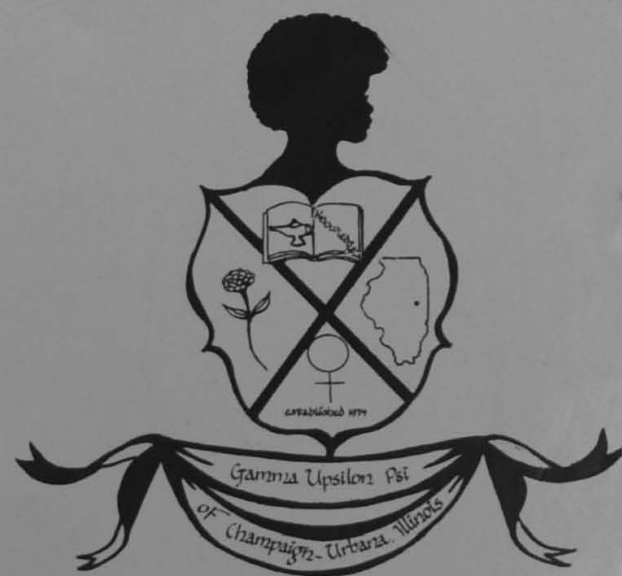


# 34th Annual Cotillion Ball

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# Gamma Upsilon Psi Society

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Cotillion 2006

*A Message From the President  
of  
Gamma Upsilon Psi Society. . .*



*Patricia McKinney Lewis*

*Dear Cotillion Support,*

*Thank you for your continued support of our Annual Cotillion Ball. For 34 years, your financial support has provided scholarships for more than 400 Debutantes. Many former Debutantes have returned to the Champaign-Urbana community with college degrees and are productive members of our community.*

*In its infancy, thirty-four years ago, the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity sponsored the first Cotillion in the Champaign-Urbana area. 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. Within the past 11 years, Gamma Upsilon Psi 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. Tonight, we proudly present 12 young ladies and introduce them to society as Debutantes 2006. 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, sensationnally invigorating Cotillion. Eyes have not seen and ears have yet to hear what is in store for your enjoyment tonight.*

*Thank you to the escorts, parents, family members, and friends who assisted the Debutantes this year. We appreciate your dedication and commitment making this year's Cotillion a success. All of our Debutantes ARE BLESSED.*

*In all things, to God be the Glory for all He has done for us and brought us through this year. God always gives us more than we deserve. We give Him all the praise, the honor and the glory.*

*Thank You.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patricia McKinney Lewis  
President*

## Cotillion Participants

Tekyra Algee	John Smith
Alicia Burden	Jarrel Young
Catherine Carter	Japhon Myles
Jennifer Cook	Marcel Grant
Twila Douglas	Kyle Carter
Hillary Fears	Sterlin Sibley
Samantha Gardner	Cory Walker
Monique Harris	Nick Phillips
Chauntia Lipscomb	Letrent Catchings
Kristie Marquardt	Stephen Burgess
Wynita Mock	Justin Hendrix
Kandace Odom	Elijah Odom

## Program

Toastmaster.....	Terry Napper
Welcome.....	Michelle Turner Gamma Upsilon Pi Society
Prayer and Blessing of Food.....	Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey Jr.
~~Dinner~~	
Introduction of Gamma Members.....	Patricia Lewis President, Gamma Upsilon Pi Society
Introduction of 2006 Escorts & Candle Lighting.....	Damien Howard
Introduction of 2006 Debutantes.....	Shariel Anderson
Father/Daughter Dance.....	Debutantes and Presenters
Debutante Dedication	
Dance.....	Debutantes "Be Blessed" by Yolanda Adams
Step.....	Escorts
Dance.....	Debutantes and Escorts "Closer" by Goapele "Hopeful" by Twista featuring Faith Evans
Acknowledgements and Awards.....	Patricia Lewis
Dancing.....	Music by L.J. "Capital City D.J."



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Dionne Brown



Dorothy Greene



Ruby Hunt



Karla Shelby



Yavonnda Smith

*In Loving Memory*



*Margaret Smith*

*January 11, 1925 -- January 3, 2005*

*In Loving Memory*



*Marion Jones*

*March 4, 1925 -- March 13, 2006*



## Production Staff



**Nameka Bates** is a native of Champaign. After graduating from Centennial High School, she went on to earn a Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees from the University of Illinois with a major in Leisure Studies, specializing in Sports Management.

Currently, Nameka is a second year graduate student at the University of Illinois, where she is a Doctoral Candidate in Kinesiology, specializing in Cultural Studies of Sports.

She is employed by the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Program as the Assistant Director.

Nameka is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter.

Nameka participated in the 1999 Cotillion where she was named Miss Congeniality. She has enjoyed working with the Cotillion for the past four years. Nameka hopes the Debutantes and Escorts have been inspired as much as this experience has for her.

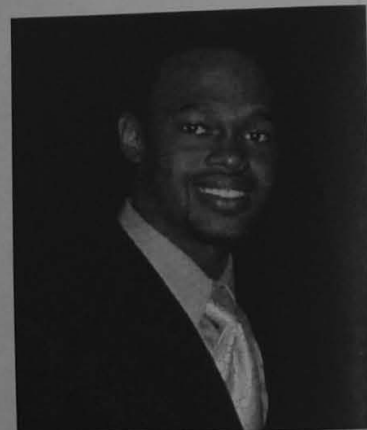
**Michael Harden, Jr.** is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois, with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Management Information Systems.

Currently, Michael works at the University of Illinois with the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) as a Web Developer.

He has future plans to attain his MBA Degree. He would also like to see his web and graphic design business, M. Eye Design, flourish.

Michael is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Tau Chapter. Michael has served in many capacities in his fraternity.

Most recently, Michael has undertaken the role of Stepmaster and Mentor for the Central High School Stepteam. He works with them at the Don Moyer's Boy's and Girl's Club on a weekly basis.

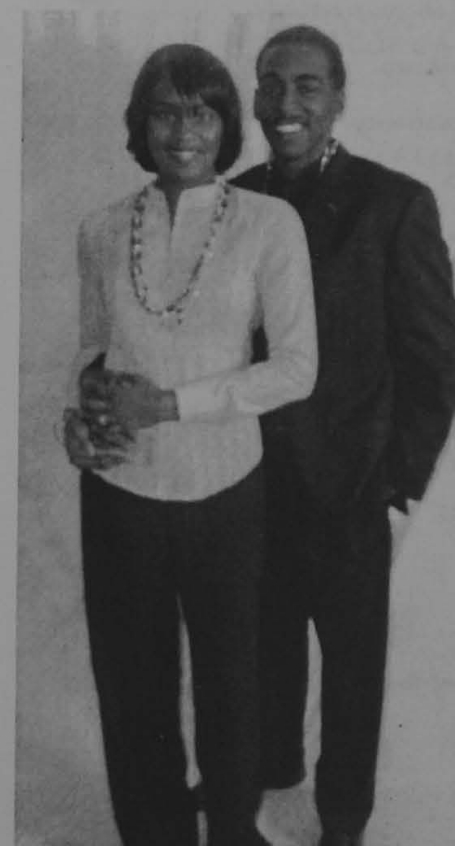


**Marc McConney** is a native of Chicago and a graduate of Hales Franciscan High School, an all African American male high school. Marc graduated from the University of Chicago with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and then went to Law School at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After graduating from Law School, he realized that teaching was his passion so he put aside his law degree to teach at his old high school for two years. This experience pushed him to return to school to seek a PhD. in Educational Psychology.

While at UIUC, Marc is the advisor to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and currently serves as Resident Director at Illini Tower. His hobbies are chess and martial arts.



## Production Participants



**Sharial Anderson** was born in Hazellhurst, MS. At the age of 10, she moved to Champaign, IL with her mother and sister. She participated in the Cotillion and graduated from Centennial High School in 1999. She then completed her studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, earning her a degree in Speech Communication and a certificate of completion for minoring in Afro-American Studies in 2003.

Sharial loves the LORD with all of her mind, body and soul and is very involved in her church choir and stepteam.

She is currently the Legal Assistant for Joseph H. Liernan Law Office in Champaign. In addition, she is a mentor for C-U One-to-One Mentoring Program, Recording/Corresponding Secretary for the Champaign-Urbana Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and serves as Advisor for the Alpha Nu undergraduate chapter.

Her future goals are to obtain two Master's Degrees: Labor and Industrial Relations and Educational Policy Studies. She also wants to pursue a Juris Doctorate Degree. Sharial is happily engaged to Mr. Damien Howard.

A southside Chicago native, **Damien Howard** attended the University of Illinois earning a degree in Special Education.

Damien has received scholastic recognition as a College of Education Scholar and Dean's List Honors.

Damien is a member of Phi Rho Eta Fraternity, Inc. where he has served as President and Vice-President on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Currently, Damien is an educator for Urbana High School and an independent distributor for Tahitian Noni International.



**Terry Napper**, a Christian young man and lover of Jesus, is a Deacon, Director of Music and Sunday School Teacher at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He has been employed by Urbana District #116 as a Site Coordinator for the After School Child Care Program at Leal School for 18 years. Terry has been the loving husband to Rhonda Napper for 16 years and the proud father of Terrell, 15, Terrance, 12, and Teron, 8. He is a mentor to young black men, an all out clown and loves to have fun. Tonight, Terry is serving as Toastmaster.

# "Be Blessed"

Too many storms have passed your way.  
 And you're all washed out cause it rained on your parade.  
 Seems nobody cares about you anyway.  
 Now you're living your life like a castaway.  
 Search for strength inside.  
 Was it all in vain cause the deeper you dig you find more and more pain.  
 Don't let your tomorrow be like yesterday.  
 'Cause I spoke to God.  
 I called out your name.  
 And on your behalf I just asked.  
 If He would be there for you.

Enter a place where you never have to cry.  
 Never have to live a lie.  
 Never have to wonder why.  
 Never want for nothin' you're always satisfied.  
 In the peace that His arms will provide.  
 He will erase any guilt or shame.  
 Any bad habits you got you won't wanna do again.  
 Yes we all can change I can testify.  
 See I spoke to God.  
 I called out your name.  
 And on your behalf I just asked.  
 If He would be there for you.

# Acknowledgements

The members of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society,  
 Debutantes and Escorts would like to thank  
 Dr. John Woodward, Principal of Urbana  
 High School for graciously allowing the use of  
 Urbana High School to hold our meetings.

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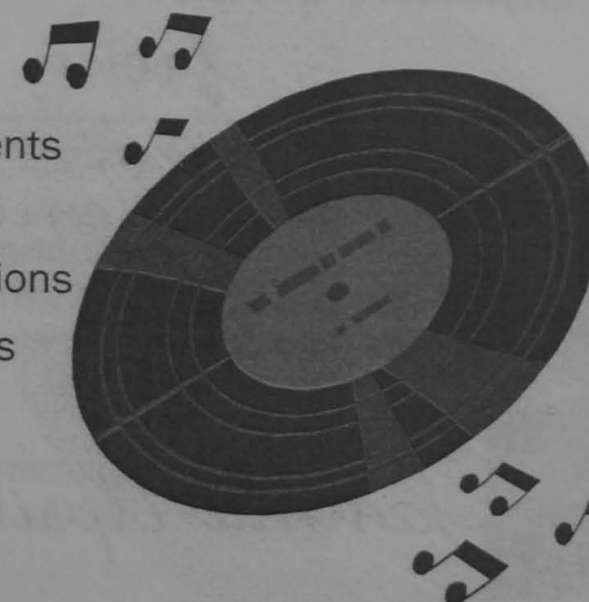
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of  
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Society

Congratulations  
Tekyra!



Keep striving to reach all  
of your goals in life.

Ruthie Hillsman

Congratulations Alicia.  
As you strive to meet your goals,  
remember to keep  
God first.

Vernita Curry-Taylor



Congratulations  
Alicia!



Shaundra Summerville

*I wish you well in your  
future endeavors!*

*Strive high and you can't go  
wrong!*

*Keep in touch!*

*Gayle Jeffries*



*Jennifer (Sunshine).*



*You are going to experience victories and defeats throughout your lifetime. Do not get discouraged when you suffer defeat, just remember Maya Angelou's words: 'You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.'*

*With love and encouragement,  
Your Assistant Dionne Brown*

*Congratulations  
Twila Douglass!*

*You are a beautiful young lady who has her head on  
straight.*

*Keep up the good work, you will go far. Remember  
to always put God first in your life.*

*Ruby Hunt*



**Congratulations Hillary.  
As you strive to meet your goals,  
remember to keep God first.**

**Vernita Curry-Taylor**



*Congratulations  
Alicia!*

*Shaundra Summerville*



*Congratulations Samantha!*

*Continue to let your light shine, so that  
people may see your good works!*



*Your Assistant,  
Yavonnda Smith*



**Congratulations  
Monique!**

**Best wishes on your endeavors.**

**Patricia Lewis**

*Congratulations Monique!*

*Annie Clay*

Chauntria,

Remember Philipians 4:13

Dorothy Green



The more you seek God and the things of God. . .the more you seek quality, the more you  
seek not just the hand of God but the face of God. . .the more you seek things honorable.

Congratulations and continue to seek the Lord.

Jonte' Rollins

Kristie,

*"Life may not be the party we hoped for. . . but  
while we are here we might as well dance!"*



*I wish for you all the tunes  
you need to succeed!*

*God bless you!*

*Your Assistant  
Karla Shelby*



Wynita,

Congratulations!

May God continue to bless you.  
Remember to always look toward the  
Lord at all times.



Best Wishes!

Michelle Turner

Kandace,

I wish you much success in all that you do  
on your pursuit to adulthood.



"Each person comes into this world with a specific destiny -- he has something to fulfill, some message has to be delivered, some work has to be completed. You are not here accidentally -- you are here meaningfully. There is a purpose behind you. The whole world intends to do something through you.."

-- Osho

Your Assistant,  
Katrina Kindle

Introducing

the

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