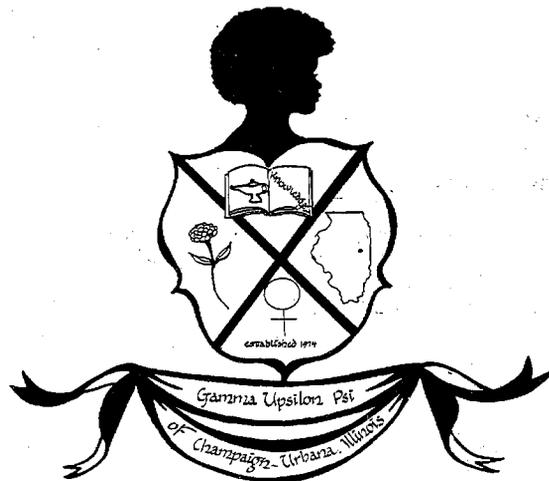
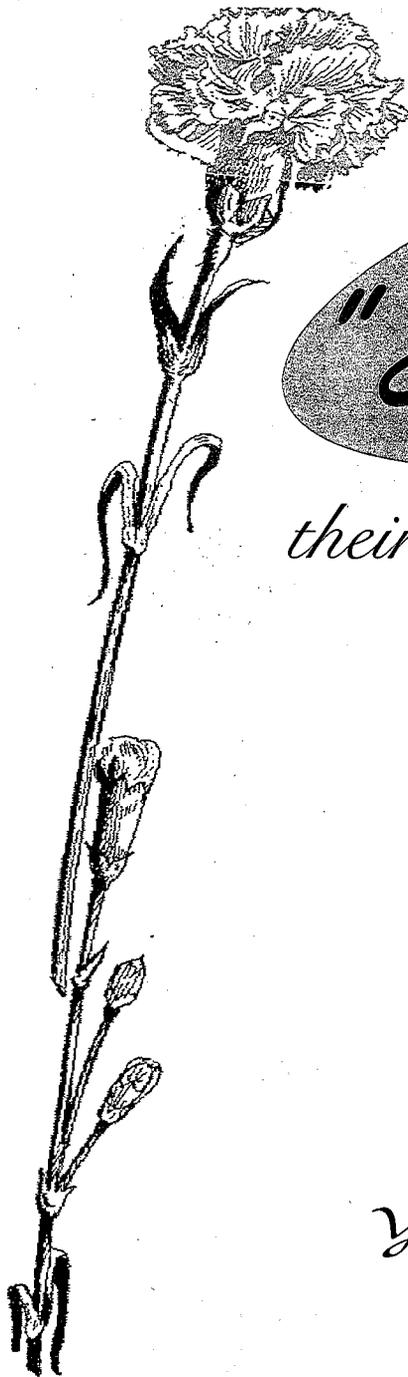


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
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Dear Cotillion Supporter,

Thank you for your continued support of our annual Cotillion ball. For 29 years your financial support has provided scholarships for more than 350 Debutantes. Many former Debutantes have returned to the Champaign-Urbana community with college degrees and are productive members of our community.



Patricia McKinney Lewis

In its infancy twenty-nine years ago, the first Cotillion in the Champaign-Urbana area was sponsored by the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. In 1974, Kathryn Humphrey and Margaret Smith organized a group of community women to assist the Sigmas with the Cotillion. Since 1977, this organization, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society, has been the sole sponsor of the Cotillion. Gamma Upsilon Psi Society members are proud to have helped start cotillions in Danville, IL and Marietta, GA.

Today, with the grace of God, we continue to promote academic excellence and higher learning. As we enter the 21st century, we proudly introduce 15 young ladies to society. Please join us as we applaud their accomplishments and congratulate them as they pursue their future endeavors.

I genuinely hope you will enjoy the pageantry we have planned. Gamma members have diligently worked to produce a quality Cotillion. Each year we have experienced an exhilarating, thrilling, dazzling, effervescent, magnificently electrifying, sensationallly invigorating Cotillion! Eyes have not seen and ears have yet to hear what is in store for your enjoyment tonight.

Thank you to the parents, family members, and friends who assisted the Debutantes this year. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to making this year's Cotillion a success.

To God be the Glory for all He has done for us and brought us through. God always gives us more than we deserve. We give Him all the praise, the honor and the glory.

Sincerely,

Patricia McKinney Lewis

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Aerlisa Janelle Docketta Avant

Ciara Annise Calbert

Myra Shaquell Carter

Tracy Michelle Carter

Kyla Patrice Claiborne

Miranda Damarius Crook

Tenacia Andralena Gardner

Tara Sherise Hunt

Jamel Latrese Jenkins

Tamara Lynette Nance

Karimah Latifah Salaam

Samantha Joyce Stegall

Ahaneka Terrell

Ahamika Danielle Tillman

Valerie Roxanne Wood

Anthony Walker

Paris Chandler

Jerry Davery

Jerris Davis

Omari Thomas

Raynard Glass

Brandon McFarland

Lathan Tillman

Ray Williams III

Kenneth Wayne Braceby II

Maurice Horton

Malachi Kelly

Pat Phillips

Steve Streeter

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Menu

Pineapple Glazed Chicken
 Honey Glazed Carrots
 Baby Snap Peas
 Boiled New Potatoes
 Garden Salad
 Lemon Cake
 Ice Tea ~ Coffee ~ Milk

A MESS
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Program

ToastmistressMrs. Ivy D. Williams
 Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
 WelcomeMs. Michelle Terry
 Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
 InvocationRev. Dr. Jesse L. Douglas
 St. Luke CME Church

~Dinner~

Introduction of Gamma Members.....Mrs. Patricia Lewis
 President, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
 Introduction of Escorts.....Terry Napper
 Urbana District #116
 Candle Lighting.....Escorts
 Presentation of 2001 DebutantesMs. Asia Fuller
 Champaign Unit 4
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 Dedication to Debutantes.....Mr. Kevin Nance
 Indianapolis, IN

"In The Midst Of It All"
Yolanda Adams

DanceDebutantes
"Still I Rise"
Yolanda Adams

Step.....Escorts
 DanceDebutantes and Escorts

"Wanna Be More"
Bebe Winans

"My Life/ Old School Mix"
Various Artists

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Cotillion 2001 is dedicated to the
memory of
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*Her presence will be
greatly missed.*

Production Staff



Carla E. Small
Debutante Choreographer

Carla is a native of Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois with an undergraduate degree in Sociology. She is currently employed at the U of I Child Care Resource Service as a Resource Specialist. As the assistant to the conductor and instrumentalist for the University of Illinois Black Chorus, she has choreographed and performed in many Mom's Day concerts since 1986. Carla is also an active member of Canaan Baptist Church where she sings, accompanies and occasionally conducts the choir. She is currently engaged to be married to William (Billy) Jones on June 16, 2001.



Ralph Russell
Escort Choreographer

This is Ralph's fifth year serving as escort choreographer for the cotillion. He is a fire-fighter with the Champaign Fire Department. Ralph is a graduate of Tugaloo College with a BA degree in Music Education. A member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, he has choreographed and performed in many routines for a number of "step shows." Ralph is a member of Canaan Baptist Church where he sings in the Victory Chorus. He is the newly wed husband of Angela and proud father of one son, Ralph II.

"Still I Rise"

by Yolanda Adams

Shattered, but I'm not broken
Wounded, but time will heal
Heavy the load, the cross I bear.
Lonely the road I trod, I dare.
Shaken, but here I stand.
Weary, still I press on.
Long are the nights, the tears I cried
Dark are the days, the sun in the sky.

Yet still I rise,
Never to give up,
Never to give in against all odds.
Yet still I rise, high above the clouds.
At times I feel low,
Yet still I rise.

Sometimes I'm troubled, but not in despair.
Traveling, I make my way through
Trials may come to make me strong.
I must endure, I must hold on.

Yet still I rise,
Never to give up,
Never to give in against all odds.
Yet still I rise,
High above the clouds.
At times I feel low,
Yet still I rise,

Above all my problems ,
Above all my eyes can see,
Knowing God is able to strengthen me.

Yet still I rise,
Never to give up,
Never to give in, against all odds.
Yet still I rise, high above the clouds.
At times I feel low,
Yet still I rise.

Acknowledgements

The members of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society, Debutantes, and Escorts would like to thank Dr. David DeWeese, principal of Urbana High School and Dr. Joan Fortschneider, principal of Wiley Elementary School for graciously allowing the use of their facilities to hold our meetings and extra rehearsals.



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Congratulations
To All of Our
2001 Debutantes
from
The Members of
Gamma Upsilon Psi
Society



Ciara,

"... This above all, to thine own self be true."
May God be with you in all your future endeavors.

Best Wishes
Murial Bondurant
Your Assistant



Good Luck, Shaneka!



*If we stand tall it is because we stand on
the backs of those who came before us.*
- Yoruba Proverb



The future is yours! Whatever path you
choose, it is sure to lead to success.
- JoLynn Caroline



Congratulations Valerie Wood

You are the co-creator with God, and all around you are the gifts you can use to shape your world.

May you attain much happiness & success as you reach your goals.

Your Assistant

Ms. Henrine Lockett Casey



*Congratulations
Miranda*

*I can do all things through Christ who
Strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

*From your sponsor
Mrs. Greene*



To
Debutante
Jamel Jenkins
Best Wishes and
Always remember,
No one fails who does his best.
Sincerely,
Ruthie Hillsman



*Debutante Tara Hunt
Always remember Philippians
4:13*

*"I can do all things through
Christ which strengtheneth me."*

Ruby Hunt



Tenacia, remember this...

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine after the rain.
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready to answer your call.
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
A word from His lips can calm every fear.
Your sorrows may linger throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish at dawn's early light.
The Savior is waiting somewhere above,
To give you His grace and send you His love.
Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
God always sends rainbows after the rain.

God bless!

Pulchratia Kinney



Sterlisa Janelle Docketta Avant

*Always strive to do your best
You can achieve anything in life,
If you are willing to make sacrifices.
Aim high. Success lies not in achieving,
But in aiming at what you have the potential to achieve.
So, hold fast to your dreams, for if dreams die,
Life is like a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.
Dreams will come true if you believe in yourself,
And maintain an undying faith in God.*

*Your Assistant,
Patricia McKinney Lewis*



Camara,

You have heard that, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." But in your quest to become an educator, I'd like you to remember the words of the wise person who said, "a mind is a terrible thing to Erase." Always treat your students as individuals and with respect.

*Sincerely,
Your Assistant (& Mom)
Linda Peace*



Tracy,

Hold on to your dreams, and never let them go. Give circumstances a chance and give others the benefit of the doubt. Wish on a star that shines in your sky . . . Take on your problems one by one and work things out. Rely on all the strength you have inside. Let loose of the sparkle and spirit that you sometimes try to hide. Stay in touch with those who touch your life with love. Look on the bright side and don't let adversity keep you from winning. Be yourself, because you are filled with special qualities that have brought you this far, and that will always see you through. Keep your spirits up. Make your heart happy, and let it reflect on everything you do!

*Wishing Every Happiness for You
Mrs. Phillips*



Myra,

I have watched you grow from a little girl to a beautiful young lady. Keep Christ first in your life and He will lead you to many great and wonderful things.

*Your Assistant
Katrina Kindle-Reynolds*



Shamika,

Strive to be the best that you can be. Success is yours. Just keep on the right path and keep Christ in your life. Stay focused and best of luck in college.

*Your Assistant
Katrina Kindle-Reynolds*



To Debutante Myra Carter

You have three names: the name you inherit, the name your parents gave you and the name you make for yourself.

*Your Assistant
Michelle Terry*



Debutante Samantha Stegall

Keep your head and your heart going in the right direction and you will not have to worry about your feet.

*Your Assistant
Rayco Terry*



To Debutante Tyla,

As you begin your journey into womanhood,
remember to always put God first in your life.

You can accomplish anything you set your mind to do
if you *Work Hard,*
have *Faith,*
Determination,
And the right *Attitude!*

Never forget that your greatest glory is not falling,
But rising every time you fall.

Best Wishes!
Your Assistant,
Carmelita Thomas



To Tamara Lynette Nance

**Remember, some succeed because they are
destined to, but most because they are
determined to.**

**Keep that determination and your special
flare.**

**Love,
Your Assistant (and brother)**

André Nance

*Introducing
The
2001 Cotillion
Debutantes*



"Still I Rise"



Sterlisa Janelle Docketta Avant



*D*EBUTANTE *STERLISA JANELLE DOCKETTA AVANT* is the 17-year-old daughter of Sterlis and Gloria Avant. Sterlisa is a senior at Centennial High School, where she is a member of the African-American Club, Future Teachers of America, and the Student Advisory Board. She also participates in the CCE Program, Sisters Inc., Principal Scholars Program and Blue Crew. Sterlisa's hobbies include reading, writing and helping others. She volunteers at local nursing homes as a student in the Upward Bound College Prep Academy. Sterlisa is a member of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church, where she sings in the youth and adult choirs and has been the youth president for the past 4 years. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Eastern Illinois University or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and her major will be Family and Consumer Science. Sterlisa will be presented by her brother, Turhan Walker and her mother will receive her. Escorting Sterlisa for Cotillion 2001 is Anthony Walker.



Ciara Arnise Calbert



DEBUTANTE CIARA ARNISE CALBERT is the 18-year-old daughter of Denise Calbert and the late Artie Calbert, Sr. Ciara is a senior at Rantoul Township High School where she has participated as Class President, Student Council President, an Eaglette Dancer, a Madrigal Singer, a Help Peer, a member of the Creative Writing Club, the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club, the Yearbook Staff, the Future Business Leaders of America, the SOS Interact Club and the Upward Bound College Prep Academy. She is also a member of the basketball, volleyball, track and softball teams, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the orchestra. Ciara has been honored by several organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and she was an Illini Girls State Attendant and a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Delegate. Ciara is a member of Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church. In the fall of 2001, Ciara plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, participating in the James Scholar Honors Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and majoring in Mathematics and Journalism. Ciara will be presented by her brother, Artie Calbert, Jr. and her mother will receive her. Escorting Ciara for Cotillion 2001 is Paris Chandler.



Myra Shaquell Carter



*D*EBUTANTE MYRA SHAQUELL CARTER is the 18-year-old daughter of Robert and Dorothy Carter. Myra is a senior at Urbana High School, where she is a member of the African-American Club. She also participates in a number of community service activities for both King and Douglass Parks and Delteens. Myra's hobbies include talking on the phone, sleeping, running and reading. She is a three-time honoree of Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a participant in the Partnership for Excellence program. Myra is a member of Salem Baptist Church where she serves as President of the Salem Baptist Church Youth Group and is a member of the Mass Choir and the Majestic Praise Team. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Illinois State University or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and her major will be business administration with a minor in music business or dance theater. Myra will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Myra for Cotillion 2001 is Jerry Davey.



Tracy Michelle Carter



DEBUTANTE TRACY MICHELLE CARTER is the 17-year-old daughter of Michael and Marilyn Carter. Tracy is a senior at Urbana High School where she participates in the Advanced Medical Careers Program, which allows her to go to Carle Hospital and assist in performing EKGs for the Heart Center. She is a participant in Principal Scholars Program and is a member of the National Urban League and the Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society. Tracy is a member of New Birth Baptist Church. She serves as the choir director and the announcement clerk. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Texas A & M University or the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and her major will be Pre-Med. She also plans to minor in Biology. Her career goal is to become a heart surgeon. Tracy will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Tracy for Cotillion 2001 is Jeffris Davis.



Kyla Patrice Claiborne



*D*EBUTANTE *KYLA PATRICE CLAIBORNE* is the 17-year-old daughter of Ronnie and Patricia Claiborne. Kyla is a senior at Central High School where she is a member of the African-American Club, the Pepettes Dance Team and the School-to-Work Program. Kyla's hobbies include going out with friends, watching movies, bowling and reading. She is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she is a member of the Inspirational Choir. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to go to college, majoring in Social Work or join the Navy or Air Force. Kyla will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Kyla for Cotillion 2001 is Omari Thomas.



Miranda Damarius Crook



*D*EBUTANTE *MIRANDA DAMARIUS CROOK* is the 18-year-old daughter of Betty Crook and George Cole. Miranda is a senior at Urbana High School where she is a member of the African-American Club and the Concert Choir. She also participates in the Thurgood Marshall National Honor Society and was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students. Miranda is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She plans to major in accounting or business administration, with a minor in Spanish. Miranda will be presented by her uncle, Rick Crook and her mother will receive her. Escorting Miranda for Cotillion 2001 is Raynard Glass.



Tenacia Andralena Gardner



*D*EBUTANTE *TENACIA ANDRALENA GARDNER* is the 17-year-old daughter of Andralena and Calvin Corey. Tenacia is a senior at Centennial High School where she is Vice-President of the African-American Club, a member of Future Teachers of America, and the Lancers Dance Squad. She was a member of the 2000-2001 Homecoming Court and has participated in the Advanced Women's Choir, the African-American Club Talent Show, and the Youth Leadership Institute. Tenacia's hobbies include reading, listening to music, singing, writing, and shopping. She is also active with the Upward Bound College Prep Academy and Red Circle/Young Matrons. Tenacia is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church where she is involved with the Sunday School Program and the Youth Choir. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Eastern Illinois University or Illinois State University and her major will be television/radio broadcasting with a minor in music or English. Her career goals include becoming an anchorwoman or working in the entertainment business. Tenacia will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Tenacia for Cotillion 2001 is Brandon McFarland.



Tara Sherise Hunt



DEBUTANTE TARA SHERISE HUNT is the 18-year-old daughter of Diane Hunt and Tony Hunt and is the granddaughter of Ruby Hunt. Tara is a senior at Urbana High School where she is captain of the Tigerettes Pep Squad and she is a member of the advanced concert choir. Her hobbies include dancing, traveling and spending time with her sisters and friends. Tara is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir and teaches the 2 & 3 year-old Sunday School class. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Parkland College's Nursing Program and then attend a university. Her career goal is to become an Obstetric & Gynecology Nurse. Tara will be presented by her uncle, Thomas Harrison and her grandmother will receive her. Escorting Tara for Cotillion 2001 is Lathan Tillman.



Jámel Latrese Jenkins



DEBUTANTE JÁMEL LATRESE JENKINS is the 17-year-old daughter of Rev. Danny and Carolyn Jenkins. Jámel is a senior at Urbana High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Marching Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Ensemble. A 4-year Honor Roll Student, she is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is involved in an Executive Internship Program interning at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. She has participated the Principal Scholars Program and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir. Jámel has received several awards, including the "Grow Your Own" Scholarship Award for aspiring teachers and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Award. She is also a member of the National Urban League, the Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society, and is a volunteer at the Champaign County Nursing Home. Jámel is a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where she is active in the church youth group, the Baptist General State Congress, is the Sunday School secretary, and choir president. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Eastern Illinois University and major in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. She also plans to further her education by earning a MBA. Jámel will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Jámel for Cotillion 2001 is Ray Williams III.



Tamara Lynette Nance



*D*EBUTANTE TAMARA LYNETTE NANCE is the 18 year old daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Gregory L. Nance and Linda Peace-Nance. Tamara is a senior at Urbana High School where she is a member of the Concert Choir that appeared in Rome, Italy by the invitation of the Music Celebration International. She is involved in Peer Mediation, Marching Band Color Guard, and is Co-President of the African-American Club. She has also been involved in the Principal Scholars Program, UHS Orchestra, Partnership For Excellence Program at Eastern Illinois University, The IMEA All District Choir, and the Champaign County Urban League, "Thurgood Marshall National Achievers Society." Tamara has received many awards including first runner-up for the "Grow Your Own" Scholarship for aspiring teachers, MLK Jr. "Living the Dream" Scholarship, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Award, Exchange Club "Student of the Month" Award, and the YWCA Black Women's Achievement Essay Contest Award. A member of Canaan Baptist Church, Tamara is involved in the youth group and various other ministries. Her hobbies include reading, helping others, singing, talking on the phone, going out with friends, and traveling. Upon graduation from high school, she will attend Central State University in Xenia/Wilberforce, Ohio and major in Elementary or Secondary education with a minor in choral music. She also plans to further her education by earning a Masters in Social Work and Counseling then hopefully a Ph.D. in Educational Law or Education Administration. Tamara will be presented by her father and received by her mother. Escorting Tamara for Cotillion 2001 is Kenneth Wayne Bracely II.



Karimah Latifah Salaam



DEBUTANTE KARIMAH LATIFAH SALAAM is the 17-year-old daughter of Abdulhakeem and Annette Salaam. Karimah is a senior at Urbana High School, where she is a member of the African-American Club, the volleyball and softball teams, and is the girls basketball team manager. She also participates in the Thurgood Marshall National Honor Society and F.A.C.E.S. Karimah's hobbies include reading and working in the nursery with children. She attends the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend the University of Illinois. Karimah will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Karimah for Cotillion 2001 is Maurice Horton.



Samantha Joyce Stegall



*D*EBUTANTE SAMANTHA JOYCE STEGALL is the 17-year-old daughter of Annetta Allison. Samantha is a senior at Rantoul Township High School, where she is a member of the Track & Field Team, the Concert Choir, the Student Council, the Eaglettes Dance Squad and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also participates in the S.O.S. (Community Service Program), the Cultural Interest Club, the Spanish Club, the Drama Club, the Creative Writing Club, and the Yearbook staff. Samantha's hobbies include writing, singing, dancing, running, skating and making others laugh. Samantha is a member of the Church of the Living God, Pillar Ground of Truth. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Illinois State University and her major will be English. Her career goals including becoming a journalist for *Ebony* magazine, owning a publishing company, and writing a best-seller that makes Oprah's Book-of-the-Month Club before she turns 25. Samantha will be presented by her cousin Demian Waller and her mother will receive her tonight. Escorting Samantha for Cotillion 2001 is Malachi Kelly.



Shaneka Terrell



*D*EBUTANTE *SHANEKA TERRELL* is the 17-year-old daughter of Robert and Lucille Sturkey. Shaneka is a senior at Central High School where she is a member of the African-American Club, the Track & Field, Cross Country, the basketball teams. She is also a member of Spanish, National Honor, and Thurgood Marshall Achievers Societies. She also participates in the Student Council, the Election Board, President of the Spanish Club, and Vice-President of the Orchestra Club. Shaneka's hobbies include playing the cello. She has received the Rotary's Club Student of the Month Award and the Optimist Award from Kiwanis Club. Shaneka is a member of New Freewill Baptist Church. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend college in the fall and her major will be a medically related field. Shaneka will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Shaneka for Cotillion 2001 is Pat Phillips.



Shamika Danielle Tillman



DEBUTANTE SHAMIKA DANIELLE TILLMAN is the 17-year-old daughter of Reginald and Carla Tillman. Shamika is a senior at Central High School where she is a member of the African-American Club and the Track & Field Team. Shamika's hobbies include listening to music and dancing. She also participates in Y.O.U. (Youth Opportunities Unlimited). Shamika is affiliated with of St. Luke C.M.E. Church. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Parkland College and her major will be General Science, with a concentration in Sports Medicine. Shamika will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Shamika for Cotillion 2001 is Steve Streeter.



Valerie Roxanne Wood



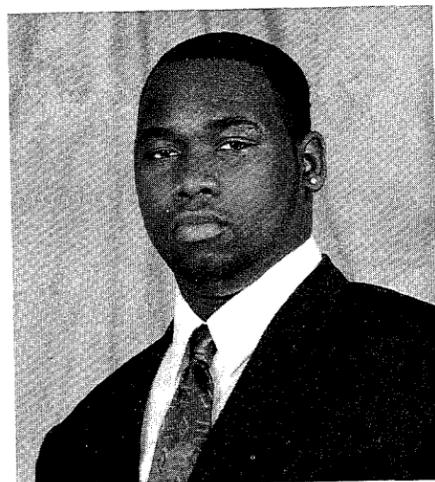
*D*EBUTANTE VALERIE ROXANNE WOOD is the 18-year-old daughter of Monica Wood. Valerie is a senior at Centennial High School where she is a member of the Future Teachers of America Club, the Key Club, the Student Advisory Board, and the Speech Team. She also participates in Sisters Inc., Blue Crew, is Secretary of the African American Club, and is Assistant News Editor of the Newspaper. Valerie's hobbies include reading, writing short stories and tutoring 4th & 5th graders at King Elementary School. She won Second Place in the *News-Gazette* Writing Contest for her short story entitled, "Memories", has been awarded Student of the Month at Centennial, and has participated in Centennial's African-American Club Talent Show. Upon graduating from high school, she plans to attend Illinois State University or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and her major will be Education with a minor in Political Science. Her career goal is to become an Elementary School Teacher. Valerie will be presented by her brother, Micah Wood and her mother will receive her. Escorting Valerie for Cotillion 2001 is Dartaevion Baity.

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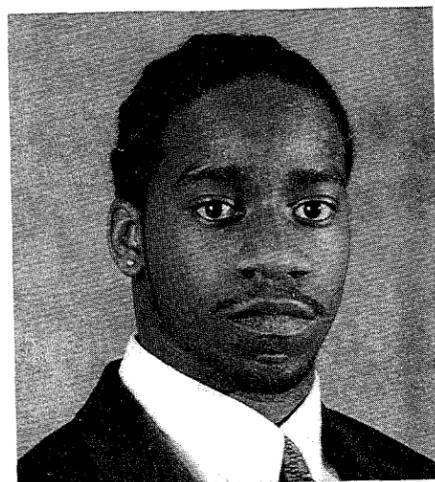
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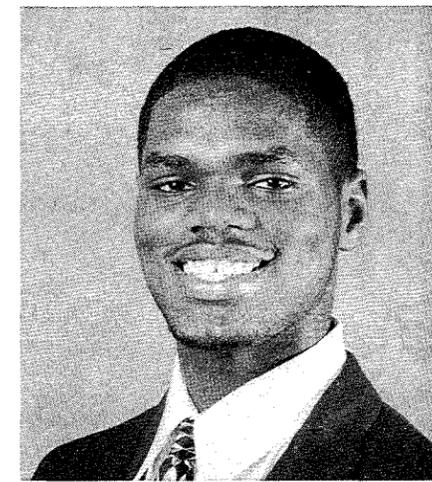
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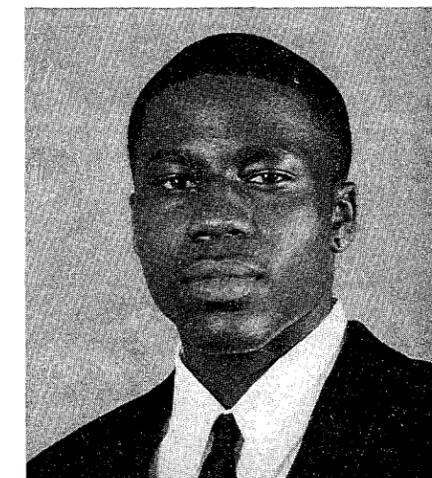
ESCORT DARTAEVION BAITY is the son of Elijah and Paulette Grant. He attends Parkland College where he is a member of the shot-put/track team. Dartaevion's hobbies include writing poetry and talking to his "favorite" person. He is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and is a faithful member of the church Step Team. Dartaevion plans to attend Illinois State University this fall and major in computer science with a minor in sociology. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Valerie Wood.



ESCORT KENNETH BRACELY II is the son of Venita Ready. He attends Parkland College where he is a member of the track team. Kenneth's hobbies include spending time with his niece and nephew. He is a member of the Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. After completing his studies in physical education at Parkland College, Kenneth plans to complete his education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, with a minor in history. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Tamara Nance.



ESCORT PARIS CHANDLER is the son of Debora Chandler. He attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the African-American Club and participates in Peer Mediation and the Youth Leadership Institute. Paris also participates in the Don Moyers Boys & Girls Club, the Upward Bound College Prep Academy, and BEATS (a teen program that teaches the importance of Hip-Hop). After graduating from high school, Paris would like to attend either the University of Illinois or North Carolina A&T, and major in computer science. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Cjara Calbert.



ESCORT JERRY DAVEY is the son of Luvenia McDonald. He attends Urbana High School. Jerry's hobbies include reading and playing basketball. He plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and major in sociology. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Myra Carter.

ESCORT JERRIS DAVIS is the son of Morris and Demetrious Davis. He attends Parkland College where he is a member of the Black Student Union and the University of Illinois Black Chorus. Jerris enjoys singing and hanging out with friends. He is a member of Canaan Baptist Church. After completing his studies at Parkland College, Jerris plans to graduate from North Carolina A & T with a degree in photography, earn a graduate degree and open up his own photography studio. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Tracy



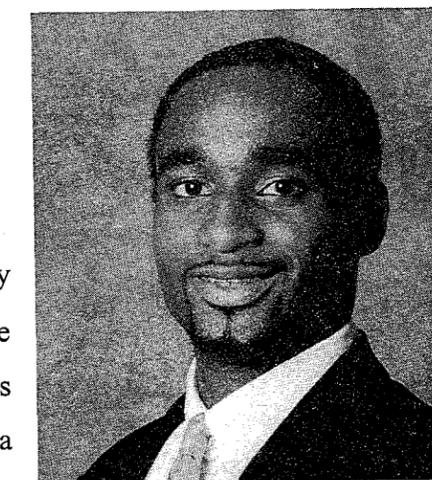
ESCORT RAYNARD GLASS is the son of Joe and Yolanda Glass. He attends Parkland College and is active in intramural sports. Raynard's hobbies include playing basketball, singing in the church choir, drawing and playing the trumpet. He is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. After graduating from Parkland College, Raynard plans to complete his studies in engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Miranda Crook.



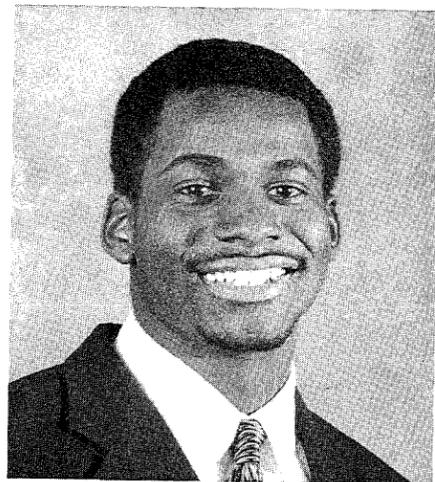
ESCORT MAURICE HORTON is the son of Lillie B. Miller. He attends Parkland College where he is a member of the track team. Maurice's hobbies include singing and traveling. He is a member of St. Luke C.M.E. Church and is involved in the New Life Choir. After completing his studies at Parkland, Maurice plans to attend Clark-Atlanta University, majoring in business and opening his own business. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Karimah Salaam.



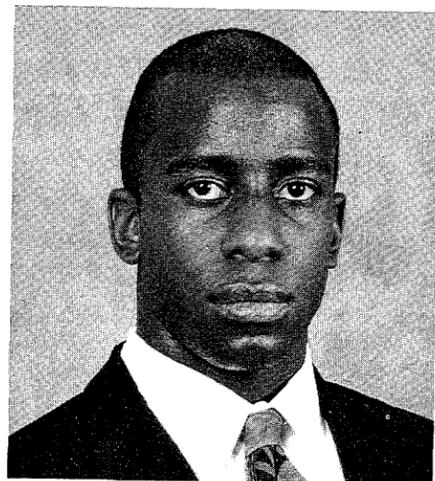
ESCORT MALACHI KELLY is the son of Jewel and Betty Kelly. He attends The Academy where he is a member of the Basketball Team and sings and plays the drums. Malachi's hobbies include playing football and weight lifting. He is a member of Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church. After graduating from high school, Malachi plans to attend Parkland College and continue working at the Youth Center in Rantoul. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Samantha Stegall.



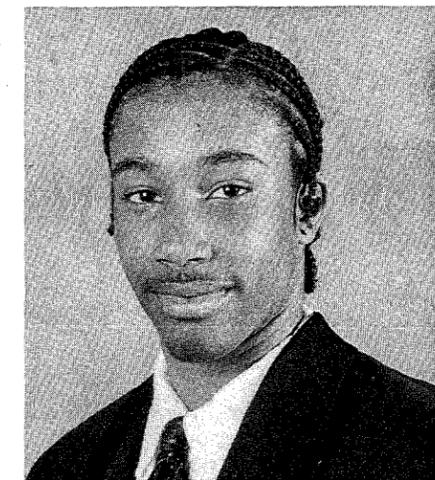
ESCORT BRANDON MCFARLAND is the son of Peter and Deborah McFarland. He attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the African-American Club, the school choir and the football and baseball teams. Brandon is also a member of the Thurgood Marshall Honor Society. He is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. After graduating from high school, Brandon plans to attend college and become an accountant. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Tenacia Gardner.



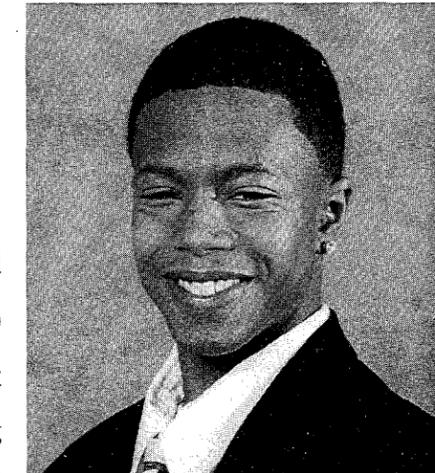
ESCORT PAT PHILLIPS is the son of Jim Phillips. He attends Central High School where he is a member of the football and track teams. Pat's hobbies include playing basketball, running and watching movies. After graduating from high school, Pat plans to attend college and continue running track. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Shaneka Terrell.



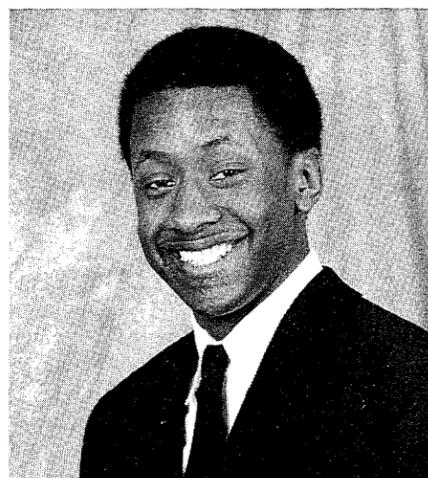
ESCORT STEVE STREETER is the son of Earl and Lynda Streeter. He attends Central High School where he is a member of the baseball, basketball and football teams. Steve's hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music, playing video games, and hanging out with friends. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Shamika Tillman.



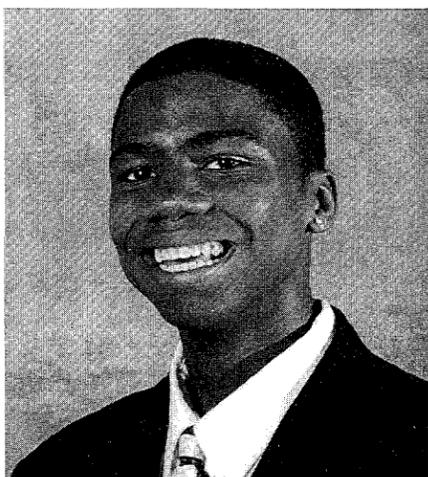
ESCORT LATHAN TILLMAN is the son of Spencer and Yolanda Laws. He is a Central High School class of 2000 graduate, where he was a member of the basketball and track teams. Lathan's hobbies include playing basketball, detailing cars, bowling and boating. He plans to attend ITT Technical Institute in the fall of 2001 and major in computer networking. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Tara Hunt.



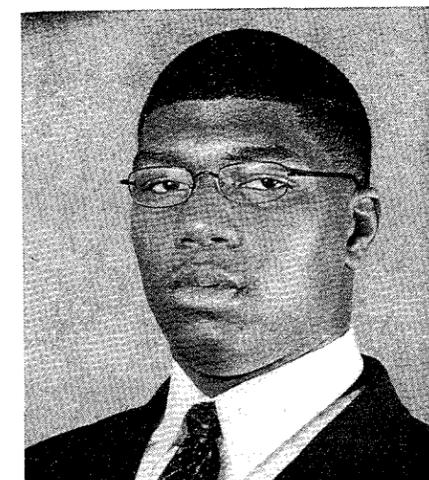
ESCORT OMARI THOMAS is the son of Willie and Carmelita Thomas. He is in his second year of computer graphics study at Parkland College. Omari's hobbies include playing football and basketball and computer web design. He is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. After graduating from Parkland College, Omari plans to transfer to Eastern Illinois University or the University of Illinois and work on a degree in Computer Graphics or Computer Programming. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Kyla Claiborne.



ESCORT ANTHONY WALKER is the son of Will and Edna Haynes. He attends Centennial High School where he is a member of the African-American Club and the Gentlemen's Club. Anthony's hobbies include playing basketball, writing poetry, and "just chillin' out with friends". He is a member of the Church of the Living God, Pillar Ground of Truth. After graduating from high school, Anthony plans to enlist in the Air Force. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Sterlisa Avant.



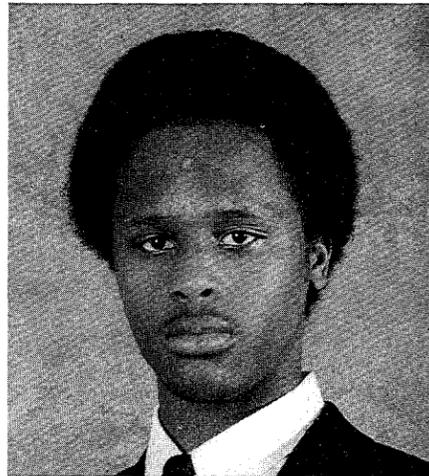
ESCORT RAY WILLIAMS III is the son of Nate and Nancy Williams. He attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the African-American Club, the basketball team, and the choir. Ray's hobbies include playing basketball, singing, making people smile, and attending church and school. Ray also likes to have fun and is a participant in the Ft. Sooy (For the Sake of Our Youth) Sports Skill Development Academy. He is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. After graduating from high school, Ray plans to attend college and major in communications. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Jámel Jenkins.



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ESCORT KYLE MCKINLEY is the son of Elonda Brunner and Kevin McKinley. He attends Urbana High School. Kyle's hobbies include photography, playing basketball, playing the piano, and making music. He is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. After graduating from high school, Kyle plans to attend the University of Illinois or ITT Technical Institute, with career goals of becoming an anesthesiologist or software designer. Tonight, he is serving as alternate escort and assisting us with various aspects of Cotillion 2001.



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My loving daughter Sterlisa,

You are the most charming daughter a mother could ask for. You have been a treasure to me. There have been times that we have been thinking the same things at the same time. We are very much alike, and I just adore you. I love you so very, very much. I will always remember the years that we had and have together, and that we can continue to.

Liz,

You are the baby sister that I dreamed of growing up. It seems like only yesterday you were a baby, and now you are a classy young lady. Continue to grow in your own way. As your BIG brother I want to be there, when I am needed.



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