# Baltimore hosting Youth Games next week

by Dennis Schaztman

Nearly 800 youths from 11 major cities will converge on Morgan State College's campus and other sites next week (Aug. 15-18) to compete in basketball, bowling, tennis and track and field at the eighth Annual United StateseYouth Games.

The participating cities are Birmingham, Detroit, New York, Paterson, N.J., St. Louis, Washington, D.C., Boston, Fort Worth, Texas, Newark, N.J. and Richmond, Va. This is the first time the meet has been held in Baltimore.

A host of events are scheduled, beginning with a parade through the downtown area Thursday evening, Aug. 15 and climaxing with an awards ceremony in Murphy Auditorium, Morgan State College on Sunday, Aug. 18. All events are free and open to the public.

The parade will form in the Lower Exhibition Hall of the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.; march north on Howard St. to Baltimore St.; east on Baltimore St. to Charles St.; south to Redwood St. and west to Hopkins Plaza where the opening ceremonies will be held.

Athletic competition begins at 9 a.m. Friday morning at three locations. Bowling trials and finals will be held at Fair Lanes in Woodlawn, tennis at Clifton Park and basketball and track at Morgan. Finals in all events will be held at the same sites on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The Youth Games' national director this year is Miss Jean D. Powell, Baltimore's perennial team coordinator and the supervisor of Girls and Women's Activities for the Department of Parks and Recreations.

Miss Powell, 39, has been involved in the Youth Games since New York's former Mayor John V. Lindsay conceived the idea in 1966. A 1958 Morgan State College graduate in physical education, Miss Powell has worked for Parks and Recreations since 1961.

"The games couldn't have been made possible without the help of the local businesses, the news media, the Civic Center, Parks and Recreations, the Mayor's office, Morgan State, Johns Hopkins University and the many volunteers throughout the community," Miss Powell acknowledged graciously.

Adding a touch of optimism, Miss Powell said, "We hope our visitors leave here with good impressions of Baltimore and will want to come back again."

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The Baltimore delegation looks very impressive, according to the coaches of each individual sport. Imagine a basketball team of boys 15-years-old and under whose smallest man is 5'11". How about a 13-year-old running a 9.9 100-yard dash or a 15-year-old consistently bowling over 180. The Baltimore team has it all and more.

**BASKETBALL**

The basketball team is coached by Willie Phillips, director of the Chick Webb Recreation Center and assisted by Clifton Johnson, a former All-MSA guard (1957-58) under "Sugar Cain at Dunbar High Schhool.

A former Dunbar hoopster of his own right, Phillips averaged 10 points per game under "Sugar" while playing guard for the 1958-60 championship teams.

If Baltimore's basketball is not good, they certainly are big. The tallest player, Phillip Scott, is 6'7". The shortest, Melvin Hall, is 5'11".

The entire team is composed of Anthony Guy, forward, Lance Hill, forward, Phillip Scott, center, Melvin Hall, guard, Kevin Waters, forward, Daryl Webster, guard, Maxwell Evans, center, Cecil Cole, guard, Larry Bastfield, guard and Calvin Maddox, guard. All are 15-years-old except Webster and Evans, who are 14.

Coach Phillips says that the players to watch are: Anthony Guy — plays close around the basket, loves to go to the hoop. Lance Hill — an unselfish playmaker who likes to set up the offense. Phil Scott — the big inside man with a good shooting eye. Melvin Hall — a quick guard that gives you a "Walt Frazier type game." Kevin Waters — a slick ball handler with quick moves to the basket.

**BOWLING**

For the eighth straight year, Arthur Brice, 65, a retired oil company cargo inspector who spent 18 years in Saudi Arabia, will coach the bowling team.

In Birmingham, the site of last year's Youth Games, Brice's bowlers placed fifth among 12 teams. However they were awarded the Youth Games Sportsmanship trophy.

This year's team includes Renwich Glenn (12-13), Howard Marshall (10-11), Anthony Paige (14-15), Billy Paulsholk (12-13), Donald Webb (14-15), James Welsh (10-11), Dawn Mezzadro (14-15), Valerie Ruppel (14-15), Sandra Talbert (10-11), Kelly Tanner (12-13), Paula Trochon (12-13) and Stephanie Waitkos (10-11).

Brice figures to look for Anthony Paige to lead the team. The 15-year-old won the same class in Birmingham last year and will probably be the favorite next week. He bowls consistently over 180.

**TENNIS**

In complying with the nation's latest megalomania, tennis is the newest addition to the Youth Games repertoire. Coaching the first Baltimore team is Miss Eloize Massey, a public school teacher who loves to sing opera and contemporary music.

Five years ago, someone gave her a racquet for Christmas. The following spring, she came to Mrs. Gwendolyn Martin, this year's chairlady, for her first lessons. "Now she is far superior to her teacher," admits Mrs. Martin, who is a certified tennis instructor for the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Martin is also the senior director at the Towanda Recreation Center.

There are two boys and two girls comprising the team. The top players are Jonathon Brant, 14 and Victoria Knuckles, 14. Rondolph Martin, 13 and Kathy McCalip, 12 round out the team.

An interesting note is that Ronald Thomas, who owns the McDonald's on Resltterstown and Cold Spring La., donated the tennis team's sweatsuits.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

"I'm just a plain old dude that came up in the ghetto," says track coach Ralph Durant. So are most of the members of this year's Youth Games track team, caught in a peculiar history that continually repeats itself.

Durant, 26, a Parks and Recreations leader at Howard Park Recreations Center, is continuously peeved due to the lack of an adequate track and field program and rightfully so. For it was the late Edward Waters, the former Morgan State famed sprinter and his tutelage, that kept Durant "out of the streets."

Waters became Durant's track coach and adopted father nearly 16 years ago when Durant asked Waters to teach him to run. He also taught him to coach.

Apparently, Durant was such a good listener that Waters let him coach some younger boys while just a tender sibling of 15. Since then, he has coached thousands of young boys and girls.

The track team is composed of 36 individuals. They are Alberta Bateman, Kaboya Black, Marcellus Bundy, Nadine Brickous, Glenetta Brown, Veronica Brown, Wayne Cottman, Anthony Creek, Brian Dennis, Jay Diamond, Tammy Hammond, Karen Harding, Brian Harris, Bruce Hearne, Annette James, Michelle James, Toussaint James, Darlene Jefferson and Alvin Johnson.

Also, Alvin Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Patricia Jones, Nick Kalathas, Joyce Lacato, Laura LaMire, Clifton Morton, Dave Neilson, Carlton Owens, Dave Powell, Joyce Richardson, Charles Ryan Jr., Robert Selby, Albert Turner, Jerry Watford, Cheryl Wiley and Iris Wright.

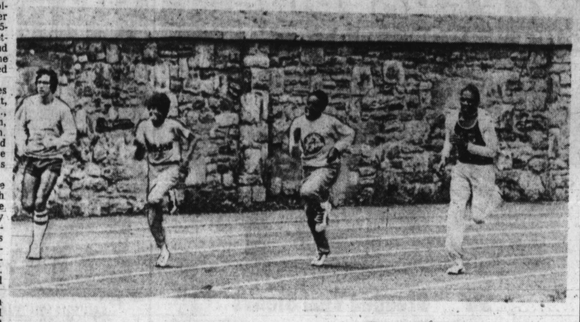
Watch Darlene Jerrerson, 12, a 220-yard sprinter. Durant says that she is a gusty young lady who loves to "walk on people," as they say in track.

Another bright propsect to watch is Toussaint James. 13, who runs the 100 and 220-yard dashes. His fastest time in the 100 is 9.9.

Barbara Johnson, 15 and Robert Selby, 11 are two other youngsters to watch.

Miss Johnson is the girls' high school 440-yard dash champion. Selby, who will run the 75 and 100-yard dashes, has a "deceptive lazy stride," but can run.

All in all, the Youth Games should be exciting and a pleasant way to spend next weekend, free of charge.



THEY'RE GAME, eager and getting ready for the Eighth Annual United States Youth Games to be held in Baltimore next week (Aug. 15-18) at Morgan State College and other sites in and around the city. Loosening up before a brisk workout on Morgan's asphalt track are, Nick Kalathas, 15, 440-yard dash; Clifton Morton, 13, 220-yard relay; Robert Selby, 11, 75-100-yard dashes and Wayne Cottman, 15, 100-yard dash. 880 medley relay. Basketball, bowling and tennis are also scheduled events.

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## Recreation schedule

**AUGUST 9**
Woodhome; Beat the Heat, 2:30 p.m.
Easterwood; Bus Trip — State House, Annapolis, 10:30-3 p.m.
Harlan Park; Oldest Penny Contest and Crazy Hat Show, 1:15 p.m.
Hilton; Trip — Frederick Douglas Institute (Washington, D.C.)
Robert Marshall; Culminating Program, 6:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 11**
Chick Webb; Old Shoe Show, 1:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 13**
Harlem Park; South Sea Island Day, 1:00 p.m.
Herring Run; Joseph Lee Contest Day, 1:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 14**
Brooklyn; Beat the Heat Day at Fort Smallwood, 10:30 a.m.
Cahill; Nature Wagon, 5:00 p.m.
Easterwood; Awards Day and Dance Recital
Hamilton; Day Camp Show, 7:30 p.m.
Howard Park; Family Night Program, 7:00 p.m
Lexington Terrace; Arts and Crafts Show, 11: a.m.-1 p.m.
Roosevelt Park; Western Cook-out, 2:00 p.m.
South Baltimore; Bicycle Rodeo, 2:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 15**
Curtis Bay; Community Night, 6:00 p.m.
Gilmor Homes; Swimming Meet, 2:00 p.m.
Hamlen Park; Hanlon Campers Closing Program, via Port Welcome, 9:30 5:30 p.m.
Harlem Park Betterton via Port Welcome, 9:30 a.m.
Herring Run; Closing Program, 1:00 p.m.
Hilton; Trip to Luray Caverns
Latrobe Homes; Carnival Time, 10:00 a.m.
Lexington Terrace; Washington Zoo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**AUGUST 16**
Chick Webb; Fun Camp Carnival Closing, 12:00 Noon.
Curtis Bay; Kansas City vs Orioles — Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
Guilford; Closing Program, 7:00 p.m.
Lexington Terrace; Camp Closing
Robert C. Marshall; Everybody's Birthday Party, 12:30 p.m.
Woodhome Community Day

**AUGUST 20**
Ambrose Kennedy; Day Camp Closing, 1:00 p.m.
Harlem Park; Closing Program, 1:30 p.m.
Latrobe Homes; All-Star Game, 4:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 21**
Riverside Park; Olympic Day, 2:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Park; Awards Day, 1:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 23**
Gilmor Homes; Pass, Punt and Kick Contest, 4:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 28**
Riverside Park; Awards Program, 7:00 p.m.

For further information on any of the above events, please phone the Center.

VP GERALD FORD was holding the ball in 1934 when he was an All-American center at Michigan University. The UPI photo becomes prophetic now that the likelyhood of his catching ball as U.S. president to succeed Richard Milhouse Nixon became more evident. this week.

## Eagles versus Cougars Sat.

The Baltimore Eagles will travel to Frostburg, Md. this Saturday to meet the Allegany Cougars in the final preseason game with the professional Atlantic City Seahawks, while their 8:00 p.m. opponents were losing to the Interstate Football League Waynesboro Tigers.

Waynesboro Tigers.

The championship season doesn't open until August 17, and the Birds will have a week off to polish up their offense and defense, but right now they have to worry about the Cougars who feature a strong running attack led by 6-3 235 lb. fullback George Phelps. Phelps rolled to over 100 yards on the ground last week against Waynesboro.

The Cougar defense gave up 295 air yards and appear to be vulnerable in that area, an area the Eagles are sure to attack.

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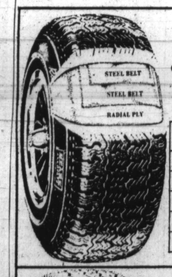

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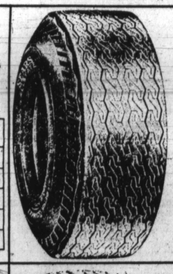

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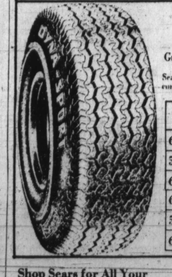

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