



OUTGOING DELTA PRESIDENT Hellenia Tidwell, center, receives plaque from sorority member Cornelia Belton, right, during brief ceremony last Saturday at Greenville

Community Center. Incoming president Rogerline Lee, seated, observes the proceedings. For other picture, please turn to page 10.

Ivory Trains Students, Teachers In Caribbean Island

Special To The Post

ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS When Darnell Ivory of Charlotte, N.C. says "jump", everyone jumps. And hops, skips, runs, rolls and leaps as well.

One word from the statuesque 6'2 1/2" Miss Ivory, a Peace Corps volunteer, and the grassy playing field at All Saints Boys' School erupts in a frenzy of "movement exploration." Young Barbadians laugh, totter and grimace as they attempt to imitate their teacher's movements and body control.

On Miss Ivory it all looks graceful and easy -- which is not surprising, considering her background and training. She grew up "always doing one sport or another," and majored in physical education at Spelman College in Atlanta, where she received a bachelor's degree in 1973. She then went on to earn a 1975 master's degree in physical education from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. (She graduated from W. Charlotte H.S. in 1969).

Now working under the Barbados Military of Sports, the 24-year-old Peace Corps volunteer divides her time between three of the island's schools, two of them "mixed," or co-ed. In addition to holding up to five physical education classes a day, Miss Ivory also is developing a lesson plan for

non-specialized teachers.

"I'm trying to reach the regular classroom teachers who teach these kids every day," Miss Ivory explained, noting that there is only one trained physical education instructor on the whole island. "With a basic lesson plan and demonstrations, they can do quite a bit more in P.E. than they're doing now."

So far she has found the younger teachers far more receptive than the older ones. To build up the program, she hopes to involve faculty and students at a nearby community college. Miss Ivory also has located an olympic-size swimming pool near the northern tip of the island. After talking to the owner, she is hopeful she will be able to give swimming lessons and workouts to her students there. Along with tennis and volleyball, swimming is one of her favorite sports.

Although physical education is not taught in Barbadian schools as such, according to Miss Ivory, the people of this sunny Caribbean island nation are quite athletic-minded. The most popular sports are cricket, soccer and cycling.

On National Sports Day, she recalled, "It seemed like every kid on the island came to the stadium. They all had some event that they were going to participate in."

The games, Miss Ivory said, particularly interest her older

students, while the younger children take more readily to movement education. She herself wasn't introduced to movement education until graduate school, but she feels it is one of the most important elements in physical education.

"At Springfield we had to do movements exploring space as if we were children. Movement exploration helps you become aware of your body and builds grace and coordination," Miss Ivory observed.

"How do we use the space around us?" she went on, gesturing broadly. "I'm trying to make the kids aware of their bodies, to develop their ability to stop, start, stretch, bend, and so on."

"There's no right or wrong way to do it. They naturally all like running, but the rest of it -- the body control -- is harder. They have to be aware of space, themselves, the parts of their bodies."

At this point the lessons are still "very basic," Miss Ivory said, adding that no fancy equipment is needed. She nevertheless is looking forward to the arrival of mats, sacks and logs for rolling.

Miss Ivory said some of her funniest experiences have resulted from "a real speech barrier." Even though English is the country's language, there is a big difference in accent and expressions between Barbadian and

American English.

"Sometimes I just don't understand them and naturally I'm going to say things they don't. When I told a class last week to get into a knot, they heard the word nut. Everyone cracked up," she recalled with a laugh.

Miss Ivory decided to join the Peace Corps after spending a summer in the West African nation of Togo with Operation Crossroads Africa. That experience "started my interest in going places," she said. In fact, she turned down a good job offer at Shaw University when her Peace Corps application was accepted last fall.

The daughter of Mrs. Emily R. (Ivory) Smith of 4939 Valleydale Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Ivory plans "to go into some kind of community work" when her two-year Peace Corps stint ends in 1977. "I want to be able to give kids the opportunity to excel at

some sport," she said.

Miss Ivory is one of 30 Peace Corps volunteers working in Barbados in a variety of education, agriculture and health projects. Around the world, more than 6,200 Americans serve as Peace Corps volunteers and trainees in 69 developing nations.

The Peace Corps is part of ACTION, the federal agency for volunteer service established in July, 1971 to administer volunteer programs at home and overseas. Mike Balzano is the director of ACTION. ACTION's domestic programs include Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Foster Grandparent Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Senior Companion Program and University Year for ACTION.

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Installs New Officers

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Holds First Meeting Of Year

By James Peeler Post Staff Writer

The 100-member Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., held the first meeting of its 1976-77 fiscal year last Saturday at Greenville Community Center.

They took the occasion to install new officers for this fiscal year and to honor three of their number.

During brief ceremonies, Cornelia Belton, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, presented Four-leaf Clover shaped plaques to sorority members Grace Stevenson and Helen Streater Cabiness, who have taken early retirement from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

Honoree Cabiness is a graduate of Winston-Salem State College. She holds a Masters

Degree in Early Childhood Education from New York University. She taught in Shelby Public Schools, Shelby, N.C. until her husband, Dr. Riley Cabiness joined the faculty at Johnson C. Smith University in September 1967. Mrs. Cabiness joined the graduate chapter of Delta Psi Sigma of Gastonia in December 21, 1957 and retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System on June 14, 1976.

Honoree Stevenson is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Atlanta University School of Social Work. She holds a Masters Degree from New York University in Guidance and Counseling and has done advanced studies in numerous other colleges and universities. Ms. Stevenson has been a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School

System staff since 1952 and served in the capacities of School Social Worker, Mathematics teacher, and, for the past 18 years, as Guidance Counselor. Her first sorority affiliation was with Delta Sigma Theta, the undergraduate chapter at Johnson C. Smith University.

Outgoing Delta president, Hellenia H. Tidwell, was also honored with a plaque for her outstanding service to the sorority. Mrs. Tidwell, whose husband Isaiah, a Wachovia Bank Officer, has been promoted and transferred to the home office in Winston Salem, N.C., will leave Charlotte about the middle of October. She is presently Director of Upward Bound and Special Service at Johnson C. Smith University. Mrs. Tidwell has served the sorority as Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman of The Cotillion Committee for 1969-1970, Undergraduate Advisor to Gamma Lambda Chapter at Johnson C. Smith University for 1969-74, Vice president from 1970-74 and president from 1974-76. She has also represented the organization at numerous regional and national meetings.

Officers installed at last Saturday's meeting were: Rogerline Lee, President; Juanita Graighead, Vice president; Eva Grace Atkinson, Recording secretary; Janice Crowder, Corresponding secretary; Elaine Brown, Financial secretary; Lucille Batts, Treasurer; Virginia Shadd, Journalist; Sarah Richardson, Historian; Margie Morris, Parliamentarian; Barbara Warren, Chaplain; Mary Gill, Sgt.-at-Arms; Sarah Stroud, Custodian, and Roberta Thompkins, Membership Chairwoman.

Park Center Gospel Show

Stars J. A. Gospel Choir

The J.A. Gospel Choir, of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, will appear on "The World's Best Gospel Program," which will feature the Rev. Isaac Douglas, September 19, at 7:30, at the Charlotte, Park Center.

The Choir, named after its pastor, Dr. J.A. White, started out five years ago with 15 members and is now composed of 30 members. They have appeared on programs in almost every church in and around Charlotte. Next to Dr. White, the J.A.'s are the pride and joy of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church.

Rev. Douglas, who will be blessed to have the J.A.'s sing with him, is one of the nation's top gospel singers. Many find him to be better than Rev. James Cleveland.

Rev. Douglas has just returned from a singing engagement in Europe and will be

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