BTU protests transfer with a sleep-in

By PAUL EVANS

The Baltimore Teachers' Union conducted a "locked-in" sleep-in at the Department of Education's Administration Building on 25th St. Wednesday night.

While sympathizers of the Teachers' Union picketed in front of the building, members of the executive council of the BTU and other interested teachers held sway in the Board of School Commissioners' meeting room on the first floor.

The Teachers Union is opposed to the transfer of a tenured teacher, John Jones, of Northern High to Edmondson High, "without due cause."

Dr. Wilmer V. Bell, as-

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HOLDING SWAY — At the Board of Education's administration building during teacher "sleep-in" over transfer of teacher from Northern High to Edmondson High are, left to right, Thomas Hubbard, BTU vice president, John Jones, the teacher about whom all the ruckus was raised, union field representative Mrs. Pat Roberts and BTU president Dennis Crosby. (AFRO Staff Photo By Ben Phillips)

City College student beaten in park, who did it a mystery

Somebody or something busted 17-year-old Willie Sherman's lip, injured his eye and caused minor injuries to his head and neck last Saturday, but neither Baltimore County Police nor officials at Gwynn Oak amusement Park where he was arrested know who or what did it.

According to Captain James E. Scoveus, head of the Gwynn Oak police, the City College student boarded the Big Dipper (roller coaster) without paying and when he was approached by the officer on duty an argument developed.

At some point during the argument the police say Willie and his brother Clyde attacked the officer by hitting him in the face and then the officer struck Willie.

"A call for assistance was put out," the captain continued, "and Willie was picked up and carried bodily to the park headquarters. When I left the park he was limping but showed no visible signs of other injuries as a result of the fight with the officer."

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The injured youth has been confined to the Maryland General Hospital since Monday afternoon with injuries received on Saturday by someone his attorneys describe as being "either a member of the park police force of the county police."

His attorney, Charles Lee, said the student was beaten by a black officer wearing "sergeant's stripes and blue pants." His identity is still unknown.

Mrs. Willie Sherman, mother of the injured student said, when she arrived at the Woodlawn Police Station "Willie was screaming that they had maced him in his cell and the stuff smelled so strong that the desk sergeant was wiping his eyes all the way out front."

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The mother said her son's pants had been taken from him and that when they were returned "they were covered with blood."

Willie was released to the custody of his mother but no date has been set for a hearing on disorderly conduct and striking an officer charges.

Officials at Maryland General say the youth is now in "good" condition that the nose bleed which may have resulted from a blow on the head is now under control.

FURRY SURPRISE — Miss Veronica Nias, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nias, of Cottage Ave., is introduced to the new family pet by Bootsie, the kitten's 10-month-old mother.

DOUBLE DROWNING

'She didn't come up and my sister jumped in to help her'

"She never went near the water because she was afraid of it; that's why I couldn't understand it."

Mrs. Gertrude Fagen, of 1656 Wentforth Rd., was telling the AFRO about the Sunday drowning death of her 39-year-old sister, Miss Delores Ward, and her friend, Mrs. Florence Robinson, 56.

Mrs. Fagen told the AFRO, "The police said Miss Florence was sitting on some rocks with her shoes off when she fell in. She didn't come up, and my sister jumped in to help her, but she didn't come up either."

The double drownings occurred at a flooded gravel pit called Seven Ponds in Brooklyn near the Patapsco River.

Police say the pit is about ten feet deep and that it took almost two hours to recover the bodies.

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Mrs. Robinson is survived by her sister, Mrs. Ethel Leach; and her niece, Mrs. Catherine Smith of Argyle Ave.

Mrs. Smith told the AFRO Mrs. Robinson lived alone in the 100 block of Bond St. She was a widow and had no children.

Miss Ward also lived alone in the 1500 block Lombard St.

Funerals for both women were handled by the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home.

Services for Miss Ward were held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Last rites for Mrs. Robinson were held this morning (Friday).

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

WHO HIT HIM? — Seventeen-year-old City College student, Willie Sherman, 4100 block Fernhill Ave. pictured in Md. General Hospital Wednesday, suffering injuries he claims he sustained when he was hurt by arresting officers following incident at Gwynn Oak Park on July 4. His mother, also Mrs. Willie Sherman, is a clerk at Hopkins Hospital.

IN MADISON PARK AREA:

New parks with green grass add beauty to drab area

There is green grass and a touch of beauty in an otherwise drab Madison Park section of Northwest Baltimore:

There was already evidence of children at play Wednesday, as four new parks were officially opened and turned over to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Neighborhood children ran and played through the parks as Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry, Jr. and Recreation and Parks Director Douglas S. Tawney led the Madison Park residents through the parks.

Oriole left fielder Don Buford signed autographs for youngsters at the largest of the parks, at Laurens St. and Linden Ave.

This largest park offers space for play, two fields suitable for softball, a basketball court and an area for quieter recreation.

It was planned jointly by the Department of Housing and Community Development and representatives of neighborhood groups, including the Mount Royal-Fremont Areawide Council, Mount Royal Recreation Committee, Mount Royal Improvement Association, Mount Royal Democratic Club and the 1800 block Eutaw Place Association.

The central feature is two connecting grassed rectangular play areas, each about 150 feet in diameter and depressed to four to six feet below adjacent ground level.

The "basin" separates the park from the noise and traffic of the outside environment, and at the same time confines active games like softball to limits which do not intrude on the quieter pastimes of others.

The other parks on the tour were on Eutaw Place, on Wilson St. beside School No. 11, and on both sides of Eutaw at Mosher St.

PARK OPENS — Oriole left fielder Don Buford gives his autograph for baseball fan Dave Mack at the opening of four new parks in the Madison Park area Wednesday.

A REAL CAT STORY:

Addition shocks family because it's only one

"Shocked," was the reaction of Mrs. Lillian Niass. She and her children have a new addition to their family.

The Nias family's 10-month-old Bootsie, had one kitten, expecting five or six. Mrs. Nias had wondered, "What am I going to do with all these kittens running around the house?"

Now with only one, she and her four youngest children have decided to keep it and the mother.

The Niases lives in a comfortable row house in the 3600 block Cottage Ave. in Northwest Baltimore.

Bootsie became the children's first pet when it was given to them last September.

Mrs. Nias recalls her 11-year-old son, James was first to notice the kitten was due.

"Bootsie has always been very lazy, so I thought it was possible."

The unnamed kitten, a black and white replica of Bootsie, was born Friday night. "After the first one was born we watched and watched for more, but none came" Mrs. Nias told the

"Five-year-old Veronica Nias could only say, 'I like the kitten very much.'"

Her mother said Veronica, James, 8-year-old Tanya and 9-year-old Dwayne, all students at School No. 52, spend all their time with the new baby in the house.

While it is a common belief that cats usually have multiple births, the AFRO queried ten veterinarians who allowed that frequently cats have only one kitten.

Bernard Nias, the father of the house, is a merchant seaman and was not at home to comment about the new addition to his household.

Russ Johnson out of Primary

Senator Verda F. Welcome's team of candidates for the Sept. 15 primaries lost one of its strong members within two days after the group made its spectacular appearance to life.

On Wednesday Russell (Russ) W. Johnson, widely-known radio personality, was informed by officials at his WEBB James Brown radio station that the Federal Communications Commission refuses to permit persons in his type of employment to run for public office.

"Russ" who is WEBB newscaster from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily told the AFRO he was informed that the government has made several test cases and "even the mention of the candidate's name on the air is a violation of the code."

Mr. Johnson also said he is forced to withdraw from the Welcome team and his bid for the 4th District House of Delegates seat "because I would be jobless."

He stated, "I have a family to support."

He and his wife, Mrs. Christine Yates Johnson, have two sons.

Nevertheless, "Russ" told the AFRO, he will work along with the Welcome team, "support the ticket and do everything else I can, within the rules."

He stated that he informed Mrs. Welcome of the news on Wednesday night and after they regretfully conceded to FCC wishes, proposed another person, Miss Hildegarde Boswell of the Maryland Human Relations Commission to take his place.

Mrs. Welcome told the AFRO, "Russ is a great loss to us but we feel Miss Boswell will make a wonderful replacement.

"We feel she will relate to the community we wish to serve."

Along this line, Mr. Johnson described Miss Boswell as having "the grass roots feeling" the team wishes to project.

Miss Boswell had filed for the House as an independent.

The ticket Mrs. Welcome calls her "Great, beautiful ticket" has as her running mates, Dr. Henry Welcome, her husband; State Central Committee; Dr. Emerson Julian, Mrs. Christine Anderson, Mrs. Elsie Bumbrey, William Council and Marcus McBride; House of Delegates, Troy Brailey and Lena K. Lee, incumbents; Isaiah White, Henry Macer, Henry West and Mrs. Jewel Rawlings.

Fatha retakes lead in AFRO contest

The "AFRO's Favorite Newsboy Contest" ends July 11th with the last vote coupon appearing in today's edition. Fatha Mohiamed of the Northwest Area has recaptured the lead in the contest with 258,300 votes.

In second place is Gilbert Nipper of Northwest with 245,100 votes. Only 13,200 votes separate the two top contestants. Third place, is held by William Porter of Glen Burnie with 210,700 voes.

A newcomer in today's top ten and in fourth place is Leroy Smith of Govans with 164,200 votes. Fifth place is held by Mrs. Geneva Smith of Southwest with 144,600 votes and in sixth is Estalla Dixon of Northwest Area.

Deadline for all votes to be recorded is Wednesday July 15th by 5:30 p.m. The winners will be announced in Friday edition of July 18th.

All winners will be notified by mail, of the time and place in which to receive their awards. The contestant who pools the most votes will be crowned "Favorite AFRO Newsboy" and will win a trip to Jamaica for 3 via Jetliner, plus 100 dollars cash.

Second prize $300 cash, third prize $200 cash, fourth and fifth $100 each, four prizes of $50 each, ten prizes of $25 each, twenty prizes of $10 each.

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Candidate Shot By Ambushers During Heat Of Reelection Drive

WINNER OF TITLE — Miss Neptune is Miss Linda Bryan, 21-year-old Baltimore beauty. She was crowned at Neptune Yacht Club's annual outing on Sunday at Elktonia. Miss Bryan is a 1967 graduate of Western High School and a professional model. She has won several titles including Miss Empire State. She attends Morgan State College and is the daughter of Mrs. Bernice Bryan of Hermosa Ave. in Northeast Baltimore. She is 5 ft. 6 inches, weighs 120, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Vital statistics are 34-23-36.

Still no president at Morgan

By PAUL EVANS

The Board of Trustees of the State Colleges of Maryland broke an atmosphere of suspense when it met in Columbia, Md. Wednesday to announce — as predicted by the AFRO — the appointment of Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, as president of Coppin State College.

Chairman of the Board, Mathias J. DeVito, asked Dr. Elaine C. Davis, chairman of the Coppin selection committee, to report her findings.

Dr. Davis related that her committee composed of Judge Robert B. Watts, Victor Frenkil, and Dr. James Sensenbaugh, state superintendent of schools, had unanimously agreed to the election.

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Also, the board, as predicted by the AFRO delayed an announcement of the new president of Morgan State College.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, present at this, his last meeting of board, strongly urged that decision be made immediately on his successor.

Dr. Jenkins will cease active duty at Morgan on July 25. His retirement will not be officially effective until September 11. Dr. Jenkins feels a successor should begin service during that interim period to carry on the official business of the college.

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Chairman DeVito expressed hope that a new Morgan president will be immediately forthcoming.

Dr. Jenkins, when asked for comments upon his farewell to Morgan State, told the AFRO, "Morgan State is on the verge of significant contributions to the state."

Asked if he would have intensive consultations with his successor as a means of orientation, Jenkins said, "That will depend on him."

When Dr. Jenkins became president of Morgan in 1948, he succeeded Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes who told him, "I'll never volunteer you any advice, but I'll give you advice if you ask for it but I couldn't care less whether or not you follow it."

Dr. Jenkins stated he will do the same for his successor.

Dr. Parlett L. Moore, retiring Coppin administrator, was thanked by Mr. D Vito "for the excellent service he has rendered to Coppin."

He also told Dr. Jenkins, "Our encounter with you has been a great one." There was laughter at this play on words.

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In other business, the board approved appointments and separations of

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Judge questions Is ex-cop sadist?

By AL RUTLEDGE

Gregory Ferrell, a security officer at School 91 was described by Judge Anselm Sodaro in court Wednesday as "either a sadist or a man with some very good reasons for picking on this young man."

What those reasons were however, the judge declared had not been presented at the appeal hearing of 16-year-old Larry Martin who was facing charges of Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Assault by Threatening Office Ferrell.

The State contended that Martin was approached by Officer Ferrell while the youth was observed "wrestling in the school hall with some girls."

One girl, Miss Patricia Ann Johnson, a student at the school, testified that she and another girl were only girls in the hall at the time of the incident and that "Larry wasn't pulling on me or wrestling with either of us."

Officer Ferrell had previously offered evidence that "Martin was a troublemaker and gang-leader." The officer claimed that the youth had been suspended from school "at least four times."

Evidence presented at the trial showed that Martin was never suspended but sent home "for one day because he refused to return to a teacher after school."

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The principal witness of the case was a U.S. History teacher, Timothy S. Wright, who testified that he had seen the incident and that it hadn't happened as Officer Ferrel claimed.

"I was standing in the doorway of my room when it happened," he testified. "Larry (Martin) and Alfred (Edmonds) were in the hall talking about the loan of Larry's tennis when Officer Ferrell came up.

"He asked Larry where he belonged and I answered, 'This is his room.' Then he grabbed Larry and pushed him down the hall toward the locker room and when I got down there he had Larry handcuffed and was slamming him against the locker.

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"I tried to say something to him but he told me to mind my own business. He threatened to lock me up if I ever got near him. He said anything to him when he was making an arrest."

Mr. Wright also said he had tried to talk the princi-

LARRY MARTIN "Don't know what to make of it"

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You Can Name Them and Win $50 Cash

NAME THE MONKEYS — Miss Tasha Howard, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Howard, of Boyd St., feeds the monkeys while deciding what to name them. Accompanying story tells how youngsters under 16 can win $50 for naming the infants.

New Contest For Youngsters

By BRENDA WRIGHT

A name. A name. What's in a name?

Everybody should have a name. Every animal should have a name — at least that's what the AFRO zoo reporter has decided.

So, this story is to announce the beginning of a contest to name the 10-month-old Diana monkeys at the Baltimore Zoo.

The Diana monkeys, displayed at the zoo for the first time this summer, were brought from Liberia, West Africa, in November, two months after they were born.

The large monkey is male. Should he be Bill, Joe or Sam?

Should the female be Mary, Susie or Alice?

Should they become Mr. and Mrs. Jones?

Liberian folklore has a lot to say about the Diana monkeys.

Some Liberians say the monkeys, considered the most beautiful of African primates, were traditionally sacred animals and guarded the temples of Diana, goddess of the moon and hunting.

Others call them the "old men of the forest" because of the long white beards they grow as they get older. They usually live to be 18 years old.

Monkeys travel through the African jungles in troops and, Liberians say, talk among themselves. "Somebody's coming," cry the high-voiced Talapoint monkeys. The Diana monkeys, in much heavier voices, reply, "You lie, you lie."

Maybe they should have African names like Zoe or Yatta or Miata for the female.

Should the other be named Forkpa or Dorbor?

Names like these, of the Liberian Vai dialect, could bring their colorful history and homeland closer to Baltimore.

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AFRO readers, 16 and under, who would like to participate in the contest can see the Diana monkeys at the nursey in the Druid Hill Park Children's Zoo between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day including Sundays.

The prizes for the winning names total $50.

$25 for the best name for the male monkey.

$25 for the best name for the female.

Remember, this contest is open only to persons 16 years of age and younger.

Entries will be judged on individuality.

They should be postmarked before midnight, Aug. 4, 1970.

Here is all you have to do to enter the contest: Fill in this blank and send it to:

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Jordan was 'powerful' politician

By MARGARET RICHARDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Assassins firing from a speeding car Wednesday killed the most powerful colored politician in the city, just three weeks before he was to seek reelection to the state House of Representatives.

State Rep. Leon Jordan, 65, a lieutenant of detectives on the police force before his election to the legislature six years ago, just had closed the Green Duck Tavern he operated on the city's crime-infested east side when he was shot by three blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun.

A witness said three colored men were in the car from which the shots were fired. Jordan had a loaded revolver in his right front pants pocket.

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Police Chief Clarence Kelley said there were "no theories" regarding motive.

Jordan's death left only a young militant, Lee Bohanon, 26, as a contender for Jordan's legislative seat.

However, the state attorney general's office said candidate lists for the Aug. 4 primary, in which Jordan was seeking renomination, would be reopened for new filings for both parties for a period of five days.

No Republican had filed because of Jordan's strength as head of Freedom, Inc., generally regarded as the most potent political organization among Kansas City minority voters.

A Republican spokesman said the party might now enter a candidate.

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Jordan generally was regarded as "near the middle" of the political spectrum. Bohanon has a record of several arrests in connection with racial demonstrations. In a recent interview Jordan was quoted as saying the differences between him and Bohanon were "really not very great."

Kelley said there was "nothing to indicate there is or isn't a political background in this thing."

If there had been any recent disturbances in Jordan's well run tavern they were not reported to police.

Kelley said it appeared the killers did not slow their car to take aim at Jordan as he walked toward his car, but "it doesn't appear to have been Jordan's wife and a family."

Jordans wife and a family friend had left the tavern about five minutes before the killing. Jordan, who was carrying several bottles of soda in a sack, apparently was walking to his car when he was shot.

Mr. Jordan said in a recent interview, "I have always been considered a radical. I have been running in and out of the lines for quite a while. I am not

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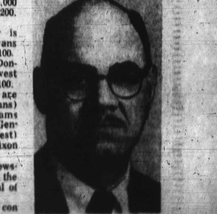

REP. LEON JORDAN

Glen Burnie lad wins AFRO contest

William Porter of Glen Burnie became the AFRO's favorite Newsboy by winning the Newsboy Contest with a total of 1,209,900 votes.

William became the winner with an avalanche of 870,000 votes turned in on Wednesday.

William, who is 13 years old, has been an AFRO newsboy in Glen Burnie for the past two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Porter Sr. (Cora).

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The "Favorite AFRO Newsboy" in a 9th grade student at McArthur Jr. High School and attends John Wesley United Methodist Church.

By producing the most votes the newsie wins an all-expense paid trip to Jamaica for 3, plus $100 cash.

The second place award of $300 goes to Gilbert Nipper of the northwest area with a total of 554,500 votes.

In third place is Fatha Mohamed of the Northwest area with a total of 430,000 votes and an award of $200.

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Fourth place winner is Michael Seely of Govans with 352,000 votes and $100.

Fifth place went to Donald Walters of northwest with 248,400 votes and $100.

The four $50 winners are Leroy Smith (Govans) 223,000; Ronald Williams (Ashburton) 198,300; Geneva Smith (Southwest) 191,600; Estella Dixon (Northwest) 161,300.

A total of 63 AFRO newsboys participated in the contest recording a total of 2,331,208 votes.

The entire list of contestants and their prizes follows:

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New

A brand new AFRO feature, "Where Baltimore Lives," begins in this edition of your AFRO. See first of series on page 13.

Coppin President Here Aug. 17

Mrs. Martha Burnett wife of Dr. Calvin Weeks Burnett the man chosen to replace Dr. Parlett Moore as president of Coppin State College, told the AFRO the appointment of her husband "is a wonderful situation".

The registered nurse, reached by phone at her home in Edwardsville, Ill., where Dr. Burnett teaches at Southern Illinois University, said she "hopes the job will be gratifying and we hope we, or should I say Dr. Burnett, will add to Coppin State's fine standards."

The Burnetts lived in Washington, D.C., prior to moving to Illinois and Mrs. Burnett revealed, "we had planned to return to the East Coast next year anyway.

"We have relatives out there and our experience in the area during the years we were there makes the children anxious to return to see old friends also."

Dr. Burnett taught at Catholic University and Howard University and director of nursing at Holy Cross Hospital during the years 1956 to 1959 before they moved to Illinois in September of last year.

The desire for the family to return to the East Coast "was one of the major considerations for Dr. Burnett's deciding to apply for the job at Coppin State," Mrs. Burnett said. "We were going back next year but we didn't know what he would be doing or where we would be going."

Dr. Burnett is scheduled to arrive in Baltimore on August 17, his wife said she "hopefully we'll be able to go with him but in any case we will be following close behind."

The Burnett's have four children. They are Vera, 13; Susan, 7; David, 4 and Cass, 3.

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Maybe the kids could do a better job of keeping on the straight and narrow if they were getting road information from some who had traveled the route.