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## THE DESIRADA

GOOD ADVICE FOR EVERYONE

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they, too, have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons. They are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe. No less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be careful.

Strive to be happy.



## The Trip Chi-town

### "WE ARE THE FUTURE"

In January the 1988 Debutantes and Escorts ventured to the windy city of Chicago to get a taste of African-American history in keeping with this year's theme, "We Are The Future". Scheduled tour stops included Soft Sheen Products, Inc.; Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.; and the DuSable Museum of African-American History.

After leaving Champaign on a blistery winter morning, the first stop upon arrival in Chicago was at Soft Sheen--makers of Care Free Curl, Optimum Conditioning Relaxer System, Sportin' Waves Gel Pomade, Miss Cool 5-Minute Fast Set, Perfect Pinch Seasonings and a line of cookware. Highlights included the production department and the marketing division.

It was then on to lunch at Ed Debevic's Short Order Deluxe, an old-fashioned 50s-style diner with "home-cooked" food and gum-popping waitresses to insult your intelligence.

Bellies full, the next stop was Johnson's, publishers of *EBONY*, *JET*, *EM--* *Ebony Man* and owners of *WJPC*, *WLDM* and *WENR*

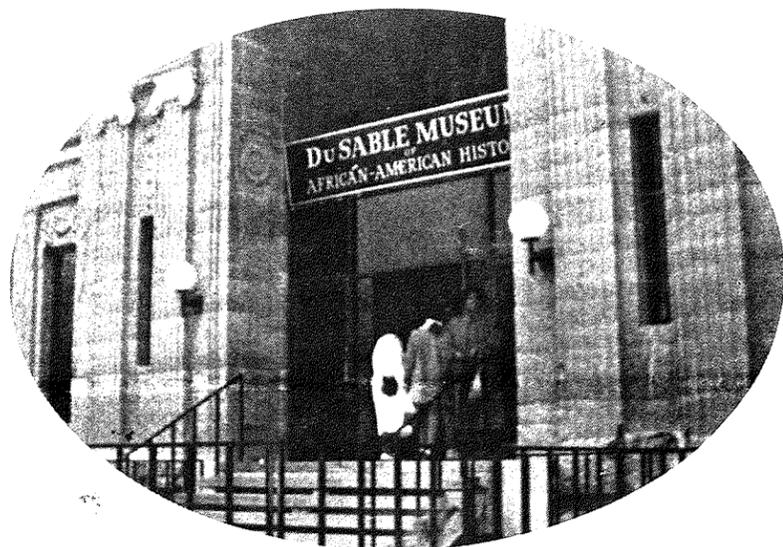


radio stations, Fashion Fair Cosmetics and producer of the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Touring these beautiful facilities--built from the ground up especially for JPC and the first building in Chicago's loop to be owned by a Black man--was exciting enough, but the pinnacle occurred when several of the debs and escorts were able to speak personally with Mr. Johnson, who related tales to them about a past visit to Champaign.

The last stop on this full schedule was the DuSable Museum of African American History. Greeted by native Champaign-ite Angela Rivers, the museum's educational director, the tour group was given new insight into the rich, colorful...and sometimes sad and painful heritage of the Afro-American. Special exhibits were displayed on the Civil Rights Movement, Slavery and Blacks in Chicago.

After purchasing an abundance of items in the DuSable gift shop, the exhausted debs and escorts re-boarded the luxury coach for the "pleasant" (it was rush hour) drive back to Champaign-Urbana.



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April 16, 1988

Dear Cotillion Supporter:

In 1972, when Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Epsilon Mu Sigma Chapter, began this endeavor, five fine examples of Black womanhood decided that the Cotillion was, indeed, something worthwhile.

Two years later, in 1974, a group of interested women began assisting the "Sigmas" with the Cotillion -- adding a "woman's touch" to the gala affair. By 1975 the women's group had adopted the official name of GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY and since 1977 have been the sole producers of the annual debutante cotillion.

More than 200 debutantes have made their entrance into society through the Cotillion in its illustrious 17-year history. Each of those young ladies has received financial assistance for furthering her education at any college, trade school or university of her choice. Many have now obtained professional degrees and are working in their chosen career fields. But no matter if, how, or where they completed their higher education, we are extremely proud of each and every one of them!

YOU CAN FEEL PROUD, TOO! The financial assistance they receive in the form of a scholarship is made possible by none other than YOU! It comes from your generous contributions in the forms of patrons, advertisements, and ticket purchases. During these past 17 years YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$50,000.00!

We thank you wholeheartedly! For 17 years you have stood by us...we look forward to your continued support.

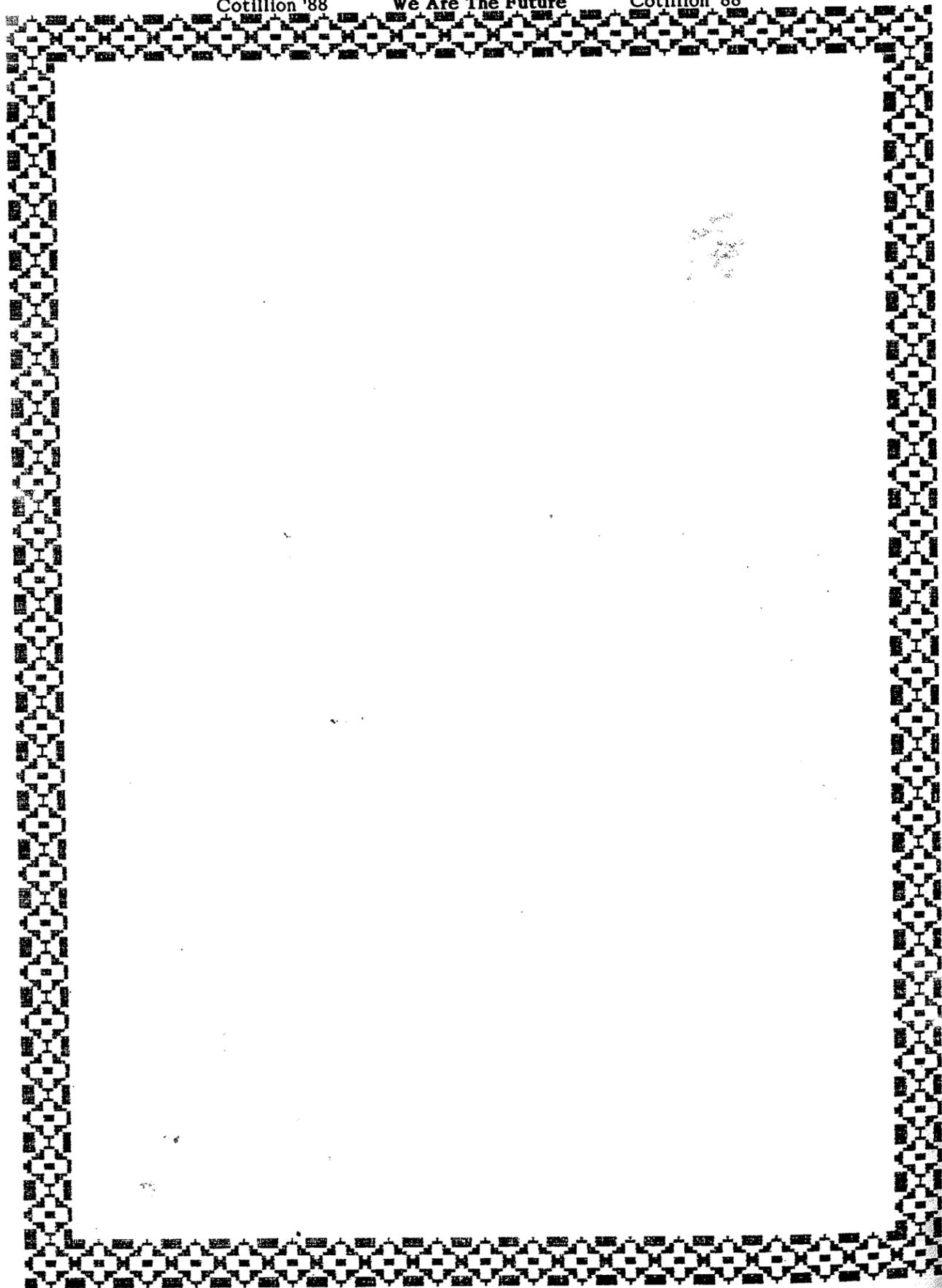
Should you desire more information about GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY or our scholarship program, feel free to contact us at:

P. O. Box 2249  
Station A  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

We welcome your suggestions, criticisms and/or commendations. We also look forward to seeing you next year at our 18th Annual Debutante Cotillion.

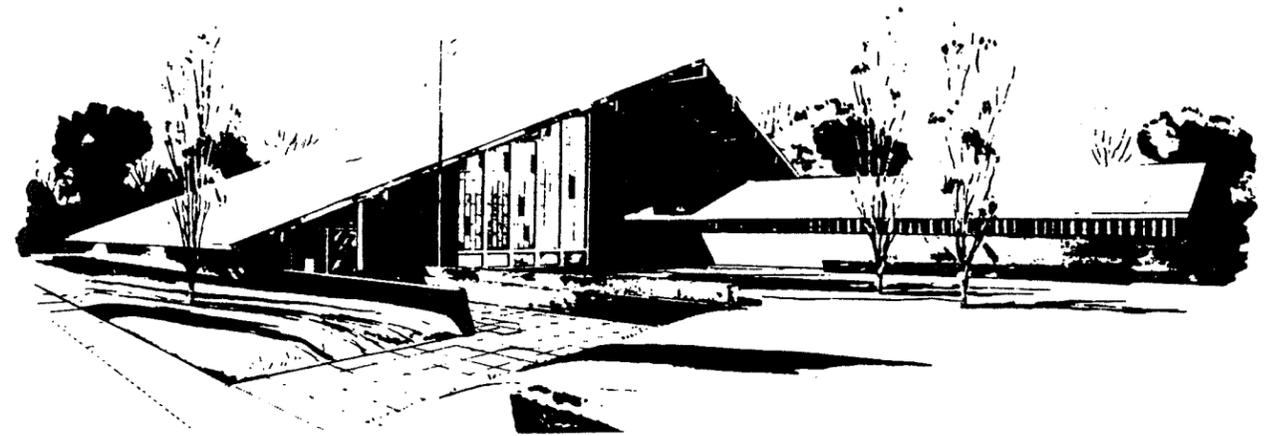
Sincerely,

The Women Of  
GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY



WE LOVE YOU!

*Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church*



TO

JACQUELINE YVETTE BROWN

SEEK YE FIRST  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD,  
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

---

YOUR BETHEL FAMILY  
REV. ALFRED E. JOHNSON, PASTOR

*Jacqueline Yvette Brown*

JACKIE, AS I GIVE YOU MY LOVE AND  
MY BEST WISHES, I CHALLENGE YOU TO:

"Live each day to the fullest.  
Get the most from each hour,  
each day, and each age of your  
life. Then you can look for-  
ward with confidence, and back  
without regrets."

V. Ellis

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Be yourself--but be your best self.  
Dare to be different and to follow your own star.  
And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful.  
Love with all your heart and soul.  
Believe that those you love, love you.  
Forget what you have done for your friends, and  
remember what they have done for you.  
Disregard what the world owes you, and  
concentrate on what you owe the world.  
When you are faced with a decision, make that decision  
as wisely as possible--then forget it.  
The moment of absolute certainty never arrives.

Above all, remember that  
God helps those who help themselves.  
Act as if everything depended upon you,  
and  
pray as if everything depended upon God.

S. H. Payer

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Sincerely,

*Aunt Esther*

Mr. & Mrs. Emory Kemp, Atlanta, Georgia, join me in wishing you the best!

