

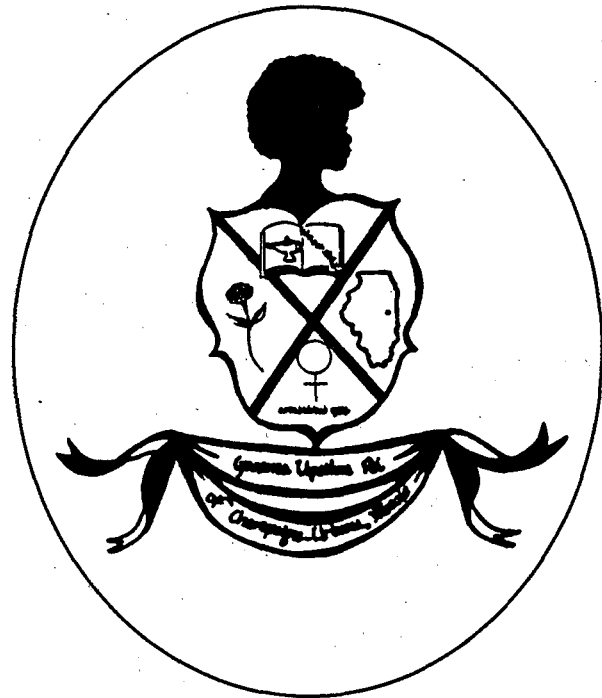
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The 25th Annual Cotillion Ball

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Dear Cotillion Supporter,

Twenty-five 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 25th 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 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
 PATRICIA MCKINNEY LEWIS, PRESIDENT
 GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY

"Reflections of Silver"
Cotillion Participants

Danielle Celeste Adkins

Angela Dawn Avery

Tamaca Layana Bailey

Boxanne Lynette Barnes

Erika Nadine Benson

Tia Karriese Britt

Jon Delaron Capers

Kelby Nicole Cooper

Erika Natali Louise Harold

Phamika Lynnette Jackson

Terrica Teriece Miller

Talisha Namphuryo Posery

Constance Roshandra Latrece Thomas

Stacy Dione Walton

Harold Miller III

Gregory Smith

Craig Carter

Kenneth Bradley II

Kevin Cobb

Vincent Brock

James Wright

Dandre Hines

Chico Wilson

Marcus Phillips

Michael Williams

Jonah Bell

Brandon Donner

Dennis Matthews

Debutante Dedication

I Believe I Can Fly

As sung by R. Kelly

*I use to think that I could not get on
And life was nothing but, an awful song
But, now I know the meaning of true love
I'm leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*If I can see it
Then I can do it
If I just believe it
There's nothing to it*

*I believe I can fly
I believe I can touch the sky
I think about every night and day
Spread my wings and fly away*

*I believe I can soar
I see me running through that open door
I believe I can fly*

*See I was on the verge of breaking down
Some times silence can seem so loud
There are miracles in life I must achieve
But, first I know it starts inside of me*

*If I can see it
Then I can be it
If I just believe it
There's nothing to it
I believe I can fly*

Program

Toastmistress.....Ms. JoLynn Caroline
Welcome.....Mrs. Kathryn Humphrey
Vice President
Invocation.....Rev. Charles Jackson
Pastor, Bethel AME Church

Dinner

Special Presentations

Lighting of the Candles.....Escorts
Special Music.....Ms. Mwansa Mandella
"I Believe I Can Fly"
by R. Kelly
Presentation of 1997 Debutantes..... Dr. Zelema Harris
President, Parkland College
Waltz.....Debutantes and Presenters
Dance.....Debutantes
"I Believe I Can Fly"
Introduction of 1997 Escorts.....Mr. John Jackson
1997 Escort Choreographer
Stepping.....Escorts
Dance..... Debutantes and Escorts
"I Believe In Miracles"
by Whitney Houston
"Let It Go"
by Ray J.
Acknowledgements & Awards.....Mrs. Patricia McKinney Lewis
President
Dancing.....Music by The "Generic" DJ

Menu

Tossed Salad

Chicken Picatta

Rice Pilaf

California Blend Vegetables

Cheese Cake

Rolls & Butter

Coffee - Tea - Milk

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Established 1974



Katrina Kindle



*Margaret Smith
Emeritus Member*



Gladys "Sandy" Phillips



Kim Roberson



*Jean Davis
Emeritus Member*



Carmelita Thomas

Production Staff



Erika Fitzpatrick
Choreographer

A previous student at the University of Illinois-UC, Erika taught dance at the Champaign Park District with a group called "Protege." She is a former member of the Omnimov Dancers, a member of the Liturgical Dance Ministry for the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago, and choreographer for Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's Cotillion Ball for 1996 and 1997. Employed with Luster Products Hair Care in Chicago, Ms. Fitzpatrick is pursuing a bachelors degree in Mathematics and Computer Science.



John Jackson
Escort Choreographer

John is a third year law student at the University of Illinois. He is also working on his Masters in Educational Policy. A native of Chicago, Illinois, John is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Upon graduation he plans to take the Louisiana Bar exam and either practice representing the New Orleans School Board or enter a doctoral program in education.

This is Mr. Jackson's second year directing the choreography for the escorts.



Robyn Ivy
Choreography Assistant

Robyn is a third year student at the University of Illinois majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration on adolescents. She is currently a Resident Advisor in Busey-Evans Residence Halls and is involved in various organizations on campus. She enjoys listening to music, dancing, shopping and working with children. This is Ms. Ivy's second year assisting with the choreography for the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society Cotillion Ball.

Production Staff



Bobby Pearson
"The Generic DJ"
Music

Donald Robert "Bobby" Pearson, Sr. is a lifelong resident of Champaign-Urbana. He was a 4 year Navy veteran, 5 year employee of the Champaign Post Office, and a 26 year employee of the University of Illinois where he retired as a Sound Technician/Electrician in 1995. Bobby, who has always loved all types of music, was asked to DJ for a couple of local social and civic clubs. This grew into a thriving full-time Mobile Disc Jockey Service. He has been the DJ for the Annual Cotillion Ball for the past 10 years.



Steven Storch
Storch Photographie
Photographer

Steve Storch is a former Physics teacher and chairman of the Science Department at Urbana High School, receiving degrees from Brooklyn College and Indiana University. Upon retirement, he took up photography as a hobby that grew into a thriving business. Mr. Storch specializes in weddings, portraits and group photography and has been the official photographer for Cotillion Ball since it's inception 25 years ago missing only two because of health reasons.

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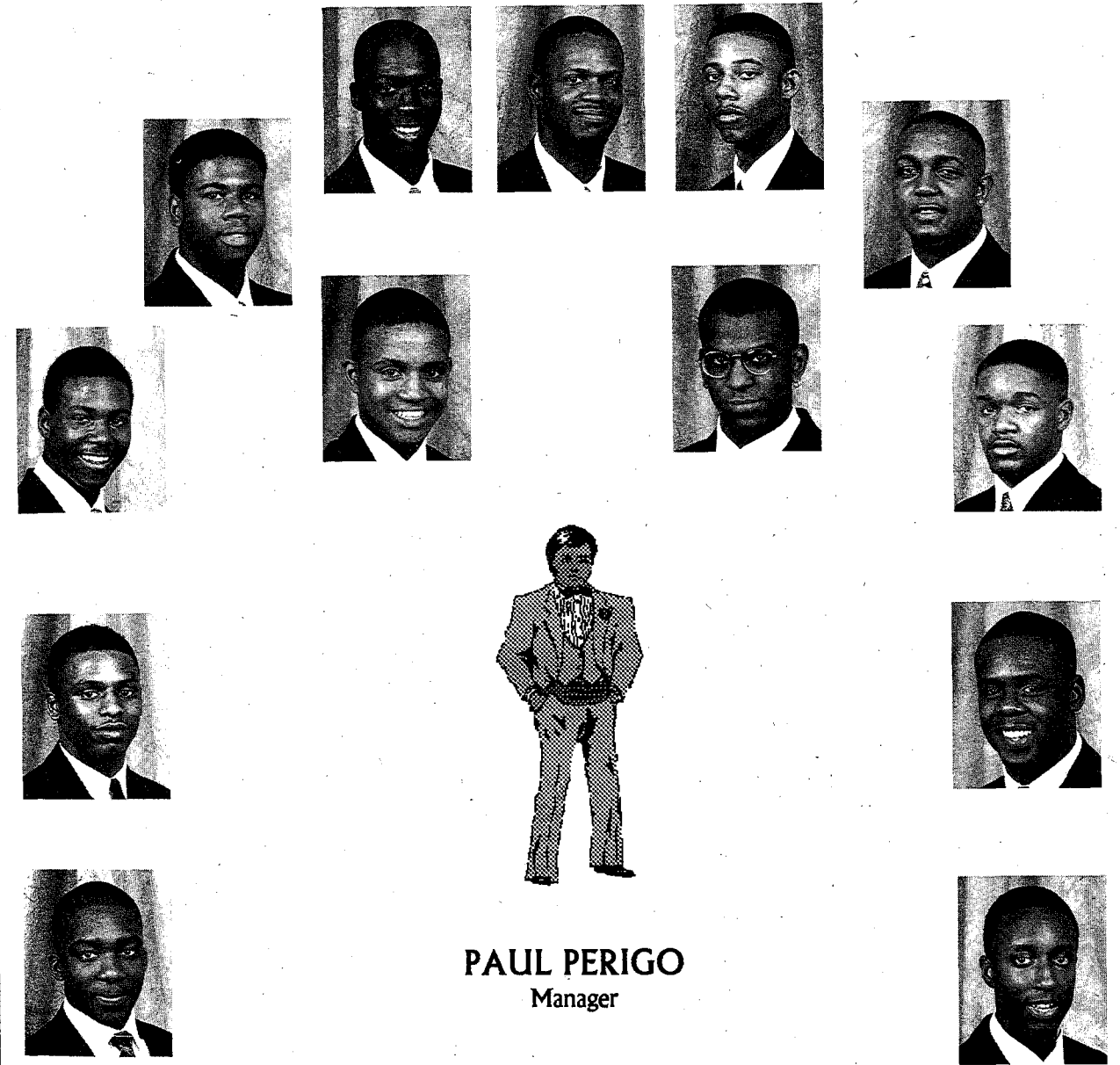


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Danielle Celeste Adkins



*D*ebutante Danielle is the 17 year old daughter of Richard and Matilda Adkins. A senior at Centennial High School, Danielle is the Secretary of the Afro-American Club, a REACH Peer Counselor, and a former member of the Chargers Varsity Volleyball team. Danielle is also a member of the Principal's Scholars Program (PSP), National Honors Society, INTERACT, and tutor for the Peer Tutoring Program. She has been accepted at the University of Illinois where she has chosen to major in Biology. Upon graduation, she plans to attend medical school to study Pediatric medicine or Psychiatry. An active member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Danielle attends the Youth Class and assists in the Childrens' Church. In her spare time, Danielle enjoys reading, school, sports and just having fun.

Danielle's father will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting Daniele for Cotillion '97 is Harold Miller III.



Angela Dawn Avery



Debutante Angela is the 18 year old daughter of Patricia Avery and Michael Neal. A senior at Centennial High School, "Angie" participates in the Afro-American club, INTERACT, the Principal's Scholars Program, Young Democrats and the National Honors Society. She is also involved with the Speech Team and the Centennial Broadcasters. Angie has been a member of the Chargers Varsity Track Team throughout her high school years and served as captain three of those years. She is a member of Church of the Living God where she works in the nursery. Her aspiration of becoming a Broadcast Journalist will begin with her attendance at Michigan State University or the University of Illinois. Angie is employed with WCIA, Channel 3 News where her duties include a variety of tasks from running the teleprompter to operating the cameras.

Angie's father will present her and her mother will receive her. Escorting Angie for Cotillion 1997 is Gregory Smith.



Tamaca Layana Bailey



Debutante Tamaca, the 17 year daughter of Lorna Lutter and L.A. Bailey, is a senior at Centennial High School. She is involved with the Afro-American Club as well as the Work-Study Program. Tamaca is a member Salem Baptist church. She plans to attend Jackson State University or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where she will pursue a major in Pre-Law with an emphasis in public defense. In her spare time she enjoys reading, socializing, and writing poetry.

Tamaca will be presented by her cousin, Mr. John Carter, Jr. and her mother will receive her. Escorting Tamaca for Cotillion 1997 is Craig Carter.



Roxanne Lynette Barnes



Debutante Roxanne, the 17 year old daughter of James and Patricia Barnes is a senior at Urbana High School. "Roxy" is a member of the Varsity Volleyball Team, Spanish Club, African-American Club, Latin American Club, Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. In addition, she is Vice-President of the Urbana High School Class of 1997, chair of the Student Senate Public Relations Committee, and captain of the Urbana Pom Pon Squad. Roxy plays flute in the UHS Symphonic Band and serves as drum major in the Marching Band. She has performed in the half-time shows at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida, Brachs Holiday Parade in Chicago, the Hula Bowl in Hawaii and at the Allerton Chamber Music Symposium. Roxy was recently selected to the All-State Honors Band, and will be performing with the International Bands of America in London, Paris, and the Netherlands this summer. She has also been selected as an All-American by the National Danz Association. Having been an overseas exchange student in Estonia, Roxy was selected National Exchange Club "Student of the Month" in 1996. She has traveled to Germany, Latvia, London, Ireland, Caracas, Mexico, and throughout the United States. She attended Girls' State in 1996, where she was elected Senator, and the National Young Leaders' Conference in Washington, D.C. Roxy is a 1997 DAR Award Winner and is an active member of Medical Post 911 at Carle Hospital. At Bethel AME Church where she is a member. Roxy often plays her flute for various church functions. Her Hobbies include traveling, surfing the internet, cross stitching, playing the flute and listening to music. In the fall, Roxy will attend the University of Illinois as a Presidential Scholar majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.

Roxy will be received by her mother and presented by her father. Escorting Roxy for Cotillion 1997 is Kenneth Bradley II.



Erika Nadine Benson



Debutante Erika is the 17 year old daughter of Faynett Weatherspoon and John Benson. She is a midterm graduate of Centennial High School and is currently a teaching assistant to Mr. Stan Yanchus. A member of Northside Church of Christ, she is President of the Youth Group, member of the Ladies Group, and occasionally teaches Sunday School. She is employed by Hancock Fabrics in Champaign. Erika plans to attend Columbia College in Chicago where she will major in Retail Management and Fashion Design. Her hobbies include sewing, cooking and reading.

Erika is presented by both her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Erika for Cotillion 1997 is Kevin Cobb.



Tia Harriese Britt



Debutante Tia is the 17 year old daughter of Eugene and Johnnie Britt. She is graduating as a Junior from Urbana High school where she is involved in, PEER Mediation, Rhoer Club (a community service group for high school girls sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. at University of Illinois). Tia is Vice-President of the African-American Club, a member of the Concert Choir and Music Honor Society and works on the Prom Committee. Tia is an active member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where she sings in the Youth Choir and attends Youth Class. She plans to attend Hines College in Mississippi where she will major in Business Administration. In Tia's spare time she enjoys singing, dancing, and reading.

Tia will be presented by her father, and received by mother. Escorting Tia for Cotillion 1997 is Vincent Brock.



Ion Delavon Capers



Debutante Ion is the 17 year old daughter of Aaron and Sheila Capers. She is a January graduate of Centennial High School and is currently taking classes at Parkland College in Champaign where Ion plan to obtain an Associates Degree in Accounting. Upon graduation, she plans to transfer to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Campus. Ion has been a participant in the Upward Bound College Prep Program for the past three years. A member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, she attends Sunday School and helps in the Children's Church ministry. In her spare time, she enjoys movies, bowling, board games, and just "hanging out" with friends.

Ion's father takes pride in presenting her as her mother receives. Escorting Ion for Cotillion 1997 is James Wright.



Kelly Nicole Cooper



Debutante Kelly is the 17 year old daughter of Arthur and Birdie Cooper. She is a senior at Urbana High School where she is involved with the Student Senate, PEER Mediation, Business Club, Track Team, Girls Basketball Team, and is President of the African American Club. She was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students in 1994. Kelly is a member of Dublin Street Church of Christ where she is a member of the Youth Group and Usher Board. Kelly plans to attend Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois where she will major in Social Work and Broadcasting. In her spare time she enjoys weight lifting, running and socializing with her friends.

Kelly will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Kelly for Cotillion 1997 is Vandre Hines.



Erika Natali Louise Harold



Debutante Erika is the 17 year old daughter of Robert and Donna Tanner Harold. She is a senior at Urbana High School where she is involved in a variety of activities. Erika has served as class president and was a member of Student council. She is Founder and President of Youth Theater Productions of Champaign-Urbana, Secretary of the African-American Club, former member of the Multi-Cultural Club, the Cross Country team, and Literary Magazine staff. Erika is a member of the Drama Club and played the leading role in the musical, "Roberta." She was a member of the Honor's Chorale, Madrigals, the Math Team, and was News/Managing Editor of the Echo, the school newspaper. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Erika has received the Delta Sigma Theta Academic Achievement Award and was selected to attend the Eastern Illinois University Journalism Conference for Minority high school students. She is the current Vice-President of the Concert Choir. She serves as a mentor in the Minority Educators and Teachers Association's Mentoring Program, has represented Urbana High School in Japan as part of the JALEX study program, is a two-time winner of first place ratings at IHSA Music Contest, and two-time member of the All-District Choir. She was the 1996 winner of the UHS Foreign Language Department's Outstanding Japanese Language Student Award, received a commendation from the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students, will be listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1997, and was designated an Illinois State Scholar. Erika enjoys volunteering at Clark-Lindsay Nursing Home, Catholic Social Services, and the Urbana Park District. She attends Salem Baptist Church where she has been involved in various organizations. Erika will attend the University of Illinois as part of the President's Award Program, majoring in Journalism with a minor in Japanese. After graduation she plans to attend Law School. In her spare time, Erika enjoys singing, writing plays, working on the computer, and spending time with friends.

Erika will be presented by her father and received by her mother. Escorting Erika for Cotillion 1997 is Chico Wilson.



Shamika Lynnette Jackson



*D*ebutante Shamika is the 17 year old daughter of Arnold and Diana Scott. She is a senior at Centennial High School where she is involved with the Afro-American Club and Delteens (a community service group for high school girls sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at University of Illinois). She is a member of Salem Baptist Church. Shamika plans to attend Tennessee State University or Jackson State University where she will major in Business Administration. Upon graduation, Kelly will attend Law School. In her spare time she enjoys dancing, shopping and listening to various types of music.

Shamika is presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Shamika for Cotillion 1997 is Marcus Phillips.



Terrica Teriece Miller



*D*ebutante Terrica is the 17 year old daughter of Martel Miller and Debbie Greear. She is a senior at Central High School where she is involved with PEER Mediation, the Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Principal's Scholars Program, and the Rhoer Club (a community service group for high school girls sponsored by the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. at University of Illinois). Terrica is a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church where she attends Sunday School and participates in the Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF). She is employed at C.E.R.L. and Consolidated Marketing Response. Terrica will attend the University of Illinois where she will major in Human Development and Family Studies. In her spare time she enjoys shopping, traveling, reading and "hanging out" with her friends.

Terrica will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Terrica for Cotillion 1997 is Michael Williams



Talisha Namphuyo Posey



*D*ebutante Talisha is the 18 year old daughter of Donnie Wilson and Connie Posey. She is a senior at Centennial High School where she is involved with the Principal's Scholars Program, PEER Counseling, and Future Physicians of America. She is a member of the Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, INTERACT, and treasurer for the Afro-American Club. She is a member of Church of the Living God and employed by Super K-Mart. Talisha is a 1997 recipient of the Martin Luther King Scholarship. Accepted by the University of Illinois, she will major in Pre-Med/Nursing, with a minor in Child Care Development. In her spare time, Talisha enjoys reading shopping, playing with children and helping others.

Talisha will be presented by her Godfather, Terry Thomas and her Grandmother, Shirley Drish will receive her. Escorting Talisha for Cotillion 1997 is Jonah Bell.



Constance Roshanda Latrece Thomas



Debutante "Connie" is the 16 year old daughter of Brenda Jackson and Timmie Watson. She is a graduating junior at Urbana High School where she is on the Senior Book Committee and involved with Delteens (a community service group for high school girls sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the University of Illinois). Connie is a member of Northside Church of God and plans to attend the University of Illinois where she will major in Pre-Med and Spanish. Upon graduation, she will go to medical school to further her studies in Pediatric Medicine. In her spare time, Connie enjoys singing and meeting new people.

Connie will be received by her mother and presented by her stepfather. Escorting Connie for Cotillion 1997 is Brandon Vonner.



Stacy Dione Walton



*D*ebutante Stacy is the seventeen year old daughter of Benjamin and Evelyn Walton. She is a senior at Centennial High School where she is involved in numerous activities. She is the Vice-President of the Senior Class, co-chair of the National Honor Society, an active member of the Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, Senior Advisory Board, INTERACT (a community service organization), the Afro-American Club, and Model U.N. As a member of the Thespian Club, Stacy has performed in numerous plays. She is also in the Expressions Show Choir, a member of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team, and a Varsity Cheerleader. Stacy attended Girls State at Eastern Illinois University. As a member of St. Luke CME Church, she participates in the Youth Choir, serves on the Usher Board, and is a teen leader of the Youth Church Auxiliary. She has been accepted at the University of Illinois where she will major in Pre-Law and hopes to join their cheering squad. In her spare time, Stacy likes to sing, roller-blade, read, dance, cook, write poetry, and draw.

Stacy will be presented by her father and her mother will receive her. Escorting Stacy for Cotillion 1997 is Dennis Matthews Jr.

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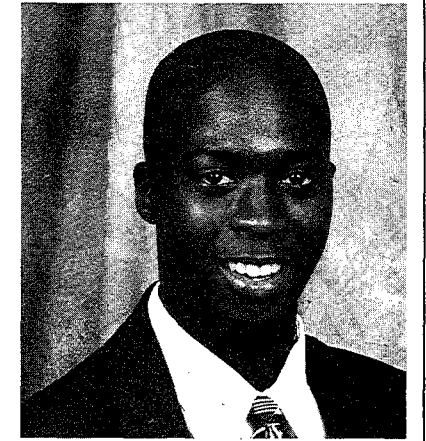
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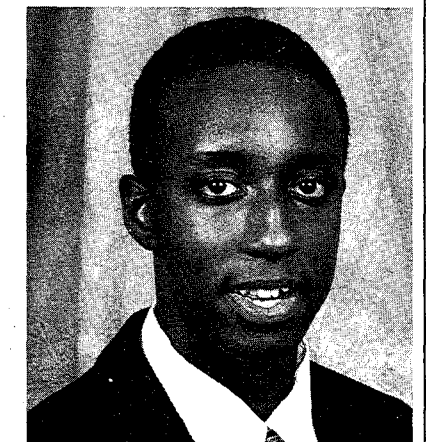
Jonah Levenston Bell

Jonah is the eighteen year old son of Paulette Bell. He is a senior at Centennial High School. Jonah was a former member of the basketball team, is a four year member of the Band, and current member of INTERACT. Although he's an active member of the Church of the Living God, he plays for various other churches in the community. Jonah plans to attend Tougaloo University or Southern Illinois University and major in Computer Science. Jonah is escorting Debutante Talisha Posey.



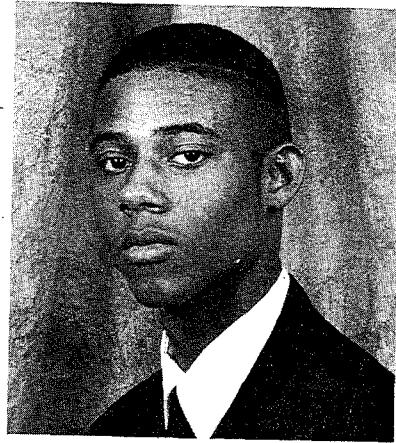
Kenneth D. Bradley II

Kenneth, the sixteen year old son of Kenneth and Sarah Bradley, is a junior at Urbana High School. He is President of the Junior Class, involved in Student Senate, and is a member of the varsity basketball team. Kenneth is a member of the Church of the Living God. He plans to attend a division I school and play basketball. He is interested in pursuing a degree in Sociology. Kenneth is escorting Debutante Roxanne Barnes.



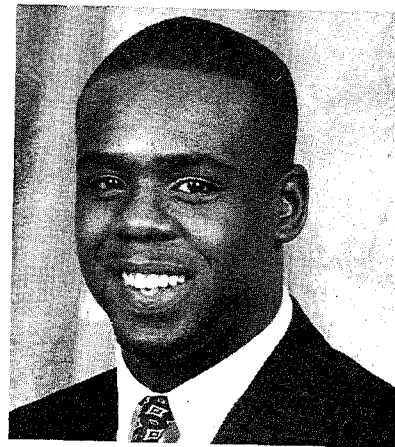
Vincent Eugene Brock

Vincent is the sixteen year old son of Linda Brock. A junior at Urbana High School, he is involved in the African-American Club and is on the varsity basketball team. Vincent is a member of the Church of the Living God. He hopes to attend a Big 10 University to major in Accounting and play basketball.



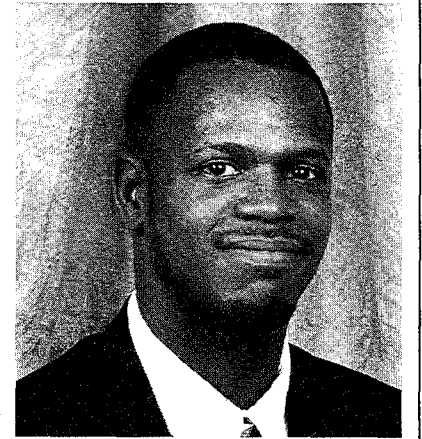
Craig Carter

Craig is the 23 year old son of Marsha Carter. He is a graduate of Urbana High school and a U.S. Navy veteran. He works for Rantoul Products. His hobbies include art and model railroading. Craig is escorting his cousin, Debutante Tamaca Bailey.



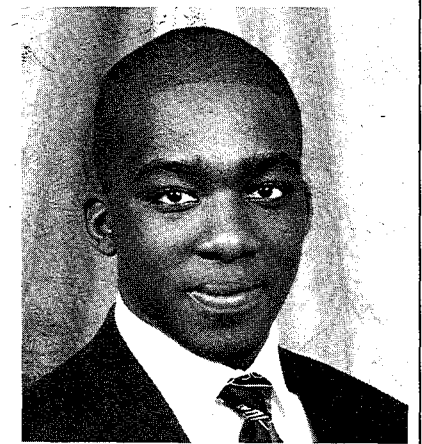
Kevin Cobb

Kevin, the twenty four year old son of Jake and Linda Maze Cobb is a graduate of Limestone High School in Bartonville, Illinois. He is a member of Alpha and Omega Church of Christ and is employed as a salesman at Prospect Mitsubishi Hyundai in Champaign. In his spare time he drag races motorcycles professionally. Kevin is escorting Debutante Erika Benson



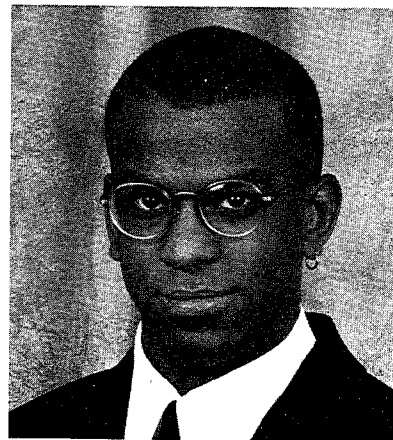
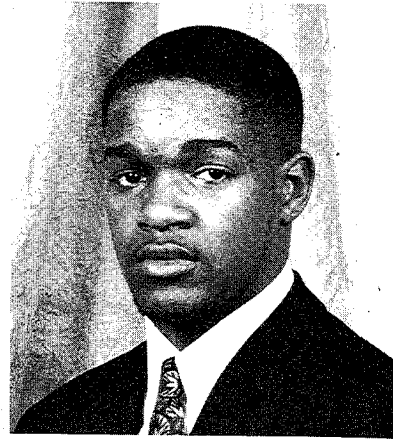
Dennis Matthews Jr.

Dennis is the sixteen year old son of Dennis, Sr. and Jackie Matthews. He is a junior at Centennial High School where he is the Vice-President of the National and Spanish Honor Societies. Dennis participates in the Student Council, Track Team, and a REACH Peer Counselor. Dennis is a member of Bethel AME Church and plans to attend the University of Illinois. He wishes to pursue a career in Computer Science or Mathematics. Dennis is escorting Debutante Stacy Walton.



Vandre Hines

Vandre is the 18 year old son of David and Betty Hines. He is a senior at Urbana High School where he is involved in the African-American Club, Upward Bound and a member of the football and basketball teams. A member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Vandre is undecided as to what college he will attend, but intends to major in Industrial Technology. In his spare time, he enjoys shopping, talking on the phone, reading and "chillin" with his friends. Vandre is escorting Debutante Kelly Cooper.

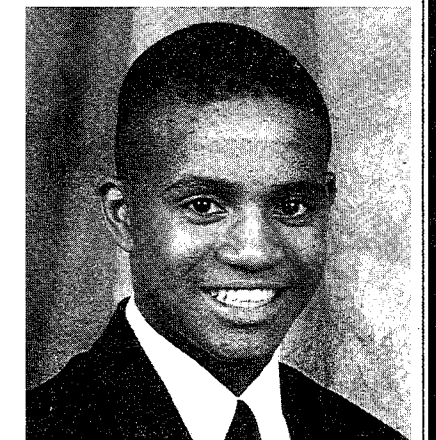
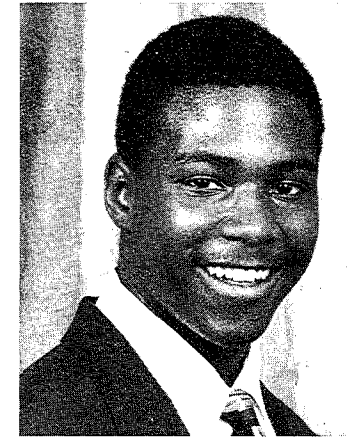


Harold Miller III

Harold is the sixteen year old son of Martha Miller Chisum and Harold Miller, Jr. A junior at Urbana High School, he is a member of the Concert and Honors Choirs, Student Senate, Principal's Scholars Program, and the varsity football team. He is a member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where he is active in the Youth Choir and Youth Class. Harold plans to pursue a career in Business Marketing and/or Elementary Education. Harold is Escorting Debutante Danielle Adkins.

Marcus Phillips

Marcus is the eighteen year old son of Marilyn Harris and Larry Bennett. He is a senior at Central High School and member of Morning Star Free Will Baptist Church. He plans to attend Syracuse College where he will major in Auto Technology. In his spare time, he enjoys basketball, motorcycles and cars. Marcus is escorting Debutante Shamika Jackson.

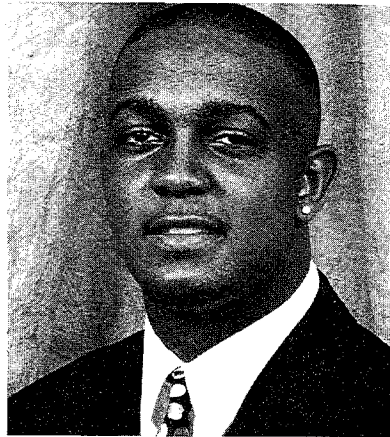


Gregory Smith

The fifteen year old son of Bernard and Crystal Robinson, Gregory attends Centennial High School where he is on the basketball and track teams. He is a member of Alpha and Omega Church of Christ. His hobbies include being involved in athletics and working on electronic equipment. Gregory is escorting Debutante Angela Avery.

Brandon Vonner

Brandon is the eighteen year old son of Jackie and Brenda Vonner. He is a freshman at University of Illinois where he majors in business Administration. Brandon is employed at the University of Illinois Foundation, and aspires to be a multi-million dollar businessman. He enjoys playing basketball, shopping, cutting hair, and just "chillin". Brandon is escorting Debutante Connie Thomas.

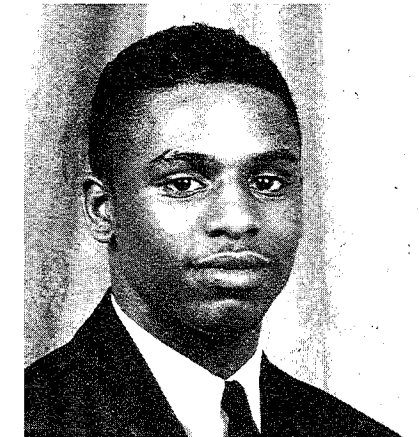


Michael "James" Williams

The 18 year old son of Anita Williams and James Reynolds, Michael is an Urbana High School senior, where he is a member of the African-American Club, basketball, and football teams. Michael plans to attend college when he graduates but as yet is undecided as to which one he will choose or what his major will be. He is a member of the Church of the Living God. Michael is escorting Debutante Terrica Miller.

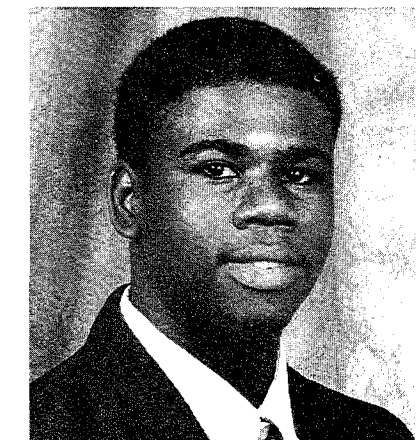
Chico Wilson

Chico is the eighteen year old son of Johnnie and Lela Wilson. He is a senior at Urbana High School where he is on the varsity football, basketball and track teams. Chico was named Urbana High School MVP and Homecoming King for 1996. He received All Conference and All State Honorable Mention in athletics. He is a member of Greater Holy Temple Church. Chico has been accepted to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he plans to major in Law Enforcement. In his spare time, he enjoys sports, riding motorcycles, writing poetry and spending time with friends. Chico is escorting Debutante Erika Harold.



James Wright

James is the eighteen year old son of Bobby and Laverne Williams and is currently a senior at Centennial High School. He has been a part of the Upward Bound College Prep Program for the past four years and is a member of the Brotherhood and Brothers Inc. His plans are to attend college in Mississippi. James is a member of Sheriff Temple AOH where he is an active choir member as well as a Sunday school participant. In his spare time, he enjoys football and track. James is escorting Debutante Ion Capers.



*Congratulations
To All of Our
1997 Debutantes
from
The Members
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Society*



"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord..." Psalm 127:3

**TO DANIELLE -
On October 23, 1979, you came into our lives as a precious gift from God, and we will never be the same....**

**We brought you home and held you close and felt the warmth,
We survived Dad feeding you ice cream at two weeks old,
We pinched your legs and kissed your neck,
We watched you walk and begin to talk (you haven't stopped since),
We splashed in the water as you learned to swim,
We played with your dolls as you gave them loving wear and tear,
We planned and survived many a birthday bash,
We read "Poky Little Puppy" at least five times per night,
We said our bedtime prayers,
We ran to meet Dad when he came home for dinner and pushed the buttons
to make the siren blast,
We held the bicycle until you go it alone,
We bought stock in Band-Aids so we'd never run out,
We held your hand and walked you to the school building and wiped our
tears away,
We watched our joy as you held your sister for the first time,
We fed bottles, changed diapers, danced - whatever it took to make her
happy!
We rescued forks from the toaster?!
We got our ice cream and huddled to watch our favorite TV show,
We survived Dad taking you to get your hair cut,
We watched you go to your first school dance and look so grown up,
We made it through - freshman Algebra,
volleyball practices and games,
your first boyfriend,
your first job
and learning how to drive(!),
We have watched you grow from a tiny baby into a strong, dynamic young
woman that we're so proud of today, and we'll never be the same again....**

**Love forever,
Dad, Mom & Leslie**

*Congratulations, Danielle, for being
selected as a debutante in the 1997*

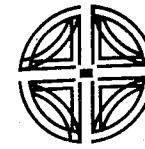
Potillion Ball

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*May God Bless You always as
you continue to develop into an
outstanding young lady with a bright
future ahead of you.*

*Best Wishes
Uncle Gary &
Aunt Renee Hillyer*



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■ Reverend B. J. Tatum,
Senior Pastor

Dear Danielle:

God desires you to "prosper and have good success" (Joshua 1:8). There are no secrets of success and happiness.

SUCCESS is doing the things you know you should do. Success is discovering your best talents, skills and abilities. It is having the courage to meet failure without being defeated. Success is accepting the challenge of the difficult.

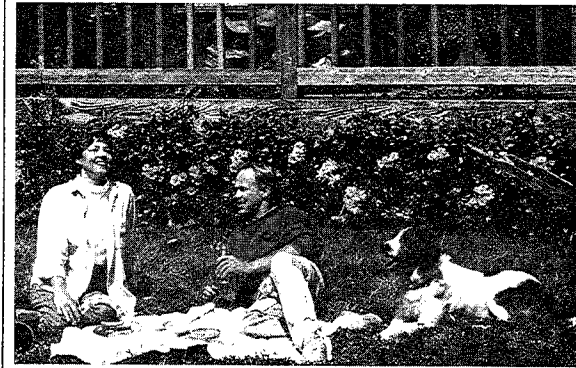
HAPPINESS is an inside job. Be determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation you may be. Don't let circumstances dictate your disposition, development, or destination. It must be conceded they will either defeat you or you will overcome them. your strength and determination, not their impact, will decide which.

SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS are not dependent on circumstances but upon one's determination and disposition. Don't wait for circumstances to give you a break. You were not created to be a puppet dangling on the strings of circumstances. You have a free will and can affect circumstances.

God has blessed you to have creative powers. Whatever you do, don't rush by today to get to tomorrow! Plan your schedule, prioritize your plans, and commit your schedule to the Lord. Establish a good motivational pattern, and always remember that persistence and determination are omnipotent.

Rev. B. J. Tatum, Senior Pastor
Canaan Baptist Church
Urbana, Illinois

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*"Time Is The
Most Valuable
Thing We Can
Spend."*

Theophrastus

- ❖ Is your pension or retirement plan meeting your expectations?
- ❖ Are you nearing retirement with a need for a "big picture" look at your finances and projections for the future?
- ❖ Is the family business you operate leaving you little time to consider how to manage the money you're accumulating?
- ❖ Are you ready to sell a business that you've operated or inherited, and have questions about the financial and tax implications?
- ❖ Will your children (or grandchildren) have enough to pay their college bills?
- ❖ Is your family protected from potential threats to its financial security, such as death or disability?
- ❖ Are your investments appropriate for someone with your goals?
- ❖ Is your estate arranged to meet your objectives?



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Danielle, congratulations and best wishes in all that you do.

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*May God Richly Bless You.
You are a wonderful young lady.*

The Carolines

Congratulations, Danielle!!

We Love You!

The Bruetts

Debutante Danielle Adkins

Congratulations
to
Debutante Danielle Adkins

God Bless You!

Pamela Brock

Congratulations Danielle

May God Richly Bless This Experience.

We Love You.

Sincerely,
Frank & JoAnn Archey

Debutante Danielle Adkins



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Danielle, congratulations and all the best to you in your future endeavors.

Miss Danielle Adkins

Jeremiah

*Live in accordance with God's will and
continue to ask, seek, and trust in the Lord.*

*Love & Prayers Always
The Ratliff Family*