

# RALEIGH'S Social SCENE

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Best wishes to the young ladies who will be presented in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 52nd annual Debutante Ball on Friday, Nov. 24, at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. Some of the debutantes will be following in their mothers' footsteps. The ball will be sponsored by the Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The Les Cousettes Club met at the home of Ms. Willie Kitchen Daly of 2315 Shannon St. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The hostess opened the meeting with prayer, and then turned the meeting over to Ms. Catherine Wilkins, president. She led the rededication ceremony for two returning members: Ms. Dorothea Lester Chavis and Ms. Louise S. Taylor.

During the business session, several reports were made. Among them was the social committee report given by Ms. Primrose R. Jackson. She reported on plans for the Christmas party and the pre-Thanksgiving activity. She announced plans for the members to attend the Raleigh Christmas Show on Thursday, Nov. 16, following lunch at the Bowl in downtown Raleigh.

At the close of the club's business session, Ms. Daly served a tasty meal and the members played games.

The following members were present: Ms. Lillie Ballentine, Ms. Dorothea L. Chavis, Ms. Ola Coleman, Ms. Willie Crump, Ms. Adelaide Earp, Ms. Roger Mae Evans, Ms. Willie Petey Hicks, Ms. Primrose Jackson, Ms. Cora Lamb, Ms., Marjorie Niles, Ms. Glodene Taylor, Ms. Louise S. Taylor, Ms. Catherine Wilkins, and Ms. Natalie Wimberley.

Accolades are extended to members of the St. Augustine's College Girls Volleyball Team for winning the CIAA championship recently. This team, which is coached by Dr. Freddie Bennett, has captured the 11th championship out of the past 12 years. Dr. Bennett is head of the Physical Education Department at the college.

The members of the Berry O'Kelly Alumni Association are looking forward to their annual Christmas dinner dance on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the North Raleigh Hilton. This scholarship effort is one of the highlights of the Christmas season in our city.

Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity met on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Augustine's College with Dr. Dudley Flood presiding. Plans were announced for the annual "Go Dutch" awards dinner scheduled for Dec. 13. Sigmas will be held in suspense, but they will have to wait and see who will win the coveted title, "Sigma Man of the Year." Three other coveted awards will be presented to those men who have distinguished themselves in the programmatic areas of Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action.

The members of the Delta Ensemble are working hard to prepare Christmas music for the sorority's annual Christmas Breakfast, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. at the Raleigh Marriott Hotel. Soror Hortense Fleming thinks that we can sing anything the way we did when we were in college. We don't want to let her down, so we try really hard.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority would love to have your youngster participate in the DELTA Carousel. Just call a member for more information.

Soror Terri Burroughs, chairperson of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Education Committee, announced during Saturday's meeting that the kickoff for "School America" would take place on Saturday, Dec. 2, under the Council Chamber at City Hall. The sorority will hold a "Reader Registration" drive to sign persons up so they will read stories to as many children as possible. This project will be held on the local, regional and national levels.

Congratulations to Ms. Gertrude Pope on her new title, "Miss Shaw Alumni." Sorry, I missed seeing her, but so many things were happening in the Capital City on Saturday other than the Christmas parade. Some of us were on St. Aug.'s campus listening to Jonathan Bush, brother of the president of the United States.

Johnson Day was observed on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Martin Street Baptist Church. Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor emeritus, gave a soul-stirring speech on "Weight-Watching." He took his text from Daniel 5:27. This distinguished pastor highlighted the three kinds of Christians: the underweight, the overweight, and the spiritually anemic.

Rev. Johnson left his audience with this question: "How Much Do You Weigh?"

Raleigh is indeed a really busy city. There are so many activities to engage in to help individuals grow educationally, culturally, and economically. The Triangle Networking Association is sponsoring a Triangle Minority Exposition at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. Community entrepreneurs are invited to attend and display their goods. Vendors are encouraged to contact Ms. Cynthia Hodges or this writer. At least, I can pass on a telephone number.

Ms. Elizabeth Monday, a newcomer to our city, was on hand to talk to some of my students recently on the topic, "Dressing for Success." She spoke from the idea of self-esteem and told the young adults that they should dress from "the inside out." She then moved to grooming and etiquette. Ms. Monday, who was transferred here because of her job, is director of the Ms. Black America Pageant for two cities in Oklahoma. She has expressed an interest in sponsoring a Ms. Black Raleigh pageant, so that this city would have a chance to have a Ms. Black America nominee.

We do have beautiful and talented young women here. The current Miss America is "black, beautiful, brainy, and born-again," according to the December issue of Ebony. We are proud of her, but we can still be involved in our own.

In thinking of our own, the members of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP have already begun their plans for the 1990 Freedom Fund Banquet. Those plans include having as guest speaker Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks, the executive director. Hooks is a Baptist minister and a lawyer, as well as a former FCC commissioner. The date is March 17, 1990.

The Raleigh-Apex Branch will be working on the NAACP's ACT-SO program with involvement of local youth. The program, Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, was founded by Vernon Jarrett of the Chicago Sun-Times. It recognizes excellence among black high school students across the United States. Local advisers will need the support of teachers and parents, and the result will be scholarships.

Let us give thanks during this season for the many blessings: for health, for strength, for life itself. The list will be very long. Don't forget the Pilgrims who made it to this land of freedom.

Surely, there are some who will complain. Think of the homeless, and the

(See SOCIAL SCENE, P. 18)

## Mayor-Elect Dinkins Affirms Jewish Ties

In his first appearance before a Jewish audience since his election as mayor of New York City, David Dinkins paid tribute to the recipients of the 1989 AJCongress Louise Waterman Wise Award.

Citing civic activists Pearl and Nadine Hack for being involved with "every progressive cause in recent memory—from the civil rights movement of the '60s to the pro-choice movement of today," Dinkins said that the "role played by individuals such as Pearl and Nadine reflect in microcosm the historic relationship between the African-American and Jewish communities." The mayor-elect added:

"The things that unite us truly are stronger than the forces that would divide us. And nowhere is that truer than in the relationship between the African-American and Jewish communities. We each have a history that has taught us in the most profound and painful ways the evils of group hate. And we have a common heritage of witnessing and working for the human rights of all—often against the longest of odds.

"Ours is a historic alliance—one that is constantly renewed through the efforts of people such as Pearl and Nadine."

The Louise Waterman Wise Award was established "to honor women whose service to the community and humanity is exemplary." Robert K. Lifton, president of the AJCongress, presented the Hacks with their awards at a dinner held last week at the Plaza Hotel. Among the attendees of the black-tie gala were Geraldine Ferraro, Gloria Steinem, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Vermont Gov. Madeleine Kunin and Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown. Jerry Dunfee, Coretta Scott King and William S. Woodside served as the event's co-chairs.

Proceeds from the dinner will serve as the initial endowment for a special Hack Family Fund for Social Justice which will aid AJCongress' efforts in seeking to advance civil liberties, civil rights and religious freedom.

### CONSEQUENCES

Acceptance of what has happened is the first step in overcoming the consequences of any misfortune.

William James



DELTA CAROUSEL—Participants and parents (at the elementary level) listen and participate as Ms. Sydney Roberts discusses and reviews the calendar of events planned for the elementary level participants in this year's program of activities...see related story. (Photo by Chris Hinton)

## Released S. African Prisoner Urges 'Wrest Power From Racist Regime'

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

NNPA News Service

Japhta Kgalabi Masemola, one of South Africa's recently "released" political prisoners (59), a former school teacher and a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania, is already urging fellow native South Africans to "wrest power from the racist regime."

Within a few hours after his

release, Masemola dashed straight to Atteridgeville Township, Pretoria, his home and former place of work, and spoke at his welcome reception.

A former school teacher at Atteridgeville's Banareng Primary School, he told his audience, "Our release from a long, long political imprisonment is the regime's gimmick, aimed at softening the increasing world pressure against the racist

South African regime. The African people of this country, which was forcefully taken from them, must reclaim it. We must wrest our usurped power from the racist regime."

On March 21, 1963, Japhta Masemola was sentenced to life with other African leaders. One year before Nelson Mandela and other Rivonia Trialists were imprisoned on Robben Island near Cape Town in 1964. All told, Masemola has served 27 years of a life sentence for sabotage engineered by PAC, and became the longest-serving African political prisoner in the country's history.

Patriotic, bold, determined and clear-minded, Japhta Masemola dashed straight from his release point to speak to his countrymen at Atteridgeville. A visionary, well-informed, alert and astute, he looked young, vivacious and spoke eloquently. Jail had failed to soften him, and he was fearless and confident. The crowd applauded him thunderously.

Replying to a press question, he said, "I'm not happy to have been released because I'm innocent. I did nothing to warrant a life sentence. Besides, I was unjustly sentenced because I had no legal representation. My lawyers, who included Sydney Kentridge, were refused to interview me. In addition, the sentence was too harsh because no act of sabotage was committed."

Commenting about President F.W. de Klerk's proposed negotiation with black leaders, Masemola said, "The issue at the moment isn't whether there should be negotiations or not. We cannot negotiate with the usurpers of our land. Our primary task, as stated over and over again, is to repossess our country—Azania." But Masemola emphasized that he would not stand in the way of negotiation, and added that he had not planned his future.

From the mouth of this former political prisoner mankind is better informed about this enigmatic move by President de Klerk. We now know that the prisoners' release was not motivated by humanitarian change of heart but by de Klerk's attempt to escape world pressure. We now know, too, that the former prisoners feel betrayed by their release. But it is a happy augury for the future of South Africa that men like Japhta Masemola, after long years of jail destruction of the human spirit, can still stand up and speak with an indomitable spirit inside the world's largest jail—apartheid South Africa.

Bravo, Japhta Masemola! Bravo, for braving it like it is... and for your determination to stand up to defend

(See N.C. AMNESTY, P. 18)

(See S.A. PRISONER, P. 18)

## Delta Carousel Receives Enthusiastic Support Here

Members of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., held their orientation program for prospective Carousel participants and parents the first Sunday in November at Emma Conn School. This session was received enthusiastically by the many youth participants, parents, Deltas and friends present.

The welcome and program overview were given by Annette Watson, chapter president, with Mary Sharpe,

a Carousel associate chairperson, introducing the youth speakers for the occasion, Erica Newkirk and Gordon Burkette. Erica and Gordon shared some memories and highlights of their years as Carousel participants and challenged their year's participants to get totally involved in the enriching and educational activities that the Carousel affords.

DELTA is an acronym for development, education, leadership, talent and achievement. The Carousel program continues to serve them as a "benchmark" and motivation for success, growth and involvement as they now venture into activities on the college level. Erica at UNC-Greensboro and Gordon at North Carolina A&T State University. Also participating in this orientation program through music was another Carousel participant, Amber Corzine, who captivated the audience with her vocal rendition of the song, "Imagine."

(See DELTA'S, P. 18)

## Amnesty Revenues Mount As Dec. 1 Deadline Nears

With just 15 days left to go, collections under the North Carolina Tax Amnesty Program have reached \$8.7 million, according to Helen Powers, secretary of the Department of Revenue. Another \$1.6 million has been reported with payment scheduled by Dec. 1.

According to Powers, other states conducting amnesty programs found that as much as 75 percent of the revenue was collected during the final week of amnesty.

To accommodate the added interest in amnesty that is expected in

## E. B. Redmond Named Ill. Author Of The Year

East St. Louis poet, educator and literary scholar Eugene B. Redmond has been named Illinois author of the year by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.

Redmond, currently a full professor of English and poet-in-residence in African Studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, has authored or edited 16 volumes of diverse writings.

As literary executor of the Henry Dumas estate, Redmond compiled six collections of the late writer's works for posthumous publication. Dumas' "Goodbye, Sweetwater" (1988) and "Knees of a Natural Man" (1989), stories and poems, respectively, were brought out by Thunder's Mouth Press to much critical acclaim.

In 1976, Redmond was named poet laureate of East St. Louis, and in 1986 a group of East St. Louis authors established the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club in his honor.

From 1970-85, Redmond was professor of English and poet-in-residence in Ethnic Studies at California State University-Sacramento.

Redmond, who thinks of himself as a mixture of T.S. Elliot and the blues, was honored by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English recently.

Characterized by Maya Angelou as "Black America's greatest love poet and a masterful storyteller," Redmond has seven published volumes of poetry including "Sentry of the Four Golden Pillars," "River of

Bones and Flesh and Blood," "Songs from an Afro/Phone," "In a Time of Rain and Desire: New Love Poems," and "Consider Loneliness as These Things."

Additionally, he is the editor of two collections, "Sides of the River" and "Griefs of Joy: Anthology of Contemporary Afro-American Poetry for Students," and recordings of poetry and music, "Blood-Links" and "Sacred Places."

His widely acclaimed critical history "Drum Voices: The Mission of Afro-American Poetry" was published in 1976. Redmond characterizes himself as a "poet-ritualist"—poet because he knows the totemic magic hidden in words and ritualist because he hasn't forgotten the need for cultural tradition.

A sometimes journalist, having been the first black editor of the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville student newspaper, Alestle, and having represented several area news organs at the historic 1963 march on Washington for jobs and freedom, Redmond worked as a reporter for the East St. Louis Daily Journal, and later as editor of the East St. Louis Monitor, for which he wrote the editorial page and a weekly column.

Redmond's poems and articles have appeared in a multitude of periodicals and journals and in more than 25 anthologies.

Redmond is a frequent visitor to Raleigh and recently offered readings in Durham for the Writer's Network.



NEW DILEMMA—Faced with the prospect of living more cheaply with two incomes, yet not ready for a trip to the altar, "Living Together," or marriage? has become a "New Dilemma for Black Professionals." Atlanta Wendy Rogers and Houston Lee chose to test the waters by first living together, and now are planning to wed next summer. Says Ms. Rogers, "for me, it was a very emotional decision; it was my heart telling me that I wanted him to be there with me all the time," she reveals.

Let Our Experts Keep Your Car In Top Shape!

- BRAKE REPAIR
- DRUMS & ROTORS TURNED
- TUNE UPS
- BATTERIES
- TIRES COMPUTER BALANCED

OFFICIAL Licensed Inspection Station!

Credit Cards Honored

TEXACO—EXXON—MASTERCARD—VISA  
AMERICAN EXPRESS—DISCOVER

**DUNN'S TEXACO**  
SERVICENTER

"See Us For Complete Car Care!"

802 S. Bloodworth St. 755-9993

## Homeowners

Get Your Christmas Cash Now!

# \$7,500

P.Y.M.T. ONLY \$150.00 PER MONTH

## Homeowners

**No Payment Until 1990!**

Cash In Hand In 5-7 Days

POOR OR SLOW CREDIT OK

# 1-800-462-7715

KEVEGO Home Loans