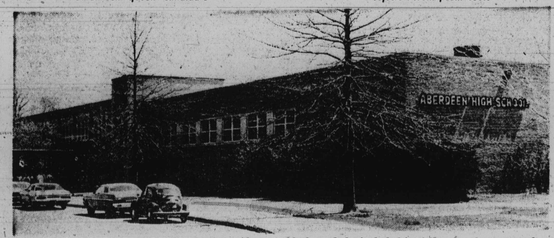
# Coeds Told 'Not Pretty Enough' At Aberdeen High

MISS JEAN WATKINS
*Aberdeen queen candidate*

MISS VALERIE PRINCE
*rejected from prom court*




SCENE OF PROTESTS THIS WEEK has been Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, Md., Harford County, where black and white students demanded that black coeds be included in the senior class's annual prom featuring the "Queen of the Prom" and her attendants.

ABERDEEN STUDENTS SAY:

## 'It's our school just as much as it is their's'

ABERDEEN, Md. — Black senior coeds at predominantly white Aberdeen High School in Harford County were told this week they aren't "pretty enough" to be selected as spring prom queen or court attendants for an affair scheduled for Saturday, May 20.

This rejection of their participation in the senior class activities has touched off tense feelings and old resentments in the school in which blacks total 18 percent of the 1,630 student body.

Students said, "The same thing happened during the Homecoming in November, there was an all - white slate."

Speaking with the AFRO Wednesday morning, Aberdeen students led by Wayne Christian, 17, sophomore, said:

"Mr. Potter, the principal told us we were the minority and we would have to abide by the decision of the majority. This was after the election the first time on Friday when no blacks were on the court or elected queen."

Students joined the youngster saying: "If we're good enough to be on all the sports teams as basketball, football, track, wrestling, and baseball and win trophies for the school, why can't we have black representation on the prom court?"

Students became disturbed, the AFRO learned, after the Friday vote when 11 white girls were chosen in a preliminary vote by all the senior homerooms.

Said one student, "It was unfair because you had the candidates helping to count the votes."

Miss Valerie Prince, one of the candidates said:

"There was no specific way of selection. It was unlimited nominations from the homerooms. Then from the list of 40 names chosen it was up to the students to chose 20. This was on April 20."

She continued, "The real Primary Election came on April 21 when we were to narrow the names from 20 girls to 11. Some of those counting the votes were the candidates. They cheated. That's when we started to protest."

By this time, the principal, Walter Potter, met with the black students and stated they would have some representation on the court or there would be no court at all."

Miss Jean Watkins, 18, said: "We wanted 3 blacks and 4 whites on the court. The senior class was supposed to take a vote on this Monday, but the white kids boycotted classes and went up on the hill to protest. After the white students showed they didn't want to have any blacks on the court, we got tired of talking."

Mr. Potter met with black parents Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday after groups of black and white gathered outside the school to demonstrate.

Students said they suggested he call the entire senior class together for a meeting; they stated he refused to do this. They also say he met with large groups of whites, but refused to meet with black students.

Wednesday morning and afternoon, Mr. Potter was not available for comment. He was not available when the AFRO tried to reach him on Thursday.

A community meeting by black leaders of Aberdeen held Wednesday night, the AFRO learned, ended with an undisclosed plan of action by black students if there is no minority representation on the court.

A new vote will be held Monday. It was learned the principal has expressed hopes that some blacks will be selected, but that the majority will rule.

## Buddies Inc. to sponsor special benefit show

Buddies, Inc., the sponsoring organization of the Baltimore Police Boys' Clubs and Scout Troops will present "Up With People" and its cast of 130 youths at the Civic Center May 12 and 13. The effort substitutes the groups annual "Colt night" to send youngsters to summer camp.

WILLIE KNOWLES a lead singer with "Up With People" internationally famous musical production, will appear with the group on May 12-13 to benefit Buddies, Inc.

In addition, in full cooperation with the Department of Education, "Up With People" will put on eight benefit shows, underwritten by major industries in Baltimore, at four area schools on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preceding their Civic Center dates.

These daytime performances will be given in auditoriums of Poly / Western High, Lake Clifton, Southwestern High and Northern Parkway Jr. High for students of these schools and from Douglass Sr. High School and Edmondson High School.

Up With People is a two hour kaleidoscope of contemporary music, rock, jazz, country and bittersweet folk poignant lyrics and choreography.

The Civic Center performances in May will be of wide audience appeal to Baltimoreans of all ages. Nine thousand tickets at $3 each for the three public performances will be on sale at the Civic Center and through the Police Department.

In 1944, the first Police Boys' Club was organized the Southwest Police Station.

An advisory committee was formed in 1954 and since then has held the responsibility of raising funds for the organization which has provided facilities for thousands of Baltimore children.

Buddies Inc provides an unparalleled opportunity for youngsters — 8-18 to participate in group activities year-round, which encourage respect and friendship for the law.

HEW: Yes; GOEDEKE: No

## On discrimination, racism in Howard County schools

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second segment of the AFRO's report on discrimination in the Howard County School System. Printed herewith is the response by Dr. M. Thomas Goedeke, superintendent.

PART II

CLARKSVILLE, Md. — Briefly, the following are Dr. Goedeke's responses to reports of discrimination, in a letter to members of the Howard County Board of Education:

"There is no quota system in the employment of black professionals. The similarity of range of percentages of black professionals to black student enrollments can be attributed to sheer happenstance.

"Moreover, you should know that, throughout the nation, school systems are seeking generally the same kinds of qualified black personnel. These efforts result in limited numbers being available to any one system.

"Further, this process has created some subject matter areas in which we find little or no response from black applicants; i.e. industrial arts, mathematics, science, and guidance counselors.

"Colesville Elementary being made to identify and place qualified black staff in our high schools. Teachers and administrators at this level are sought after nationwide and are, therefore, limited.

"The small number of black central office staff members is not the result of lack of effort on our part. It is due to lack of response from qualified personnel and availability of such personnel.

"Concerns of the 'black community' do not reflect the facts in the cases pointed out concerning promotions. While it is true that promotions made do not always satisfy the desire of the black community, black persons are not 'passed over for promotions.'

"Indeed, each is given equal consideration. The opportunities are extended to those who in our judgment are best qualified.

"In so far as the possibility that certain black principals may have been demoted during the period of transition from the dual to the unitary school system' is concerned, permit me to enumerate several facts.

"During the aforementioned transition period, it is a fact that we closed a number of small schools, among which were the following:

Colesville Elementary School, Cookesville Elementary School, Dayton Elementary School, Elkridge Elementary School, Fels Lane Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Long Corner Elementary School, and Meadowridge School.

"In these small schools we had teacher-principals or teachers-in-charge who were not administrators according to present-day considerations. All such persons were placed as teachers in other facilities at the time of consolidation. All placements were handled similarly without reference to race."

"We are increasing the number of minority personnel used on recruitment trips. Beginning this spring we are arranging to visit the accredited colleges suggested in North Carolina and Virginia in an effort to recruit additional qualified black staff members.

"When openings occur and within the standards required, we are continuing to place blacks in:

"a. Central office positions, b. Counseling positions, c. vice principalships in high schools, d. Coaching assignments, e. High school department headships, f. High School teaching positions, g. High school principalships.

"Performance indicates that we do indeed proceed in this way, even though not to the extent desired by the Office of Civil Rights."

"I am not aware of 'apparent lack of effort to involve' black students in student activities. All of the statistics in the report were furnished by us; no new facts were presented.

"We are making continued and planned thrusts to have full involvement of all students. A directive from me will not insure minority participation. We will continue to encourage and educate and assess periodically the results of our sincere efforts in this area of concern.

"However, I more would appreciate more specific guidance for ways to improve in this area. Detailed advice as to how we can better involve black student's is requested."

Counselors need to continue to give special attention to those with greatest need, and particularly so if they be from a minority group. This recommendation will receive greater attention.

Program SEEK has proven worthy of implementation in other high schools. This we plan to do.

In my opinion, the additional supervisory position of a black minority affairs co-ordinator is neither necessary nor warranted. We are hoping to accomplish the objectives of this recommendation without additional staff.

We welcome qualified non-professional staff members. Through our public invitation for applications, we continue to actively increase the numbers of qualified black members on our supporting staffs.

While I appreciate the statistical analysis of the data which we provided your office, a perhaps more useful purpose could be served were your office to submit for our reactions a list of recommendations and/or precise suggestions as to specificw ays for us to alleviate the potential problem areas."

NOTE: Part III, listing Dr. Goedeke's recommendations will come in our next edition. This will conclude his response to charges from HEW regional director, Dr. Eloise Severinson, in Philadelphia.

## Our Shirley speaks here on May 2

The Maryland Committee for Shirley Chisholm and Baltimore County Women's Political Caucus Presents Shirley Chisholm at Stephens Hall, Towson State College 8:30 p.m. May 2. Tickets are $2 and may be purchased from Miss Seibol, Towson State College Box Office 435-900 extension 568 or Chisholm Headquarters 4612 York Road.

'CHALLENGING', SAYS DR. FRASER

## Morgan State professor to take new post in S.C.

By BETTYE MOSS

"This is a challenging new dimension for me. I am very happy about this new assignment."

Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, a nationlly prominent science educator, was speaking from his Baltimore home Saturday about his new $32,000-year post as executive director of the Triangle Association of Colleges, with headquarters in Columbia, S.C.

For 25 years a member of the Morgan State College faculty in Baltimore, Dr. Fraser's new assignment will move him to his native home.

When he assumes his post on July 1, his offices will be located in the new Columbia, S.C. Mall.

The Triangle Association of Colleges, organized in 1970 under a Ford Foundation grant, provides aid for these S.C. schools; Allen and Benedict in Columbia; Claflin in Orangeburg; Morris in Sumter; Voorhees in Denmark, and Paine in Augusta, Ga.

As executive director, Dr. Fraser succeeds Dr. John F. Potts, former Voorhees president who resigned in November 1971, to take a government post in D.C. Walter E. Brown Jr., is currently acting as interim executive.

Dr. Hubert V. Manning, chairman of the association's board of directors and president of Claflin, said Dr. Fraser's unanimous election "has been enthusiastically endorsed by members of every sector of the association. We are indeed fortunate to attract such an academic practitioner, administrator and acknowledged leader."

In his new post Dr. Fraser, operating with an initial budget of $525,000, is expected to secure additional funds to enable him to implement the 16 recommendations he made to move the schools concerned "into the mainstream of good American private liberal arts colleges."

The Fraser recommendations were included in the incisive study of the colleges' academic programs he made in December 1971. They attracted attention when they were reported to the Triangle Association board of directors in January 1972.

The 16 recommendations expected to be used as blueprints to secure additional federal funds for the colleges involved and which Dr. Fraser will help implement through workshops, seminars and consultants are: strengthening programs of general education, establishing a course titled "Great Issues", developing a cooperative course in ecology, cooperation with other institutions of higher education and community agencies, higher education for employment, teacher evaluation, improvement of bulletins, developing urban thrusts.

Also, developing strong departments, developing areas of excellence, accelerating improvement in the quality and effectiveness of two member institutions, strengthening institutional testing programs, developing honors programs.

And, using Benedict College, then the other five colleges of the Association as annual case studies in proving the financial outlook for TAC colleges, and developing tactics and strategy for State support

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Born 60 years ago in Georgetown, S.C., Dr. Fraser [illegible] Bachelor's degree from Morgan State College, his Master's in Jacksonville, Fla., and at Delaware State College, Dover.

DR. THOMAS P. FRASER

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Dr. Fraser's family in the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Fraser is a 1926 graduate of Claflin, one of the Association colleges. His Alma Mater awarded him an honorary degree in 1970. His master's and doctorate degrees were earned at Columbia University.

He began his teaching career at Booker Washington High, Miami, Fla., where he headed the science department. He moved from there in 1930 to become professor of biology at Wilberforce University.

Five years later, he was named a fellow of the General Education Board at Columbia University.

He subsequently was appointed academic dean at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., and at Delaware State College, Dover.

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Dr. Fraser's family in the Advancement of Science. His wife, Marie, a reading specialist in the Baltimore public schools. They have a daughter, Mrs. Delores Cave, a Philadelphia teacher. Two other children are deceased. There are also 3 grandchildren.

## Husband ends 48-day marriage

Wardell Reese, 1400 block Gorsuch Ave. was granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Lillie Reese on April 24 in Circuit Court No. 2 by Judge Albert Sklar.

Mr. Reese, who told the court he lived with his wife less than two months, won the decree on grounds of a five year separation, records disclosed.

The Reeses were married May 23, 1964 in a religious ceremony, and separated 48 days later on July 12, 1964, testimony showed.

Mr. Reese stated the separation was voluntary and was intended to end their marriage "forever."

Mrs. Reese, 2500 block Eutaw Pl., did not contest the divorce, court records reveal.

## Brailey keeps his eye on Schoonfield

Delegate Troy Brailey is watching the warden Schoonfield — City Jail affair closely.

He states, "On April 14, Mayor Schaefer appointed a special committee to study the problems at City Jail and to determine whether or not Warden Schoonfield should be fired.

"He directed the committee to submit a report to him within 10 days. The mayor has extended the time of investigation indefinitely. I wonder why?

"I hope this is not another white-wash of the problems at city jail.

"I think the public should know what the committee found and whether Warden Schoonfield will be fired.

"I asked former Mayor D'Alesandro to fire him over a year ago I still say he should be fired."

## Black bar left out in courthouse fight

By KISER D. BARNES

A coalition of groups known as Citizens Action for the Court of Appeals are fighting to prevent the destruction of the 69-year old Court of Appeals building in Annapolis.

The building is the home of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the State's highest court.

Monumental Bar Association, the state's black lawyers organization, is conspicuously absent from the list of impressive organizations who are affiliated with the coalition.

The group has announced that the Maryland Bar Association has "expressed interest" in their efforts to save the historical appeals building.

Benjamin L. Brown president of the black lawyer's association, said that the Monumental Bar Association has not been contacted by anyone on the matter.

Supreme Bench judge candidate Archie Williams, a long-term member of the black lawyer's association, told the AFRO. "The Court of Appeals as the highest court in the state certainly concerns us as blacks.

"I suppose that people who are interested in saving the building will do what they want anyway without consulting blacks. Since we don't have any blacks on the court, I guess they feel that we are of no significance." Attorney Williams continued.

"Blacks are concerned with every facet of government, from municipal court to the court of appeals. We ought to be involved in all aspects of state government and the Court of Appeals is part of that system. I would have though that the group would have at least contacted the state's black legal group."

The Court of Appeals will move to new quarters in June. Its present building will be destroyed and replaced by a $5.3 million Legislatuve Services Building.

Completed in 1903, the present court house building is a vast expense of marble, several huge tiffany windows and 150 year old columns.

The group is opposed to the demolition of the building because of it's "historical value."

Robert Agee, president of the coalition said, "We believe that the proposed demolition is a waste of taxpayers' money and that the building is in excellent condition structurally."

The group announced that it is seeking legal means to halt State plans for destruction until consideration has been given to the feasibility of adapting the present building and to the design for the proposed new building.

MEMBERS OF THE Task Force on the Administration of Military Justice in the Armed Forces, around the table, during a recent meeting in Washington, D.C. In right foreground is Nathaniel R. Jones, general counsel of the NAACP, and to his immediate left is Lt. Gen. Claire E. Hutchin Jr., commanding general of the First U. S. Army, co-chairman of the task force.

## Defense Unit Probes Military Justice

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird has signed a charter establishing a Task Force on the Administration of Military Justice in The Armed Forces.

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Co-chairmen of the task force are Lt. Gen. Claire E. Hutchin, Jr., commanding general of the First Army, and Nathaniel R. Jones, general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The task force mission consists of four goals:

To identify the nature and extent of racial discrimination in military justice.

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To identify and assess the impact of factors contributing to the disparity in punishment rates between racially identifiable groups.

To identify and assess the impact of any racially related patterns or practices which may reflect upon the fair administration of military justice.

To make appropriate recommendations to eliminate any existing deficiencies in military justice and to enhance the opportunity for equal justice for all military personnel.

The task force will visit several military and naval installations overseas and in this country and will talk with members of the Armed Forces at all levels. Additionally, the task force will collect and examine relevant statistical data relating to probable causes of racial discrimination in the Armed Forces.

At the conclusion of its studies, the task force will submit its findings and recommendations to the secretary of defense concerning the effect, if any, of race in the administration of the military justice system.

Other members of the Task Force include such prominent Americans as:

James V. Bennett — formerly Director of federal prisons; C. Stanley Blair, United States Court for the District of Maryland. W. Haywood Burns, director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and assistant counsel, National Office for the Rights of the Indigent.

Judge John Curro of the New York City Criminal Court; Maj. Gen. James S. Cheney, Air Force, judge Advocate general.

Mr. Jean J. Couturier, executive director of the National Civil Service League. Adolph Holmes, deputy executive director of the National Urban League. Judge Joseph C. Howard of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore. Patricia A. King of the HEW Office for Civil Rights. Brig. Gen. Clyde R. Mann, director of the Marine Corps Judge Advocate Division.

Maj. Gen. George S. Prugh, Army judge advocate general, and Rear Adm. Marlin H. Starling, Navy judge advocate general.

## 'Substance' highlights Model Cities news

"Substance," the magazine of the Model Cities Agency, is printed each month to keep Model Cities workers and participants on the know and to give them an opportunity to express their thoughts.

Highlighted in the most recent issue is Pilot Schools.

Hopefully, Pilot Schools will guide educators and city officials to have the city schools that can bring many of its black children out of the education gap; schools meaningful to these youngsters; schools that sustain their interest and educate them up through high school graduation.

Presently, Pilot Schools are an experiment in education. There are six elementary schools, each with 12 teachers, a senior aide, 4 substitute teachers, a pupil personnel team and a psychologist.

Emergency Parents Program is featured as well. It was set up to help people cope with personal calamities like a fire, death of a parent, drug or alcohol troubles, evictions or desertion.

The Emergency Parents Board, Inc. has helped many since its start in August 1970. Assistance is available on a 24-hour basis. Mrs. Betty Jackson is director.

"Substance" also included its monthly photography winners, a spotlight of Area B activities, poetry, short stories and Model Cities news from other cities.

The staff of "Substance" is Editor Yvonne Adams, Co-editor Brenda Ferguson, Photographer Breck Chapman, Art Director Anne Fortson and Edward Duprec, chief of Community Information Division.

## Divorces Filed

Kathi Volk vs. David A. Volk; Fannie Scott vs. Jonas Scott; Margaret R. Pellicot vs. John G. Pellicott, Jr.; Florence Butler vs. Carl F. Butler; Carolyn R. Williams vs. Roger Williams; Patricia A. Hodges vs. Billie Hodges; David C. Decator vs. Dorothy M. Decator; Mary N. Sams vs. George A. Sams, Jr;

## Divorces Granted

Donald J. Grebas vs. Jo Ann Grebas; Shirley M. Cosner vs. Lawrence A. Cosner; Geraldine Mogg vs. Otis Mogg; William M. Harrington vs. Elizabeth Harrington; Frances A. Ordawkowski; Regina H. Casdakowski; Regina H. Cassidy vs. Phillip O. Cassidy;

RECEIVES AWARD — Col. Charles D. Decker, Jr., right, commanding officer, presented the legion of Merit and certificate to Lt. Col. Robert Futrell, Jr., at a ceremony held in his honor at Fort Holabird. He is presently assigned as special assistant to the post commander. He earned the award while serving as staff exchange officer in Vietnam.

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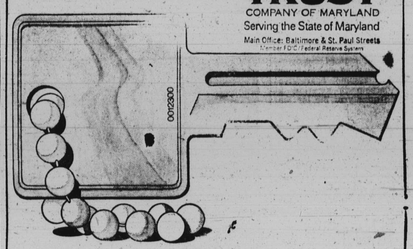

SPEAKING ON FALSE ALARMS recently in the Edmondson Village area where the false alarm rate is the highest in the city is Fire Board president, Howard R. Owen, top center. He tells area fire fighters of the dangers of false alarms and ways of preventing them. At bottom, Fire Fighter Jack Powers talks with a resident of Edmondson Village. A recent report showed that out of 382 alarms pulled during January 1, 1971 to March 19, 1972, only 34 were for actual fires.

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RANDOLPH-REED — Walter E., 21, 1018 E. Pratt; Fannie, 21, 1304 Myrtle.

VAUGHN-HOLLEMAN — Raymond, 21, student, 341 Bloom; Lenora 19, 339 Bloom.

BRANNON-ASKEW — Kenneth R., 25, clerk, 2525 Loyola Southway; Tina A., 27.

HEMPHILL-SPEAKS. — John L., 21, laborer, 1610 McKean; Sonja E., 18, 1610 Pulaski.

MORRIS HAMLIN — Charles S., 27, cook, 2537 Edgecombe Circle; Willie M., 22.

GIBSON-HARRIS — Martin L., 31, construction, 114 Cherry Hill; Sylvia C., 28.

CHARLES-LEE — Joseph L., 27, 1913 E. Oliver, laborer; Patricia, 26, 1922 N. Chester.

LINTON-SMITY — Edward G., 18, operator, 2818 Hollins Ferry; Kathy L., 18, 3010 Branden.

DEATHS

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Marjorie B. Bailey, 1400 W. Lafayette
Lotne N. Burrell, Lafayette and John
Mary F. Nunnally, 1718 N. Montford
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