Md. State tutor likes Penn chance

PHILADELPHIA — Maryland State College, which has two titles to defend, goes into the 72nd edition of the Penn Relays with what one might call a cheery outlook.

The Hawks see their chances of claiming a pair of American College championships here Friday and Saturday, as "pretty good."

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COACH CLIFF ANDERSON believes his Maryland State aggregation will be tough to beat in all five events in which they are entered. But he is especially optimistic about the sprint medley and mile.

"The Hawks won the 440 and the mile here last year.

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"WE'RE ENTERED in the 440 again this time," declared Anderson on his arrival. "And we'll be going in the 880, and the freshman mile. We're going to be tough to beat in all of them."

"I may be wrong," the Maryland mentor continued, "but I believe our sprint medley unit can take care of itself in any company. Also, I have a lot of faith in the ability of the mile relay quartet."

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THE HAWKS plan to open the spring medley test with Ed Skinner running the 440 leg, followed by Robert Brown and Al Grimes on the sprint legs, and Benedict Cayenne in the half-mile anchor lap.

Brown, Johnny Walker, Grimes and Skinner will run in that order in the climactic mile event.

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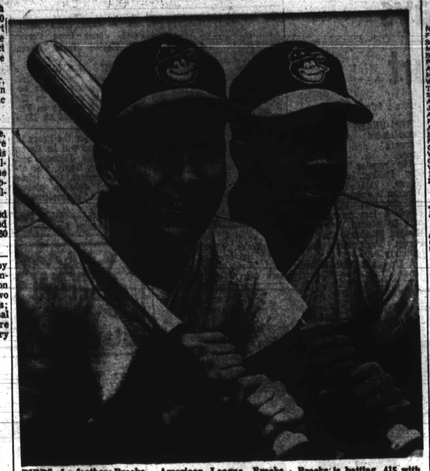
AT THE 440 distance, where Eastern Shoremen are defenders, Fred Moore, Otis Cain, Charles Golden and Alfred Alexander will carry the Hawk hopes. With the exception of Moore, this is an all-sophomore team.

Moore, Grimes, Brown and Walker will be the Maryland standard bearers in the 880 race.

The freshman foursome — also held in high regard by Anderson — will be comprised of Herbert Johnson and Ray Middleton, two Douglass High products; James Lewis and Duhal Jones. Lewis is from Havre de Grace, Moore from Asbury Park, N.J. — LACY



BIRDS of a feather; Brooks and Frank Robinson (L-R) of the Baltimore Orioles, are fixing a nest for the season at the top of the American League. Brooks is leading with 15 RBIs while Frank leads with a .471 batting average and 4 homers. Not to be out-done, Brooks is batting .415 with 11 homers. The Orioles are reaping the harvest. They're in second place with a 9-1 record.

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AFRO forecast at Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA — Following herewith are the AFRO choices as top entries in the 72nd anual Penn Relays, being contested at Franklin Fields Friday and Saturday.

Relay Championships of America Events

440-Yd. Relay — Maryland State 41.8 (defender)
880-Yd. Relay — North Carolina College (Durham) 1:26.4 new record (defender)
One-Mile Relay — Maryland State 3:12.5 (defender)
Two-Mile Relay — Villanova 7:36.1 new record (defender)
Four-Mile Relay — Villanova 18:30.4 new record.
Sprint Medley — Kentucky State 3:27.5 (defending)
Distance Medley Relay — Manhattan 10:04.8
Mile Relay — Shuttle Hurdal Relay — Rice 37.8 (the carnival and national record)

Individual Events

400-Meter Hurdles — Dick Johnson, Colgate 51.4
100-Yd. Dash — Ed Roberts, North Carolina College (Durham) 9.6 (defending)
440-Yd. High Hurdles — Bobby Mize, Rice 54.6
One-Mile Run — Larry Farrell, St. John's (Jaipur) 4:03.3
3,000-Meter Steeplechase — Kenon O'Bailey, Georgetown 8:07.2
Triple Jump—Glenn Tate, North Carolina College (Durham) 48 ft. 3½in.
Pole Vault — John Gross, LaSalle 15 ft. 6 in.
High Jump — Frank Costello, Maryland 6 ft. 10 in. (defender)
Broad Jump — Glenn Tate, North Carolina College (Durham) 24 ft. 9½ in.
Shot Put — Tom agg, Cornell
Javelin — Leonard Hedmark, Penn State 245 ft.
Discus — Bob Hedgewald, Manhattan 175 ft. ½ in.
Hammer Throw — Bill Colsont, Northeastern 185 ft. 9½ in.

Colts' Berry is rally speaker

Raymond Berry of the Baltimore Colts Football Team will be guest speaker at an outdoor Youth Rally on April 30 at 1000 block E. 22nd St.

The Rally, to be held from 6-8 p.m., is sponsored by the Youth Dept. of Unity Baptist Church, Victor Fennell director. The Rev. James S. Williams is pastor.

Rain creates MSA backlog

Maryland Scholastic Association baseball teams are faced with the gloomy prospect of playing every school day next week, and possibly for the next two weeks unless the weatherman does something to offer relief.

Rain and generally inclement weather conditions this spring have produced a backlog that will require four games a week at the very least, between now and May 10, in order that MSA nines may catch up to their schedule.

NINE GAMES were rained out in Wednesday's day-long downpour. These were added to the washouts of the previous week, and two earlier wettings.

On tap for today (Friday), and hoping Jupiter Pluvious will cooperate, are 12 teams listed in six contests. Even though they are played, a 5-day week looms as a distinct probability next week commencing Monday.

EARLY THIS week, plans were completed to play the schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. When Tuesday and Wednesday went down the drain, it became obvious that next week's program will have to write in Thursday as well.

Jamaica Kid, from the West Indies, and Irish Jackie, a native of Ireland, are pitted against Sky Low Low, of Canada, and Little Brutus, of Pittsburgh, in midget tag team action in Saturday's Civic Center wrestling action.

The 90-to-90 pound contestants go to the mat in a two-falls-out-of-three scuffle, with a time limit of one hour. The little fellows always bring a lot of fast action and a smile or two to wrestling fans.

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IN OTHER action, a rare six-man tag team event and a headline battle of Johnny Valentine vs. Baron Mikel Sciciuna top the card.

In the six-man action, Prince Iaukea heads one trio, along with Smasher Sloan and The Beast. The opposing threesome consists of Bobo Brazil, Argentina Apollo and a recent arrival from Italy who is Bruno Sammartino's cousin, Antonio Pugliese.

Clark College duo signed by Colts

The Baltimore Colts Friday announced the signing of free agents Curtis Crockett and Louis Nevett for 1966.

Both played on the line at Clark College in Atlanta, Ga. and both will be trying to earn berths on the Colts' offensive line.

At 6-3, 240 pounds, Crockett, whose hometown is McDonough, Ga., is listed for a trial at tackle, while the 6-3, 280-pound Nevett will endeavor to make the pro grade at guard.

A product of Bessemer, Alabama, Nevett was a high school fullback and once ran for four touchdowns in a game. As a defensive end in college he intercepted a deflected pass and galloped 65 yards to score against Morehouse College in 1963.

Major League Leaders

LEADING BATTERS

(Minimum 50 Times at Bat)				
National League	AB	R	H	Pct.
Flood, St. L.	68	12	29	.426
Smith, St. L.	58	10	24	.414
Mazeroski, Pit.	54	7	22	.407
Boyer, NY	70	8	28	.400
Mason, CIN	54	8	21	.389
Alou, Atl.	60	10	23	.383
Hart, San Frsc.	54	9	20	.370
W. Davis, LA	59	7	21	.356
Thom, Atl.	56	11	20	.357
Stargell, Pitt	62	7	19	.307
Alou, Pitts.	54	7	16	.296
Jones, NY	59	8	16	.271
American League	AB	R	H	Pct.
F. Robsn, Balto.	59	14	26	.441
Alvis, Clev.	50	7	21	.420
C. Robsn, Balto.	70	14	29	.414
Fisher, Wash.	54	10	21	.389
Rojas, Clev.	54	7	19	.352
Warden, Calif.	53	7	18	.340
Tresh, N. Y.	54	10	18	.333
Cater, K. City	53	7	17	.321
White, NY	55	9	17	.309
Kindall, Balto.	55	11	17	.309
Kaline, Det.	58	8	18	.310

HOME RUNS

National League	
Mays, Giants 9; Aaron, Braves 8; Torre, Braves 8; Kranepool, Mets, 6; Lefebvre, Dodgers 6	
American League	
F. Robinson, Orioles 6; Jo. Robinson, Orioles 6; Kaline, Tigers 6; Stuart, Orioles 6; Cater, Kansas City 6	

RUNS BATTED IN

National League	
Mays, Giants 18; Fried, Cards 14; Boyer, Mets 11; McCovey, Giants 11; Aaron, Braves 11.	
American League	
R. Robinson, Orioles 18; Tresh, New York 16; Mantle, Mantle 15; McAuliffe, Detroit 14; Red Sox 9; Cash, Tigers 9.	

PITCHING

(Based on wins and decisions)

National League	
Marichal, Giants 5-0; Koufax, Dodgers 5-0; Cuellar, Astros 4-0; Drag, Cards 4-0; Jackson, Cards 4-0; Ray, Giants 4-0.	
American League	
McDowell, Indians 5-0; McLain, Tigers 5-0; McNally, Orioles 5-0; McCormick, Senators 5-0; Palmer, Orioles 5-0; Lolich, Tigers 5-0; Pizarro, White Sox 5-0; Tiant, Indians 5-0.

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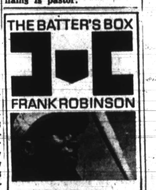

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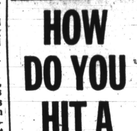

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The spitball is a pitch that is supposed to be outlawed but whenever anyone asks me if the opposition throws a spitter, I say, "Why, yes, I think so." There are a certain few pitchers who wiggle their pitch & the catcher sort of a hedge, you know that to the pitch they'll be when they'll be wiggle. The pitcher may'll throw the ball to a teammate or a double play.

Up there at the plate about what you can do is try to guess when a spitter is coming. It doesn't do much good to call time and ask for the ball because the pitcher will wipe it off before he throws and the catcher will wipe it off even more before he hands it to the umpire.

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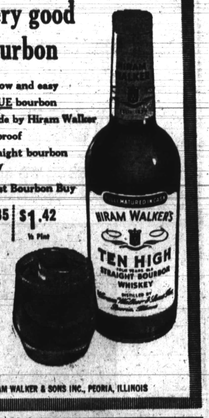

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Merle J. Smith, professor of Military Science at Morgan State College, was promoted this week from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel, Ordnance Corps Detachment No. 3, U.S. Army.

Colonel Smith, who has been with the ROTC Instructor Group at Morgan since July, 1964, has served as Company Commander, Headquarters Company, Kitzingen Training Center, Germany as Commanding Officer in the Counterintelligence Detachment 98 Korea and as Operations Officer in Tokyo, Japan.

He has also served as a Group Staff Officer and Battalion Commander in Germany, until 1961 before returning to the United States to become Chief, Management Division, and Director of Instruction, The Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Colonel Smith is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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AT THE time of his appointment to Morgan, Colonel Smith was director of doctrine at the Aberdeen school.

Colonel Smith was presented the Achievement Award by the Second U.S. Army in July 1964 for his "Exemplary leadership, mature judgment and enthusiastic attitude."

The citation stated that "Under his supervision, studies were made and recommendations submitted which are having a far-reaching impact on the training of personnel and thus on an improved Army material (i.e. equipment) readiness posture."

A graduate of West Virginia State College and the Worsham College of Montrary Science, Chicago, Colonel Smith has been in the Army 24 years.

His wife, the former Jacqueline Thomas of Greenville, S.C., is a counselor at Morgan State. They have two sons, Thomas, a student at Grace and St. Peters Episcopal School, Baltimore, and Merle Jr., who will be graduated in June from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

TEN-HUT — Taking command of the situation is 2-year - old Paul Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott, 1812 E. Chase St. Viet Cong — look out.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Carol B. Diggs, Louis Shub praised in piano concerts

The solo piano concert came into its own again this season, with local events including two gifted Baltimore pianists — Carol Blanton Diggs and Louis Shub.

Both are musicians blessed with a high degree of talent and musicianship, which has been developed by intensive training at noted institutions in this country.

Mrs. Diggs, who is associate professor in the music department of Morgan State College, elected this year to give her audience at the Murphy Auditorium last Wednesday afternoon, a "shock treatment" in the form of a concert devoted entirely to American contemporary music.

This was indeed a valuable contribution to our cultural life, as only too few hear with understanding the better music of our day.

Equipped with ample technical resources, Mrs. Diggs met the challenge of a difficult program with impressive musicianship.

The concert consisted of large forms (sonatas, ricercare and toccata), which demonstrated the trend that revives the old classic forms, but clothed in modern materials.

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AN EXCELLENT opportunity was thus afforded to discern the contributions of three contemporaries — Vicent Persichetti, now on Juilliard faculty; Gian Carlo Menotti (composer of the beloved "Amahl") and Ernest Bloch, the versatile Jewish writer.

The pianist exhibited the ability to give the instrument a dynamic, orchestral quality, especially in the first movement of the Persichetti, programmed as "The Declaration." The same was true of the 3rd movement "Psalm," with its chorale — theme, interspersed with a bell - like accompaniment.

Eloquent and restless drama marked the Bloch sonata; with a second movement "Pastorale," developed in sweeping arpeggios that reminded one of Debussy.

The solemn "Ricercare" was followed by a sparkling, complicated "Toccata" in which Mrs. Diggs projected the rhythmic and melodic patterns with admirable clarity.

Particularly in the brilliant and in the massive movements, the pianist communicated with definite focus and assurance.

In response to the enthusiasm of her audience, she played two Persichetti compositions — one a lyric "Duck at Twilight" and the other, a riotous, dashing dance.

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LOUIS SHUB, playing a Sunday evening concert at the Baltimore Junior College, projected a program from classic, romantic and modern sources.

His Mozart Sonata in C minor, preceded by the Fantasia in the same key was far from the "powdered wig" delicacy often associated with that composer.

It was highly dramatic, with rich soloring, displaying a side to Mozart that is too seldom heard.

Without undue sentimentality Mr. Shub gave a masterful reading of the Beethoven E flat Sonata, known as "Les Adieux" (Farewell).

In sure command of its terrific difficulties, he conveyed the almost savage and impetuous energy of the Prokofief Seventh Sonata.

The Chopin Mazurkas were a special delight. Instead of a minuet - like delicacy that is used without regard to their varied content, they were played with the abandon of the Polish dance. The plaintive and melancholy changes of mood were effective, as were the moments of "rubato" (slowing and hastening of the time).

Mr. Shub responded to the prolonged appreciation of his audience with more Chopin Mazurkas, this time selecting two in a lyric style.

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SINGING CADETS, a community boys choir, organized and conducted by Richard G. Richardson Jr., appeared at the Civic Center last Monday, during the intermission of Mahalia Jackson's concert.

The Cadets presented a suite of Spirituals, arranged and conducted by Mr. Richardson. Miss Jackson publicly commended him and the group for their constructive program in character building thru music, recreation and travel.

The Cadet summer program consists of a camp and touring expeditions. Interested citizens are invited to communicate with Singing Cadets, 2232 N. Calvert St. 21218.

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CALENDAR: Sat., April 30 at the Lyric at 8:30 p.m. the final Baltimore Symphony Pops Concert "Tchaikovsky Night," with a piano guest soloist and Elyakum Shapiro conducting.

Sun., May 1 at 8:30 p.m. in the College Center Lecture hall, Goucher College, the Bach Society will present Joseph Stephens, harpsichordist, in Bach's Second Book of Preludes and Fugues ("Well Tempered Clavichord").

Sun., at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of Douglas Mem. Community Church, Madison and Lafayette Avenues, the choirs of the church will sing Brahms "Requiem Mass." Myrtle Mack and William Garnet are soloists; Donald King, guest organist; J. Spencer Hammond, minister of music, conductor. No admission charge.

Sun., May 29 at the Eastwind, the Arena Players, Inc. will hold their first annual Awards Presentation, with cocktails, dinner 6 p.m., Celebrity Show and dancing. Subscriptions at $10 may be sent to Mrs. Camilla Sherrard, 3210 Auchentoroly Terrace 21217.

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Townes chosen for $20,000 job

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RICHMOND

Clarence L. Townes Jr. will be pulling in a reported $20,000 a year in his new job as a special assistant to Ray C. Bliss, chairman of the National Republican Party.

This figure reportedly would be more than twice what he earned as an executive with the Virginia Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Creation of the full-time post and the choice of Mr. Townes to fill it were recommended by a 12-member Republican advisory committee appointed by Mr. Bliss several months ago.

At the first meeting of the committee of which he is a member, Mr. Townes presented a hard-hitting, critical report on what he thought the GOP had failed to do to attract colored voters and recommended what it must do to get them back. One of his recommendations was that a colored person be placed in a high policy-making position of the national organization.

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ON MONDAY evening, Mr. Bliss announced Mr. Townes' appointment and described it as a "first step in a new and constructive approach to the important job of bringing colored voters into the Republican Party."

In Washington, the appointment was cause for some to refer to Mr. Townes as "the Louis Martin of the Republican Party." Mr. Martin is a special assistant on minority affairs to chairman John M. Bailey and is regarded some political observers as "the most powerful colored man in Washington."

Mr. Townes said he would have full staff responsibilities when he takes the job in Washington May 9 and that his appointment was a precedent since no other colored person had served the GOP national committee in full staff capacity.

"NATURALLY, I'll be working with minority groups but I'll also have all rights and privileges of every other top-level staff member," said Mr. Townes.

He said he viewed his appointment as "a step in the right direction" by the GOP and said he would concentrate his energies in the job on rebuilding the faith of minority groups in the GOP through "sincerity and honesty" to enable the colored man "to benefit from a two-party system."

The appointment is for a one-year period. Mr. Townes said he was being granted a one-year leave of absence from his job and that this would be extended if he requested more time.

Mr. Townes, 38 and the father-of-four, said he would not be moving his family to Washington "right away." His wife, Grace, is a teacher at Webster Davis School. They reside at 604 W. Lancaster Rd.

In February 1965, Mr. Townes was chosen by GOP State Chairman Robert J. Corber as an executive to the chairman. That move, like that of Mr. Bliss, was viewed as a major bid to attract the growing colored vote.

LAST NOVEMBER, he ran for the Virginia House of Delegates. He placed 15th in a field of eight Republicans, eight Democrats and a write-in winner, T. Dix Sutton. None of the eight Republican got in, with Sutton edging out the closest Republican candidate.

At San Francisco in 1964, Mr. Townes, one of two colored alternate delegates to the GOP national convention from the South, opposed the nomination of Sen. Barry Goldwater and walked out.

Mr. Townes is a Richmond native, the son of Clarence Lee and Mrs. Townes Sr. He is a graduate of Armstrong High School and Virginia Union University. He entered the Army in January 1951 and was discharged in August 1953 as a second lieutenant.

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