

# Debs Take Bows At 33rd Annual Ball Raleigh Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority



**IN-TOWN COURT OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DEBUTANTES**—Seated: Miss Almetta Leeha Vance, in-town leader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonza Vance. Standing, from left: Miss Gwendolyn Yolande Debnam, assistant leader, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Debnam; Miss Tonya Rose Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie J. Jones, Jr.; Miss Teresa Diane Rochelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Rochelle, Jr.; Miss Rosalyn Louise Williams, daughter of Mrs. Isa Mae Williams and the late Blanzie Williams; Miss Donzella Feon Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall; Miss Carolyn Yvonne Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Washington. (See story).

## Hundreds Attend Deb Ball

Turn back the years of 1937, when 11 young women were presented by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the old Arcade Hotel, and in 1947 the same sorority presented its first Debutante Ball at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. It was Nov. 27, thirty-three years later, 86 young women, beautifully gowned in traditional white and carrying red roses were presented to hundreds of guests from all parts of the state of North Carolina and other out-of-state friends.

The names on the program were those of families who had presented their older daughters and relatives in the early beginnings of the ball; others were new family names. Mothers, sisters and other relatives have taken their places in the Deb Ball tradition that goes on annually at the Thanksgiving season as families and friends plan their reunions. Since the ball has been in existence, hundreds of young women have been presented and thousands of words have been used to describe the beauty of the ball.

Stressing scholarship, the debutantes are selected by a criteria established by the sorority and from recommenda-

tions by teachers and other community leaders.

At the ball on Friday evening, J. D. Lewis, master of ceremonies, recognized all parents and sponsors, followed by special presentations of the parents of the In-Town Leader and Court and Out-of-Town Leader and Court; the Debutante Committee; and the sorors of the sponsoring chapter who formed a figure with visiting sorors in the audience on the ballroom floor.

The Debutante Ball is one of the social, cultural and educational events sponsored by the sorority, which over the past 30 years has provided scholarships for College and business education for young women and one young man.

The 1969 scholarships (totaling over \$6,193.00) were sent to: Marquette University, Central State, Philadelphia Career and Finishing School, Fisk, Stroger College, Holding Technical Institute, Johnson C. Smith, Meredith College, N. C. Central University, Winston-Salem State University, Howard University, St. Augustine's College, Spellman College, Shaw University, Fayetteville State University, Tuskegee Institute, Florida A&M University, Morgan State College, and A&T University.

The officers of the Chapter are: Basileus, Mrs. Reginald Ennis; Anti-Basileus, Mrs. D. P. Ingram; Grammateus, Mrs. Richard Revis; Anti-Grammateus, Mrs. Francis Spencer; Epistoleus, Joyce Davis; Tam-

uchos, Mrs. Robert Jackson; Parliamentarian, Mrs. James Mann; Public Relations, Mrs. Nelson L. Perry and Mrs. D. H. Keck; Graduate Advisor, Mrs. Jeffrey Gilson and Mrs. William Love.

The Debutante Committee: Mrs. Cleveland Hicks, Chairman; Mrs. Nelson L. Perry, Mrs. William Love, Mrs. Thomas Jiles, Mrs. Sidney Cooley, Mrs. D. P. Ingram, Mrs. Robert Turner, Mrs. A. B. Williams, Misses Thelma Watkins, Madeline Grissom and Docenia Hammonds.

Miss Gloria Cameron, In-town Leader of 1969, and Miss Ophelia Gould, Littleton, crowned the leaders of the 1970 Ball. Both young women relinquished their tiaras to the reigning leaders for 1970.

As Mr. Lewis announced each Deb, she was met by her chief marshal (her father or other relative) as she descended the steps and carried in the spotlight to her position in the traditional Ivy-Leaf designed by Mrs. W. J. Latham. The leaders and members of each court held very special places within the Ivy-Leaf figure with other Debs outlining the Ivy-Leaf on the Ballroom Floor.

After the presentation, Dr. Charles A. Lyons, president of Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, gave the official welcome to the 1970 Debs to North Carolina Society.

Each Debutante and her escort, after the completion of the figure, began dancing to the strains of a beautiful waltz to begin the festivities of the evening. Afterwards a dedication dance was done for the 1969 Debs and their escorts. Music was furnished by The Melody Masters and the Chantelles of Tarboro.

Leading the group of Debutantes were the In-Town leader and her assistants, and the Out-of-Town Leaders and her assistants.

(Editor's Note: The names of the debutantes are followed by their parents names):

Miss Almetta Leeha Vance, In-Town leader, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonza Vance; Miss Gwendolyn Yolande Debnam, assistant leader, Dr. and Mrs. George C. Debnam.

Other assistants were: Misses Tonya Rose Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie J. Jones, Jr.; Teresa Diane Rochelle, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Rochelle, Jr.; Rosalyn Louise Williams, Mrs. Isa Mae Williams and the late Blanzie Williams; Donzella Feon Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall; Carolyn Yvonne Washington, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Washington.

The out-of-town leader was Miss Deborah Branch, Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. James D. Branch. The assistant leader was Miss Cecilia Elizabeth Clegg, Durham, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Clegg.

Other assistants were: Misses Winnie Ruth Harvin, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harvin, Wilmington; Faye Angella Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Morgan, Durham; Chris-Lynn Delorise Latham, Mr. and Mrs. George Garland Latham, Zebulon; Michelle Renee DeJarmon, Attorney and Mrs. LeMarquis DeJarmon, Durham; Margaret Annie Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Whitfield, Garner.

Other Debutants presented from Raleigh were: Misses Brenda Adams, Mrs. Portia Lee Adams; Joyce Allen, Mrs. Roxana Allen; Carolyn Archibie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Williams; Catherine Ashburg, Mrs.

Eloise Ashburg; Linda F. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ashley; Carolyn Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bailey; Mildred Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christmas; Alice Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnes; Fonda Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett; Phyllis Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bates, Sr.; Beverly Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bennett; Bertha L. Bethea, Mrs. Mary Alice Gales; Bennie Marie Blue, Mrs. Agnes Blue; Cheryl Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams; Frances Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Branch; Toni Bridgers, Mrs. Gladys Bridgers; Doreen Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant; Brenda Cannady, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cannady; Cassie Cox, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox; Faye Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Cox; Denise Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Craven; Gale Crawford, Mrs. Sarah Harrell; Sandra Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Curry; Cleola Marie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis; Phyllis Drew, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Drew.

Also Misses Deborah Dunston, Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Dunston; Edith Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Obble Elliott; Janice Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Warrrie Evans; Gail Fain, Mr. and Mrs. William Fain; Brenda Graham, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Graham; Georgia Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dunston; Sandra

Harp, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Harp; Maritza Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Willie R. Hicks; Pattie Lue Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Hinton; Gloria Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Howard; Mary Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hudson; Chrystal Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Harris; Charlene Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. William Ingram; Jacqueline Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson, Jr.; Jennifer Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. Willie F. Jeffers; Donna Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman L. Lewis; Marilyn P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lewis; Elver Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lilly; Elsie Lundy, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lundy; Carolyn McKay, Mrs. Jessie McKay; Brenda Jo McMichael, Mr. and Mrs. Otis McMichael; Deborah McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeil; Cheryl Massenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Massenburg; Pamela Moring, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moring; Deborah Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Demetris Phillips; Marie Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McKenzie.

Others were Misses Cheryl Pool, Mr. and Mrs. John Ransom; Janice Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Poole, Sr.; Linda Revis, Mr. and Mrs. David Hinton; Lynda Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Rowe; Velvet Ruffin, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Ruffin; Vicky Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Sanders; Cynthia Sautler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sautler; Patricia Shire, Mrs. Lillie Bell Shire; Mary Stricklen, Mrs. Katherine Stricklen; Gwendelin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson; Cynthia Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Thomas; Christie Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry



**AKA DEBUTANTES OUT OF TOWN—LEADER AND COURT WITH THEIR FATHERS**—Seated, left to right: The out-of-town Leader was Miss Deborah Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.; The assistant leader was Miss Cecilia Elizabeth Clegg, Durham. Standing, left to right: Miss Margaret Anne Whitfield, Garner; Miss Chris-Lynn Delorise Latham, Zebulon; Miss Winnie Ruth Harvin, Wilmington; Miss Michelle Renee DeJarmon, Durham. Absent was Miss Faye Angella Morgan, Durham. Standing, left to right: are the fathers of the Debs; Rayford Whitfield, George Latham, James Branch, James Clegg, Daniel Harvin, Attorney LeMarquis DeJarmon. Absent: Samuel Morgan. (See story).

Weldon; Deborah Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wilder; Willie Belynda Wimbish, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wimbish; Brenda Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Geradius Winston.

Other Debutantes presented from out-of-town were Misses Deborah Austin, Selma, Mrs. Doris C. Austin; Judy Ann Nunn, Chapel Hill, Mrs. Gertrude F. Nunn; Angella Merritt, Chapel

Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merritt and Geraldine Norris, Robert E. Norris.

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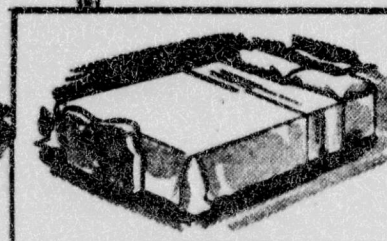
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