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FRIDAY SCHEDULE
Varsity Basketball
Forest Park at Southern
Edmondson at Dunbar
Walbrook at Northern
Poly at City
Gilman at Mervo
McDonogh at Southwestern
Patterson at Douglass
Lake Clifton at Carver

JV Basketball
Carver at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Edmondson
Walbrook at Northern
City at Poly
Douglass at Patterson
Southern at Forest Park
Gilman at Mervo
McDonogh at Southwestern

Varsity Wrestling
Edmondson at McDonogh
Poly at Gilman
Mervo at Loyola
City at Douglass

JV Wrestling
Poly at Gilman
Mervo at Loyola

Varsity Swimming
Douglass at Lake Clifton
Southwestern at Edmondson
Southern at Northwestern
Calvert Hall at Poly
Northern at Patterson
Forest Park at City
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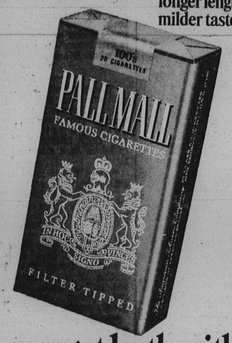

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Ron Lyle at work on the heavy bag
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Foreman at Garden ringside to weigh Lyle-Quarry threat

NEW YORK (UPI) — New heavyweight champion George Foreman, proclaiming he'll take on all comers as he assesses his first title defense, will be an interested observer when unbeaten Ron Lyle and stubborn Jerry Quarry meet in a 12-round elimination bout tonight (Friday) at Madison Square Garden with the winner emerging as a prime challenger for the championship.

Lyle, a 30-year-old ex-convict who has built an impressive ring record since his release from the penitentiary in 1969, now faces his biggest test as a professional fighter—one that could project him into the title picture.

Lyle has knocked out 17 of his 19 opponents and is rated fourth in the world. He was named fighter of the year in 1972 by the World Boxing Association.

Quarry, once the white hope of the heavyweight division, is two years younger than Lyle at 28, but is much more experienced, having fought for the title against Jimmy Ellis and Joe Frazier.

Quarry lost those two fights and others to Muhammad Ali (twice), George Chuvalo and the late Eddie Machen. Those have been the only defeats Quarry has suffered in 54 fights. He's had four draws.

When the temperamental Quarry lost to Ali the second time last June he announced his retirement. It was just another cake of Quarry's disenchantment with himself in the big fights that prompted the decision.

But his frustration only lasted seven months and he came back to win handily over Randy Neumann in January. Quarry weighed a blubbery 209 that night and has worked hard to shed extra poundage for Lyle, a man he realizes will be a lot tougher than his last opponent.

Quarry was faced with an opponent who came into the Garden with similar credentials—an unbeaten record and a whole bunch of knockouts. His name was Mac Foster. Quarry ripped him to shreds and scored a sixth round knockout in June of 1970.

Lyle promises it won't be the same this time.

"They think I will be another Mac Foster," said Lyle. "Well they're wrong—dead wrong.

"Everytime Quarry looks up he's gonna see me pressing him, even if it's the 12th round. I'm gonna go in after him. I'm gonna fight—that's the name of the game. It takes heart in this game and I've got the most heart of any fighter around."

Keino to run as track pro

NEW YORK (UPI) — Olympic champion Kip Keino this week became the latest track star to turn professional. The middle and long distance runner from Kenya joined the International Track Association.

Keino, who won gold medals in the steeplechase in 1972 at Munich and in the 1,500-meters at Mexico City in 1968, rejoins his old rival Jim Ryun, who turned pro with ITA several months ago. Tom Von Ruden, another of America's top milers, is also a member of the newly-formed league that will open its tour March 23 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Keino, a 33-year-old police inspector in Kenya who only this past weekend won the three-mile run at the Maple Leaf indoor games in Toronto, Can., has run 23 mile races in under four minutes and eight in 3:55 or less.

Keino said he had decided to turn pro because he believes Mike O'Hara, president of the ITA, has "the right idea for the future of track and field and I want to be a part of that future. I also think it will provide a good future for myself personally and for my family."

Keino is the father of six children, four girls and two boys.

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Howard, Maryland stars set MEAC scoring pace

Howard University and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore enjoyed a decided edge over the opposition in the statistics marking the first half of play in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball race.

The Bisons and Hawks placed two players each among the top six in individual scoring, among field goal percentage leaders and assist leaders.

They also were one-two in team offense and in field-goal percentage. Howard led the conference in team free throws, and Maryland was first as a team in rebounding.

Talvin Skinner of UMES closed out the first half of play second to James Outlaw of A and T State University, in individual scoring. His teammate, Robin Collins, was sixth in the category.

Skinner tallied 250 points, but Outlaw was away out in front at 292. Collins' No. 6 position was attributable to his 228-point output.

Robert Lewis and Warren Hollins of Howard, were fourth and fifth in the individual scoring. South Carolina State's Curtis McLenon held down the other (No. 3) position.

Skinner and Collins were first and fifth, respectively, among field-goal leaders, and Howard's Lewis and Billy Mock were second and third. The other two positions among the conference's top six were occupied by Milt Nunnally of A and T, and Billy Newton of Morgan.

Maryland's Collins held a slight lead over Hollins of Howard in assists, with Howard's Arnie Young fifth in this category and Maryland's T. Nelson sixth. Outlaw and his AandT teammate, June Harris, holding the other two slots.

The Hawks held a 96-point average to set the pace in team offense, with the Bisons second at 91.8.

In field goal percentage as teams, Maryland was first and Howard was second. Howard's 66.5 was best among the teams in free throw percentage, and Maryland's 68.5 per game average topped the field in rebounding.

Winners named in ping pong

Wayne Claiborne and Manchee Edwards won the finals in the East District Ping Pong tournament of the Richmond Department of Recreation and Parks.

Held Jan. 31 at Fairfield Court Recreation Center, Claiborne of Webster Davis Center took the honors in the 13-14-year-old age group while Edwards of Creighton Court Center swept the 15-17-year-old bracket.

Second place winners were Randolph Collins in the younger section and Gregory Smith in the older one. Both represented Fairfield Court Center.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

State education formula seen as important issue by Blount

ANNAPOLIS — Despite predictions that the 1973 General Assembly will be a relatively quiet session, much significant legislation remains to be considered in the next 60 days.

The legislation could be of grave consequence to all the people of the state.

As Senator Clarence W. Blount sees it, "One of the most important pieces of legislation, not yet in the hopper, is a new funding program for state educational aid."

The current formula for determining state aid, he said, is "cumbersome", only understandable by a few experts and "generally agreed to be inequitable".

The formula is based on state aid of $610 per pupil per year. Starting with an increase in the first year of $20 million in state expenditure, it would increase the level of state funding over a five year period to $200 million, an increase of $104 million over the present level of state funding, he went on to say.

"Baltimore City is opposing Plan E (the plan approved by the Governor's Task Force which met last summer to draw up guidelines for a more equitable distribution formula), he said, "because it would not equalize educational opportunity.

We all know that the question of financing Baltimore City's educational system is critical. It was serious prior to the drastic cuts in federal aid to education proposed by President Nixon in this year's budget. Those cuts amounted to 25 percent of the educational budget of the city, leaving real questions as to how we can continue to finance the system."

Additionally, Senator Blount pointed out that Maryland's law becomes "questionable" in light of the Serrano court decision that inequities in school spending and taxing effort from district to district based on the wealth of the school district which offers the quality of education a child receives, violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Loss of autonomy considered for UM

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A measure which would strip the University of Maryland of its 21-year 'autonomy' (independence) making it subject to the same budgetary process as any other state agency prompted angry division among supporters and opponents of the bill.

Unlike other state supported institutions of higher learning, the University of Maryland is left alone by the state to determine its own internal functioning, including the allocation of more than $150 million in funds it received from the state last year.

In a period of fiscal belt tightening, the state argues that the university, like any other state agency, must be held accountable for its expenditures of state funds.

Last year, the university's Board of Regents appropriated some $141,000 for the purchasing of a new home for the university chancellor before given final approval by the State Board of Public Works.

Contrarily, opponents of the measure view state take-over of the university's fiscal arrangements as an infringment upon their rights of academic freedom.

Their reasoning being that state control of the budgetary process will ultimately lead to state control of what courses are offered, to whom and how they are to be taught.

Shield statutes aired in House

AFRO Bureau

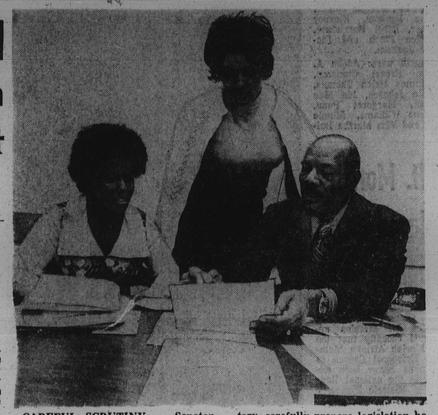
ANNAPOLIS — A series of bills designed to protect the confidentiality of a newsman's sources received long and intense consideration, Wednesday, when heard before the House Judiciary Committee.

In enacted, one bill would extend this protection to include situations in which the reporter fails, either unintentionally or intentionally, to identify himself as a person engaged in a news gathering activity.

Opponents of the measure raised two important questions, which remained unanswered at the conclusion of the hearing:

First, they argued that the primary focus of a "shield" statute should be to protect the informant, not the reporter.

Second, the term reporter itself is so vague as to make it impossible to determine who is and who is not legitimately gathering information for publication in a recognized news service.



CAREFUL SCRUTINY — Senator Clarence Blount, (D, 5th Balto. City) and his staff Miss Lena Bunch (seated) and Miss Betty McCaskill, secretary, carefully prepare legislation before it is submitted for Senate consideration.

Bill studied to rename Jones Falls

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Buried among the more than 1,000 bills already filed by state legislators this session, a resolution sponsored by Del. Isaiah Dixon (D., 4th Balto. City) will no doubt afford AFRO readers a gauge of which way the political winds blow.

In a fiscal free motion, requiring only the consent of the House, Del. Dixon requests that the Jones Falls Expressway be renamed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Expressway.

His bill asserts that "now" is the time to rename a major artery leading into Baltimore City after such "a distinguished person as Dr. King."

Del. Dixon also urges the combined membership of the General Assembly to call upon the Baltimore City Council "to take the appropriate steps" to rename the expressway.

Opposition to a similar bill entered in last year's session came principally from members of the Baltimore County delegation who argued that segments of the expressway passed through their district and as such any legislation affecting it would therefore require county approval as well.

Nonetheless, this year's measure has received the outspoken support of most members of the Black Legislative Caucus.

State control urged for Elections Board

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to have the state assume the costs of the Boards of Supervisors of elections and the hiring of their employees under the uniform regulations of the state merit system has been introduced by Senator Clarence W. Blount (D., 5th Balto. City).

"Since policy decisions are made by the Board selected by the Governor, it is appropriate and more efficient for the state to bear the entire responsibility for this office," said Senator Blount.

"This is not a ripper bill it is a consolidation bill."

"Those subdivisions — Allegancy Baltimore, Calvert, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties — with local control do not always follow through on state regulations, he said.

A unified system should provide better administration and more equitable of service to all citizen," he concluded.

SENATOR WELCOME AND STAFF gather to look over the legislative package she intends to introduce this session. (From left) Mr. Ellsworth Dawson, Senate doorman, Mrs. Francis P. Johnson, Senator Welcome' secretary, Mrs. Annie Mae Pinkett, legislative reader, Senator Verda F. Welcome (seated), Mrs. Mary Murray, legislative reader, and Mrs. Annabelle Fishman, legislative aide.

Welcome discusses legislative programs

ANNAPOLIS — In an exclusive interview with Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th Balto. City), the AFRO has learned that the Senior Senator for the Fourth District has introduced legislation on a variety of subjects "reflecting the diverse interests and needs of the people of her district."

Her bills range from legalizing bingo for senior citizens groups to eliminating the minimum score requirement on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for students to be eligible for Senatorial Scholarships.

Other bills she has introduced include :-Permitting voter registration by mail which would reportedly reduce the cost to the city per voter registration from the current 97 cents to an anticipated 15 cents. -Safety inspection for vehicles used to transport children to day care centers. -A commission to study development of day care centers by industry. -Priority use of school buildings before and after school hours. for day care programs. -Allowing cosmetologists to perform services on men as well as women. -Establishing medical and dental scholarship program. -Giving liquor boards the power to subpoena records. -Requiring interest payments on escrow accounts held by mortgaging institutions.

Senator Welcome also told the AFRO that she will be introducing a package of bills aimed at "improving the Correctional System" next week.

Corrections chief cites overcrowding

AFRO Bureau

JAMES JORDAN

ANNAPOLIS — In a Tuesday appearance before a Joint Appropriations Committee, James Jordan, the Department commissioner of Corrections, strongly urged the construction of several new facilities to alleviate the burden of overcrowding existing institutions.

A $30 million ten-year capital improvement plan, if approved, is scheduled to commence with the construction of two 108-bed community correction centers, one in Baltimore and a second in Prince George's County, at a cost of $1.75 million to state taxpayers.

He emphasized that community correction centers would be minimum security institutions housing inmates sentenced to show teams. Much careful consideration, he said, would be given the selection of inmates assigned to the SB centers.

Commissioner Jordan said the ten-year plan is designed to decentralize the prison system into smaller, more manageable institutions.

Statistical data produced in testimony by the commissioner clearly indicated a high correlation between the amount of rehabilitative services given an inmate and a return to institutions following release.

Continuing, he said, that the prison system is currently 1,000 inmates over its rated 4,600 limit, creating a situation in which inmates are "double up" in some institutions.

With a trend toward minimum security prisons, Mr. Jordan noted additional plans calling for the eventual phase down of the House of Corrections, Jessups.

At the end of ten-years, the population there would be reduced from its present level of 1400 to a more manageable 400, he said.

Likewise, the maximum security Maryland Penitentiary would become a medium security institution of 350 inmates, following the proposed construction of a new maximum security institution.

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