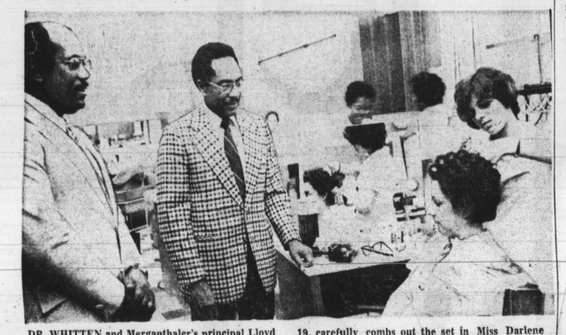
Vocational Ed. Week

This week Vocational Education Week, witnessed the students involved in vocational education opening their classrooms to show what they have learned.

Parents and citizens in the community were allowed to participate in panel discussions, and witness demonstrations by the students. They were guests at various programs and listened to representatives from the various vocations talk about the importance of a vocation.

DR. BENJAMIN WHITTEN and Carver instructor Sumner Clark watch the able construction of a wall of wood paneling by 12th grader Donald Savoy and John Weathers.



DR. WHITTEN and Merganthaler's principal Lloyd M. Alston wait attentively as Miss Brenda Lamb, 19, carefully combs out the set in Miss Darlene McCallister's hair.

Board may act on Carroll post

APPOINTMENTS

Baltimore school officials refused to comment Wednesday on what new position Roland Park Elementary School principal James L. Carroll will hold until the School Board's Credential Committee meets next week.

Carroll, along with vice-principal Alfred D. Proffitt, asked Jan. 30 to be reassigned to another post in the school system citing frustrating changes in the school schedule and desegregation plan, unruly pupils and rumors that he would be replaced as his reasons for the request.

The committee will also act on a recommendation that Proffitt be moved to a post at Pimlico Jr. High and whether three nominees, submitted by regional superintendent William Murray, should replace the two top Roland Park administrators and second vice-principal Robert Wells who was reassigned two weeks ago.

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Carroll told the AFRO that he had been considering asking for reassignment for quite awhile. He stated that it was several incidents in school that made him decide to file the request.

One such incident occurred when a pupil, transferred to Roland Park after being suspended from another school, started a fight in the cafeteria while Mark K. Joseph, School Board president, was there.

"The pressure is more than I want to be involved with right now," he said.

Carroll stated that his health played an important role in his decision. The elementary school principal had fallen seriously ill last May and did not return to Roland Park until last fall.

Teachers at the school praised both Carroll and Proffitt as very dedicated administrators and have sent signed petitions to the School Board and Superintendent Murray asking that the vice-principal be left at the school until June.

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Roland Park, once considered an elite school serving the children of the area's upper middle class residents, has a junior high school as well as the elementary school.

Under the city's various desegregation plans the junior high which was 63 per cent black in 1973 now has an enrollment of 70 per cent while the elementary school is 75 per cent white.

UMBC to observe first homecoming

The first homecoming ever held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County will be observed Feb. 20-22 on the 10-year-old Catonville campus.

UMBC Chancellor Calvin B. T. Lee will officially kick off the weekend activities Friday afternoon with a welcome address to all students, faculty, staff and administrators. Later that evening, all will meet again for a basketball game pitting faculty against students.

Saturday afternoon, various campus clubs will match strength and endurance in an "anything goes" stunt tournament, followed by a volleyball championship. The homecoming game is scheduled for 8 that evening in gym two.

Dances featuring live bands will be held in the Commuter Cafe after the games Friday and Saturday nights. Other events planned for the weekend include a pep rally Friday, movie Saturday, and a fashion and talent show Sunday afternoon.

For more information, contact Keith Dorsey at 455-2220 or 455-2498.

Feb. 17

The Baltimore Chapter, National Association of Accountants, will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17 at the Club Venos. Richard A. Killian, manager of Management Advisory Services for the Philadelphia office of Haskins & Sells will speak on "Inventory Management and Profit." For membership information, call Terry Smith at 828-4460.

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Sen. Douglass feels the Black Caucus can do it

By Ben Phillips
Annapolis Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — "I am not a publicity seeking guy, but I see my election as an opportunity to provide some leadership to a segment of the legislature that's unique. The only way for us to be effective as a unique group of legislators interested in our constituents' problems is for us to be united on some very important issues."

NEW CAUCUS HEAD — Sen. Robert L. Douglass, D-45th, was elected chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus at the beginning of this session. In this photo, the senator goes over correspondence from concerned citizens some of whom wish to appear before the Caucus. Sen. Douglass is not new to the political arena, and he hopes to strengthen the Caucus while he is at the helm.

(Ben Phillips photo)

Sen. Robert L. Douglass, D-45th, was reacting to his recent election as chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus. He was elected at the beginning of the session to succeed Del. Lloyd Phillips, D-41st, who relinquished the position after holding it three years.

For Sen. Douglass, the chairmanship is a lot of extra work, but he is ready to meet the challenge head-on. He feels that unity is the key on issues of paramount importance to blacks.

Last year, the unity of the Black Caucus on the Morgan State University bill was instrumental in making that dream a reality. A more recent example is the unified position the Caucus has taken on SB 288 which it is opposing. Its position has affected the final outcome of this legislation.

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Sen. Douglass told the committee that he was there not for himself but as chairman of the Caucus. He skillfully guided the testimony of other black delegates and Elbert Guillory, executive director of the Human Relations Commission.

If the success in channeling a unified position on SB 288 is any kind of indication of what to expect, then, one can assume that the new chairman has started off on the right foot.

Sen. Douglass was elected to the State Senate in 1974. Prior to that, he was a member of the Baltimore City Council where he served two four-year terms.

As councilman he served as chairman of the ways and means sub-committee, vice-chairman of the education sub-committee, budget and finance committee, the urban affairs Committee and was a member of the planning commission.

In the same year that he was elected to the City Council, he founded and co-formed the Eastside Democratic Organization which has helped elect several important candidates to the Maryland General Assembly and Baltimore City Council.

In addition to the senator's other political achievements, he was an elected delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention and was an elected member of the Second District State Central Committee, 1970-74.

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Sen. Douglass is the founder and president of Baltimore Electronics Associates, Inc., a small electronics manufacturing firm located in the inner city. The company manufactures power supplies for OEM equipment and intercommunication boxes for the U.S. Electronics Command.

The eldest son of John and Jennie Douglass, he was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina. He attended Doobar Junior-Senior High School, and he received bachelor of science degree in mathematics form Morgan State University in 1953, and in electronic engineering from Johns rolled in the master's degree program in mathematics at American University in 1963 and Morgan State College in 1965.

He and his wife of 29 years, Mrs. Bernice Viola Sales Douglass, have four children. They are: Miss Beverly E. Douglass, 27, who works for the Community Action Agency; Ronald K. Douglass, 25, who works for his father's company as a quality control inspector; Eric L. Douglass, 19, a sophomore at Westpoint and "Loren" R. Douglass, 13, a student at Northern Parkway Junior High School.

Sen. Douglass has served on numerous non-profit community organizations such as the Baltimore Community Corporation which operates a medical program.

He and his family are members of Waters AME Church. Sen. Douglass serves on the board of the Baltimore Urban Coalition, National Business League of Baltimore, the Boy Scouts of America and the Model Urban Neighborhood Development Corporation, Johnston Square Community School and a member of the Urban Services "Council A" Center.

Sen. Douglass has this view about the Black Caucus: "We have to know what we can do best and do it for the benefit of our constituency which is almost totally black and statewide."

Cash donations sought for Guatemala victims

The American Red Cross has announced that it is accepting cash donations to aid victims of the recent earthquake in Guatemala.

A disaster specialist has been sent to the country to survey damage and suffering and assess the need for various kinds of Red Cross assistance.

The Red Cross societies of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Honduras have sent convoys of trucks and ambulances carrying trained disaster teams and relief supplies to Guatemala.

Those wishing to aid relief efforts are encouraged to send a check, payable to the American Red Cross, to 2701 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218. The check should be earmarked for "Central American Earthquake Relief."

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U. of Md. alumni sets Feb. 23 meet

The Young Alumni Club of the University of Maryland will sponsor a get-together on the Catonsville campus Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in the dining hall 3rd wing. Admission is free but reservations should be made by Feb. 23.

In addition to an evening of fun and fellowship, the group will make plans for forming a Greater Baltimore Young Alumni Club, open to area persons who were graduated within the last 10 years. Films on recent basketball highlights will also be shown.

Other alumni events coming up are: Greater Baltimore Club's annual meeting on April 23; Young Alumni Club's Congressional reception at the Senate Caucus Room in Washington, D. C. on May 6 and annual meeting on May 14; and crab feast July 17.

Group to remember Washington

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission will join state patriotic organizations in ceremonies on Feb. 21 marking the 244th anniversary of the the birth of George Washington.

Representatives of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Maryland Colonial Society and other groups each will place a wreath at the Washington Monument at Mt. Vernon Place.

The monument, completed in 1829, is topped by a statue of Washington holding a scroll, depicting the moment when Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army in Dec. 1783.

Following the tribute at the monument a program will be held at the Greenspring Inn.

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William R. Brown, director of Corporate and foundation Programs at Towson State since 1971, has been appointed chairperson of the Business Administration Department, it was recently announced by Dr. Kenneth A. Shaw, vice-president for Academic Affairs.

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ASSETS:		
Cash	$ 16,390,941	$ 14,278,025
U.S. Government & Agency Obligations	90,261,450	36,328,556
Other Bonds	94,208,704	82,190,365
Corporate Stocks	14,759,711	14,848,287
G.N.M.A. & Other Mortgage Certificates	13,268,384	13,161,739
VA & FHA Mortgage Loans	189,612,251	188,091,339
Conventional Mortgage Loans	137,305,425	115,907,000
Total Mortgage Loans	$326,917,676	$303,998,339
Personal Credit Loans	71,153,673	68,155,195
Collateral & Other Loans	11,986,628	12,185,525
Equipment Leases	6,845,995	-0-
Ground Rents	23,568,004	24,861,640
Bank Buildings	3,835,167	3,338,207
Other Assets	5,535,076	4,488,015
TOTAL ASSETS	$638,531,409	$578,432,367
LIABILITIES:		
Savings Deposits	367,449,968	338,914,274
Time Deposits	173,942,119	151,049,835
Demand Deposits	7,883,584	8,900,003
Total Deposits	$549,275,671	$496,814,112
Mortgage Expense Deposits	3,455,784	3,934,195
Unearned Income	17,921,460	14,371,888
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	7,118,826	6,712,772
*Other Liabilities	7,998,803	8,426,193
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$585,771,544	$529,221,160
RESERVES:		
Guarantee Fund	$ 28,000,000	$ 26,000,000
Undivided Surplus	24,759,865	23,211,207
Total Reserves & Surplus	$52,759,865	49,211,207
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS FUNDS	$638,531,409	$578,432,367

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