New faces to infiltrate O's vanguard for home debut

Several bright new faces will be showing beneath the black and orange cap of the Orioles when they open the 1975 home season today (Friday) at Memorial Stadium — weather permitting.

None will be more noticeable than that of Lee May, the Birds' new buster, who has been installed at first base by manager Earl Weaver.

May, touted by everyone, everywhere as the O's first real power man since the days of Frank Robinson and Boog Powell, recognizes the pressure under which he will be performing, but welcomes it.

"I'm extremely happy," declared Lee following Monday's workout. "I know a lot is expected of me here, but that's been the case wherever I've played.

"In Cincinnati, (Johnny) Bench and (Tony) Perez were around to do the long-ball hit, but the Orioles aren't cripples either."

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While he did not say it, the feeling persists that May — like a number of other blacks — was unhappy in Houston.

Joe Morgan, John Mayberry, Jim Wynn and others enjoyed better seasons once they shed the Astros uniform.

"Baltimore offers another shot at a championship — and that hasn't been the case since I left the Reds," May added. "That alone makes me happy and eager for the challenge."

Lee May under pressure but happy

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Also showing in Bird livery for the first time are Ken Singleton and Mike Torrez, both obtained from the Montreal Expos.

Singleton joins May in adding to the black colony in the Oriole camp.

Ready for today's inaugural against the Red Sox are veterans Paul Blair, Tommy Davis, Don Baylor, Grant Jackson, Jesse Jefferson, Elrod Hendricks, Earl Williams and Al Bumbry.

—Frank makes

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Chambliss did as he feared, pulling a ball to deep right field where Charlie Spikes was forced to field it with his back to the fence.

"I considered taking Perry out when Chambliss came to bat because of the way he was hitting," Robinson said. "When he hit it I said to myself, 'Oh no. You second-guessed yourself.'"

Robinson savored the victory later, saying he would not change anything he did if given the opportunity. Asked if made any mistakes he quipped, "no. I'm still perfect."

The manager-designated hitter said he felt no pressure about his debut as the first black manager in the major leagues. He said he had some butterflies before he went to bat the first time but only because "there's always butterflies for the first game of the season."

"I was relaxed, personally," he said. "I wasn't up tight about it. But I'm happy to get the first bell game under my belt. It was great to win it."

Robinson said the home run was the biggest thrill of the game followed closely by his delight in Boog Powell's big contribution to the victory. Powell blasted a long homer over the centerfield fence to tie the score and 3-3, drove in another and scored two more. "I'm really happy for Boog. It was close to perfect," he said. "The home run in his first game in a Cleveland uniform and the fans gave him a tremendous reception."

Robinson was asked if he was already thinking about the next game. He smiled and said, "Let me enjoy this one before I think about the next one."

APRIL 25

"Fighting For Our Lives," a new hour-long documentary film on the United Farm Workers movement and its 1973 grape strike, will be shown in a special premiere on April 25, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 4701 N. Charles St. at Doyle Hall.

The film is a moving and informative record of the farm workers' struggle, tracing the first efforts to organize migrant workers, the early successes of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers and the bitter struggle that ensued when many grape growers invited the Teamsters Union into the fields to take over the UFW's contracts in 1973.

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AFRO Sports

CLEVELAND'S FRANK ROBINSON

Frank eyes .500 Tribe mark in first season

His first-game butterflies swallowed, if not digested, Frank Robinson is anticipating an even-steven .500 season with his Cleveland Indians.

Talking to interviewers as things began to settle down for the long summer, Robbie recalled his standing prediction that Baltimore and new York should be co-favorites in the American League East Division and, "We should be considered right behind them, close.

"But I know we'll play at least .500 ball this season, and if we don't play better than .500, I'll be very disappointed."

For the Tribe to reach .500 at 81-81, they will have to pick up six more wins than last year when, at 77-85, they came in fourth behind Baltimore, New York and Boston.

Of their 77 victories Gaylord Perry had 21; his brother, Jim, 17 Fritz Peterson nine; and Dick Bosman seven. Tom Buskey and Fred Beene, obtained from the Yankees to man the bullpen, were 2-7 and 4-4.

And while the Indians have added plenty of "sock" in Boog Powell, Rico Carty and Robinson himself, many question whether the pitching staff can come up with enough good performances.

"Pitching-wise, we have enough if everybody does his job," Robinson said. "I definitely feel like we could have three 20-game winners on the pitching staff in the Perrys and Peterson."

On the safe side, if they manage 55 victories among them — no guarantee with Jim Perry 38 and Gaylord 36 — then the team would finish 85-77 if the other members of the staff can total only 30 wins.

Drama of Johnson era on Pratt film

"Jeffries/Johnson 1910," a powerful film that recreates the unforgettable championship match between Jack Johnson, first black heavyweight champion of the world, and Jim Jeffries, "The Great White Hope," will be given a free public showing at 4 p.m. on Wednesday (16th) at the Pimlico branch of the Pratt library, Garrison and Park Heights Avenues.

The motion picture uses rare old photographs and historic film footage with narration and an original ragtime score to document the classic fight, the incredible racist campaign which preceded it, and the anxious world that awaited its result.

Bobo Brazil ready for Butcher Vachon

Big Bobo Brazil will be well prepared for some rugged wrestling when he opposes Paul "Butcher" Vachon, an aggressive Canadian, in a defense of Bobo's World Wide Wrestling Fedration heavyweight championship in one of two one-fall finish matches that will be featured on the seven-event spring wrestling spectacular at the Baltimore Civic Center Saturday night, April 12, at 8:40 o'clock.

They will share the spotlight with another championship featured it, which Bruno Sammartino risks his WWWF world's heavyweight title against another Canadian, the Wolfman.

Both Vachom and the Wolfman are proteges of Fred Blassie, a veteran who has feuded fiercely with both Brazil and Sammartino previously and who has directed his proteges to go all out in these co-features.

Spiros Arion, the Greek sensation, meets Chief Jay Strongbow in an extra added attraction while a 2-of-3-fall tag team attraction ends the combination of Johnny Rodz and Jack Evans into combat against Sanchez.

Additional supporting matches list: Waldo Von Erich vs. Bill White, Joe Nova vs. Gorilla Monsoon and El Olympico vs. Hans Schroeder.

Eagles sold

Jim Sears and Bob Calvert have purchased the Baltimore Eagles from Baltimore advertising executive George Strakes.

TEEN SPORTS

Central 'Y' list Karate classes

By Greg Logan

What's happening to the baseball program in the MSA?

In Baltimore, which has produced Al Kaline, Tom Phoebus and Orioles rookie Tim Nordbrook, becoming a dead area for baseball? Why aren't more blacks getting into the sport?

These are questions that many people, including some major league scouts, are asking about America's national pasttime. Many are worried over the lack of attention baseball is receiving in the MSA from its student bodies.

Others express concern over the fact that as many blacks are not getting into the sport as in previous years.

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One reason for the lack of popularity of baseball among black youngsters, and especially those attending predominately black high schools, is the fact baseball is overshadowed by track and field, a sport that most black schools are particularly good in.

Other reasons might include the fact that some young blacks cannot afford the equipment to play the game properly, and therefore do not get the training needed at an early age. Still another reason is the lack of space available for informal games in large urban areas.

Whatever the reasons, the general feeling is that something must be done to improve the quality of baseball in the MSA. After Walbrook's Tuesday rout of Dunbar by a score of 23-2, an unidentified member of the Warriors' baseball team remarked, "The only two teams in this conference that give us (Walbrook) any competition are McDonogh and Gilman. They're really the only other teams worth playing."

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How do you feel about the sport? How can high school attendance at these games be improved? Write this column and let me know!

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The known Do, Korean Karate which employs many hand and foot techniques designed for physical and mental conditioning, will be offered at the Central Branch YMCA, 24 W. Franklin Street. The classes will be coeducational and open to all ages.

The karate program will continue year round from 6 to 7 p.m. Basic blocks, stances and the two basic front and side kicks which invoice must master will be taught.

Emphasis will be placed on defensive training rather than tournament fighting.

The fee for the course will be $20.

C. Park, holder of a 10th degree black belt, will instruct the class.

Tim Greene JUCO All-America

Timmy Greene, freshman forward at Catonsville, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Basketball Squad.

Greene was a 6-4 center and a graduate of Dunbar High School. During the season he averaged 24.2 points and 17 rebounds per game.

He also was Catonsville's co-captain and was selected to the Maryland Junior College Regional Twenty and Maryland Junior College Tournament first teams.

He was coach Sam Knisley's second All-American in the last three years and the third in the last five years.

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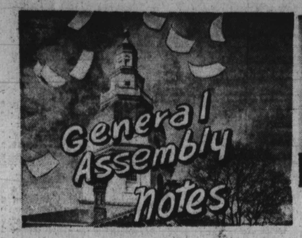

Ms. CHATMAN

—Black citizens get 'a few'

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the Rosenberg Commission.

The commission was appointed by the governor to study higher education in the state and to make recommendations regarding proposed changes in the system. It is rumored that one recommendation will be to make Morgan a university. The report will be made officially on May 7.

DEATH PENALTY

Both versions of the proposed death penalty bill have been passed and sent to the governor for his consideration. The bill provides for a mandatory sentence of death in cases of first degree murder. The measures were sponsored by the governor.

STATE PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM

A bill providing for the creation of the office of Chief State Prosecutor and a consilidation of the state prosecutors under a state office also passed both houses after. This bill was sponsored by Governor Mandel and Sen. John Carroll Byrnes (D-44th).

JUDICIAL SELECTION

A bill providing for the selection and removal of appelate court judges by 1-3-member, governor-appointed panel has also been enacted. This measure was also sponsored by the governor.

CONSUMER LEGISLATION

In other areas, very little legislation designed to help poor or black people and consumers was passed. The majority of the bill passed and signed by the governor were local or special interests bills and bills that he himself sponsored.

Black legislators who concentrated their efforts in areas concerning consumer protection and benefits for the poor were not entirely successful. But, a number of good bills did manage to get through.

Among them was one measure, introduced by Del. Larry Young (D-38th) which provides for workmen's compensation for domestics. Under this bill, a person who makes at least $250 a quarter from one employer is entitled to workmen's compensation Insurance to be paid by that employer.

LANDLORD TENANT

Another bill enacted was a measure requiring that landlords be held responsible for the conditions and qualities of their property during the entire time that it is inhabited by the tenant. The measure, which was introduced by Sen. Clarence W. Blount, (D-41st), was supported by the Legal Aid Bureau.

CREDIT ACCOUNTS

Also passed was a bill, introduced by Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon (D-38th), which provides for regulations concerning the handling of credit accounts. The bill provides that, in cases where a person has made payments in excess of cost, that the store or holder of the account send a monthly statement to that person notifying them of the excess. After four months, it requires that they refund the excess by check.

Another bill, introduced by Del. Pinkney A. Howell (D-41st), providing for certain procedures in cases of eviction, was also enacted.

HANDGUN REVIEW BOARD

A measure, introduced by Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr. (D-41st), requiring that the Handgun Review Board hold herings in all cases where persons have had their gun permit revoked or canceled. At present, the board turns away most applicants for hearings.

FOUD FOR ALL

A resolution, introduced by Del. Decatur W. Trotter (D-25th) of Prince George's County, calling for a study of food needs and for a decent supply of food for every citizen was enacted.

VOTING RIGHTS

A resolution, introduced by Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon (D-38th), calling on Congress to extend the 1965 Voting Rights Act until 1985 was also passed by both houses.

VOTING REGISTRATION

In addition, a bill introduced by Del. Larry Young (D-30th) providing that voter registration forms be published periodically in weekly and daily newspapers that circulate in subordinarily in those subdivisions which have adopted voter registration by mail.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Another bill passed that would help the elderly and the poor was the circuit breaker, providing tax reliefs for homeowners over the age of 60. The bill would provide $16 million in funding for aid. At present, a controversy has arisen surrounding the funding of the program.

The bill is to be funded by a 1 cent tax on domestic insurance. There is some question about the use of such a tax.

BILLS THAT FAILED

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Among the bills that did not make through both houses of the General Assembly were a series of consumer protection bills introduced by Sen. Clarence W. Blount (D-41st) and Delegates Hattie N. Harrison and Nathaniel Exum (D-25th).

One bill would have provided for licensing of consumer debt collection agencies and would have strengthened the present laws dealing with the harassment of consumers by debt collectors.

Another bill would have prohibited a consumer credit reporting agency from releasing information about a person without their written permission and would have allowed a person to see their credit report and to challenge information in that report.

FAMILY COURT

Another bill, introduced by Sen. Blount, providing for the establishment of a Family Court System to consolidate all court cases affecting children, parents, spouses and the family as a whole under one roof, also did not make it.

However, the bill, which was supported by the Legal Aid Bureau, has been sent to the Legislative Council for study over the summer.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORM

Both Senate Bills providing for reform of the legislative scholarship program failed to pass that body.

HUMAN RELATIONS

A bill which would have given enforcement powers to the State Human Relations Commission, was also sent to the Legislative Council for further study. The bill was sponsored by the governor but failed to gain strong support.

MARYLAND HOME FINANCING

A measure that would have provided for the creation of a Maryland Home Financing Authority also failed to pass this session. The bill, which would have provided for $100 million in funds for mortage loans.

FARE TRADE REPEAL

Other bills which failed to get through were bills proposing the repeal of the Fair Trade Acts of the 1930's. Both the House and Senate versions of the bills were killed in the House of Delegates

—Rent control

(FROM PAGE ONE)

of both bills on March 20.

"The tenants must have some knowledge that their rent will not be raised," said Mrs. Jacqueline Magazine, president of the Strathmore House Tenants Association of Montgomery County, as she testified for the same bills.

"The only knowledge that the tenants in Baltimore city now have is that things are getting worse!

PLANNING THAT LAST MINUTE STRATEGY — Del. Walter R. Dean Jr. (L) begins to get ready for some last minute wheeling and dealing. In the Center is Del. Pinkney A. Howell and to the right is Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr. All three delegates in this photo by AFRO staffer Angela Chatman represent the 41st Legislative District.

Navyman Robert K. Coles, son of Mrs. Harriet Coles of Springdale Ave., Baltimore was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill.

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BUSY AT WORK — Del. Troy F. Brailey (L) and Del. Lloyal Randolph (R) (D 40th) take care of some business in the photo by AFRO staffer Angela Chatman.

Assemblymen hail Juvenile Services

ANNAPOLIS—Two resolutions congratulating the Juvenile Services Administration and its director, Robert C. Hilson, have been adopted by the Maryland General Assembly.

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House Resolution 115, introduced by Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon (D. 38th) and Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr. (D, 41st), congratulates the department on "the success of its Community Detention Program."

The program, which is federally funded through the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement, provides for intense supervision of young offenders without institutionalization.

Director Hilson pointed out that in its first year, the program has a 92.5 per cent success rate.

Another resolution, Senate Resolution 140, introduced by Sen. Clarence W. Blount, (D, 41st), commends the JJuvenile Services Administration "for its continuing efforts to upgrade the quality of programs provided at the state training schools in the state."

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Hilson pointed out that the quality of instruction in the schools had been in question and the department began to take steps to improve the programing.

THE STATE OF THINGS

Off with their heads—again

By Don and Val Hymes

The ancient practice of cutting off the messenger's head when he brought bad news has been recalled many times lately in the continuing feud between politicians and the press.

The latest flare-up probably began in the days when Spiro Agnew was riding high as Vice President, railing against the "Eastern Establishment Press" for trying to coerce government into its own image.

It continued into the early days of the Watergate investigation, when the White House insisted that the whole thing was a creation of a diabolical media.

So now that Agnew has fallen and the much maligned Watergate stories turned out to have been true after all, the press is free to pursue the truth without fear of retaliation because government officials have seen the error of their ways. Right?

WRONG

We need only look as far away as Annapolis to see how duly elected public officials once again renewed their annual effort to legislate restrictions on a free press because they fear — they don't use that word, of course — that dogged reporting and fearless editorial writing will somehow overturn the good order.

Take, for example, the majority leader of the House of Delegates, John S. Arnick of Baltimore County, who fought to have editorial writers included in a lobbyist reform bill by calling them "the biggest lobbyists around here."

"You change your votes because of pressures back home," Arnick told his colleagues. "That pressure comes from newspapers"

Finally, on a roll call, 68 of his colleagues voted no — enough to kill the amendment. Perhaps they knew that most newsmen couldn't afford to buy a legislator lunch, even if they got to eat lunch themselves.

Or maybe they just realized that the pressures back home really come from the folks back home. But it was scary enough that 48 delegates didn't see things that way.

CONTEMPT FOR THE PRESS

If the bill had passed, it would have been signed by the governor before the ink dried on the rubber stamp. His contempt for the press is widely known and frequently reported in this column.

Just a few days after that vote, Governor Mandel admitted to The Washington Post that he had known after all that two of his closest allies had held previously secret interests in a racetrack.

He knew it, in other words, on Feb. 6 when he told 27 newsmen, whose only purpose for being there was to pass the governor's words on to his public: "I have no knowledge of any interest nor have I been informed of any nor have they ever told me of any nor has anyone ever told me of any. I don't know of any."

A LIE

That was, in fact, one of the most forthright answers the governor has ever given a news conference, and now it turns out to have been — what's that word? — a lie.

But Mandel doesn't see it that way. Why? Because he feels that the news stories about the racetrack involvement of Dale Hess and Harry Rodgers were stupid.

Shrugging off the obvious inconsistency, Mandel charged that the question of their involvement "was immaterial. Suppose they were involved, what difference does it make? You say (meaning the press) see a specter of something that wasn't there."

That, of course, is what they said during the six months of the Agnew investigation — that the press was fabricating all kinds of skeletons to plant in Agnew's lilywhite closet. And that's what Ron Ziegler and friends said of the same Washington Post when it refused to shut up about Watergate.

Ziegler finally apologized for vilifying the Post. But apparently neither he, nor his boss, ever felt it necessary to apologize to the public for lying.

REGULAR ATTACKS

The media are no so thin-skinned that these regular attacks bother them personally, but they are realistic enough to know that governors and legislators and the FCC have the power to cut off their heads if the messages rile them enough. And since this movement is not limited to Maryland by any means, it's no idle threat.

Most newsmen have to laugh when questioned about disclosing their financial dealings as politicians and lobbyists must. "Why not?" they retort. "What's to disclose?" Who's the last newsman to get rich promoting a cause? Do we dare ask the same question about politicians?

FREE PRESS

Perhaps there are journalists who breach their profession's code. They will be ostracized by their colleagues — count on that, but a law on the books — any law — will be only a first step toward a regulated press.

We must never forget that our founding fathers guaranteed a free press expressly to keep an eye on the workings of government — not the other way around.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ernest C. Peterlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Peterlin of Robin Hill Road, Baltimore, was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Red Cross honors lifesavers

Four Baltimore area residents were cited for extraordinary personal valor in lifesaving by the Baltimore Regional Red Cross at its 34th annual safety programs recognition dinner held recently.

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Receiving the Red Cross Longfellow Award from Warren W. Weaver, local chapter vice-chairman were: Miss Janet Cantwell, of Reisterstown, and Stephen Rosenstein, of Owings Mills, who saved the life of Miss Cantell's foster mother by applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiac compression after she had suffered a heart attack.

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Glenn Horner, of Sykesville, who last summer saved a young boy from drowning at the swimming area of Huntington Creek State Park.

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Earl E. Rhoad, of Woodlawn, who used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiac compression to save the life of a fellow employee of the Maryland Cup Corporation.

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Also honored was Harry T. Sanford, of Parkville, who received the Dr. Samuel McLanahan Jr., Award for his exceptional contributions during 25 years as a volunteer safety instructor.

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The Red Cross Hall of Fame Award, given to volunteers with 15 consecutive years of outstanding service, was presented to H. Calvin Parker, who has logged over 3,000 volunteer hours, Nathan C. Kanlor, of Pikesville, who has been a safety volunteer since 1939 and Elwood H. Davenport, of Parkville, who has volunteered more than 6,100 hours.

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Recipients of the Oscar Wilson Hoar Award, presented to the outstanding volunteer in each of the three Red Cross safety programs, were: first aid: Kenneth L. Young, Frankford Avenue; water safety: John Lagna, Mannasota Road; small craft safety; Ian Neuman, Fords Lane.

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A special certificate of appreciation was presented to Harold E. Muma for his efforts in establishing the Inner Harbor Sailing School.

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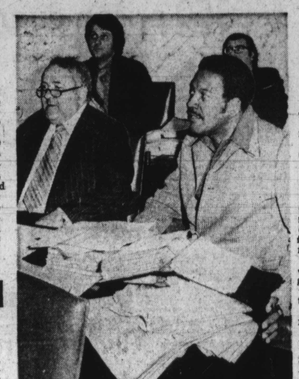
Samuel A. Clauss, safety programs chairman for the Baltimore Regional Red Cross, presided at the dutch-treat dinner.

VOLUNTEER HONORED—H. Calvin Parker (left), of Barrington Road, receives the Red Cross Hall of Fame Award from William J. Amberman, chairman of First Aid. Parker was presented the award for his 15 consecutive years of volunteer service.



ATTENTIVE FRESHMAN — Sen. Robert L. Douglass (D 45th), his freshman year as a senator coming to a close, watches attentively during a vote in this photo by AFRO staffer Angela Chatman. Seated to his right is Sen. Joseph S. Bonvegna (D 46th).