Gordon Parks reception at Art Museum

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GORDON PARKS (L) who spoke at the program following the reception held to mark the opening of his new exhibit at the Art Museum, chats with museum Director, Arnold Lehman.

BISHOP ROBINSON, Baltimore's Police Commissioner (L) shakes hands with Parks as Michael Childs looks on.

MR. AND MRS. WILL JACKSON, owners of Jackson Oil Company.

"The motion pictures I saw as a child, and long after, rarely portrayed a black character I could identify with, feel proud of, or look up to. This lingering and disturbing recollection prompts me as a black filmmaker, to seriously consider the needs of today's youth, and black youth in particular, in their search for strong and positive images on the screen that inspire and motivate young people, and at the same time say to them through words and actions that they are "Somebody."

Thus wrote Gordon Parks to the AFRO then Hollywood's first black director in 1976.

A major retrospective of his photography opened Sunday at the Baltimore Museum of Art to be followed by showings of some of the films he has directed including "The Learning Tree," "Shaft" and "Leadbelly."

The Gordon Parks exhibit at the Museum was sponsored by a $10,000 grant from the Jackson Oil Company. Sunday's event was the occasion for Arnold L. Leham, museum director to announce the inauguration of the Joshua Johnston Endowment Fund to support exhibitions and programs of particular interest to the black community.

Dr. Irving Hamer, headmaster of Park Heights Street Academy made the announcement for his committee which included Mrs. Bishop Robinson, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, Mrs. Will Jackson, Otis Warren Jr., J. Paul Bright, Mrs. Maria Hammond and Mrs. Jan Rivitz.

Joshua Johnston, (1765-1830) a slave born in Baltimore served his painting apprenticeship under the Peale Family. His paintings are valued in museums throughout the United States.

Gordon Parks is best known for his work with Life Magazine as well as being an acclaimed novelist, choreographer, painter and classical composer.

It is fitting that Parks' work opens the Baltimore Museum of Art's fall season. He says his 1968 "The Learning Tree" was his first effort to put positive black images on the screen.

While his "Shaft" films won great acclaim he was proud of "Leadbelly" based on the life of musician Huddie Ledbetter made in 1976 and which told an exciting, dramatic story about the growth of an artist and strong-willed folk musician who made a monumental contribution to American Music.

Parks' newest work which has just been completed is "Solomon Northrup's Odyssey." This is a true story of a free black from Saratoga, N.Y, who is kidnapped, sold into slavery in 1841, and rescued after a 12-year ordeal. Film is set for PBS' "American Playhouse."

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SEEN AT THE EXHIBIT OPENING are (from left): Otis Warren, Dr. Sharon Jones, Rhonda Robinson, Williams Jews and Marilyn Maultsby.

CITY COUNCILMAN NATHANIEL MCFADDEN (second from L) is seen with (L to R): Marie Henderson, James McDonald, museum trustee (holding his son) and Olivia Irvin Hamer, Dixon.

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Holland. Previous committee chairpersons include Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Mrs. Flozella Clark, Mrs. Jessie Gladden, Mrs. Viola Jackson and Dr. Uthman Ray.

BETA SIGMA TAU HOLDS WORKSHOP SESSION

Recently, the Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc. held a workshop session at the Hilltop Motor Inn.

During the session, the fraternity developed strategies for political and community involvement. Also, the matter of expansion was addressed, with the idea that such will take place in the very near future. The fraternity is in the midst of a drive to purchase a frat house.

In the afternoon session president Robert G. Griner presented the overall fraternity program for the year. Items included the annual Sig - Shangri - La Christmas Party; Oldies-Goodies Cabaret, Brotherhood Services, Founders' Month activity and the annual Family Outing.

In addition to this, the fraternity will explore the possibility of investment. A special presentation will be made at the October meeting by Bros. Ralph Williams, Richard Holley and Walter Cole.

Other officers of the fraternity are William A. Brent, vice president; Brawley Davis, secretary; Gary Cole, treasurer and Arthur Scribner, financial secretary.

Engagements and Weddings

Odessa Woods weds Johnny Mathews

Odessa J. Crowder Woods, Columbia MD, daughter of the late John and Rachel Crowder of Pittsburgh, PA, was wed recently to Johnny L. Mathews, also of Columbia, MD, son of Rosie Mathews, Columbus, OH.

The double - ring ceremony was performed in Columbia by the Rev. Herbert Eaton. The couple had an African type ceremony where the bride and groom "jumped the broom."

The bride, given in marriage by John E. and Samuel L. Crowder (her brothers) wore a mauve silk and lace gown encrusted with sequins, and a matching silk hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Maid of honor was Lydia B. Woods, Philadelphia, PA., daughter of the bride, who also wore a mauve gown.

Best man was Henry D. Gill, Columbia, MD.

Musical Programs Organist was Zemula C. Bjork. Soloist was the bride's college roommate Gloria Lehman, Pittsburgh, PA.

The bride, formerly of Pittsburgh, is a graduate of Howard University, where she received her B.A. Degree and her Master's in Social Work. She is presently a doctoral candidate at Johns Hopkins University, and is a Minority Concerns Program Manager, Social Security Administration.

The groom, of Columbus, OH, former Polemarch, Columbia Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, is a graduate of Ohio State University and is a Branch Chief, Social Security Administration. A reception featuring a sit - down dinner was hosted for the couple at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia following the wedding.

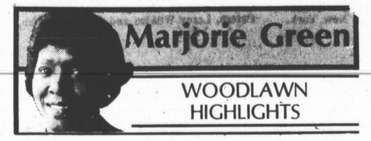
The new Mr. and Mrs. Mathews honeymooned in Jamaica, West Indies. They are at home in Columbia, MD.

Family members and guests attending their wedding and reception hailed from Berkeley, CA; Los Angeles, CA, Mobile, AL, New York, NY, Pittsburgh, PA, Philadelphia, PA and Newark, NJ.

Monterey Caster to wed Thomas Hagin

Monterey Robinette Caster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Caster of Kilmavrock, VA, and Thomas Herbert Hagin, son of Mrs. O'Neal Herron Hagin of South Carolina have set October 13 as their wedding date.

Miss Caster is a graduate of Ferrum College of Ferrum, VA. Her fiance is a graduate of Coppin State College and holds a degree in Special Education. He is currently attending Howard University graduate school, Washington, DC.



Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

BRENDA STERN WINS HORSE SHOW CLASSICS

Ms. Brenda Stern was among the contestants competing in the Horse Show held last Saturday at the Civic Center by the Junior League of Baltimore and called the "Baltimore Jumping Classic" Brenda received second place in the horse and buggy driving competition. The six year old Arabian Gelding named Challenge performed well with its owner in the new Meadowbrook Cant. Brenda is an SSA analyst in the Operations Support Staff.

AT THE EBONY FASHION FAIR SUNDAY, Oct. 14 at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, one of the most exquisite gowns this season will be seen. Designed by Bob Mackie, it is a bugle beaded sheer georgette sensation with floor length white ostrich feather headdress. The Fashion Fair here is sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to provide scholarships for deserving youths. The show will take place at 5 p.m. For ticket requests call 655 - 5401 or 433 - 7551, or purchase them at Norman Holt Florist, Liberty Hghts. Ave., Pauline Brooks Boutique, Belvedere Hotel and Crip's Florist, 721 Poplar Grove St.

EMPLOYEE DESIGNS NEW COURSE

Ms. Beatrice Riley in the Office of Training has designed and written course in Course Design that teaches instructors how to design and prepare a course. The 8 ½ day course is being attended by Sheila Hawthorne, Sheila Gasque, Edna Hall, Vanessa Pennington, Bryant Chase, Debbie McNeill, James Leidig and Margaret DiSalvatore.

NEW BABY

Mrs. Debbie Green, Recovery Reviewer in Module 14, Dickinson Building gave birth to a bouncing 9¾ oz. baby boy named Robert last Friday. Husband James is beaming over the new edition that arrived in Sinai Hospital moments after Debbie checked into the maternity room.

NIGHT LIFE

Enjoying the scenes at the opening of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at the Morris Mechanic Theatre were Frieda Stein, Technical Staff Manager in the Office of Disability Operations, retirees Gertrude and Herb Kline, Dorothy Kanter and Charles and Darlene Stewart.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The happy recipients of GS-11-12 promotions to Technical Staff Manager positions are Cynthia Fox, Vincent Sabatino, Jr. and Thomas Z. Zerhusen. Deborah McKenna received a temporary GS-12 in the Office of Disability Operations.

CTA Creative Drama classes

The Children's Theater Association will be holding classes in creative drama for young people ages 8 through 17 beginning on Saturday, Oct. 20, at The Downtown Baltimore Children's Center, 806 Park Avenue (at Madison). Prospective students may receive a mail-in registration form by phoning CTA at 225-0052.

Students ages 8 through 12 will learn to express themselves through theater games, pantomine, speech and body movement.

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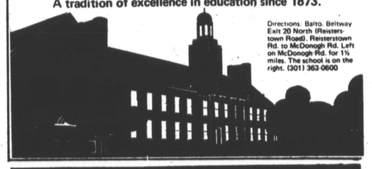

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