

Merritt Hospital Graduates 70

Librarians to Tour E. Bay

Saluted as the largest class in the 67 year history of St. J. Merritt Hospital's School of Nursing, 70 senior class members (including 12 men), received their diplomas during a ceremony held June 6 at First United Presbyterian Church of Oakland.

More than 700 family members and friends of the graduates attended the 8 p.m. ceremony which began with the traditional procession of faculty and students, each in white uniforms and caps and each graduate holding a long-stemmed red rose. A reception was held immediately afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

Among the graduates were: Ardineecie McGraw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson of Oakland and wife of Marshall McGraw; and

Janice Whitley, daughter of Mrs. Annie Mae Whitley, also of Oakland. Both young nurses will continue their college work toward a Bachelor of Science degree in the fall.

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Berkeley's College Prep Is Success

Berkeley College Prep, an alternative high school designed to improve the educational experiences of students who can and need to do better in school, is sending 92 percent of its second graduating class on to college. Of that total, 65 percent of the 37 seniors will attend four year institutions. Three students have chosen other options; two will attend modeling school and one has been selected as a TWA stewardess.

Graduates and their families were honored at a dinner, Tuesday, June 3, held in the school cafeteria by the Rainbow Sign. College Prep director Ron Fortune welcomed guests, congratulated the seniors on their hard work and successful selection of future plans, and introduced the evening's entertainment.

Berkeley College Prep instructor Carol Key presented special awards to the following College Prep graduates: Daphne Lee, Best Attendance and Most Active in Berkeley College Prep; Evelyn Walls, Most Active in involvement of staff, and Berkeley College Prep and Most Active at Berkeley High School; La Tanaya Taylor, Best Female Athlete; Eugene Ransom, Best Male Athlete; Paulette Love, Most Improved Student; Katriella Calhoun, Community Service; and Irin Johnson, Scholastic Achievement.

Students from Ocie Austin's Black Drama class at Genesis-Agora, a multicultural, multiracial alternative Berkeley high school, received awards at a dinner for graduating seniors at Berkeley College Prep. (front row left to right) Evelyn Walls, Paulette Love, Katriella Calhoun, La Tanaya Taylor and (back row) Irin Johnson and Daphne Lee.



Berkeley College Prep students who received awards at a dinner for graduating seniors are: (front row left to right) Evelyn Walls, Paulette Love, Katriella Calhoun, La Tanaya Taylor and (back row) Irin Johnson and Daphne Lee.

to four year institutions, or they attend the colleges and are unable to finish because of inadequate preparation." The emphasis of the BCP program is on building positive Black ethnic identification through skill development, an ethnic approach to the Black experience, intense personal involvement of staff, and individualized attention to students.

Berkeley College Prep is "a learning place where Black students are taken seriously as valid candidates for a college education," says Fortune. Berkeley College Prep provides up-to-date information about college entrance requirements, college specializations, scholarships, loans, grants, and extra in-



Ms. Ardineecie McGraw and Dr. Clifford J. Hand, Merritt Medical Staff Academic Vice President of the University of the Pacific, gave the commencement address.

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Celebrate June tenth at BUMP Forum

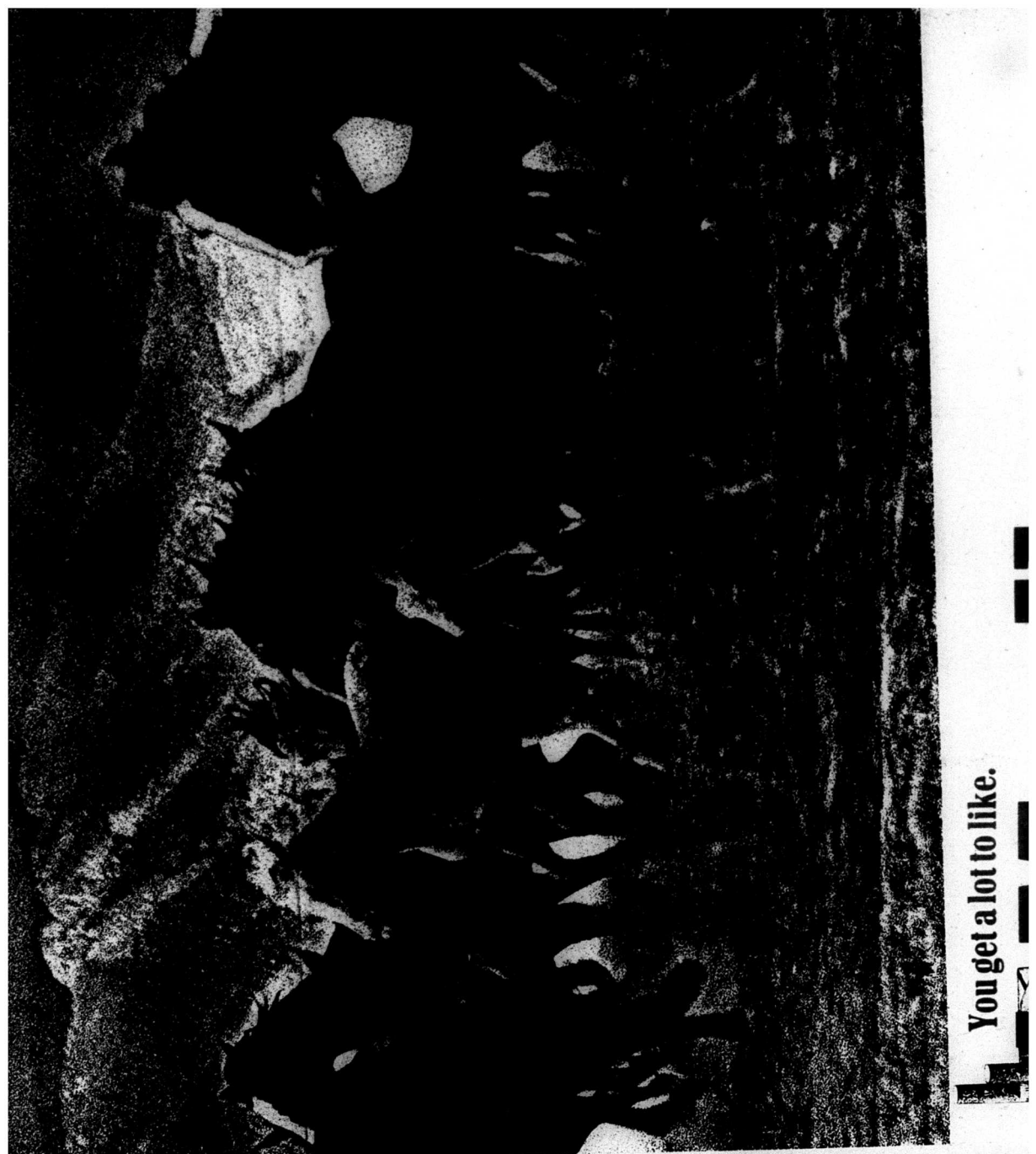
The custom of celebrating Independence Day on June 19, at Prescott School, better known as "June 920 Campbell Street at 7:30 Tenth Day", instead of on July 4, originated in the fall of 1947.

The organization of Blacks who are united to Motivate Progress (BUMP) 1637 - 13th Street, Oakland, Ca. 94607, Phone 836-1031, will be celebrating this month, according to BUMP President Booker Emery (6095).

The California Librarians' Black Caucus is planning an East Bay Tour for delegates of the American Library Association on Wednesday, July 2, 1975. The American Library Association is having a convention at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, during the week of June 29 to July 3. The Dimensions Dance Theatre, a dance troupe, and Joyce Carol Thomas, a poet, will be featured in a concert and reading at the Laney College Theatre from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, as part of the tour. Both of these talents will represent the Far West Region of North America at the 2nd World Black and African Festival of Art and Culture in Nigeria in November 1975.

Previous to the concert, the Cultural and Ethnic Affairs Guild of the Oakland Museum will take the delegates on a tour of the Natural Science, Art, and History divisions of the Museums. American Library Association delegates have also been invited to lunch at the Museum Restaurant.

For more information, contact Richard Brown, assistant City Librarian of the Berkeley Public Library, (644-6095).



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Mininfield and Catherine Smith. Musical entertainment was not usually thought of as necessary to college preparation, but essential to training students to enter and survive in college. These courses teach test-taking techniques, how to submit applications, and occupational exploration.

Berkeley College Prep was designed to meet the needs of Black students who were not continuing their education beyond high school graduation.

According to director Fortune, "Significant numbers of Black graduates from Berkeley High School, and from many other high schools throughout the country, are going to college. If they do attend college, many Black students, especially in the Northern, Midwestern, and Western regions of the United States, attend two year colleges and do not continue on their own domestic energy production by 1977, it could be importing almost half its total petroleum consumption, they said.

In case of another embargo, they added, if even half of these imports were cut off, the national losses could exceed \$30 billion, and millions of U.S. workers would be thrown out of their jobs.

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