Fireman earns two citations

The prime order of business for the Fire Board week after week is presenting outstanding performance citations to firemen. Last week's session was no exception.

With City Council members Mary Adams (D. 4th) and Dominic DePietro (D. 1st) on hand to add their congratulations, acting Battalion Chief Lewis Harper told the Board about firefighters George L. Greene of Engine 36 and Joe L. Evans of Engine 53.

Both fireman rescued an unconscious man from a smoked filled room in December, and Greene also was cited for saving a child who was trapped on the second floor of his burning home in January.

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Fire Board President Howard Owen remarked this was the first time during his year in office that a fireman earned two commendations at one time.

Other awards went to Captain John Griffith and lieutenants Robert Williams, Michael Jachelski, James Evans, Thomas Bailey, Gordon Geller and Paul E. Dimler.

Pump Operator Kenneth Weigman received a citation along with firefighters Henry Henson, Jerry Rigby, Horace Woodruff, Ernest Trimper, Paul Archibald, Samuel Johnson, Emory Kempf Jr., Daniel Luster Jr., Charles Rosenberger, William Heinbuch, Edward Mahler Jr., James Thompson, John Epifanio and Elkins Dahle III.

$8 TO BOYS' CLUB—Dr. Tomas A. Pitts (right) fo the Frontiers Club of Baltimore presents a $100 check to Charles Moore, director of the Franklin Square Salvation Army Boys' Club fo 215 N. Calhoun St. William Luckam (center), the Salvation Army Boys' Clubs executive director, looks on.

NAVAL FAIR EMPLOYMENT GROUP—The Navy's Ship Research and Development Center, headquartered in Bethesda, Md., has a new Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee. Mrs. Mary H. Bennett (center) has been elected chairman for 1973. Miss Dorothy Peoples (right) will work in Annapolis as the Committee's representative on the Federal Women's Program. Other members are Mrs. May Raichelle, Claudius A. Wallace and Jerald Sidnay.

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Hampstead poets get published

Ten students at Hampstead Hill Junior High School have had their poems accepted for publication in "Young America Sings," an anthology published by the National Poetry Press of Los Angeles, Calif. These poets join 150 other students who have had winning essays, stories and poems accepted and published through the National Poetry Press since 1967.

This year's winners, students of Mr. Edmund Harnstrom, wrote poems about the holidays, seasons, and the need for a closer watch on our ecology.

There were approximately 1000 entries submitted from Hampstead Hill, many of which merited Honorable Mention, but could not be published because of the limited space available. The winners are Sharon Todd, Wanda Thomas, and Ralph Herring, from 8-23 Diane Hooker, Adrian Dantzler and Robert Lovette from 7-25 Alonzo Eggleston from 7-23 Pamela Zerbelein and Deborah Morris from 7-20 and Danny Graw from 7-19.

School health program altered

There has been a change in certain aspects of the school health program, reports Dr. John Saratsiotis, director of the City Health Department's Bureau of School Hygiene.

The changes involve a realignment of the medical examinations from selected grades in the elementary, junior, and senior high schools to examinations of the younger school children in Early Admissions, Model Early Childhood Learning Project and Follow-Through programs plus a strengthening and sex education, drug abuse and cigarette smoking health.

Services that will continue include examinations for handicapped and other problem children regardless of grade, medical evaluations for pupils enrolled in special programs, and the anemia testing of all preschool children with nutrition counseling of their parents.

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Vets reinvest life insurance dividends

Nearly a million veterans won't see dividends from their government life insurance policies this year, Mr. George A. Davis, director of the Baltimore Veterans Administration Regional Office, announced today adding they won't mind either because they're getting a good insurance bargain instead.

They are the 908,000 veterans who have already purchased $205 million worth of paid up additional life insurance with their annual dividends as authorized last year under Public Law 92-188.

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The amount of additional life insurance a veteran can buy depends on his age and the amount of his dividend. The average age of veterans holding NSLI is 51. At his age, they can buy slightly more than twice the dividend amount, Mr. Davis said.

Before the additional insurance became available, veterans with NSLI policies could carry up to $10,000 worth of protection, but the average policy amount was $6,594.

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Rosewood overcrowding lessened

Efforts to decentralize the treatment of retarded children and to drastically reduce the population at Rosewood State Hospital continued with the recent transfer of 25 non-ambulatory and severely retarded residents from Rosewood to the Mason F. Lord Building at Batimore City Hospitals, Dr. Neil Solomon announced early this week.

The Maryland Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene said that the use of the Lord Building is part of the plan to provide improved care for retarded children. In November of 1972, Dr. Solomon said, 30 Rosewood children were transferred to the City Hospitals facility for housing and an intensive physical therapy program.

The plan to utilize unused space at City Hospitals and simultaneously relieve overcrowding at Rosewood was announced early last year, and followed a program begun in May, 1970, when 100 residents at Rosewood were moved to Mount Wilson State Hospital, followed by a move of 95 patients to the Great Oaks Center, Silver Spring, in July, 1971.

Completion of the Eastern Shore Regional Mental Retardation Center in Salisbury will further reduce the Rosewood population.

OMR honors Al Jefferson, top students

The Office of Minority Recruitment (OMR) at the University of Maryland Baltimore County celebrated its first anniversary recently with presentations to dean list fresrmen and the program director of a local radio station.

Reginald W. Lawrence's directorship through the past year the OMR marked several accomplishments in recruiting efforts, such as a recording used by local radio stations, visits to the homes of perspective students, seminars for education advisors from local agencies and institutions, and a university sponsored scholarship.

The OMR staff includes assistant director, James J. Fuller; secretary, Miss Gloria Jackson; and three student workers, Cynthia Morse, Paulette Reed and Anita Howard.

During the ceremony two students received achievement citations from OMR.

The recipients were Miss Venus Wall and Keith Dorsey, both freshmen.

A plaque to acknowledge the support of local radio station WWIN was presented to Al Jefferson, program director of the station. Mr. Jefferson worked closely with the office in developing a recording entitled "UMBC—A Bold New World."

At the inception of the Office of Minority Recruitment in 1972 minority enrollment totaled some 7.5 per cent of the campus enrollment. Today, one year later through the efforts of the recruitment office, minority enrollment has climbed to 10.6 per cent.

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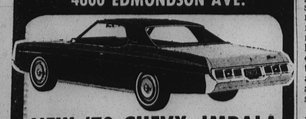

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ON BIG GAME'S EVE:

Sunpaper 'hatchet job' shakes Cain and Dunbar

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Sugar Cain was sandwiched between two of the biggest moments in his crowded athletic career, but he could not hide the fact that bitterness was preventing his full enjoyment of them.

The veteran Dunbar High School basketball coach had just watched his young charges finish off their second consecutive season of Maryland Scholastic Association play without defeat, and listened quietly as they whooped it up in anticipation of tomorrow's (Saturday) take-on of De Matha High of Hyattsville.

DeMatha is to Washington Metropolitan basketball what Dunbar is to the MSA. The former, in fact, has a broader national reputation because of having produced several players who became outstanding in college. Austin Carr, Collis Jones and Bob Whitemore are three of these.

They left DeMatha and starred at Notre Dame, after which Carr became All-American and a No. 1 pro pick by Cleveland of the NBA.

It is this fact that Dunbar cagers have rarely made it big in college, which formed the basis of an attack by a Sunpapers reporter last week shortly after the Dunbar-DeMatha game was announced for Saturday afternoon at Civic Center.

Interpreted by many as a genuine "hatchet job," the article sought to cut up Cain as a man who spent 30 years exploiting the pride of young athletes living in the East Baltimore ghetto, then abandoning them after their usefulness was expended.

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On Wednesday, following the 81-76 victory over City College, which assured Dunbar her 7th MSA championship in the 16 years since desegregation, Cain was a man of mixed emotions.

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"I'm happy for the boys," said Sugar, "but I still cannot understand why this (Sun) newspaper could say I have not had their interest at heart.

"I can't figure the reason for this kind of treatment after 30 years of devotion to the job.

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"I had meant to retire after last season but the boys begged me to stay on for one more. If there were any doubts that I would quit now, they were removed by that piece."

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That Sugar was, and is, disturbed, is quite understandable. The writer and his editors took lefthanded cognizance of the fact that Dunbar's location is not conducive to producing a large number of athletes who can handle the academic requirements of an accredited college, but otherwise there seemed little regard for Cain's personal efforts.

The story, in fact, took the form of an indictment of Cain. It accused him of failing to make a serious effort to place his young athletes in College, overlooking the fact that the average Dunbar student has difficulty with his college boards, to say nothing of the athletes.

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Also overlooked, perhaps not inadvertently, is the fact that relatively few Baltimore scholastic stars "make it big," no matter what their school, or who their coach might be. And that includes the private and parochial schools.

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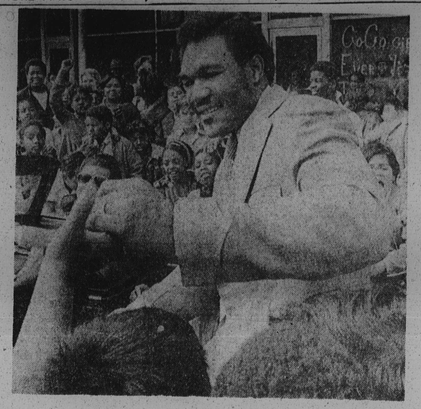

Well-wishers cheer George Foreman on return to his Houston hometown

Cops who once chased him escorts for champ Foreman

HOUSTON—George Froeman, the heavyweight champion, rode in the back seat of a big black limousine as it creeped down Lyons Avenue in the heart of the ghetto where he was reared. Police motorcycles with sirens and flashing red lights escorted him.

The plain-spoken Foreman couldn't help but remember his days as a street fighter in this area, and he said:

"The last time I saw police on this street, they were chasing me."

The champ didn't elaborate, but that could well have been the night in 1965 when he was on leave from the Job Corps and got in a fight outside a cafe on the corner of Lyons and Solo street.

"someone said he was trying to stop the fight," his mother, Nancy Foreman said. "The police came and took him to the station. They called me and said to bring four damn good men to get him, because no two men could handle him."

Foreman was 16 at the time and was reputed to be the toughest man on Lyons Avenue.

Foreman's motorcade this sunny, February day went through the ghetto, with a brief stop at his old junior high school (he never made it in high school), and continued down to a homecoming ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

It was foreman's first public appearance in Houston since he knocked out Joe Frazier to take the title in Kingston, Jamaica, Jan.22.

Mayor Louie Welch presented him the city's gold medallion, the first time it every was given to an athlete, and said the 7-1 odds against Foreman were nothing compared to the odds he faced growing up along Lyons Avenue.

Foreman, appeared to be happiest when he talked to the student body in the gymnasium at E. O. Smith Junior High School. He said he spent 139 days there one year in the seventh grade.

He said he wished now that he had spent more time in class, and urged the students to work hard and go to college.

If I sewed up the holes in my pockets, I'd have enought money to fill them, but I still don't have a college education, and I wish I did," he said.

Morgan 5 resumes attack on biggies

Coach Nat Frazier and his surprising Morgan State College basketers resume their assault on the bigger names of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Association basketball tomorrow (Saturday) in the Hurt gymnasium.

The game, which also puts the finishing touches on a testy home schedule, pits the Bears against a visiting Maryland, Eastern Shore five which spent most of the year enjoying top ranking among MEAC contenders.

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The Hawks come to town eager for revenge. They were flying high with an unbeaten campaign until Frazier and his charges had the audacity to knock them off, 104-102, on Feb. 6 — and on the Hawks' home floor at Princess Anne.

What makes tomorrow's assignment somewhat more difficult is the fact that it comes on the heels of the Morgan upset of another heavily-favored foe, and on the latter's court.

On Wednesday night, the Bears edged Howard University, 67-66, in a contest that saw both teams experience letdowns on offense.

Morgan jumped to an early 18-2 lead during a Bison fast. Then inter-[illegible] home club pulled even then ahead, as the visitors endured a scare [illegible] was finally resolved when the Bears' Phil Pugh hit a layup in the last four seconds of play.

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Following Saturday's intra-state confrontation, the Bears close out their 1972-73 conference schedule at Delaware State on March 3.

That game behind, the MEAC teams will begin preparation for the second annual conference tournament, to be held March 8-10 at Durham, N.C. [illegible]

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High school coaches name all-star quint

Basketball coaches are reknown for spending sleepless nights trying to figure out how this or that player took the shot or made the pass that beat his team.

The AFRO, mindful of the degree to which coaches judge players, contracted six hoop mentors in the Class "A" division of the Maryland Scholastic Association to find out who they would name as an all star team from this year's crop of high school cagers.

Undefeated Dunbar High School placed two players on the coaches all star quint while Edmonson City and Carver placed one man each.

Larry Gibson, a powerful 6-8 sophomore center, and Skip Wise, a wily junior 6-3 guard were the Poets named to the squad.

Edmonson High senior Kenny Sullivan, at 5-10, proved size doesn't count for everything in being named to the other guard position.

And at the forward spots were Ron Smith, a 6-3 senior from City, and Gerald Roberts, a 6-4 senior from Carver.

Gibson, a super sophomore for Sugar Cain's marvels of the hardboards, was the only unanimous selection to the squad. One coach termed him the "best big man in the league". Another coach agreed and then added, "But he's still learning." All fief the Poets will be tough with him up front for the next two years.

Wise and Sullivan drew big accolades from the coaches and in the process started a controversy over which of the two was better. While some coaches expressed amazement at Wise's shooting prowess and ability to drive to the basket, others were calming Sullivan was a more all round player because of his tough aggressive defense and his lighthing reflexes.

Smith was tabbed a top forward because of his flare for defense and ability to control the boards, while Roberts was simply and aptly called a "scoring machine".

Olympic hurdler, wins, but sprint star loses

FORT WORTH — Willie Davenport, running unattached, nipped Texas freshman Randy Lightfoot by a tenth of a second Friday night and clocked a 7.2 to win the 60-yard hurdles at the Fort Worth Coaches indoor games.

Zoe Simpson, also running unattached, upset Robert Taylor of Texas Southern to win the 60-yard dash in 6.1 seconds, the same time Taylor had.

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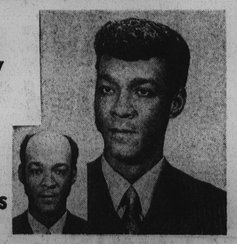

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