AFRO reporter serves on youth games committee

AFRO City Hall reporter, Dennis Schatzman, a former college track star and reform school counselor, is one of 20 members on the Mayor's publicity committee for the upcoming Seventh Annual United States Youth Games.

Nearly 1,000 youths from 12 cities will converge on the Morgan State College campus Aug. 15-18 to compete in basketball, bowling, tennis and track and field. Ms. Jean D. Powell, Bureau of Recreation, is the Youth Games chairlady.

Schatman serves on the public relations committee headed by Ms. Virginia Baker, the Mayor's special projects coordinator. Other persons on the committee include; Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Mayor's Community Relations aide; Mrs. Mary Clayburn, public affairs, WBNY radio station; Del. Edwards, public information, Community Action Agency and Mrs. Clarice Patterson, director, Cahill Recreation Center.

Schatzman, 24 came to the AFRO on December 10, 1973, just three days after moving to Baltimore from Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended the University of Pittsburgh on a track scholarship. From 1969 to 1971, he was one of the east's leading quarter-milers.

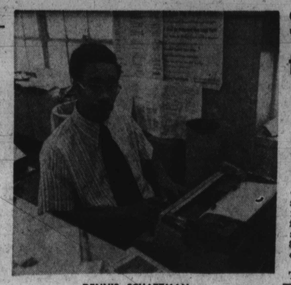
In addition to setting records on the track, he was very active in student politics and volunteer services, particularly among the youth in Pittsburgh's Hill District area. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

In 1970, he served as coordinator of a volunteer tutorial program that instructed grade school children deficient in reading and math. He also sat on the Board of Directors for the Black Action Society, the University's black political group.

That same year, he was voted the school's outstanding athlete.

In 1971, after Schatzman denounced the athletic department for racism and inefficiency, he found himself without a scholarship. In order to continue school, he took a job as counselor at Warrendale Reform School, Warrendale, Pa. When he completed school in December 1973, he became a consumer credit investigator at Union National Bank in Pittsburgh where he was employed until he came to the AFRO.

His hobbies include, reading, cooking and playing cards.



DENNIS SCHATZMAN

AFRO reporter completes seminar

Miss Pam Widgeon, court reporter for the Baltimore AFRO-American Newspapers was awarded a certificate from Columbia University School of Journalism, New York, for completing an intensive 10-day seminar on drug abuse reporting.

Miss Widgeon states the seminar was well worth attending. She will soon begin to write a series of articles on drug abuse and their effects.

Topics she will write on will include "The Life of a Junkie," 'Methadone," "What is Marijuana?" "Narcotic Terms Used in the Drug World," "The Overdose and The Status of Drug Addiction in Baltimore."

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The seminar was sponsored by Columbia and the Drug Abuse Council. Allan Parachini director, stated you only read about drugs in the paper when a person dies from an overdose.

The Drug Abuse Council feels the media should write more on drugs. The purpose of the seminar was to offer the journalist a chance to look at new perspectives on a number of questions of vital interest in the field of narcotics abuse.

MISS PAM WIDGEON

Bowie bikeways open June 4

Secretary Harvey R. Hughes of the Maryland Department of Transportation will open the State's first two demonstration bikeways in Bowie, on Tuesday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The opening ceremony will be at Benjamin Tasker Junior High School at the intersection of Maryland 197 and Kenhill Road, just north of U.S. Route 50.

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Register Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Calvert Adult Educational Center. Register in person. Phone for information, 837-5063.

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Adult and Community Education will also conduct three evening centers for adult students from June 10 to Aug. 14 A complete range of edicational and vocational programs will be available Monday through Thursday of each week. Telephone 467-4000, Extensions 2368, 439 or 440 for information.

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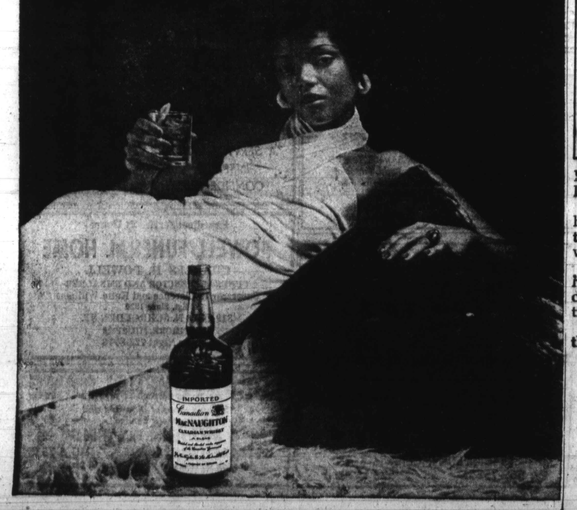

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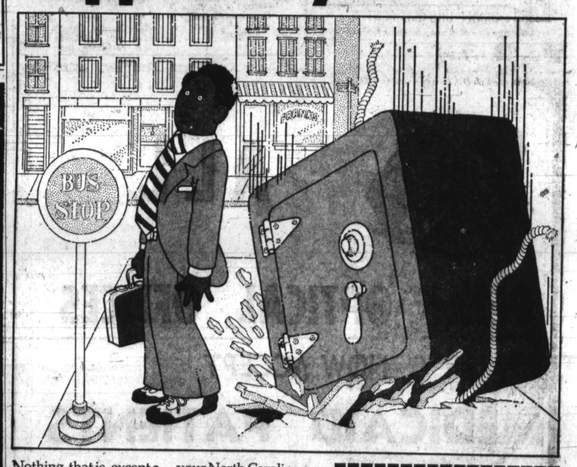

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Women can be tough in the political game

By Don and Val Hymes

When they gave women the vote, they didn't expect them to start running the country.

True, there hasn't been a female president — yet — but they've come a long way, baby, at every other elective level.

It hasn't been easy, as women's libbers will attest, not only because of male opposition but because of resistance in the female ranks as well.

Regardless of the issues, there is no doubt now that women can be a tough political force when they unite.

THEY'RE FILING..

Now, it appears, women are stepping out all by themselves onto hazardous campaign trails all over the country. The National Women's Political Caucus says the number of women who have already filed for state and congressional offices has doubled and may triple by the last filing deadlines in August.

Maryland, it would appear, is one of those states, with its first lady candidate for governor already on the campaign trail.

But Maryland's leadership role in the feminist movement is really an optical illusion.

Nearly 1,300 candidates are expected to file for statewide, congressional and regional offices before July 1, plus hundreds for the various local posts. So far the number of women who have filed is pitifully small, even, ironically, for the Democrats' mini-convention in December.

PAINFUL QUESTION

During this session, the party will tackle the still-painful question of involving women, youth and other minorities in 1976, but most women don't even know that the delegates must be elected this fall.

At this writing, the only exception to the traditionally all-male bastion, the appellate courts, is Special Appeals Court Judge Rita C. Davidson.

A long-time champion of women's rights, Mrs. Davidson was appointed to that court in 1970 after serving as the state's first (and only) woman cabnet member when Gov. Mandel named her secretary of social services.

NO BLACKS

No woman (or black) has ever been named by any Maryland governor to the highest appeals court, and except for Mrs. Davidson, no woman has filed to face the six judges on both appeals courts who must run this year. And there are more competent lady lawyers than the men would care to admit.

The situation is not much different in Washington. There are no women on President Nixon's cabinet or on the Supreme Court.

But the number of women legislators and congressmen (congresspersons?) is on the rise, possibly indicating that the voters are quicker to spot a good man (person?) when they see one than are the chief executives.

Maryland was quick to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to both the U.S. and the state constitutions in 1972, but only this spring did the governor get his commission off the ground to implement it and the many legislative acts that followed.

MANDEL DOESN'T KNOW ANY

The Commission on the Status of Women has had its eye for two years on the nearly 1,000 boards and commissions appointed by men the vote in that organization.

BARBARA MANDEL

Even so, the roster of candidates for the Maryland ballots is discouraging so far to the dedicated feminists, who can point only to a handful of strong women tempted to take the plunge — people like Barbara Mandel.

Now that the ground rules for fairness to women have been cemented into law and the doors to high Maryland offices are finally open, women can stop worrying about electing their token females and look instead at credentials.

"It's the difference," said one active feminist, "between having a woman in office and having a competent person in office who just happens to be a woman."

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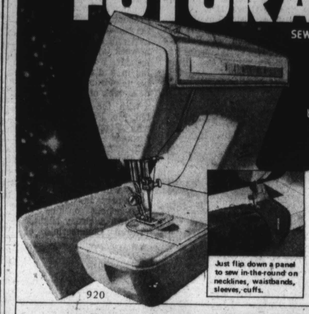

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