Board reschedules review of Carroll reappointment

By Clarence W. Hunter

The Board of School Commissioners Thursday deferred any action on the reappointment of Roland Park Elementary School Principal James Carroll until the next scheduled School Board meeting, said Region 5 superintendent William J. Murray.

The board also postponed any action regarding the reassignment of Alfred D. Proffitt, vice principal at Roland Park and the appointment of three unknown candidates to the soon to be vacant administrative posts at the school.

Carroll and Proffitt requested new assignments Jan. 30, citing constant changes in the city school's desegregation plan and unruly pupils as their reasons for the request.

Murray told the AFRO fied personnel to reduce cussing the reappointments until they can review the importance of the current positions of the three candidates he nominated.

The board also voted in favor of implementing a job freeze on all non-classified personnel ti reduce and control current budgetary problems.

Mark Joseph, School Board president, said the freeze was part of strong action being taken to keep the current budget deficit down between $1½ and $2 million. He attributed the current money woes to the current battle the city schools are waging against HEW. He stated that without the hard-line the deficit at the end of the year will be much higher.

Joseph also said the freeze would not include the hiring of replacement teachers and allowed Dr. John L. Crew, interim superintendent, to take exception in the case of certain administrative posts.

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In other action, the School Board released the security report for the month of January.

The report said while all increase expected after the holiday break, the figures in most categories are still below those for November and October.

There was a total of 296 juvenile arrests in January up from 241 in December but 4 per cent lower than the total for November and 20 pre cent lower than October.

The 40 reports of assaults on students are 30 percent less than the figures for November. Assault with a deadly weapon down 46 per cent and robbery and attmepted robbery 34 per cent less than November.

Larry Burgan, chief of school security, said two unusually active areas for his office in January were arson and telephoned bomb threats. He stated there were 15 reports of arson and malicious burning and a sharp increase in telephone bomb threats.

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Other School Board business included an announcement to take Robert Poole Jr. High School off shifts by March 4; a request to allow Polytechnical Institute to issue its own form of diploma and maintaining the newly built Walter P. Carter Elementary School as an elementary school and not turn it into a middle school.

—Bulk of $65 million...

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which need to be explained.

In terms of comparative allocation of resources OCR said that although Maryland offered considerable amounts of data in reply to its request for resources analyses, the Maryland Council of Higher Education (MCHE) stated it had not finished going over the documents.

The report stated that review of the analyses was a prerequisite to the identification of the specific inadequacies, at predominantly black institutions such as Morgan State University, Coppin State College and Bowie State College.

That a course of action was needed to end these inadequacies within a specific time frame, MCHE lawyers said.

The OCR study also pointed out a specific example and told the state that they and MCHE staff did not have the right to authorize or implement any remedial action.

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The example was an unsatisfactory library at Morgan and Coppin. OCR stated that although it was said these libraries were unsatisfactory, Maryland would not explain how and when the inadequacy could be corrected.

Howard "Pete" Rawlings, chairman of the Maryland Black Coalition for Higher Education, told the AFRO Tuesday that the deficiencies still exist and the state has not provided the funds to make Morgan's library comparable to a university's library.

He also stated while the state has built a new library at Coppin, many of the shelves are vacant.

OCR raised this matter in the Dec. 15 letter to Gov. Mandel and the state explained that money was allocated for correcting the inadequacy of the libraries but was "redirected at the institutional level."

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Another major deficiency in the plan was the subject of impact studies.

OCR said that although the state's August 1975 mid-year report said the desegregation staff would consider examining proposals for new academic programs, those programs could only be called "skeletal" and could not have been adopted outside the MCHE office.

One of the programs listed in the plan was an Urban Studies program at Morgan State.

The study showed that the state failed to explain the change in funding sources and levels for the Morgan State program and the simultaneous growth and increased levels of a similar program at the University of Maryland College Park campus.

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Other major deficiencies included the state's failure to complete its study of the roles of each institution and its study of unwarranted program duplication.

State officials, in responding to these assessments and orders to effect changes, told OCR that they would "continue to direct the program" and "would not submit to any further bureaucratic harassment."

The state also told OCR to "please feel free to initiate 'enforcement action' at your earliest convenience."

In observing the state's attempt to block the "enforcement action" Rawlings stated that the state's strategy has been and will continue to be the strategy of "delay and public confusion on the issues."

Rawlings also said that while Maryland has won several skirmishes in local federal court they will lose the battle.

-Dr. Patterson

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on its mind, but I do know that the court denied their motion to dismiss and has set a trial date to begin on March 1.

"It would border on contempt for the board to prejudge the case and not first give the court an opportunity to decide.

"It might not technically be contempt of court but it would certainly show contempt for the court."

—Dr. Allen

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Pierpoint, a frequent Republican political candidate, lost to Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R-Md., in a landslide in the 1974 GOP primary.

Sargeant is the executive director of the new state-operated physicians insurance company that is administering medical malpractice insurance.

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Also in the "Green Bag" is Marshall M. Meyer, of Baltimore, to a five-year term on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

Meyer's name surfaced in Senate committee testimony last year when several senators said his electronic surveillance firm was occasionally hired by the Baltimore Police Department for surveillance activities.

Meyer who was appointed by the state corrections secretary with Mandel's approval, was never accused of any wrongdoing.

-C&P wants

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the proposal was first submitted.

By way of explanation Gibbons claimed that "This additional revenue is a part of what we had requested back in December of 1974 and will go largely to increases in wages and expenses already incurred."

Drug dealer gets 10 years

John C. Dorsey, 34, also known as "Johnny Rags," 2600 block Woodland Ave., was convicted of selling $1,700 worth of heroin to an undercover police officer July 24, 1974.

Criminal Court Judge tenced Dorsey to 10 years in prison.

Dorsey got in the officer's car in the 1800 block Lorman Ave. and gave him 240 bags of heroin worth $1,125 street value.

officer met Dorsey in the same area and arranged to buy $625 worth of drugs.

Dorsey took the officer to a car, where he gave him 123 bags of heroin and was arrested.

Fire bombing trial March 1

Anthony Blackwell, 20, could receive the death penalty, if convicted when he goes on trial March 1 in Criminal Court.

Blackwell, of the 200 block N. Mount St., is charged with the July 17, 1975 fire bombing in the 500 block Laureus St., which caused six people to die.

He was the first person charged under the state's new death penalty statute which provides for a mandatory death sentence for mass murder.

The trial was originally scheduled for Feb. 16 but his attorney Mrs. Elsbeth Boothe filed motions last week seeking the postponement on the grounds that the panel of potential jurors had been subjected to an intimidating atmosphere.

Bicen Bits

The all-black Oklahoma towns of Langston, Boley and Summit where founded on this day, Friday, Feb. 20. These three towns were just a part of many black towns founded in that state during the westward migration in the 1800's.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

FISK UNIVERSITY Alumni Benefit fete is scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Garland Dinner Theatre in Columbia. The 6:30 p.m. affair is $15 each. For tickets call 466-2341. Mrs. Clarence Blount wife of the senator and a Fisk grad.

MISS BETTY SHOWELL, beauteous daughter of Bishop Winfield Showell, is doing her doctorate research in Baltimore. Enrolled at the University of Chicago, she says it will take a year.

MRS. BERNICE S. WHITE's many contributions will be recognized at a Sunday, April 4 banquet at Emerald Gardens. Write Mrs. Mildred Williams, 7511 Liberty Rd., Baltimore 21207, for tickets.

MARYLAND INSTITUTE'S College of Art, 1300 W. Mount Royal at Lanvale holds a special 150th anniversary celebration Sunday, Feb. 29, 4 to 6 p.m.

CHARLES R. CURTIS JR., a Forest Park resident, placed his salutes to Orchard Street Church in a letter. Special thanks goes to him from the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church Inc. The file for such letters is getting larger since the historic celebration Jan. 11 when the church was placed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Curtis writes: "Kudos to those who sought and gained the aid of the city, state and federal government for the restoration of Orchard Street Church. Having gone this route on many occasions down through the years, I realize yours was a herculean task.

"Kudos also to those government agencies and officials who had the foresight to see the historic significance this project has to the Baltimore community, especially the black segment.

"To all those brave souls in attendance at the ceremonies, I feel Truman Pratt, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, the original architects and their descendants would be proud of all who make this project a success, from the beginning to its fruition."

BE SURE to make the one-day workshop at the Madison Avenue YWCA Saturday. Mrs. Bernice Brandford Lewis, 3409 Forest Park Ave. is the very talented person who is teaching courses on Dramatic Expression, Choral singing beginning at noon. She's been a public school teacher 39 years.

The workshop is on Creativity. For information call Mrs. Gertrude Finney, 669-1981. Young people SHOULD attend to get that added something one needs in the world today. Personality is the thing that gets an individual across and into jobs and inner circles when times are hard.

MRS. LEWIS is anxious to get the message to all of our youngsters about the wonderful courses the YWCA offers and she prays, "If we could just get the information to those who are interested."

When there are soooo many opportunities offered, why not take advantage of them? You'll find it's just what you need for self-improvement and worthy use of leisure time. The YWCA should be crowded Saturday if you know what's good for you.

MRS. ANNA MAE HUNTER, the brave and wonderful founder of the Home for the Blind, 1321 Eutaw Place, is home from the hospital and feels much better.

This is good news.

The countless persons who read of her illness in the AFRO recently, remarked, "What would become of the blind people if anything ever happened to Mrs. Hunter?"

THIS IS TRUE. Who in all this city could maintain the interest and the care Mrs. Hunter has given all the blind and homeless persons all these years?

MRS. HUNTER, a member of the AFRO Honor Roll, has for more than 30 years, suffered much agony in keeping the home fires burning for the sake of those who cannot see. It's been a miracle.

When you think of how she has continued through prayer alone, through winter, summer, spring, fall regardless, go, take her a gift of thanks.

There have been many persons, clubs, groups, organizations who have kept the home in food, fuel and necessities. For more than 20 years, many of them have never forgotten. One is John Hauswald who sees that at least 40 loaves of bread go to her door each week.

I'D LIKE TO SEE more persons go each week Mrs. Hunter is not growing younger and she is ailing. Anything you can do will make her task easier. She deserves your thanks.

Douglas Memorial Choir will have an Afro American music concert Sunday, 5 p.m. at the church, Lafayette and Madison Avenues. Rev. Marion Bascom is pastor.

THE DOUGLASS MEN'S CHOIR sang for the Orchard Street Church fete last month and what voices!! We have had many compliments on their singing.

MRS. ANNA MAE HUNTER

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON concert is a thing long to be remembered. Should your children need a lasting memory, take them to at least one a month. They will think back when they're grown on such a magic evening. Somehow, such events remain in the mind. A little sweetness.

INDIANS want to be called "Native Americans" and they hate to see cowboy and Indian movie reruns on TV. Their position is especially "touchy" during the Bicentennial since everybody is calling the Indians' land, "Our Land".

STRANGE, how various races of people are not able to get along at any time. At this very date, around the globe, the conflicts (or wars, whichever) have race as a basis.

THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR, before it's all over, could have lots of U.S. citizens sticking their tongues out at each other instead of getting along. Some say they're tired of the Bicentennial already what with school children putting on tri-cornered hats and youngsters of all races talking about the Mayflower.

ONE THING that's for the better is the appreciation all citizens are gaining for the suves. May regret the bondage of those persons who are now American citizens and some feel it's "pay-back time."

AT LAST there has come a time when we are no longer hiding from the fact that our forefathers were slaves. Celebrations involving black citizens are taking the spotlight during this 200th anniversary of the birth of the nation.

FESTIVAL USA will see within the next few weeks some 60 million tourists in the Baltimore - Washington - Annapolis area. There will not be sufficient food, lodging nor souvenirs.

Young people on motorcycles and bikes will sleep in parks and eat meals from brown paper bags and tourists will have sore feet and aching tummies.

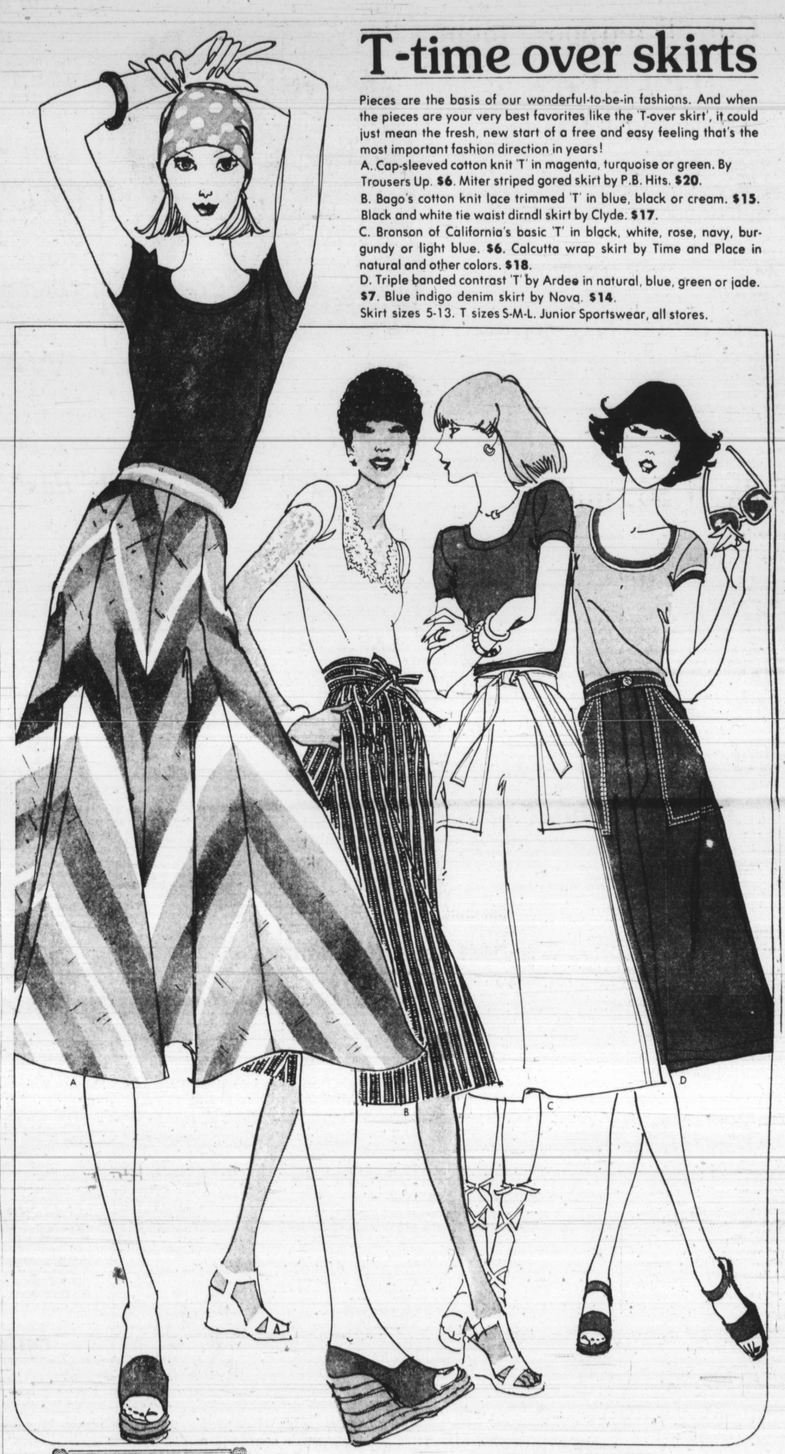
IN ANNAPOLIS, one resourceful person has assembled 1,000 mattresses and blankets to rent out. OUTDOOR POWDEROOM will soon become the ordinary items on corners.

BALTIMORE will be swamped as folks from all North America arrive to see Fort McHenry, the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner and Orchard Street Church, the old slave church.

REGARDLESS of all preparation since 1968, this old town will soon be at loss as to how to contain the visitors. The National Bicentennial Committee and Visitors Bureau predicts utter chaos.

T-time over skirts

Pieces are the basis of our wonderful-to-be-in fashions. And when the pieces are your very best favorites like the 'T-over skirt', it could just mean the fresh, new start of a free and easy feeling that's the most important fashion direction in years!
A. Cap-sleeved cotton knit 'T' in magenta, turquoise or green. By Trousers Up. $6. Miter striped gored skirt by P.B. Hits. $20.
B. Bago's cotton knit lace trimmed 'T' in blue, black or cream. $15. Black and white tie waist dirndl skirt by Clyde. $17.
C. Bronson of California's basic 'T' in black, white, rose, navy, burgundy or light blue. $6. Calcutta wrap skirt by Time and Place in natural and other colors. $18.
D. Triple banded contrast 'T' by Ardee in natural, blue, green or jade. $7. Blue indigo denim skirt by Nova. $14.
Skirt sizes 5-13. T sizes S-M-L. Junior Sportswear, all stores.



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