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Nadine McLaurin designs — a rainbow on parade



AIRING FASHIONS during the Nadine McLaurin Fashion Show held July 30 at the Hyatt Regency are (L to R): Jean Middleton, Galen McBryde and Carmita "Silky" Marvin.

There is no doubt that woman, in her efforts to cope with the dictates or her environment, regarding the wearing of clothes, has come a long way. And nothing or no one better expressed this sentiment than the Nadine McLaurin Fashion Show.

Held on July 30 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. in the Green Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the show gave the Baltimore community of fashion lovers a dazzling display of talent by one of Baltimore's own — fashion designers — Nadine McLaurin.

With the help of her 23 personally instructed models, Nadine staged a tremendous show.

Commencing to Diana Ross' hit song 'I'm Comin Out' and the hypnotic movements of Mrs. "Dark and Lovely" — Sandra Napper — who incidentally received a standing ovation during her exquisite display of a very uniquely-designed two-toned green and yellow diamond patterned pantsuit, the show was on.

Immediately following her came models graciously posing, steppin', struttin' and sporting everything from men's two-piece corduroy summer suits to Spanish-Flair flowered dresses to new wave shirts to pleated terry cloth shorts righteously worn by model James "Styx" Moses, Galen McBryde, "Pierre" Wallace, to three-pieced bathing suits with wrap-around skirts.

Others modelling were Peaches "Hot Brandy" Woodson, Carmita "Silky" Marvin.

The hot, hot pink flowered, puffed, banner-collared bathing suit worn by Jean "Gee Jay" Middleton and the two pieced black multi-flowered skirt and bikini worn by stringing the one-piece blouse across the back, down between the legs and up to be tied off at the waist worn by Gail "Mahogany" France led folks to think poetically "May they never take to the water."

The swim line was followed by a line of intricately-designed wedding gowns worn by the Hines sisters — models Lil and Lisa — starting with a beautiful satin wrap-around gown, followed by several conventional full-length gowns, some with puffed sleeves, ruffles, pleats accented by red, ending in a line of non-conventional gowns with shorter lengths above the knees with pockets and collars — all enough to make the most reluctant recite his or her vows.

The show drew to a close with a menagerie of poses and more designer clothing, ranging from children's knickerbockers worn by models Candace "Peppie" Bailey and Russia (Nadine's daughter) to sexy adult wedding gowns — as all of the 23 models took to the stage, filling the eyes with delight.

Among this crowd of frozen poses the grand designer Nadine McLaurin was called to take her bows before a very pleased audience, which expressed gratitude in an excitement-filled standing ovation.

In between bows and tears of joy Nadine McLaurin was presented with a bouquet of roses as a token of appreciation from her models.

She was also presented with the Mayor's citation by Mrs. Bernadette Brown, "For her consistent contribution to her community and her willingness to share her talent with the youth of her community."



MODELING COUPLES show off wedding gowns during the fabulous show.



DESIGNER NADINE MCLAURING (R) receives the Mayor's Citation from Bernadette Brown.

partyline

By Pattie Hodges AFRO Women's Editor

TONY ROBINSON'S FUNDRAISER CRAB FEAST — A SMASHING SUCCESS

The Committee to Elect Anthony W. Robinson sponsored "Anthony's Affordable Crab Feast" on Saturday, July 30.

The scrumptious affair, held at the Park Community Center, located at Mohawk Avenue, from 5-9 p.m., was developed as a fundraiser to support Attorney Anthony W. Robinson's bid for a seat in the City Council representing the fifth district.

The intended outcome, raising funds, was realized as the crowd feasting on delectable hot steamed crabs numbered more than 300.

The larger percentage of persons in attendance were fifth district residents who not only enjoyed the menu, but had the opportunity to talk extensively to the candidate as well as the campaign staff.

The interaction between the residents and the candidate generated positive comments from onlookers. Over and over the workers were praised for the warm, friendly, superb service.

One guest was overheard to comment, "I knew he (Anthony Robinson) was a people-person, but he has managed to surround himself with an entourage that mirrors his sensitivity and dedication to the people."

"Anthony's Affordable Crab Feast" provided musical entertainment, a bountiful and delicious menu, and warm, friendly conversation to all persons in attendance.

If you missed it this time, keep your ears and eyes open — you may get another chance to attend the much talked about "Anthony's Affordable Crab Feast" Part II.

SURPRISE B'DAY FETE

Mrs. Shirley C. McRae, a medical premium examiner at Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) got the surprise of her life on Saturday, July 30, when her children, Yulo McRae, Ted McRae and Linda Diamond and son-in-law Reon Diamond Sr. hosted a surprised birthday celebration for her at their Rona Rd. home.

Shirley, who had been taken out earlier (on errands) went into temporary shock when she walked back into her living room to the cries of "Surprise, surprise," by the group of relatives and friends gathered there.

For the tempting of the palate there was fried chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and tuna salad, potato salad, cole slaw and many other goodies.

Sippables included punch and iced tea. There were three cakes all with chocolate icing, and all homemade. Yum! Yum!

Shirley was thrilled at the strains of "Happy Birthday" sounded prior to the cake cutting and further thrilled as she opened her numerous gifts and cards.

Out to celebrate with Shirley were Mrs. Alma Carr (her mother); Ardella and Charles (sister and brother-in-law), Philadelphia, PA; Carol and Joe Armstead (sister and brother-in-law), Silver Spring, MD; Amy Walker and Jerome Winston (sister and friend) of Upper Marlboro, MD;

Also sisters Carlotta Carr, Ruth B. Jones, Julia Boswell and Cathy Carr. From the District of Columbia Rita and Wilbur Davenport, Leon and Landonia Jones;

And Morris Boswell and guest, Tina; Grace Barnes and Renee Barnes, Alice Price (of New York City), Virginia Macer, Sallie Johnson, Hugh P. Hughes Jr.; Alonzo Wilson, William and Marshal Cole and daughter Chante: of Clinton, MD;

And Rhonda Carr (in town on vacation) from Houston, TX; Millie Ross, Ernest Sanders and nieces Sydney and Stacey Hawkins and Sheila McMoore and grandson Reon Diamond Jr.

46TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 46th Wedding Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Thompson was celebrated on Saturday, July 30.

The anniversary party was hosted by the Thompson children on the beautiful lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Manasseh Johnson, Jr. of Woodlawn.

As the guests arrived, they sat at tables draped with purple and lilac table cloths, topped with beautiful flowers.

White wedding bells hung from trees and arches curved over

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CANDIDATE ANTHONY W. ROBINSON (standing) plays host during his scrumptuous crab feast, hosted as a fundraiser for his campaign for City Council Saturday, July 30. The affair was attended by more than 300 people.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie R. Ross

TOOMER TWINS RETURN TO SPELMAN'S HONORS PROGRAM

Diana and Donna Toomer have completed a successful year at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, both having completed their freshman years on the honor roll of the honors program with 3.8 averages for the second semester.

Diana is in the English Program and Donna is in the dual degree engineering program between Spelman and Georgia Tech.

Diana and Donna also participated in the Spelman choir and sang with the group on their western spring tour to Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and California.

MCC'S NEW DEGREE OPTION LAYS STRONG CAREER FOUNDATION

Blueprints to build a new two-year degree in construction technology at Howard Community College recently won approval from two state educational authorities.

According to curriculum designer Gerald W. Hubbard, the associate in arts program was one of the few new majors to be endorsed by the State Board for Community Colleges and the State Board for Higher Education this year. The college will begin offering construction technology courses this fall.

The green light for the carpentry major came as housing starts and hopes for an improved American economy only recently began rising. For the triumphant Hubbard, who feels the need for a two-year program has never been greater, the state approval came none too soon.

"As we continue to move out of the construction slump of the last few years," asserts Hubbard, "more and more jobs will become available.

"There will be an increased need for skilled craftsmen, builders, construction superintendents, projects managers and public construction inspectors."

The assistant professor added that the construction technology curriculum will prepare students to fill a variety of those positions.

"We have designed the program to help experienced and novice carpenters develop skills in all major areas of residential home-building," he noted.

"This includes professionals who currently perform only one aspect of construction such as framing, wall covering or siding and now wish to expand their skills into other areas in order to be more competitive."

The prerequisite for most courses in the curriculum is a 12-credit offering in carpentry fundamentals. Offered only during the fall semester, the class meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-10 p.m. and some Saturdays.

In addition to acquiring a solid basis for subsequent construction technology courses, students who successfully complete the one-semester basic carpentry class earn a certificate of proficiency.

Advanced carpentry courses include Finish Carpentry, Drawings and Blueprint Reading, and Layout and Framing.

A third certificate option in home remodeling construction allows students to build complete room additions, decks and patios for customers.

They gain experience in masonry, plumbing, electrical wiring, estimating quantity and costs of materials for projects and other carpentry skills necessary for completing renovation projects.

Industrial and Customer Relations, Principles of Surveying and Solar Construction round out a comprehensive program unparalleled in the state.

For additional information on the Construction Technology Program, call Hubbard at 992-4869 or HCC's Business Division at 992-4827.



Diana Jean Toomer



Donna Jean Toomer

Morgan University's High Ability Scholars feted

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, Morgan State University honored the students of the High Ability Scholars Program with a tributary dinner.

The dinner was attended by the students, their families, administrators and Dr. Andrew Billingsley, the president of Morgan State.

The High Ability Scholar Students are 1983 high school graduates that earned above average high school grades and-or high SAT scores.

These students, under the direction of Dr. Clayton Stansbury, earned 8-14 credits, resided on campus and participated in the campus work-study program from June 16 to Aug. 5, free of charge.

While attending the summer session, the students received instruction from Mr. Steven Gibson, Computer Programming Instructor; Dr. Burney Hollis, English Instructor; Dr. Ralph Reckley, English Instructor and Ms. Claudette McFadden, Speech Instructor.

Dr. Clayton Stansbury instructed his students in an orientation class to better acquaint them with the challenging but exciting world of college life.

The High Ability Scholars dinner opened with greetings from Dr. Stansbury and the singing of the Morgan State University Alma Mater led by Ms. Elizabeth Hogue and Stanley Thurston of the Morgan State University Choir.

After a few more inspiring words from Dr. Stansbury and Dr. Herbert O. Edwards, Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies, Ms. Hogue and Thurston captivated the audience with the motivating song "Believe in Yourself."

Using the theme "In the Year 2000", Dr. Andrew Billingsley addressed the High Ability Scholar students with a futuristic view of the opportunities and duties of these students in the year 2000.

Immediately following Dr. Billingsley's enlightening words, the President and Dr. Stansbury announced the recipients of the 1983 High Abiltiy Scholar Students Presidential Awards: Judith A. Potter, Florence M. Marcus, Savitri Dolly Ramologan, Elizabeth Holliday and Lester Bowser.

Next, the President awarded a copy of his book, "Black Families in White America" to several of the students. Each book was personally autographed by Dr. Billingsley.



Judith A. Potter
High Ability Scholar

Dr. Stansbury then announced the recipient of the $1,000 scholarship, Ms. Princess Fenner, who was selected for the award to aid her in the 1983-84 academic year.

Judy Potter received her second award by earning more credits than any other student in the program. Most students earned a maximum of 10 credits, but Judy Potter took the Mathematics Proficiency Test and earned a high enough score for her to acquire an additional 4 credits.

During Ms. Potter's high school career, she had perfect attendance, was ranked 12th in a class of 258, received the Torch and Bars Academic Award, was a member of the National Honor Society, was vice-president of the Future Business Leaders of America and received numerous other academic awards.

She also received MSU's Regerri's scholarship in May while at Aberdeen Sr. High.

East student that participated in the High Ability Scholars Program received an Honor Seminar Certificate and a check for $150.00.

Dr. Hayman, "the architect of the High Ability Scholars Program" used the theme "What?. Why?...and How?" to get his message across to the students. He told them that if they remember to always answer these questions when life's little challenges face them, they can develop, excell and take on the challenge to move ahead.

Dr. Hayman also told them to exert the effort now so they can have the opportunity later. He concluded his address with the inspirational message, "The only way to catch up is to run faster."

While the guests of The High Ability Scholars Dinner dined, additional awards were distributed. Mrs. Clayton Stansbury was presented an award from Florence Marcus and Lester Bowser for the support and patience she showed while her husband spent the summer devoting much of his time to students.

All of the students that participated in the High Ability Scholars Program received a gold honors cord in addition to special tropheys and awards that Dr. Stansbury affectionately distributed to certain individuals among these very "special students."

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

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SINGLE PARENTING BEHIND BARS: The faces are the same but these people are different. They live in a world where you don't have to worry about clothing, food or shelter. They see the inside walls of a place that has no happy medium.

Has the penal system thought about the single parent without a family? Do they care what happens to these children who come from broken homes? One source says yes we do care" and another source says "no."

Everyday at the same time, the gates of the single parent behind bars closes. The sound of the electronically controled doors has no meaning to those on the outside looking in. Unless you bring attention to these people, they are never talked about.

How does a single parent mother or father continue to communicate with his or her family while incarcerated?

Certainly the counseling that a parent must give to a young child cannot be carried out. A telephone call or letter written routinely to a youngster cannot be effective.

The single parent behind bars would probably like for the child to come and visit on specific days. But, is this the place for a young mind to learn about discipline, closeness, etc.?

Being separated from your child because of criminal involvement can play an important part in the mind of a young person.

Is there a sense of failure that these single parents feel? These parents must endure the pain of having to relinquish their children either to the extended family or foster care.

This series will concentrate on communications between incarcerated single parents and administrative personnel who also recognizes the needs of these parents.

Special thanks are in order for one of our members of Black Single Parents. Ms. Joyce Davis, of Orchard Street, Public Relations Coordinator, certainly is to be commended for her services.

Avis Drake is our newly appointed Planning Committee Director, and if you would like to be on our Planning Committee please write us at: P.O. Box 26542, Baltimore, MD 21207.

Starting with the month of September, those of you who have called or written us, will receive material on our "Fall Schedule." Look for us, we are coming your way.

