County feels pressure in Guillory crackdown

By Bill Rhoden

The Maryland State Commission on Human Relations is tightening its clamps on discrimination and Baltimore County has begun to feel the pressure.

Elbert L. Guillory, executive director of the state agency since June, announced last week that he was filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Housing Urban Development charging Baltimore County with discriminating against blacks in the area of housing, employment and public services.

Mr. Guillory filed the complaint as a "member of the affected class" rather than in his official capacity, since it is not within his commission's purview to enforce anti-discrimination laws against government agencies.

The response by county officials to Mr. Guillory's charges was expected and two-fold.

The initial rebut was issued by Joseph Gallen, director of the Baltimore County Commission on Community Relations who called for the abolition of the state agency and said that the latter was "only effective as a whistle on a plow," in solving problems of racial discrimination.

Mr. Guillory issued the following reply to the "whistle on a plow" comment: "I am from the country in Louisiana where my folks have been farmers for years. My grandfather once had a thick-headed, stubborn old mule that he used to plow with.

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"One day, he put a whistle on this plow, a very loud and noisy whistle, and everytime that old mule would refuse to move my grandfather would blow that whistle and it'd make so much noise that the mule would have to move.

"I think that the old mules who discriminate in Maryland are going to find that this whistle, if indeed we are a whistle on a plow, will make so much noise that they will have to move.

"So I don't have any problem about the usefulness or effectiveness of the whistle on a plow."

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County Executive Dale Anderson responded to the charges by stating there was "no proof" of discrimination in the county, despite the compilation of a 34-page commission report which cited various instances of ostensible acts of discrimination in the county.

"The total response from the county government adds up to hostile disregard," stated Guillory, adding that it appeared county officials were going to "ignore discrimination and do not do anything to clean up the problem.

"Since that was their response," Guillory continued, "and this commission doesn't have power to enforce anti-discrimination laws of any kind against any level of government, I had to come up with an alternative method of enforcing our recommendations and discharging my responsibility to minority folk in the county to eliminate the problem."

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According to Mr. Guillory, much of Baltimore County's black population, estimated at 4 per cent, "live in little pockets" of the area.

"Black neighborhoods are being conquered out by lack of public services," he said, adding that there was a lack of highways and sewage systems in those areas.

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The next legal step will be taken by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and will include an investigation of all allegations.

In the event that discrimination is found, there will be an attempt at reconciliation between concerned if such an attempt proves futile, EEOC and/or Mr. Guillory himself will be in a position to take the matter to Federal Court.

"I can guarantee that this case will be resolved because I can go to federal court under Title 7 of the EEOC statute.

If necessary, HUD is authorized to apply pressure to the county to force compliance with fair housing regulations.

One such method of pressure would be the withholding of money for housing and public services until the county meets all appropriate recommendations.

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Although the "feud" between the state's agency and the county government is nothing new, the exchange of charges, and subsequent counter charges between Baltimore County and HRC began last week when the latter published a detailed report concerning renewed allegations of minority discrimination in the 95 per cent white county.

Among other things, the report noted the low number of black employees by the county and the "very very low" number of black personnel in decision making policies employed by the county.

The report also cited the lack of low income housing in the county as an implicit method of discrimination against poor citizens.

"By not building low income houses," said Guillory, "the county is perpetuating the almost lily white nature of the population.

"This discriminates against poor people, most of whom are black, who need to move in the county due to a housing shortage in the city."

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In defending the county against Mr. Guillory's charges, Mr. Gallen labeled HRC as a "self serving group in that they believe they must find discrimination everywhere or else they would have no reason to exist."

In response to the accusation, Mr. Guillory remarked: "There is so much discrimination in housing, in employment and in public accommodation that we sure as hell don't have to manufacture any to justify our existence.

"Also, keep in mind that during the last 3 years the U.S. Department of Justice, Housing Urban Development, and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights have investigated and found proof of discrimination in Baltimore County, so we are no pioneers as far as finding discrimination in Baltimore County goes."

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Although the suit, whether brought to court or settled on a reconciliatory basis, is directed at the county, black residents in Baltimore City will be affected by the decision in two ways.

"First of all," explained Guillory, "the elimination of discrimination anywhere in our neighborhood helps all of us.

"Secondly, black folks in the city who can't find housing or employment will be able to right out there in the "horseshoe" without having to travel long distances or move away from the area.

"This is absolutely a class action complaint," added Guillory, "although it's filed in my name, it is filed on behalf of all of us."

Stamp honors artist

Design of a postage stamp honoring artist Henry Ossawa Tanner has been announced by the U.S. Postal Service. The 8-cent stamp will be issued with ceremonies Sept. 10 in his birthplace, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tanner (1859-1937) was a prominent black painter who spent most of his career in France. Much of his art is based on Biblical lore in France. Much of his art has hung in the Louvre.

The stamp is in the American Arts series, which includes composer George Gershwin, novelist Willa Cather and poet Robinson Jeffers. All stamps, which are semi-jumbo in size, were designed by Mark English of Georgetown, Conn.

The horizontal stamp, which measures 1.44 x 1.05 inches, will be issued forty stamps to the pane, with six plate numbers.

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Combined with a portrait of Tanner, in montage, is an artist's palette which contains a rainbow.

The background of the stamp is brown and the inscriptions, in gold, are bottom: "Henry O. Tanner," top: "U.S. 8 cent and "American Painter."

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First day cancellation requests should be sent to "Tanner stamp, Postmaster, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219," enclosing the proper remittance and with requests postmarked no later than September 10.

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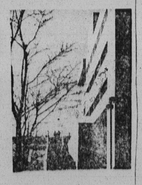

UMBC CHEMISTRY BLDG.

Two new graduate programs in Experimental Biology-Health Sciences and Biological and Medicinal Chemistry, are being offered at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) for the 1973-1974 academic years.

Complementing the university's policy to offer courses of study with multi career options, UMBC and the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) will pool their scientific talent and resource facilities to give students maximum exposure to biology, health and chemistry.

The courses will offer students a broad based biological program at the masters and the Ph. D. level in Experimental Biology-Health Sciences. When the Maryland Council on Higher Education approved the courses recently at its July meeting, it enabled UMBC to offer a choice of curriculum that will allow students to apply the methods of modern science to problems encountered in such health-related fields as ecology and population — to name a couple.

There is also a graduate program in applied mathematics leading to the M.S. and Ph.D degrees, and over 80 graduate courses from which to choose.

More than 19 areas of undergraduate courses are available in such wide-ranging fields as contemporary screen arts, issues in African American studies, genetics, New Testament Greek, metropolitan Baltimore, acting and guitar classes. This fall, five new undergraduate courses are being offered, the landscape narrative in the visual arts, studio IV and intermediate dance technique I and II.

UMBC, the youngest university in the state, offers a wide variety of areas of study so that students can be trained with sufficient breadth in order to respond to the changing job market.

Dr. Calvin B. T. Lee, UMBC chancellor, foresees that students who conclude their formal education at the baccalaureate level will make major occupational shifts at least four times in the course of their working lives and feel that several things will change their career directions. New Technology, for instance, will wipe out jobs almost as quickly as new inventions are made to take their place.

UMBC wants to make sure that if, upon graduation, the job the student has trained for becomes obsolete, the student doesn't. (Advt.)

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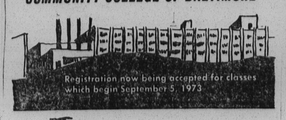

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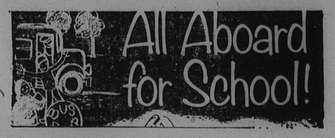

More than 185,900 pupils are expected to start classes on Tuesday, September 6, in the Baltimore City Public Schools, the eighth largest school system in the nation.

The estimated attendance for elementary schools is 104,921. Secondary and vocational schools will have 79,469 students and other programs some 1,523 pupils.

Special Education students are spread through all categories with an estimate 16,030 Special Education pupils expected.

Other programs include home and hospital instruction for 250 students and early school admissions for 1,770.

The attendance for 1972-73 was 186,784.

The estimated attendance for kindergarten is 12,785 and 14,501 First Grade.

Baltimore schools will have 7,800 classroom teachers, with an estimated 700 new teachers hired to replace those teachers who have resigned or retired. Plans presently call for 165 counselors in the 1972-74 school year.

NEW SCHOOLS

New schools opening during the 1973-74 school year are:

Rosemont Elementary School No. 63, 2777 Presstman St. — September.

North Bend Elementary School No. 81, 201 North Bend Rd. — September or October.

Moravia Park School No. 165, 6011 Frankford Ave., — October.

Furman L. Templeton Elementary School No. 125, Pennsylvania and Dolphin St. — October

Luther Craven Mitchell Primary Center No. 135, 1731 E. Chase St. — October.

George G. Kelson Elementary School No. 157, Gold and Carey Sts. — October

The New Dunbar Complex No. 414, 500 N. Caroline Street — January or February (planned opening January or February).

Lake Clifton's stadium will be completed by September.

Baltimore public schools provide transportation for some 60,000 students who live a mile or more from the school they attend: 3,000 handicapped students and 2,000 students to relieve overcrowded conditions in certain schools. Transportation is also provided for athletic teams, federal program needs, and special projects.

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, Superintendent of Schools says the program to hire part-time instead of full-time drivers is an effort to prevent any deficit from being incurred by the Transportation Division.

PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS

The state reimburses the city only for actual driving time in transportation of students.

This averages out to four to five hours a day per driver.

Last year, because of labor agreements, the city had to employ drivers for an eight-hour day which resulted in a deficit in the school system's budget.

The Public Schools will hire drivers to work from 2 to 2½ hours in the morning to take pupils to school and the same amount of time in the afternoon to return them home. Drivers will be free between runs.

The salary offered is the maximum salary reimbursed by the State, which is $3.70 per hour with a four-hour minimum per day.

Those interested in applying, contact the system's Transportation Office by calling 457-4000, extension 1301.

Applicants should have an excellent driving record and be between the ages of 21 to 59. Successful applicants must qualify for a license, Class A, B, or C. Bus driving experience is preferred but not mandatory. Training will be provided.

COATS FROM MONTGOMERY WARD—Fur tells coat story as Sherpa trims a burgundy wet-look belted jacket, worn by Michael Kane (right). Duplex pockets and outline stitching add the detail over solid cuffed flares. Felicia Love takes her coat from Bobari as modacrylic goes all-weather with synthetic sealskin, (center) Suede trims the chubby battle jacket modeled by Debra Hall (l) over heather cuffed flares.

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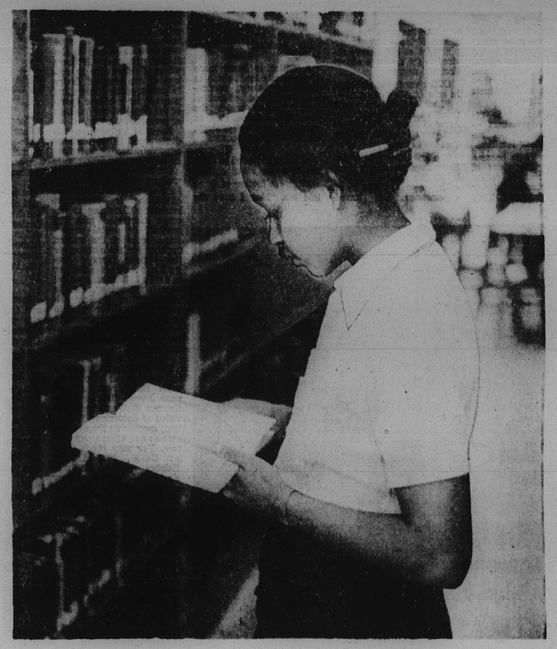

A PETITE Harford Community College coed, Miss Mary Russell, gets acquainted with the library.

Area colleges begin classes

Morgan State College, Sept. 10.

Coppin State College, Sept. 4.

Towson State College, Sept. 7.

Community College of Baltimore, Sept. 5.

Johns Hopkins University, Sept. 10.

Goucher College, Sept. 10.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Sept. 4.

University of Maryland, College Park, Sept. 29.

Catonsville Community College, Sept. 20.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Proper medication needed to guard kids from disease

NOTE: Call the Health Department in your locality to determine where you may take your child for necessary shots, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles and German measles. Do it today.

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Some 70,000 Maryland children in kindergarten through the 6th grade risk being turned away when school opens because they have not started immunization against six diseases as required by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, state superintendent of schools, has informed the state's 24 local superintendents that he "expects complete compliance without question for all children through grade six."

Regulations as of August, 1972 require immunization of children in kindergarten and grade one by last January. Pupils in grades two through six require immunization by Sept. 1, 1973.

IT'S THE LAW

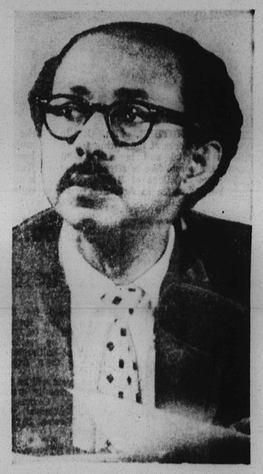
Citing Section 84 of Maryland Public School Laws, Dr. Sensenbaugh points out his responsibility regarding immunizations as a condition of admission for children entering school, in cooperation with the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Immunizations include diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles and German measles. The law provides exceptions for children whose doctors state the shots would be harmful, and in cases of conflict with the tenets of a recognized religious denomination.

SHOTS ARE FREE

Statewide estimates show 14 per cent of the expected 500,000-pupil enrollment in kindergarten through grade six have no record of immunization.

Parents whose children are not immunized are urged to see their family doctor or to visit their local health department, where the series of shots is given free of charge. The series usually takes four to six visits, depending on the age of the child.



SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Roland N. Patterson will announce the opening of the city public school system in a television broadcast to be aired on WMAR TV Sept. 5. The city's more than 200 public schools are set to open Sept. 6.

Baltimore Public School 1973-74 Calendar

Registration of Pupils — Wednesday, August 29, Thursday, August 30 and Friday, August 31.

Orientation Meeting for New Staff Members—Friday, August 31.

Labor Day — Monday, September 3 — Schools closed.

Professional Activities in the Schools — Tuesday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 5.

Schools Open for Pupils — Thursday, September 6.

*Meetings of Statewide Professional Organizations — Thursday, October 18 — Schools closed half day; Friday, October 19 — Schools closed full day.

Thanksgiving Holidays — Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 — Schools closed.

Winter Vacation — Schools closed, Monday, December 24, reopen Wednesday, January 2.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday — Monday, January 14. Schools closed.

Professional Activities in the Schools — Friday, February 1. Schools closed for pupils.

Washington's Birthday — Monday, February 18 — Schools closed.

Spring Holiday — Schools closed Monday, April 8; reopen Tuesday, April 16.

Memorial Day — Monday, May 27 — Schools closed.

Last Day for Pupils — Friday, June 14.

Last Day for Teachers — Wednesday, June 19.

This calendar provides for 188 days for teachers and 182 days attendance for pupils.

NEW SCHOOL—This is the new Furman L. Templeton Elementary School, $3,143,000 facility located at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St., scheduled to open in September, 1973. It bears the name of longtime Baltimore Urban League Director, and consists of 24 regular classrooms, 2 prekindergarten and kindergarten rooms, and has the capacity to house 850 students from kindergarten to sixth grade. There is a bridge over Pennsylvania Ave. to connect the classroom and ancillary building, which has an auditorium, gymnasium, multi-purpose, game, club and crafts rooms on the first floor, cafeteria and kitchen on the second floor. This section was built in conjunction with the Recreation Department and may be used when the classroom building is closed. Mrs. Beulah Caldwell, former principal of Harriet Beecher Stowe, No. 118, 1200 block Argyle Ave., has been named principal. Assistant principal is James Walker, formerly of Steuart Hill No. 4, 30 S. Gilmor St. Stowe School, built in 1858, and Henry Highland Garnett No. 103, built in 1877, are scheduled to be torn down. Students from these schools will be attending the new facility.

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