Fireman earns two citations

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...really wasn't quite a ...," he said, "but it ...very close."

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...ther Ratleff or Illinois ...te's Doug Collins, also a member of the U.S. team at Munich, figure to be the No. 1 picks in the NBA and ABA drafts.

"I don't really care in what city or what league I play in," the Long Beach guard-forward remarked. "I just like playing.

"I'll go wherever the money is right because in two years I figure there'll be a merger of the two leagues anyway."

Ratleff and Collins happen to be good friends.

"We got pretty close this last summer," he declared. "We've been calling each other since the Olympics."

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Because of his Olympic experience — not entirely a happy his college career is happy his college career is close to its conclusion.

"It's all gone kind of quick," he said, "but I'm glad it's nearly over. After the Olympics and this season, I need a rest, a long rest."

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A business administration major at Long Beach, Ratleff will get his degree in June.

After pro basketball?

"I think I'd like to go back to Columbus and do something to help the kids," said Ratleff, who grew up in a ghetto and went on to become one of Ohio's most sought after high school athletes.

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ED RATLEFF

EARLY BIRD PIRATE — Dock Ellis apparently anticipating an early settlement to the baseball player-management dispute, unpacks his bat upon arrival at the Pittsburgh Pirate training camp in Bradenton, Fla. Ellis, who was not pleased with his 1972 campaign, makes no secret of the fact he is anxious to get ready for the upcoming season.

Ashe moves ahead at German nets

COLOGNE, Germany — Arthur Ashe, winner of the Tournament of Champions last fall, downed Tom Leonard, 6-2, 6-3, in the first round of the World Championship Tennis matches here Tuesday.

The slender Virginian thus advanced with top seeded Marty Riessen and second-ranked Brian Fairlie of New Zealand.

Ashe ad Riessen are assigned to the No. 2 unit of the WC's worldwide tours.

Social Security increase hurts elderly, group says

"Far from helping elderly people who got it, President Nixon's 20 per cent increase on Social Security payments is actually hurting those who can least afford it," Mrs. Goldie Baker told the AFRO.

She is president of the Citizen's Civil Rights Organization, a group protesting the 20 per cent increase being considered additional income by several city, state and Federal government agencies.

"This isn't the purpose for which the increase was intended," she said, "as it was meant to be ignored by the agencies so that it could be a real supplement to a poor or elderly person's income."

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Mrs. Baker further explained that, after the raise took effect last October, "In some instances rent, food stamps and home services costs went up, and supplements people were receiving from the state Department of Social Services were completely cut back."

According to Mrs. Baker, widows, the sick and disabled, and the elderly were getting the supplement before the Social Security increase, and that as many as 750 out of 5,555 in Baltimore alone have been totally eliminated while others have experienced severe cuts.

3 pro bowlers miss Balto. cut

Three black aspirants on the National bowling Association tour failed to make the cut for last week's $60,000 event at Fair Lanes-Towson.

The field was pruned after the first 26 games, with the cutoff mark at 5317 points.

Charlie Venable of Brooklyn was able to accumulate only 3514 points, Bob Hall of Alexandria, Va., 3461, and Matt Buxton of Toledo, Ohio, 3339.

Pimlico group fight new liquor license

The Pimlico Action Community group is fighting the Baltimore City Liquor Board's decision to grant a residential neighborhood grocery store a liquor license.

Members of the group, said spokesman Wilmer Speaks, Poe Ave., are opposed to the Pimlico Food Store, 2871 W. Garrison Ave., having the license because of its proximity to Pimlico Elementary School.

The group's attorney, Harold Buchman, said the appeal would be an uphill battle, set for March 6, 10 a.m., Judge Joseph L. Carter, Rm. 420, City Courthouse.

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Not everyone is opposed to the licensing. Mr. Buchman told the AFRO: "Some neighbors said they didn't want to travel out of their neighborhood for liquor, but still I wouldn't expect a decision like this to happen for Roland Park, Guilford, Homeland or other white residential areas."

Mr. Speaks stated letters have been sent to the governor, the mayor, other elected officials, churches and community organizations.

VA reviews GI home loans

Veterans who have used their GI loan once can still have their eligibility restored and get another VA-guaranteed loan under some circumstances, George A. Davis, director of the Baltimore Veterans Administration Regional Office said Thursday.

The basic qualification is the first home financed by a GI loan must have been reasons. The VA must also have been released from have been released from liability on the original loan.

Davis also said VA guaranteed home loans are available to eligible veterans and servicemen with at least 90 days of active duty during World War II and the Korean Conflict, or at least 181 days in the Vietnam Era. Loan benefits also are available to eligible widows, and wives of servicemen missing in action or prisoners of war for more than 90 days.

BOOK REVIEW

A highly successful Morgan State College Book Review Luncheon Series held during the first semester was resumed on Feb. 22.

Sponsored by the Morgan State Interfaith Council and the Morris A. Soper Library, the discussion group meets every Thursday at noon throughout the months of February, March, April and May in the Helen Roberts Room of the campus's Memorial Refectory.

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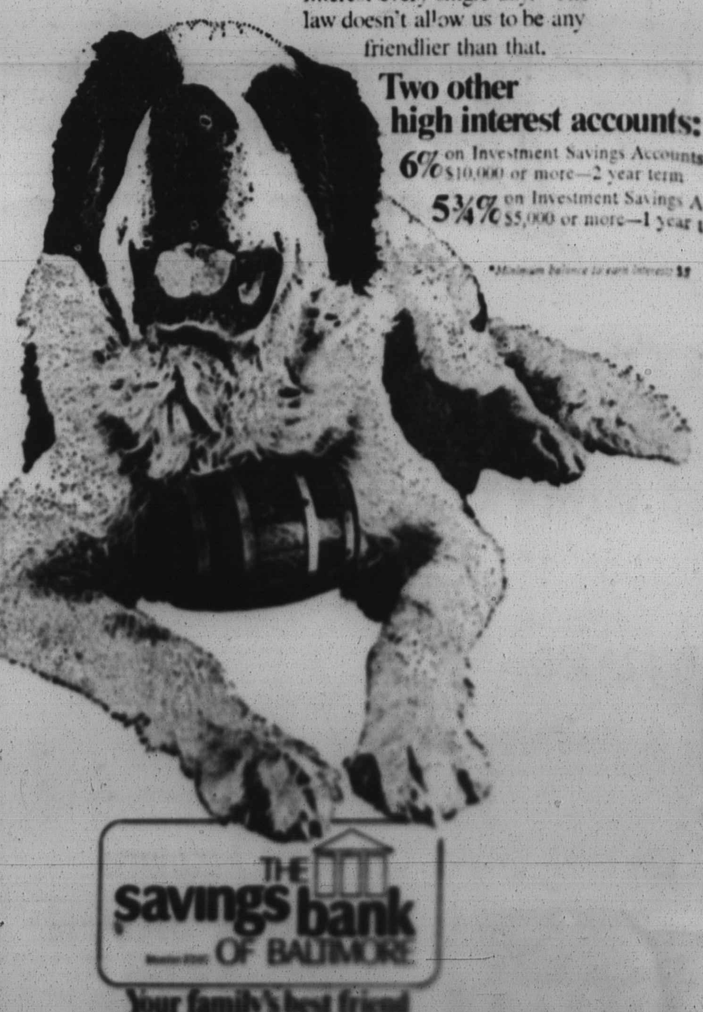

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