State college fees rise, Morgan tops the list

By BILL RHODEN

Students at five of the six state colleges in Maryland will be paying higher fees this fall, and Morgan State College tops the list.

For the second year in a row Morganites will be paying substantially higher fees than students at Bowie, Coppin, Frostburg, Salisbury or Towson State Colleges.

According to figures released by the Maryland State College Board of Trustees, Morgan students will be paying $699 for fees in fiscal 1975 (beginning July 1). This not only represents a $50 increase over last year's cost, but places Morgan some $114 above the fees charges at Towson, the largest of the state college schools.

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Part of the problem is that Morgan has initiated, or is in the process of initiating a number of new, non-state supported programs which students will have to finance.

The new student union, for example, is being constructed at an estimated cost of $3.5 million. On students' statement of fees this fall, that $3.5 million will show up as a $75 college center construction fee.

Morgan has also been given the go-ahead from the Federal Communications Commission for an FM radio station, which is scheduled to begin operation in late October.

The station will cost at least $54,842 to operate during its maiden year and the entire tab will be paid by students via a $40 student activity fee.

But Morgan President King V. Cheek says the increases are necessary if the college is to "keep its quality from being deteriorated."

Dr. Cheek said that Morgan is more diverse "and in many ways far superior to the other state colleges," although he added that "the state doesn't support this diversity.

"In other words, the in-depth student activity program which we have, according to state rule, has to be supported out of students fees."

Besides the above mentioned costs, students are required to pay $200 for tuition (standard in all state colleges); $240 for curriculum materials fee, a $50 increase; $20 registration fee, $50 College Center operation fee and a $34 health insurance.

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Thanks to its consistently good football team and the emergence of its basketball team, Morgan's athletic program is the largest and most comprehensive of the six state colleges.

Says Morgan President King V. Cheek: "We happen to be the only state college with an athletic program this large, and we are going into division one of the National Collegiate Athletic Association . . .

"We are going first class in terms of our athletic program, and that has an added cost factor to it."

The "added cost factor" will manifest itself as a $40 athletic fee on students' statement of fees this September, thus making Morgan's the most expensive athletic fee of the state colleges.

Fiscal 1974 does not end until June 30 but Morgan predicts it has grossed at least $148,000 in athletic fees for the past year and predicts $220,000 for the coming year.

Towson State is the most heavily financed state college (in terms of state appropriations) although its student fee is far below that of either Morgan or Frostburg.

Towson students must pay a $65 construction fee, but the total student fee, $585 is lowest of the largest state colleges (Morgan, Frostburg).

Morgan received $8 million last year, Towson received $10.8 million and Dr. Cheek is concerned.

"The fact of the matter is that there is some differential treatment and I am having a meeting later on this week to discuss the matter with the executive director of our board because at some point a story is going to have to be done to explain to the public.

"I think the question is going to have to be put to the state in very blunt terms," he said.

"And that is whether or not it is their intention to have an institution of quality like Morgan State College or is it your intention to reduce it to mediocrity?"

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME boating is fine and so is fishing at General Robert E. Lee Park, Falls Rd. above Lake Ave. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend $2 an hour for the boat or just walk out with your pole free. The June 21 first day of summer photo by AFRO staff photographer Roman Hankewycz can also be duplicated at all city and state parks open now to all citizens for a vacation at home.

There's a pool near you — take a dip, cool off Monday

Are you sitting home dripping wet as you try to relax with temperatures 90 and above?

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Monday, June 24, is the start of Operation Swim and Splash as 25 pools around the city open up free of charge.

There will be 12 high school pools, new walk-to pools, 6 Municipal pools and one private pool.

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The walk-to's are: Ambrose Kennedy, 1000 Ensor St.; Towanda Rec., 5100 Towanda Ave; Coldstream Rec., Kirk Ave. and Filmore St.; O'Donell Hghts., 1200 Gusryan St.; Bay Brook Rec. 6th St.; and Tharing in Brooklyn and Macabee Gilmore at Laurens and Mount Sts.

The municipal pools are: Clifton Park, Riverside Park, Patterson Park, Druid Hill Park, Cherry Hill Park, and Roosevelt Park, with a facility at the Beethoven Apts., Park Ave. and McMechen St.

Art show continues at Third World

By Bryan Holt

The Third World is metropolitan Baltimore's only black arts museum. It is located at 1767 Carswell Ave., off of the 2700 block of Harford Ave.

Currently featured at the museum is the collection of Harry A. Stokes.

Mr. Stokes, a well-known philatelist, has had previous exhibits in Baltimore, but the director, Mrs. Hattie J. Richardson, states that this is the first of its kind for Mr. Stokes.

Most notable in his display are the slave trade documents which date back over 300 years. Also on display are rare stamps from the Stokes Collection.

Admission is free to the museum which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 until 7, and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 until 5:30. Appointments for weekend visits can be made by calling 243-9600.

Democratic Club meeting June 26

The New Democratic Club Inc. will hold its June meeting at 8 p.m. June 26 at the St. John's Church, located on St. Paul and 27th Sts.

Guest speakers are Hon. Wilson K. Barnes, Democratic gubernatorial candidate and other candidates for the House of Delegate. in the new 39th District.

Members are invited to a party after the meeting in the home of Patty and Howard Maziar, 131 W. Lanvale St.

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Teen writer goes to a junior high graduation

By Bryan D. Holt

(Editor's Note: Mr. Holt writes a teen column for the AFRO).

It has been three years since this writer last attended a junior high school graduation and I had forgotten how energetic and often restless a group of ninth graders and their friends can be.

My memory was restored as I sat among the many anxious (to a fault), relatives, friends, classmates, and other well-wishers of the 1974 Graduation Class of the Gwynns Falls Park Junior High School. The exercises were held in the school auditorium on Wednesday morning.

Promptly at ten, the colorfully dressed class of 276 members entered the auditorium to the delight of the many enthusiastic spectators. The girls were dressed in colorful dresses, some short, some long, and the guys in the latest style suits, shirts, and pants.

The screams, cheers and jeers were many, however, they could not outnumber the coutnless smiles of accomplishment nor compete with the overwhelming feelings of love and pride generated by the crowd.

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After the singing of The Star Spangled Banner and the Pledge to the Flag, the school band, under the direction of Bobby Harris, played "The Impossible Dream".

Notable was the address given by Cynthia Watkins, who invittd the audience to "Look at us. . .we are tomorrow's generation. . .we are tomorrow's black generation."

She continued, "We, the 1974 Class of School 91 will strive to make ours a better country and to work in the direction of improving race relations." Cynthia delivered her address with such conviction and power that she was truly deserving of the warm reception accorded her.

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The certificates were presented by Ms. Araita McArthur who was voted 'Teacher of the Year' by the Class.

The class roll was called by Mrs. Clarice Nicholson, assistant principal and Mrs. Frances Jolley, special assistant.

The certificates were received by homeroom president, who distributed them to their classmates.

They were Vernon Jackson, Richard Sheridan, Renee Watts, Rudolph Logan, Eddie Logan, Jeffrey Smith, Renee Clemmons, Kevin Crummedy, Cynthia Lunn, Mark Bule, and Vivian Brown.

It was during the roll call and afterwards that the audience began noticing just how uncomfortable they were and the whispers grew into chatter.

This continued throughout the singing of The Balck National Anthem (during which only a handful of the audience stood) and throughout the graduation address by 4th District City Councilman, Dr. Emerson R. Julian.

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During his introduction of Dr. Julian, Isaiah White asked for the audience's attention.

Dr. Julian told the graduates: "Now let me make it clear that you have not climbed the highest mountain by any standard or means. You have not climbed Pike's Peak. You've climbed a hill. Moving upward is what counts in life. .

"You have just started to do this by being graduated from junior high school. What I am trying to tell you is to think about the words that I am certain that many of you have heard in the popular song "You've Only Just Begun."

"Truly, this is not an entirely beautiful world. I don't have to describe to you the many bad features such as crime, poverty and the dope problem.

"You young people have tyes and you can see this all around you without my insulting your intelligence and telling you this is here. But, you can turn much of this ugliness into beauty through strong efforts on your part as intelligent, well-prepared adults. This is the charge I give to you."

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Some 46 members of the class made the honor roll and awards were given to those excelling in foreign languages, math, music, art, and social studies.

Special trophies for academic excellence were awarded Miss Ruth Drummond, valdeictorian, who had an average of 92.7; and Miss Roslyn Mooney, salutatorian, with an average of 91.6.

In their separate talks, the young ladies gave thanks to the many teachers, and friends wheom they have had while at 91 as well as to their parents. They, as representatives of the class said farewell to the school, and pledged to continue moving upwards and bring honor to the tradition of the school.

Because these speeches were near the end of the program and the crowd grewn progrtsively restless and also due to the feact that the microphone seemed to be dying a slow but certain death, it was extremely hard to hear the speech.

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Principal White's voice managed to fill the auditorium, however, and he expressed his pleasure at the accomplishments of the class.

He said, "If anyone doesn't believe that black students want quality education—come to 91; If nayone doesn't believe that black students love and respect their teachers—come to 91; If anyone doesn't believe that black students can get along with people of other races—come to 91."

Later when the AFRO noted the deficiency of the audio system, Mr. White explained, "The school is about 54 or 55 years old, but the school has not had the physical upkeep that it should have had. We are in the process of renovating now for a lot of reasons.

"Let's start around 1956-57. From then on up to the present, it's been kind of like pulling hen's teeth to get something done, but we're getting it done.

"Kids make the school UT IT IS ALWAYS PLEASANT TO HAVE A DECENT PLANT FOR THE CHILDREN."

The school auditorium had an elegant look, despite its age. Art instructor Reginald Wells brightened the previously dull stage with draperies, panels, light, mirrows, and flowers. The set was one in the school colors of red and white.

Other acknowledgments went to Mr. George Whiting, tickets; Ms. Yvonne Trusty and Mr. Wells for programs, Bobby Harris, orchestra director and Claudette Moore, music director.

Also to the graduation committee including Maria Kelley, Clarissa Matthews, Leona Powell, Gerald Guralnick and Richard Thorton Chrmn.

Concerning the sometimes annoying enthusiasm which plagued the otherwise excellent exercises, Dr. Julian states: "I think that it is a mistake to have politicians to speak at junior high school graduations. That is why when I speak to young audiences, I try to do it like a father which I am. I found the noise somewhat disconcerting, but you get that and that's why I tried to keep the speech short."

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by Joe Black

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