

Gamma Upsilon Psi Society



23rd Annual Debutante Cotillion

"Yesterday's Wish, Tomorrow's Dream"

Saturday, April 1, 1995 The Chancellor Hotel Champaign, Illinois



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY ...

Dear Cotillion Supporter,

Twenty-three years ago, the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Mu Sigma Chapter pursued a dream that evolved into the Cotillion in the Champaign-Urbana area. In 1974, a group of interested women began assisting the Sigmas. In 1975, the women's group adopted the name of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society, and since 1977, the Gammas have been the sole sponsor of the Cotillion.

We are thankful to the illustrious men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity that they had the foresight to capture their vision and bring their dream to reality.

Patricia McKinney Lewis

Today, with the grace of God, we are remembering the dream and celebrating the 23rd debutante cotillion ball. We are very proud that more than 300 debutantes have made their entrance into society through our Cotillion.

You can feel proud, too. The financial assistance we have provided each debutante has been made possible because of your continued support. Your support comes in the form of advertisements, patrons, and the purchasing of tickets. We thank you and appreciate your continued support.

We also genuinely appreciate the dedication and commitment we've had from parents and other family members who have assisted the debutantes over the years.

As president of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society, I would like to thank each Gamma member for her diligence, persistence, and hard work. Gamma members have worked untiringly for years to produce a quality Cotillion. This year we expect nothing less than the exhilarating, effervescent, magnificently electrifying pageantry of which we are accustomed!

Thank you for helping keep the dream alive. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

HAVE A FANTASTIC EVENING!

Sincerely,

PATRICIA McKINNEY LEWIS, PRESIDENT GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY



Cotillion '95 "Yesterday's Wish, Tomorrow's Dream"

Pauchancé Elizabeth Allen
Nameka Raushawn Bates
La Toya Shamica Brown
Keli Lynn Brunson
Dawn Michelle Clark
Shawna Michele Cooper
La Shonna Nicole Foster
La Vonya Sherrè Gaines
Sarah Dionne Jelks
Nicole Elizabeth Lewis
Michelle Terese Savage
Shannon Yvonne Williams

Delwin Brown
Shamaco Milton
Chris Phillips
Howard William Epps
James Mobley
William Summerville
Antwan Mobley
Nathanael Gaines
Tommy Smith
Justin Rucks-McMullen
Deulon Corey LeSure
Bruce Brown



"A Dream With Your Name On It"

as sung by Jennifer Holliday

"Stay strong," I tell myself when things are going wrong
Those times I long to be a winner as I see my chances growing dimmer,
I hold on to a memory.

"Small one," my mother said, "your life has just begun.

You'll see the rage of stormy weather, but there's rainbows there

and things will soon get better.

So hang on." 'Cause...

There's a dream out there with your name on it.

There's a wish somewhere just waiting for you.

There's a star in the night whose light will be shining brighter

When that dream with your name on it comes true.

Stand tall. Don't you be afraid. You're sure to find your way.

And when that voice that's deep inside you says to take a chance,

That's what you've gotta do.

Follow your heart; go where it leads you.

It's telling you...

There's a dream out there with your name on it.

There's a song somewhere to lighten your heart.

There's strength from within that you can depend on

When it seems your schemes are falling through.'

Program

Toastmistress	Mrs. Carmelita Thomas
Welcome	Ms. Katrina Kindle
Invocation	Elder Daryl M. Ray Living Faith Ministries Pastor of the Educ. Dept.
Dinner	ractor of the Bauer Bepti
Musical Selection	The Men of Distinction
Lighting of the Candles	Escorts
Presentation of Debutantes	Mrs. Susan Smith Ross Debutante 1974
Dedication to Debutantes	The Men of Distinction
"A Dream With Your Name On It"	
Debutantes' Dance	You Gotta Believe"
Introduction of Escorts	Mr. André Nance
Debutantes & Escorts Dance	"On Bended Knee" "I Wanna Be Down"
Acknowledgements & Awards	Mrs. Ruthie Hillsman Mrs. Willia M. Brown
RemarksMrs. P.	atricia McKinney Lewis, President Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
Dancing until 11:00 p.m	Music by The "Concrie" DI



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Fruit Medley

Jossed Salad

Tried Chicken

Baked Potato

Italian Blend Vegetables

Hot Apple Dumpling with Cinnamon Sauce

Rolls & Butter

Coffee - Dea - Milk



Gamma Upsilon Psi Society Officers



Kathryn Humphrey Vice-President



Patricia Lewis President



Marion Jones Treasurer



Ruthie Hillsman Financial Secretary



Linda Peace Secretary



Gamma Upsilon Psi Society Established 1974



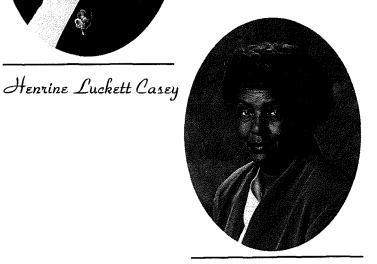
Arlicia Biggers



Willia M. Brown



Dorothy L. Greene



Ruby Hunt



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Katrina Kindle



Carlarta Ratchford



Valerian A. Summerville



Carmelita Thomas



Production Staff



Escort Assistant Ralph Russell

Music

Bobby Pearson

The "Generic" DJ



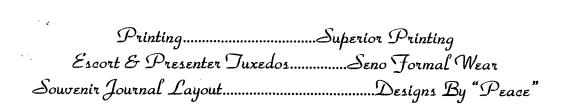
Choreography Latacia Morgan



Photography Steve Storch Storch Photographics



Cosmetic Consultant Clara Bright





The 1995 Debutantes would like to say, "Thank-You" to the members of the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society and to all their supporters.



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Pachauncé Elizabeth Allen





Debutante Pachauncé

is the 19 year old daughter of Sherry Allen and Arthur Allen III. Pachauncé is a senior at Urbana High School where she is involved in the African-American Club. She is a member of the Muslim Mission Center where she is also involved in the The Muslim Youth Association and Young Muslim Women of America. Her hobbies include reading, swimming, tennis, dancing, and bowling. Pachauncé plans to attend Clark - Atlanta University where she will blossom into a Child Psychiatrist. This evening Pachauncé will be presented by her godfather, Mr. Saabur Hammed, and her mother will receive her. Escorting Pachauncé for Cotillion 1995 is Delwin L. Brown.





Nameka Raushawn Bates





Debutante Nameka

is the seventeen year old daughter of Marguerite Kelly and Calvin Bates. Nameka is a senior at Centennial High School where she is a member of the Student Council, the Student Advisory Board The president of the African-American Club, and a R.E.A.C.H. peer counselor. Her hobbies are reading and art/design. Nameka's Community efforts include tutoring at Kenwood Elementary School and involvement in the NAACP Youth Council. She is employed by Hardee's and U.S. Army C.E.R.L.. Nameka has been accepted to the University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts and plans to major in Actuary Science next year. This evening Nameka's stepfather, Mr. Larry Kelly, will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting Nameka for Cotillion 1995 is Shamaco Milton.





La Toya Shamica Brown





Debutante La Toya

is the 18 year old daughter of Jackie Brown and Mark Clark. LaToya is a senior at Central High School where she is a Varsity Basketball and Track Team member, the Senior Class Secretary, the African-American Club president, a member of the Principal Scholar's Program, the Dean's Advisory Committee, and a peer counselor with Central High School's Peers Ears Program. LaToya is a member of St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where she is on the Ushers' Board, in the choir and youth group, and a youth church leader. LaToya's community involvement includes the Rhoer Club for Community Help, S.I.S.T.E.R.S., and United Way's Kid's Way. She is employed at Wendy's. LaToya's hobbies include dancing, skating, talking on the phone, and being out with friends. Next fall LaToya plans to attend Illinois State University willwheresheburgeon intoelementary/secondary school teacher. Tonight LaToya's father will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting LaToya for Cotillion 1995 is Chris Phillips.





Keli Lynn Brunson





Debutante Keli

is the 17 year old daughter of Minnie Lee Brunson and Willie Brunson, Jr. She is a junior at Urbana High School where her activities include member of the African-American Club, the National and Spanish Honor Societies, and the school radio station, WUHS. Keli is employed at Consolidated Telemarketing in Champaign. Her hobbies are drawing, playing the piano, and dancing. Next fall Keli will attend Parkland Community College and major in accounting. After she has finished her two years at Parkland, Keli will transfer to the University of Illinois. Tonight, Keli will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Keli for Cotillion 1995 is Howard Epps.





Dawn Michelle Clark





Debutante Dawn

is the 18 year old daughter of Phyllis and Lee Clark. Dawn is a senior at Urbana High School where she is the president of the African-American Club. She is also a member of the Student Senate, the Human Relations Commission, and the Concert & Honors Choirs. Dawn is affiliated with Mount Olive Baptist Church where she attends Sunday School and a member of the choir and Young Adult Fellowship. Dawn's hobbies are singing, walking, or anything to keep her constructively occupied. She is undecided as to where she will attend college, but plans to pursue Speech Pathology as a major. After Dawn is presented by her father, her mother will receive her. Escorting Dawn for Cotillion 1995 is James Mobley.





Shawna Michele Cooper





Debutante Shawna

is the 17 year old daughter of Michele and John Cooper. A graduating junior at Urbana High School Shawna is the Vice-President of the Student Senate, a member of the Spanish Club, and the Business Club. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and currently employed as a tutor in the B.E.S.T. (Basic Educational Skills Tutoring) Program. Shawna is the treasurer of the Champaign-Urbana NAACP Youth Council, First Vice-President of the NAACP State Conference Youth and College Division, and Miss NAACP for the State of Illinois. Along with other accomplishments, Shawna is a recipient of the Delta Sigma Theta Academic Achievement and Community Service Award, a 1995 Golden Apple Award Scholar, a B.E.S.T. Scholar, a member of the Spanish National Honor Society, and honoree of Who's Who Among Outstanding African-American High School Students. Shawna has been accepted to the University of Illinois where she aspires to be an elementary school teacher. Tonight, Shawna's father will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting Shawna for Cotillion 1995 is William Summerville.





La Shonna Nicole Foster





Debutante La Shonna

is the 18 year old daughter of Melinda Elam and Lonnie Johnson. LaShonna is a senior at Central High School where she is a Peppette, a cheerleader, a member of the Show Choir, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Principal's Scholars, and the African-American Club. LaShonna is a member of Alpha and Omega Temple where she sings in Choir, and a member of the Ushers' Board & Young People's Group. LaShonna is currently employed at L.W.'s Place in Champaign. Her hobbies are singing, reading, cheerleading, and swimming. LaShonna has been accepted to Eastern Illinois University and Illinois State University but is undecided as to where she will attend in the fall. LaShonna's grandfathers, Nathan W. Henderson and Gerald Foster, will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting LaShonna for Cotillion 1995 is Antwan Mobley.





La Vonya Sherrè Gaines





Debutante La Vonya

is the 17 year old daughter of Rosemary G. and James A. Wright. LaVonya is a senior at Urbana High School where she is a Tigerette and a member of the Urbana Concert and Honors choirs. LaVonya worships at The Church of the Living God where she is involved in the choir and Big Sister's Program. Her hobbies include playing the piano, listening to music, babysitting, and assisting with photographic work. Tonight, LaVonya will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting LaVonya for Cotillion 1995 is her brother, Nathanael Gaines.





Sarah Dionne Jelks





Debutante Sarah

is the 18 year old daughter of Barbara Ann Walker-Jelks and Noah Carlos Jelks, Sr. Sarah is a senior at Central High School where she is involved in the Principal's Scholars Program and the Upward Bound Program. Sarah is a member of the Urbana Assembly of God Church. She is employed by Saturn Car Dealership of Champaign. Sarah's hobbies are reading, writing, singing, dancing, and collecting gorillas. Sarah will attend Illinois State University in the fall. Tonight, Sarah will be presented by her father and received by her mother. Escorting Sarah for Cotillion 1995 is Tommy Smith.





Nicole Elizabeth Lewis





Debutante Nicole

("Nikki") is the seventeen year old daughter of Rosalind and Robert Lewis. A January graduate of Urbana High School, Nikki is now attending Parkland college. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a degree in liberal arts and sciences at a four year college, with a major in psychology, pre-law or political science. She has been admitted to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for Fall 1995 and has also applied to Spelman, Hampton, Florida A&M, Florida State and Clark-Atlanta. Nikki is a member of Students for World Improvement, African-American Club, Explores, UHS newspaper staff, and girls' basketball and volleyball teams. Selected as a delegate, Nikki attended the American Legion Girls' State Conference, was a participant in the Eastern Illinois University Journalism Conference for Minority High School Students, has received Urbana High School academic "U" Awards and the Delta Sigma Theta Academic Achievement Award three times. She was a member of the Urbana High School team for State Regional Mathematics Competition and participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha "Fashionetta," being named, "Miss Enterprise 1992." Nikki is a member of the NAACP Youth Council, Principal's Scholars Program, and Salem Baptist Church where she is active in the Sunday School, Junior Ushers, and Youth Choir. She has also served as a junior volunteer at Covenant Medical Center and Frances Nelson Health Care Center. Her hobbies include photography, music, drawing, ceramic, cycling, jogging, skating, gourmet cooking, and "KICKIN' IT" with friends. She is employed part-time at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Nicole is being presented by her father and received by her mother. Her escort for Cotillion 1995 is Justin Rucks-McMullen.





Michelle Terese Savage





Debutante Michelle

is the seventeen year old daughter of Teresa Savage. She is a senior at University High School where she is President of the African-American Club and Co-President and Co-Founder of the University High Multi-Ethnic Club (UMEC). She has been active in Unique (the school literary magazine), the Puzzle Club, and the jazz band, for which she plays the piano. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students 1994-95, has been accepted into the Annapolis Naval Academy of Engineering and Science Summer Program, won an Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Commendation, received a 1995 Commendation in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students, and chosen to help produce a film for science and math students for USACERL (U.S. Construction Engineering Research Laboratory). Michelle is a member of St. John Episcopal Church where she has worked as a nursery helper for eight years and a substitute Sunday School teacher. Her hobbies include playing the piano, cooking, and reading. She has been accepted into the University of Illinois engineering program as a President Awards Scholar. She plans to attend the U of I or an Ivy League College and become a physician. After her father presents her, Michelle will be received by her mother this evening. Escorting Michelle for Cotillion 1995 is Cory LeSure.





Shannon Yvonne Williams





Debutante Shannon

is the 18 year old daughter of Anita Williams and James Reynolds. Shannon is currently attending Parkland Community College, while preparing to receive her diploma from Urbana High School in June. Shannon is member of The Church of the Living God where she is active in Sunday School. the church band, Bible Study, and Big Sisters. Shannon is a member of Calanthe Court 8. Shannon's hobbies are helping the elderly, tutoring elementary school children, cosmetology, singing, dancing, shopping, traveling, going to church, and socializing. Shannon will be attending Parkland Community College until the end of the semester when she will either join the military or attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) where she has already been accepted. Tonight, a friend of the family, Kenneth Patton will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting Shannon for Cotillion 1995 is Bruce Brown.



Introducing

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Escorts

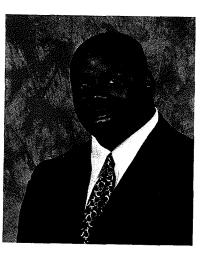
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Delwin Brown

The son of Wanda Brown and Willie Dorsey, Delwin is a senior at Centennial High School where he is a member of the basketball team. After high school, Delwin plans to enlist in the Army to begin a career in communications. Delwin will be escorting Debutante Pachauncé Allen.



Shamaco Milton

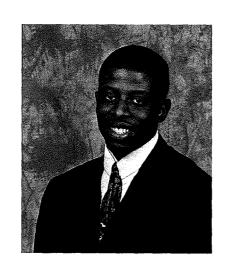
The 18 year old son of Colette and Steve Washington, Shamaco is a senior at Centennial High School where he has played football for 4 years and basketball for 2 years. Shamaco is also a R.E.A.C.H. Peer Counselor and has been Homecoming King. He is a member of Salem Baptist Church. Shamaco plans to attend Parkland College and major in Business. Tonight Shamaco will be escorting Debutante Nameka Bates





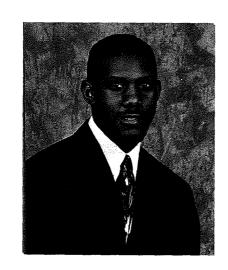
Chris Phillips

The 17 year old son of Willard and Diane Phillips, Chris is a senior at Central High School where he has been a member of the African-American Club for 4 years; he serves as secretary for the 94-95 school year. He played football and ran track for 4 years. Chris is also a member of the PTSA Advisory Board. Chris plans to major in biology and then attend Dental School. Tonight Chris will be escorting Debutante LaToya Brown.



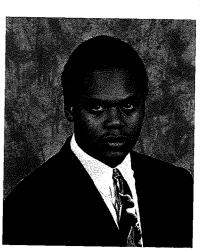
Howard William Epps

The 16 year old son of Kathy Epps, Howard is a junior at Urbana High School where he is on the basketball, football, and track teams. Tonight, Howard will escort **Debutante Keli Brunson**.



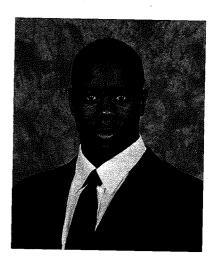
James Mobley

The 17 year old son of Verna Carter, James is a senior at Central High School. He worships at Alpha and Omega Temple. After graduation James plans to matriculate at a college far away from Champaign where he will major in either Pre-Law or Carpentry. Tonight, James will be escorting **Debutante Dawn Clark**.



William Summerville

The 16 year old son of Willie T. Valerian Summerville, William is a junior at Central High School where he is the Vice-President of the Junior Class, a member of Student Council, the varsity track and the varsity football teams. William is also involved in the African-American Club, the Drama Club, the Principal's Leadership Committee, the Show Choir and the PTSA Advisory Board. He is a member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where he is a Life Boy Scout with Troop 402, sings in the Youth Choir, and participates in

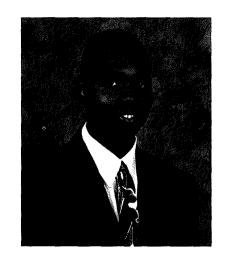


the Youth Fellowship. He wants to be an actor or a professional football player after he receives his Bachelor's Degree. Tonight, William will be escorting **Debutante Shawna** Cooper.



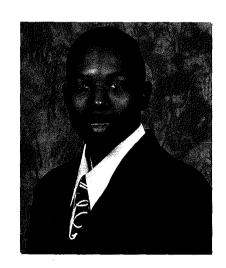
Antwan Mobley

The 16 year old son of Verna Carter, Antwan is a junior at Central High School where he has played on the football and basketball teams. Antwan attends Alpha and Omega Temple. He plans to attend college when he graduates, but is unsure as to where or what his major will be. Antwan will be escorting Debutante LaShonna Foster.



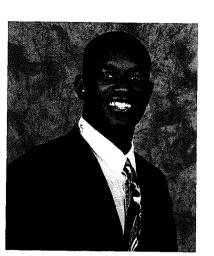
Nathanael Gaines

The 19 year old son of James and Rosemary Wright, Nathanael is a freshman at Parkland Community College. Nathanael plans to transfer to the University of Illinois and major in Business Administration. Nathanael attends The Church of the Living God and is a United States Army Reservist. Tonight, Nathanael will be escorting his sister, **Debutante LaVonya Gaines.**



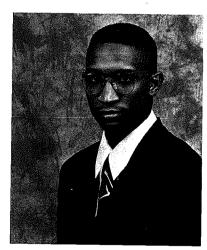
Jommy Smith

The 16 year old son of Tommy and Dorris Smith, Tommy is a junior at Central High School where he plays varsity basketball. He is affiliated with Alpha and Omega Temple. Tonight, Tommy will be escorting Debutante Sarah Jelks.



Justin Rucks-Mc Mullen

Justin is a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring Accounting. He is employed at Busey Bank as a Customer Service Representative and was a recipient of the Busey Bank Community Reinvestment Act Scholarship. He lives with his grandparents, Emma and Lonnie Rucks of Urbana. Illinois, and is a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church. He enjoys sports and received numerous track and basketball honors at Urbana High School. He participates in the intramural sports programs at the University of Illinois. A dedicated

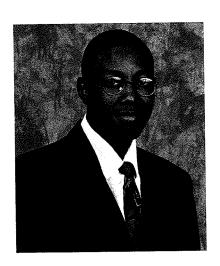


student, Justin's career interests are to establish an accounting firm after graduate school. Justin is escorting **Debutante Nicole (Nikki) Lewis** this evening.



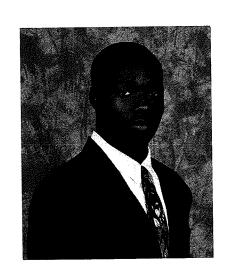
Deulon "Corey" Le Sure

The 18 year old son of Lila LeSure, Corey is a junior at Urbana High School where he is a Student Senate Representative, treasurer of the junior class, and treasurer of the African-American Club. Corey is also a member of the NAACP Youth Council and Mr. NAACP for the State of Illinois. Corey plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in education. Tonight, Corey will be escorting **Debutante Michelle Savage.**



Bruce Brown

The 18 year old son of Judy and Herb Nesbitt and Richard Clifton, Bruce is a Centennial High School junior where he is Vice-President of the African-American Club, activity chairman of the multicultural committee, Vice-president of Brothers Incorporated, and a member of the football and track teams. Bruce will be enlisting in the United States Army Reserves this summer. Tonight, Bruce will be escorting Debutante Shannon Williams.



Congratulations To All of Our 1995 Debutantes from The Members of The Gamma Upsilon Psi Society





Yesterday...Today...Tomorrow...
You will always be my sweet, beautiful, loving
Daughter! You, My Darling, have and always
will give me blessed joy and Happiness! May Allah,
Most Merciful, Most compassionate continue to
bless and keep you!

Jove, Momma



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