

Furniture Company

(Continued from Front Page) and allowed Wondum to stick to its two major concepts.

The first is for financial backing to come from professional black athletes. The second was to maintain a black-directed organization.

"At one point," Phipps explained, "we hoped to be black from top to bottom but currently all the principals are black and many employees are white. We also have merchandising and marketing consultants from the Harvard Business School."

Phipps got the idea of turning to black athletes from his budding days with basketball stars Nate Bowman and Dave Stallworth at Wichita State University. Stallworth is with the New York Knicks and Bowman, a former Knick, is with the Buffalo Braves.

With a degree in engineering, Phipps turned to interior and furniture design after graduating in 1966.

"As a small boy in Shreveport, La.," he recalled, "I wanted to be an architect. I really got my inspiration from my high school woodworking instructor and also won a two-year scholarship for designing a model car. But I didn't want to go to the industrial arts-type school."

He continued his design work at Wichita State and during his junior year surveyed the field of architecture. What he saw made him veer to furniture design.

"Architects were getting like general medical practitioners: obsolete," he said. "The building boom was slowing, too."

So he returned to Shreveport and was a free-lance designer. While there he picked up the National Association of Furniture 1967 Award,

making him the first black to receive the honor, and did some interior-exterior design work for a garment manufacturer, New Breed Ltd., of New York. It was New Breed that talked him into trying Fun City.

"I let my buddies Nate and Dave know I was here," he said. "With less than 100 blacks among 17,000 students at Wichita State we were pretty close."

Other black athletes investing included the New York Jets' Lee White, Dallas Cowboy Kelly Pete, Los Angeles Ram Israel Lane, nomadic pro basketballer Spencer Haywood and Washington Cap Warren Armstrong.

The initial idea was for Phipps to design custom furniture for black celebrities.

But designing and selling furniture for those with less money and cramped living space proved more of a challenge and better fits the Nigerian definition of Wondum: "extraordinary."

Behind the multipurpose aspects of the furniture is Phipps' belief as a black that "he wants to get the most out of what I do."

The designs fit the congestion of urban living and he is confident a design for low income housing in Washington D.C., will win him a prize this spring.

At 25, Phipps has set a five-year deadline for his New York scene. Some things he wants to accomplish are to attend a New York design school, have a design in the Museum of Modern Art permanent collection; give a European display of his furniture designs, write a book on the furniture revolution, and see Wondum set up a huge manufacturing operation.

BRAISED CELERY AND CARROTS (6 servings)

2 cups 1 inch celery pieces
1/2 teaspoon rosemary leaves
1 teaspoon chicken seasoned stock base
or use
chicken bouillon cube
1/4 cup hot water
1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon instant onion
1/2 cup each of milk and vegetable water
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

14 oz can tiny whole carrots
Place celery and rosemary in saucepan. Add combined seasoned stock base and water. Cover. Simmer until celery is tender — about 5 minutes. Drain, measuring half cup vegetable water.

Make sauce by melting butter in a saucepan and blending in cornstarch, onion and liquids. Stir - cook until sauce thickens. Add parsley. Drain carrots and add them along with celery to sauce. Heat to serving temperature.

By the time a family acquires a nest egg these days, inflation has turned it into chicken feed.

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Most South Africans are keen sports fans.

The All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand visited last year with Maori and Samoan players. A French rugby squad with a star West Indian named Roger Bougarel ended a successful tour in June, prompting one newspaper to note: "Now his visit is over and there have been no vengeful catastrophes or scramble of sisters to marry black men and the sky is where it was before. Next please."

The basis structure of apartheid, or "separate development" as it's officially known, remains intact despite

the surface changes. However a serious shortage of skilled and semi-skilled white manpower is undermining laws which set aside the best work and wages for the white minority.

More and more Africans, Asians and coloreds, those of mixed ancestry, steadily infiltrate "white" jobs. The government often turns a blind eye but officials insist that the interests of white workers come first.

THREATENS TOURISTS

Johannesburg, South Africa — The official publication of a Dutch Reformed church said permissiveness in European cities threatened tourists from South Africa with spiritual pollution.

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