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one who has such authority."

Banks said that he plans to send a letter to the organization's membership denouncing the council's movement against him as having no "basis in fact or logic."

Dr. Jeanette Hoston Harris, ASALH executive council member, disagreed with Banks' assertion that the executive council did not have the authority to remove him from office.

Stated Harris, "There really isn't a case for Dr. Banks." Harris indicated that a policy making board met with Banks in October and made policy recommendations that "Banks did not adhere to."

Added Harris, "The council has the authority to hire and fire and to make recommendations. We are the policy making body of the Association."

Cascone declined to comment on why the executive council took such an action against Banks, noting only that "the council wants to keep this an in - house campaign."

However, in a resolution drafted by the executive council on January 28, it was stated that "the leadership of the current president, Samuel L. Banks, is ineffective and that he is primarily responsible for the Association's dire circumstances."

Bonnie J. Gillespie, ASALH executive director, said that his contacts with Banks have been limited.

"The last time I spoke with Banks he asked me to explain my actions here at the Association and I told him that it had been requested by the executive council."

Gillespie did indicate, however, that the organization's efforts to raise money for the beleagured organization was not going as well as planned.

Gillespie who announced ASALH's $1 million fundraising campaign at a recent Black History Month kick - off banquet, said that instead of the requested $50 campaign pledge, people were sending "much less."

According to Gillespie, the Association is striving to raise at least $700,000 by the end of the year.

Presently, the organization's publications, the Negro History Bulletin and the Journal of Negro History are one year behind publication schedule. Money received from the sale of these publications combined with membership dues, account for a large share of the organization's operating income.

Janice Martin, a member of the Far Northeast Washington branch of ASALH, said that she was aware of the council's efforts to oust Banks from office, but declined to comment on whether she would vote to support the council's decision.

Martin, who has been a member of ASALH since 1974, added that the current administrative upheaval at the organization would not stop her participation in the organization or weaken her support.

The Association was founded by the late Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, a famous black historian- educator and author. Under Woodson's leadership, the organization initiated the celebration of Negro History Week which was later expanded into Negro History Month.

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bara Cooper, Executive Director of the Baltimore NAACP, "... there has been some discussion in the past about buying our own building, however nothing has ever been implemented."

The Region 7 office of the NAACP currently rents office space at the Mondawmin Mall.

Commenting on the national's move to Baltimore Cooper responded, "I think it is indeed an asset to the Baltimore community. I think the fact that historically the Baltimore branch has been one of the leading branches in the nation that the nationals' decision to move to Baltimore is certainly consistent with the positive, the aggressive and assertive image of the Baltimore branch as well as the city."

According to Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of both the local and national chapters of the NAACP, Baltimore City will be contributing to the costs of the national office setting up shop here in Baltimore.

"The city is making a grant to assist in the purchase of the property," revealed McMillan. "They are willing to pay up to one half of the cost of the building, land and renovations not to exceed $1.1 million. I'm glad we have that kind of cooperation from the city and business here in town."

"It was a team effort to pull this off," commented Mark Wasserman, the mayor's Physical Development Coordinator. "The financial package offered the NAACP involves assistance from both the city and state along with BEDCO and private interests. Generally we've just been very positive in our approach. The NAACP brings a long and rich heritage to Baltimore."

The national office move to Baltimore could also generate several jobs locally because according to Mrs. McMillan, "... Preliminary surveys indicate that about 50 percent of our 110 - member staff will not be coming."

Clerical jobs, management jobs, some legal staff as well as accountants and others will be needed to man the national offices she added.

Two areas are currently being considered for location of the national offices, one is in northwest Baltimore.

In a story that was first reported in Tuesday's AFRO Mrs. McMillan said although the NAACP is considering two locations here in the city, greater weight is given to the Northern Parkway site in the Seton Industrial Park.

FLAIR MODELS

Flair Models will present a spring-summer fashion show on EasterSunday, April 7 at Martin's West from 5-9 p.m. Auditions for male models to appear in the show will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Flair Models, 108 Mondawmin Mall. For additional information, call 669-5365.

Mitchell holds hearing on job training initiative

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell has announced that he has scheduled a Congressional hearing to examine the impact of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) on federal efforts to train and employ Maryland's unemployed. The hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 25 at the George . Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Room G-30. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m.

Said Mitchell, "I am especially interested in knowing the real effect of JTPA on our young people and their chances to secure permanent employment upon completion of job training programs. With our exceedingly high unemployed youth population, we have got to make certain that federal initiatives are having the desired impact."

The witnesses scheduled to testify are:

Gary Walker - Grinker, Walker and Associates, Independent Evaluation of the Job Training Partnership Act.

Paula Roberts, attorney - Center for Law and Social Policy, Assessment of How Well JTPA Serves the Needs of Women.

Morton Sklar, director - Center for National Policy Review, An Assessment of Private Industry Councils (PIC) in JTPA.

Marion Pines, commissioner - Neighborhood Progress Administration, the Impact of JTPA on Local Training and Employment Efforts.

Gary Rodwell, director - Local Chapter of B.U.I.L.D., A Proposal for the Use of JTPA in a Comprehensive Training Program.

Joseph Washington, Manpower's Director - Baltimore Urban League, Report on Manpower Training Programs Supported by JTPA.

The hearing is open to the public, and interested citizens are urged to attend.

For further information, contact Michael Cryor at (301) 962-4531.

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Nearly 1400 attend annual Omega Mardi Gras

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BEST INDIVIDUAL COSTUMES — Winners of the prizes in the 'Best Individual' category during the annual Omega Mardi Gras held Friday, Feb. 15 at Martin's West, are (from left) Barbara Peterson, who garnered first prize as 'The Madam'; Eric Jones, who came in second place as 'The Flasher' and Darlene Bonner, who got third prize as Lady Dracula.

'BEST COUPLE' WINNERS were (L to R) 'The Hazmat Team' (Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Scott); 'Sorcerers from Planet K' (Iris Robinson and Fred Coleman) and 'The Lion Tamer and the Tiger' (Joyce and Vernon Locklear).

WINNER IN THE 'BEST GROUP' CATEGORY was 'The Cotton Club, Harlem, New York, 1928-1940,' led by Ponjola and Jim Priest.

Officers and members of the Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pulled out all the stops for their annual Mardi Gras, held Friday, Feb. 15 at Martin's West.

The nearly 1400 who came out to enjoy the festivities were treated to sumptuous buffet, open bar, dancing to the music of the Bill Cumming's Band and prizes, prizes, prizes.

Many came decked out in uniquely interesting beautiful and hilarious costumes.

Judging the costumes on parade this year were Miss FiFi Bell, president, FiFi and Co.: Francis Johnson of Studio 88, who judged those costumed for the individual segment. Judging the couples were Bob Matthews, Executive Managing Editor, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper and Joyce Jefferson, WJZ-TV. Judging the best groups were Rosa Julian of WFBR Radio and P.T. Bentley, co-host of WJZ-TV's Cityline.

First place winner in the Individual Costume Category was Barbara Peterson, who came as a "Madam." Second prize went to Eric Jones, "The Flasher" and third prize to Darlene Bonner, who came as Lady Dracula. In the Couples category, First prize was garnered by Joyce and Vernon Locklear who came as Tiger and Lion Tamer (the lady was the tamer); second

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RAGGEDY ANDY AND HIS RAGGEDY ANN (Teddy Booker and Lois Washington) are making a point of enjoying the revelry.

A GHOUL AND HIS LADY — Under the ghoulish garb is Cecil Cooper, who takes a turn around the dance floor with Janet Moss, in western get-up.

WONDER WOMAN (PEGGY THWEAH) (far right) is seen with (from left) royally-garbed Linda Skinner and Vanessa Hobbs, in a costume from the "Flapper" era.

Pattie Hodges
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JACK AND JILL CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' DAY

The Baltimore Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. celebrated it's thirty-ninth birthday with the annual Founder's Day Tea. The observance was held recently at Provident Hospital's Helene Fuld Auditorium.

With the theme, "Spotlighting Jack And Jill", the young people in each group performed with singing, dancing, instrumental music, and dramatic reading.

Highlights of the day included the presentation of a check for $1000 to Mrs. Enolia McMillan for the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People. Mrs. McMillan is president of the Baltimore chapter of the NAACP, and the National NAACP.

There was also an unveiling of a portrait of the founding members of the Baltimore chapter. Mrs. Charlotte Sherrington and Mrs. Zadie Koger, both charter members, were present for the event. Mrs. Carol Wright was program chairperson.

The officers of the Baltimore chapter are Mrs. Rita Selby, president; Mrs. Sara Gray, vice president; Mrs. Eilene Maupin, recording secretary; Mrs. Gloria Marrow, corresponding secretary Mrs. Gladys Bragg, treasurer.

FOR-WIN-ASH GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS AFRICAN INFLUENCES ON FLOWERS

When the For-Win-Ash Garden Club convened for its monthly meeting, the theme for the meeting was African Influences on Flowers. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Beaird. Mrs. Inez Kent, president of the group, presided. Emphasis for the meeting was on tropical plants and flowers.

In keeping with the theme of African Influences on Flowers, club members, Mary Robinson and Anethia Williams gave an interesting presentation to the group. Both ladies were beautifully attired in the native dress of Africa and they called themselves Arctotes Grandes (African Daisies).

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Williams captivated the attention of the club members with two poetic dramatizations. One poem was entitled Flowers of the Darkness and the other was a special poem that was adopted from the Swahili Alphabet Book and created by Mrs. Camay Murphy. It was entitled, Friendship Feast or Jambo. The sounds of African drums, done by Mr. Reginald Smith, gave background to the poetic drama.

Continuing their presentation, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Williams gave a brief history of some tropical plants and flowers and then proceeded to do a beautiful floral arrangement, using all tropical flowers.

Members of the club evaluated the arrangement and expressed much praise. The container for the arrangement was a special African vase from the collection of Mrs. Marion Banfield.

The highlight of the presentation was a dialogue with special guest M's. Mankikola Mahlangu-Ngcobo from South Africa. She gave some very enlightening facts about the black South African's efforts to raise private flower gardens in their country.

Door prizes of African Violets and a Croton plant were awarded to Mrs. Ada Veney, Mrs. Edith Henry and Miss Carrie Johnson.

This year's theme for the For-Win-Ash Garden Club's program is, Let's Make Our World Beautiful: Our Homes and Community. The club's goal is to broaden the members' knowledge about gardening and utilize their talents and skills to beautify the environment.

Each month, members of the club have carried out their special presentation such as, Colonial Floral Arrangements, a Victorian Holiday, and Oriental flower arrangements.

The For-Win-Ash Garden Club is affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

As host and hostess for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Beaird entertained the club members with a delectable dinner consisting of duck and beef with all of its trimmings. Decorations for the evening were Valentine's motif. Members present at the meeting were:

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Banfield, Miss Nellie Buchanan, Mrs. Isolene Crowner, Mrs. Eddie Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. William Terrell, Mrs. Clarence Gross, Mrs. Edith Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Miss Karin Kendrick;

Also Mrs. Almay Kendrick, Mrs. Inez Kent, Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, Mrs. Cephas Rawlings, Mrs. Avon Rawlings, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Ada Veney, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams, Mrs. Viola Wright, Mrs. Juanita Young, Miss Carrie Johnson.

Other members of the club are Mrs. James Laforest, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Emery, Mr. and Mrs. George Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levine.