more than 105,000 members.

Last year, ABWA chapters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico awarded more than $1,400,000 in scholarship to women students. Inner Harbor Chapter has awarded local scholarships to worthy recipients.

Women who are employed or self - employed, are eligible for membership. Membership is by invitation only.

For information about ABWA, interested business women may contact Patricia Jones at 547-7230.

THETA NU SIGMA'S HAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

The Theta Nu-Sigma National Sorority's Zeta Chapter held its Annual Hair Extravaganza on Saturday, March 12 at the Hyatt Regency.

This gala affair released something new in hair color and curls.

Ms. Hattie R. Smith opened with the National Anthem. There was a moment of silence in memory of Beautician, Walter (Fluff) Hopkins.

Soft Sheen Products Company presented a $1,000.00 scholarship in his memory.

The evening was graced with memories of Fashion — The Fifties. Then came the highlight of the evening — Hair Style Competition: Von, of Vons International, won First Place in Color. Belinda Bess, of China's Site of Beauty, won Second place in Curl. Bridgett Johnson, Studio 808, won Third Place in Curl.

THETA NU SIGMA MEMBERS, Zeta Chapter are (seated, L to R): Sorors Doreatha Robinson, Hattie R. Smith, Marie Cherry, basileus; Olivia Carroll and Elizabeth Foskey; (standing, L to R): Sorors Marian Wade, Mary Stevens, Elaine C. Simon, Juanetta Monroe, Arlene Jennings, Betty Brown and Lillian Spears.