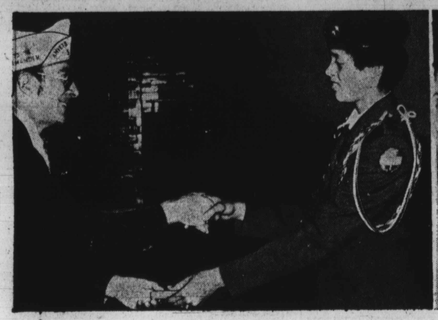
Morgan ROTC takes the spotlight



ROTC AWARDS DAY witnessed these Morgan State College students receiving citations (from left in photos by SP5 Jerome Howard) are, Cadet Staff Sgt. Michelle Y.

Washington receiving the Veterans of World War II, Korean and Vietnam Medal from George F. Siacum; Howard H.

Murphy, comptroller, giving the AFRO Best Company Trophy Award to Cadet Capt. Richard E. Sutton with Sgt. 1st

Class Oliver N. Wilson looking on; Cadet Sgt. Frank E. Russell Jr. gets the American Legion Silver Medal from

LT. COL. JOHN H. BRANCH JR. presents the Richard E. Robinson award to Cadet Sgt. Charles Wilson; Col. William

A. Harris presents the Association of the U.S. Army Award to Cadet Howard M. Wilkes; Cadet Major Bernard A. Barnes

received the Armed Forces Communication and Elections Asso. Honor Medal from AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M.

Oliver; Mrs. Jeanette Johnson presents the E. Johnson Memorial Trophy to Cadet Sgt. Walter R. Hunter.

Red Cross needs summer youth volunteers

Summer jobs will be hard to get again this year. But there's still plenty of work to be done.

The Red Cross needs summer youth volunteers 14-years and older to serve in area hospitals, in the Red Cross Bloodmobile, community programs, and for those who qualify, as Motor Service drivers.

Volunteers are needed to act as recreation aides at Rosewood State hospital. They are needed to serve as escorts for patients, to work in the library, laboratory, dental clinic, and to assist with clerical duties at the Veterans Administration and U.S. Public Health Service hospitals.

Red Cross youth will also serve on Red Cross Bloodmobile visits throughout the metropolitan area assisting the medical team by registering donors, taking temperatures, labeling containers, and assisting with other non-technical duties.

Youth volunteers work with children at day care centers in recreation, games, music and art projects, and also will be serving the elderly in nursing homes.

Those volunteers who qualify to be Red Cross Motor Service drivers will transport other volunteers to their assignments and take patients for drives to hospitals and clinics.

All Red Cross volunteers will receive an orientation course in June at the Baltimore chapter as well as on-the-job training for most positions, for an interview or more information, call the Baltimore Red Cross at 467-9905.

ROTC ceremonies held at Morgan

Morgan State College ROTC commissioning ceremonies are Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Carl Murphy Auditorium when eight 1975 graduates will be commissioned 2nd lieutenants.

Earlier, the Major Awards ceremonies witnessed presentations in the presence of Interim President Thomas P. Fraser, Military Science Professor Lt. Col. John H. Branch Jr., assistant professors, Majors Lovie M. Pearson, Richard A. Carey and Howell Sasser; Capts. Robert F. Cheeks and William K. Lathrom and other officials, MSG Dave C. Perry, SFC Oliver B. Wilson, Mrs. Martha Russell and Mrs. Lillian Wright.

ROTC Queens Awards went to Misses Michele Y. Washington, Linda D. Adams, Robin D. Bell, Lillian Smith, Gwendolyn Jones, Rubina Snowden, Cheryl Davis, Sandra Thompson.

Awards presented prior to ceremonies went to Cadets Linda A. Boatwright, Venita Burton, Lemuel Cousins, William Crutchfield, Bernie L. Davis, Walter R. Hunter, Frank E. Russell Jr., Novain T. Sharps, Charles Wilson.

And, Cadets Charlene Carter, Raymond Crutchfield, Richard D. Giles, Relesta James, Michael Jones, Patricia Pickett, Alfred Robinson, Clover B. Street III, Burt Whitehurst, Howard Wilkes.

Others receiving awards are:

Cadets Major Michael Bell, Lt. Col. Kenneth Love, 1st Sgt. Kendall O. Thompson, Howard Wilkes, Maj. Bernard A. Barnes, 1st Lt. Richard G. Snyder, 1st Lt. Cadet 1st Sgt. Sammy G. Wigleswoth, Sgt. Frank E. Russell Jr.

Cadets Pvt. 1st Class Richard D. Giles, Pvt. 1st Class Alfred B. Robinson, Capt. Michael Woolford, Corp. Linda A. Boatright, 1st Lt. Robert L. Riddick, 1st Sgt. Michael Johnson, Corp. Bernice L. Davis, Ralph I. Martin.

Cadets Staff Sgt. Washington, Sgt. 1st Class Keith B. Owens, Sgt. Walter R. Hunter, Sgt. Charles Wilson, Sgt. Novain T. Sharps, Pvt. 1st Class Clover B. Street III, Capt. Richard E. Sutton, Pvt. 1st Class Beverly Lipsey, Corp. Crutchfield, Miss Estella Ennis and the Rev. Howard L. Cornish, director, Morgan Christian Center.

Certificates of achievement for support of the ROTC Program went to CPT Steven Blum, the AFRO's Mrs. Ida Peters, Cleave Brister, Harry Carpenter, Mrs. Mary Clayburn, Tim Conway, Flan Couch, Ms. Edith House, Mrs. Eileen Howard, Elmer R. Johnson, Mrs. Muriel Johnson, James R. Jolley, James L. Meads, Mrs. Beatrice Randolph, Norman Ross, Mayor Schaefer, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Richard Turner and Miss Vesta West.

Social Security checks get fatter July 1

Some 35 million Americans on Social Security or adult welfare are due to get an 8 per cent benefit increase beginning July 1.

Retired persons over 65 will get from $7.60 to $37 more.

Increases for 31.3 million Social Security recipients will take effect in June, payable in July 3 checks, and for 4 million Supplemental Security Income recipients payable in checks beginning July 1.

Among couples, the maximum increase would be $37 for a total of $511.

The maximum monthly federal SSI benefit will go up $11.70 to $157.70 for individuals and up $17.60 to $236.60 for couples.

Only five black jurists in Maryland circuit courts

There are now two vacancies on the Maryland District Court bench. One vacancy is caused by the elevation of Judge Charles E. Edmondson to the Circuit Court of Dorchester County.

The other vacancy was caused by the creation of a new seat on the Prince George's County bench during this year's session of the Maryland General Assembly. A similar move was made to create a new seat in Baltimore but failed.

At present, only five of the 81 seats in the 12 district courts are held by black judges. At one time there were six black jurists.

In Baltimore there are Judge William Murphy Sr.; Judge James Bundy; Judge Solomon Baylor and 31-year-old Judge Robert "Mack" Bell, the youngest judge in the history of the state of Maryland. The other is Judge Henry Johnson in Prince George's County.

All District Court judges are appointees of the governor and require the confirmation by the State Senate. They do not run for their seats as do Appellate Court Judges.

Chief Judge Robert Sweeney noted that there is a shortage of black judges in Maryland. He attributed that to a shortage of black attorneys in certain areas.

"The only black lawyers that appear before me on the (Eastern) shore are Baltimore city lawyers," he told the AFRO. He believes that "in at least 15 or 16 of Maryland's 23 counties" there are no black lawyers practicing.

"If we're going to get more blacks on the bench they're going to have to come from Baltimore City and Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's and Howard Counties."

CHERRY HILL PARADE held last Friday saw many floats that took a lot of hard work to put together. This float sponsored by the Department of Recreation of Cherry Hill had as its theme, "Recreation is a World of Fun." (Photo by R. M. Matthews)

Prepare now to go to adult school this summer

A veteran's training program including high school and trade offerings is available under the GI Bill. Arrangements can be made for veterans to enroll during the summer session. Telephone 396-1612 for information.

The vocational-trade program available at the Carver Center will include bricklaying, basic electricity, data process, radio and TV repair, tailoring, typing, and welding.

For those interested in preparing for the Maryland High School Equivalency examination, review classes in Science, Mathematics, English, and Social Studies will be offered at the Douglass and Eastern Centers.

Adult Evening Center classes meet two or four evenings per week Monday through Thursday, beginning June 16 and extending through Aug. 7 from 7 to 9:40 p.m.

Three evening centers will offer academic and vocational courses for adults during this summer.

The schools are the Carver Adult Center, 2201 Presstman St.; the Douglass Adult Center, 2201 Gwynns Falls Parkway; and the Eastern Adult Center, 1101 East 33rd St. Registration is June 12, 7 p.m. Classes begin Monday, June 16, 7 p.m.

A complete high school program for adults is available at the Eastern Center and the Douglass Center. A Business Education program including bookkeeping, business arithmetic, business machines, office practice, shorthand and typing is offered at the Eastern and Douglass Centers.

Angela Davis speaks here May 28

Ms. Angela Davis, co-chairperson of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, will speak on the plight of Wilmington Ten at a public rally on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clavert Educational Center, 200 E. North Ave.

The affair is being sponsored by the Baltimore Wilmington Ten Defense Committee to whip public support for the ten men accused of arson and conspiracy to assault emergency personnel. Each of the men is facing a maximum jail term of 34 years. They are currently out of jail on a total of $400,000 appeal bond.

Last week, the North Carolina Supreme Court refused to hear the case of Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington Ten.

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V.D., the lovers' disease

By Cynthia K. Grandison
Reflections Staff Writer

(Editor's note: This is the first article of a six-part series)

The term "venereal" is derived from the Latin word for Venus, Roman goddess of love. Because the chief venereal diseases, gonorrhea and syphilis, are caught through sexual contact, the term is appropos.

More than likely, you have been exposed to the euphemistic phrase: "the lovers' disease," or "the syph." Though these diseases have many labels, they are not discussed nearly enough. Ignorance is one of the chief contributing factors in the alarming rate of communicability gonorrhea and syphilis display.

For the next five weeks this section, Reflections, will publish articles exposing the truths behind both diseases. We invite and urge you to send in questions that will be answered for the benefit of all.

We also have at our disposal two general information pamphlets that will be sent to you on request. Write: V. D. Booklets, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY AND ALL IDENTIFICATION OF ANY SORT WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

Also to be featured, the address of an information station and clinic.

Our office will be keeping close contact with the Baltimore City Health Department's venereal disease experts who will assist in answering questions.

One of those knowledgeable persons, John Bruce, program coordinator V. D. division, Baltimore City Health Department, talked with the AFRO this week.

What are some of the myths about V. D.? Mr. Bruce says that one of the myths might be: Do black people contract venereal diseases on a larger scale than whites?

The answer is NO. Nor does this apply to any other minorities. Nor can it be reversed to apply to only the white race.

The reason behind the spreading of that gross misconception, more blacks tend to be treated at clinics; whereas, more whites tend to be treated by private physicians.

Clinical cases are statistically and private cases are not. It stands to reason, when statistics are tallied the clinical cases where blacks outweigh whites will show the latter as having V.D. more often.

Though the statistics have their fallacies, Baltimore City ranks ninth in the country for cases of gonorrhea and syphilis. If you have sex with an assortment of persons your chances of contracting V.D. are high. It is advisable to have a check-up if you never have or have them more often.

Chief spreaders

This warning should be heeded by females in particular. Females are the chief spreaders. A woman, more often than not, cannot tell that she has V.D. — especially gonorrhea.

Syphilis is usually manifest by an outwardly visable lesion of chancre; however, it could be concealed in the vaginal tract.

Gonorrhea is the worst. It is characterized by irritation and whitish discharge. But, because the bacteria lives best on the mucous membrane of sexual organs, it will grow, unknowingly, in the female's vaginal tract. Unless she keeps close check, the discharge will go unnoticed.

Unlike the male, who experiences excruciating pain in the early stages, females have no pain.

V.D. is nothing to play with; it is an evergrowing social disease — its victims are not discriminated against.

Reflections invites you to ask questions about V.D. which will be answered by doctors who specialize in the curing and prevention of venereal disease. Have a question? Write: V.D. AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. Your name will not be printed.

Next week: "The Treatment of V.D."

REMEMBER . . .

1. Syphilis and gonorrhea damage thousands of Americans each year.
2. Syphilis and gonorrhea can be cured before permanent damage occurs.
3. Syphilis and gonorrhea can ONLY be treated by a physician.

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL FASHION SHOW

Fashion Checkout--Spring '75

From the Patricia Stevens Modeling Studio is Quianna Cooke, model and designer. She is shown here in Akim MaAkbar original, a black crepe evening dress banded in silver mesh.

LEFT: Yvonne Stewart, Miss Black Maryland International and Flair Studio model in a Genevieve Massey evening coat and dress of electric blue of peau de soie with exposed midriff. CENTER: Laura Bollin, Flair Studio, in an original Anease Williams and Mary Pryor blue satin evening suit with chanel jacket. RIGHT: Rosemary Backus, a Diana Kane model, shows off this George McCain (Bowie) emerald green crepe ensemble, highlighted with bat wing sleeves with green ostrich feathers.

Catherine Wooten of NAFAD had this mist green leisure suit of linen in the Provident show. It is worn by Oliver Odum of Black Odyssey Modeling Agency.

Designers

Mary Buster, Bernice Cooper, Kevin Garner, George R. McCain, Jr., Genevieve Massey, Walburton Pulley, Akin Ra-Akbar, Tom Robinson, Gene Simms; Butta-Fly Manufacturing Company—Butta (J. L.) Williams and Andre Cross; Maryland Institute of Art—Ann Anderson, Hillary Figinski, Steven Saden, Elvin Edmonds, Roxy Gaither and Toni Zito;

National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD) — Jaki Britton, Christy Brown, Wendy Robinson, Selena Thomas and Catherine Wooten;

The Young Designers — Mary Pryor and Aease Williams;

Models

Eric Alsup, Rosemary Backus, Andrea Bland, Laura Bollin, Danielle Brooks, Quianna Cooke, Joyce Dixon, Patricia Dove, Sherron Garrison, Linda Hall, Artartus Jenkins;

Happy Mitchell, Janice Moses, Michael Newton, Oliver Odum, Degas Owens, Michelle Paradise, Lawrence Parker, Gwen Patillo, Linda Stewart, Yvonne Stewart, Cee Cee Stokes;

Rising Stars — Mark Burrell, Elva Dankins, Gilda Dixon, Dorothy Francis, Sharon Hatcher, Shawan Patterson, Cathy Pugh.

Committees

Gift Cart, Daisy Harris; Gift Shop, Floree Montgomery; Hospitality, Josephine Short, Telephone Squad, Ernestine Jones, Carolyn Veazey, Ardella Galmore; Membership, Virginia Brown; Program, Ruth Pratt; Nominating Committee, Vivian Scott; Decorations, Lucretia Cumbo.

Provident Hospital Auxiliary: Dorothy W. Tucker, president; Ruth Pratt, vice president; Virginia 1st vice president; Beatrice W. Avery, 2nd vice president; June Gee, recording secretary; Sarah Lyles, corresponding secretary; Carolyn E. Holmes, asst. corresponding secretary

Fashion designer Walburton Pulley (Walburton LTD) had his peach Quiana evening dress with flared sleeves and circular skirt in the Sunday show. It was worn by model, Gwen Kellam, president, Flair, Inc.

Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

Designer Wendy Robinson of NAFAD showed her chocolate silk caftan evening coat and dress with ice orange satin lining in the Provident Hospital fashion show, modeled by Shawan Patterson, Flair Studio.

Community calendar

MAY 23

Pre-Memorial Day Frolic sponsored by the Chesapeake Club, Inc., to benefit 25th Anniversary Committee; 2216 Eutaw Place, 5-9 p.m.

Local Teen Beauty Pageant, Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center, Pennsylvania Ave. and Lanvale Sts., 7 p.m.

MAY 24

YPB Bazaar, sponsored by Bethel A.M.E. Church; Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., rides, games, band, white elephant sale, sweet tables, flowers, Morgan State information booth, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Maryland Association of Ministers' Wives, Annual Meeting, Zion Baptist Church, 1700 N. Caroline St., featuring "The Minister's Wife-of-the- Year," 1 p.m.

MAY 25

Grand United Order of Tents, Annual Banquet, J. R. Giddings and Jollifree Union; Baltimore Hilton, 4-7 p.m.

Commencement — Morgan State College; Hill Field House, 2 p.m.

MAY 27

Foster Care Holder Seminar sponsored by Provident Hospital Consultation and Education Department; Provident Hospital Auditorium, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

MAY 29

Commencement — University of Maryland, Baltimore; Baltimore Civic Center, 3 p.m.

Open House sponsored by Urban Services Cultural Arts Project Center G; James McHenry School and Schroeder St., 7 p.m.

MAY 30

Arena Players, Inc., 10th Annual Awards Presentation, honoring Esther Rolle of "Good Times," Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd., 7 p.m.

Closing Day of "Operation Membership, 1975" Madison Avenue YWCA Membership Drive. Call 669-1881 to join.

JUNE 1

Somerset Modern Dancers, Sixth Annual Dance Recital, Madison Square Recreation Center, 1400 E. Biddle St., 4:30 p.m.

JUNE 1

Commencement — Towson State College; Baltimore Civic Center, 2 p.m.

JUNE 7

Commencement — Bowie State College; Physical Education complex, 10 a.m.

JUNE 8

Commencement — Community College of Baltimore, Liberty Campus, 3 p.m.

JUNE 11

Commencement — University of Baltimore; Baltimore Civic Center, 8 p.m.

June 23, July 25

Wim-a-Was Day Camp opens for boys and girls 6-12 years old, at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Send us community notices

You can have your notices included in the AFRO's Community Calendar. Send us the dates of meetings, civic and social events, weddings, parties . . . anything of community interest to: Community Calendar, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. There is no charge.

Miss U.S. Talented Teen

The Fifth Annual Hal Jackson's Miss U.S. Talented Teen Maryland Pageant will be held Sunday, June 1, 1975, at 6 p.m. at Poly Western Auditorium, 1400 W Coldspring Lane.

Donations will be given to Provident Hospital and Baltimore Scholarship Fund, Inc.

The theme of the pageant is "Love (Our Way)." There are 15 contestants participating in the pageant. They are: Robin Lynn Bridgeforth, Joann Felder, Joyce Porter, Wanda Denise Savage;

Also Staffney Stroman, Cassandra Walker, Debra Williams, Janeen Skinner, Eleanor Matthew, Lisa Nance, Nancy Griffin, Natalie Lomax, Mendel Mathews, and Michele.

The staff includes: Maurice Hulbert, executive producer; Pinnie L. Ross directress; Marti Franklin, coordinator; Edna Hill, former Mis Black Teen-age America, special assistant; Rae C. Ross, choreographer, and Lynnett Montgomery, make-up artist.

Local club notes

Grand United Order of Tents

The J. R. Giddings and Jolifee Union of the Grand United Order of Tents will host its annual banquet on May 25, 4-7 p.m. at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. Esther Phillips is chairperson; president, Southern district is Josephine Reaves, Ayden, N.C.; superintendent, Charlotte D. Williams, Richmond, Va.

Guest speaker for the affair will be Mrs. Muriel B. Drakes, deputy commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Industry, in New York City Economic Development Administration. Mrs. Drake is the first woman deputy commissioner of the Economic Development Administration and the highest ranking woman in the agency.

Young Gentlemen

The Young Gentlemen of the Sphinx Club will hold a Father's Day Cocktail Sip on Sunday, June 15, 5-10 p.m. The affair will be at the club, 2107 Pennsylvania Ave.

Proceeds will benefit underprivileged children.

Martiniques, Inc.

Hostess for the recent meeting of the Martiniques, Inc. was Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, president. The group was entertained at a dinner dance at the Towson Plaza.

District Eight

Members of the District Eight will host their Local Teen Beauty Pageant, Friday, May 23, 7 p.m. at the Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center.

Young women representing the center will be judged on diction, grace, poise, gown, beachwear and talent. They will range from age 14-19. The winner will become Miss R. C. Marshall 1975-76.

Attention all organizations

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