MINI NEWS

Gala bake sale

The public is invited to a bake sale that will be given by the Relatives and Friends of X-CELL, Inc. There will be cakes, cookies, pies and punch — a treat they promise you'll never forget. This will be held on Saturday, May 22, 1976 starting at 12:00 noon. The address is 101 South Wolfe Street at the corner of Wolfe and Lombard. For further information call 732-0600.

Vaccination clinics

Pet owners may bring their dogs and cats to one of five locations in Baltimore City for anti-rabies vaccination from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, 23 May or Sunday, 6 June, Dr. David R. Berron, acting director of the City Health Department's Bureau of Animal Control, announced today. The vaccination clinics will be held at the following locations:

1. Mondawmin Shopping Center, Liberty Heights Avenue and Reisterstown Road.
2. Sears, Roebuck and Company, North Avenue and Harford Road.
3. Montgomery Ward Company, 1000 S. Monroe Street.
4. Broadway Shopping Center, Orleans and Bond Street.
5. Brooklyn Fire Station, Maude and Fifth Avenues.

For those unable to come to one of the five sites on the planned dates, rabies vaccinations also will be given at the Municipal Animal Shelter, 222 Calverton Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, 27 May and Thursday, 3 June. The cost of vaccinating each dog or cat is $2.00 and pet owners are asked to bring the exact sum to the sites.

Senior citizens show

There will be a City-Wide Senior Citizens Ceramic Show on Saturday, May 22, 1976 at the War Memorial Plaza from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Exhibit of ceramic work done by Senior Citizens, demonstrations, on the spot instructions in hand building, mold pouring, potters wheel and use of glazes.

Any non-professional senior 60 years and over may exhibit work. Call Eleanor Cook, 396-5640 — 396-5643 for reservations.

Juvenile justice

A Regional Juvenile Justice Conference has been scheduled for June 14-15, 1976 at the Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Road and the Baltimore Beltway.

Sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice in conjunction with the state of Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, this conference is a result of recommendations for regional meetings formulated at a statewide conference last November which identified problem areas in the Juvenile Justice System.

Women and nature

"Originality is a Return to the Origin," is the theme of an evening devoted to an examination of the link between women and nature. The program, sponsored by the Goucher College Women's Center, will take place on Thursday, May 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Goucher College Center.

The Rev. Marni Politte of the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church will talk on the fusion of women's spirituality with nature.

Feminist photographer Connie Imboden will present "Explorations with Wood," a slide show of her photography coordinated with electronic music. A native of Baltimore, Ms. Imboden graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art. She sees her camera as a way to recognize and record the wonder of her natural surroundings.

The evening is free and open to the public. A reception will be held after the program.

Political crime stories

The department of public safety at the Community College of Baltimore will sponsor a "Seminar on Political Crime and Political Prisoners" Saturday, May 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the college's Liberty Campus, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue.

According to John W. Sweeley, coordinator of the correctional administration curriculum at CCB and seminar coordinator, the purpose of the seminar is "to inform people about the abridgement of the Constitution for certain segments of society as symbolized in the possible passage of Senate Bill No. 1." Senate Bill No. 1, now being considered by Congress, is designed to revise the federal criminal code.

Cockrell decorated

Lieutenant Colonel Paul J. Cockrell, Baltimore attorney and Army Reserve officer, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in a Special Ceremony at the Annual Command Reunion Party of the 1100th Maneuver Area Command (RTU) held at the Bolling Air Force Base Officer's Club in Virginia on Saturday, May 8, 1976.

Colonel Cockrell is a World War II Army veteran who later served a total of twenty-two (22) months in Korea.

The Medal Citation was signed by both Martin R. Hoffman, Secretary of the Army and Major General Benjamin L. Hunton, commanding general of the 97th Army Reserve Command (AROM).

It was presented to Cockrell by Brigadier General Edwin Dosek, deputy commanding general of the 97th AROM who was assisted in the presentation by Colonel John E. deKowzan, commanding officer of the 1100th Maneuver Area Command. Cockrell currently serves as deputy chief umpire of the 1100th. He is a practicing attorney in Baltimore, Maryland and has been admitted to practice both before state and federal courts.

Baltimore zoo

Guided tours for school students in grades 3 through 12 can be requested for weekdays at the Baltimore Zoo by calling the Education Department, 396-7102.

Volunteer guides, sponsored by the Baltimore Zoological Society and trained at the zoo, give tours on an advance reservation basis, sometimes preceded by an orientation session in the BZS classroom. Topics include what habitat an animal lives in and how he is able to live there, how an animal protects himself, what he eats and whether or not he lives alone or with others of the same species.

Tour openings are available Monday through Friday, primarily in the mornings through the balance of the school year.

AFRO HONOR ROLL — The above plaque is to be awarded to citizens who offered their services to the community without thought of personal gain during the year 1975. Nominations are open until May 31. If you know of any individual, a couple, or an organization which rendered superior service, please send the nominee's name to AFRO HONOR ROLL, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21206.

Dr. Lillie Jackson's memory to be honored

DR. LILLIE MAE JACKSON in an AFRO file photo is shown on the occasion of a birthday party on May 25 many years ago, with a huge bouquet, greeting cards and as was usual, with gloves and a corsage.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American life and History will honor the memory of the late Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson by presenting a plaque to Freedom House, an organization that she founded eight years ago at 1234 Druid Hill Avenue.

The presentation will be made on Tuesday, May 25, the birthday of the late, great lady of civil rights.

The governor, the mayor, the police commissioner, legislators and other notable leading officials of the city and state will be on hand for the dedication ceremonies.

Dr. Jackson was born in Baltimore in 1889 and died last July at the age of 86. She was the daughter of the late Charles Carroll of Howard County, a descendant of Charles Carroll, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

For many years a dedicated NAACP worker, she was said to "live, work, eat and sleep the NAACP."

Lillie Jackson was graduated from the Colored Training School and taught in Baltimore's black school system before she married Keiffer Jackson, a traveling exhibitor of educational and religious movies.

She traveled about the country with her husband, lecturing and singing. Thus she became conditioned to audiences large and small, from those in country churches to huge gatherings in college gyms and large auditoriums.

Besides being active in the NAACP and church activities she was a member of the Urban League, the Council of Churches, the Elks, the YWCA and the National Council of Negro Women.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, under the directorship of Dr. J. Rupert Picott, has previously dedicated plaques to Carter Woodson and Louis Armstrong. However, Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson will be the first woman to receive this honor.

At the conclusion of the brief program and dedication ceremonies there will be "open house" at Freedom House where persons can browse through the workshop that Dr. Jackson created.

Hundreds attend minority science meeting

Over 370 biomedical research reports on health-related subjects ranging from sickle cell disease to rattlesnake antivenom purification were presented at a biomedical symposium held recently in New Orleans.

Co-sponsored by the Division of Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health and the Xavier University of Louisiana, it was the largest minority biomedical meeting ever held in the United States.

The three-day national forum was attended by over 1,300 scientists of ethnic minority origin from the Continental United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

"Recruiters from graduate schools throughout the nation are coming in to identify undergraduate researchers as potential applicants for their own programs," said Dr. Joyce Corrington, symposium coordinator. "Four years ago, we started our annual symposium with only 250 potential scientists. The growth of minority participation in the health sciences has been exciting to watch. Next year should see another spectacular rise. The program is constantly expanding."

The bulk of the young scientists at the annual meeting has been participating in the Minority Biomedical Support Program (MBS) of the Division of Research Resources, NIH. The program currently has an annual budget of nearly $8 million and has been in operation for five years. It is designed to bolster the research activities of minority colleges and universities.

"These symposia give opportunity for young researchers to pop out from under the surface and be identified," said Dr. Ciriaco Q. Gonzales, acting director of the program.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER of the NAACP's raffle was Mrs. Mary Edwards (center), who won a 1976 Vega with ticket No. 4374. Mrs. Edwards is seen receiving keys to her prize from NAACP president Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, and Dan Hayes of A.D. Anderson Chevrolet (left). Winner of the second prize color television with ticket No. 13656 was Mrs. Helen Graham, while the third place winner of a Bulova watch was Mrs. Margaret K. Ross (far right) with ticket No. 8647.

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Jordan speaks out

Ethnicity: A racial code word?

"Ethnicity has been degraded by its use as a racial code word signalling to all Americans that they shall remain racially divided and will not have to accept people as equals," Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., charged recently.

Mr. Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, analyzed the "ethnic issue" in an address to the graduating class at Notre Dame's annual commencement exercises.

Mr. Jordan received an honorary LL.D degree at the ceremonies.

Stating that much of the rhetoric surrounding "ethnic heritage" has a "hollow ring to it," Mr. Jordan pointed to past "brutal discrimination" against ethnic minorities and said that the "attempt to strip people of their birthright appears to have failed but in its place has arisen a concept of ethnicity that seems designed to continue the divisions between ethnic groups that keep all of them relatively powerless. Ethnic heritage for example, arose as a campaign issue in the context of housing discrimination, of keeping so-called ethnic neighborhoods safe from the incursions of black families."

"The real issue is not whether the ethnic character of neighborhoods shall be destroyed. That was never a problem when urban renewal developers destroyed the ethnic character of center-city black neighborhoods to build luxury housing for whites. The real issue is whether all people will have equal opportunities in housing.

"Framing this issue in ethnic terms — as virtually all candidates including the President have done—is to further perpetuate ethnic and racial stereotypes that are false and destructive. The mass media appear to thrive on the assumption that ethnics are racists, despite polls that consistently show that, after the Jewish group it is predominately Catholic ethnic minorities that are the most liberal in their attitudes including their attitudes on race.

"There are areas of friction, reflecting America's historic racism, the remaining insecurity of some members of ethnic communities, and the fears of economic competition. We see such factors at work in the Boston busing controversy, where the black and the Irish communities should be working to make the schools serve all children better, instead of engaging in a mini-civil war aimed at keeping South Boston's schools segregated."

Mr. Jordan stated that black citizens are "in a full-scale depression" that has been ignored by the rest of the nation.

"Many of the same people who marched with us in the '60's," he said, "say they don't want their kids to attend integrated schools, that they don't want black families to live on their block, and that social spending should be cut to the bare bones. Some people, barely a generation removed from the welfare rolls themselves, carry on about 'Lazy welfare cheats' and try to deny others the chance to escape the pit of poverty, conveniently forgetting that it was largely subsidies and federal action that enabled them to get jobs, go to school, and move to the suburbs.

"Many such individuals may still think of themselves as liberals but true liberalism cannot embrace an apartheid conception of society; it cannot tolerate exploitation and poverty while blaming victims of society's malfunctioning for their plight.

"Americans must come to understand that black disadvantage is the result of special treatment for over four hundred years, and that now a new, positive kind of special treatment is needed to make up for the past."

32 lawmakers back Mitchell

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) has announced that 32 Members of the House of Representatives have joined him to co-sponsor the Minority Enterprise Act of 1976, H. R. 12741, which he, Mitchell, has re-introduced.

Cong. Mitchell stated, "I am tremendously pleased to have my colleagues join with me in this unprecedented effort to ensure the growth and development of minority enterprise, while moving closer to the ultimate goal of minority economic parity. These members of the House have taken up the challenge to demonstrate that all people within the nation have a right to participate in the free enterprise system and share equitably in the nation's wealth," Mitchell continued.

At this point, co-sponsorship of the Mitchell Bill includes the entire Congressional Black Caucus, Representative Henry Reuss, chairman of the powerful Banking, Currency and Housing Committee, as well as Republican Members of the House.

The Maryland lawmaker's Minority Enterprise Act has also gained the endorsement of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC), headed by Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Originally introduced in the House of Representatives in March of this year, the legislation launches a three-pronged attack on what are seen as the "real" problems of minority enterprise.

In addition, the Minority Enterprise Act of 1976 requires reorganization, transfer of authority and program implementation within an already existing agency of the government — The Small Business Administration, an entity established more than 20 years ago and designed to address the myriad of problems faced by small business enterprise.

The financial requirements needed to plan viable minority enterprise programming is nominal and the other aspects of the bill are as far reaching as they are exact.

Congressman Mitchell concluded by saying, "I expect support for the Minority Enterprise Act to snowball! Unquestionably, it will take a Herculean effort to secure passage of this bill. However, I am confident that the Congress and the nation can be aroused to address the issue of the importance of minority enterprise to the future of the country.

Black woman attorney to speak at Bowie

Over 500 students will be awarded their baccalaureate or master of education degrees at Bowie State College's 108th commencement on Saturday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the James Physical Education Complex.

Patricia Roberts Harris, former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, will give the commencement address.

Presently a partner with the D.C. law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Kampelman, Patricia Harris has compiled an impressive list of career and public service positions

She has served as dean and professor of law at Howard University School of Law. She was an attorney with the Department of Justice, assistant director of the American Council on Human Rights and a U.S. alternate delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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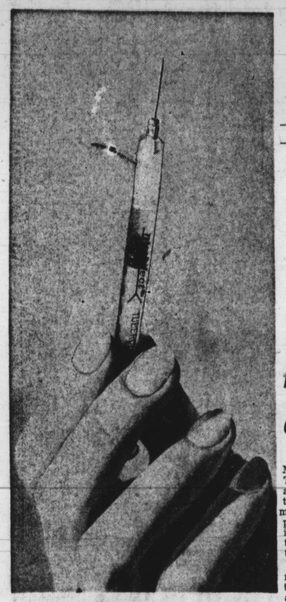
CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL SAYS AUTHORITIES MADE SERIOUS RACIAL MISTAKE

Did Pig Flu programers miss the needle point ?

P.J. says cover up came later, after he called them down



(AFRO staff Photo by Roman Hankewycz)
THAT NEEDLE

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) said Thursday, "It is the most amazing thing to me that there should be attempts made to cover up and explain away the racial issues I raised with regard to the Swine flu vaccine test programs.

"A serious mistake was made by the medical authorities and explaining it away is not the answer."

Cong. Mitchell notes, "In the fall, if the swinie flu immunization program is to succeed, the cooperation of the entire community will be needed.

"The faulty Baltimore city attempt to recruit volunteers for testing, and I emphasize TESTING, the vaccine does not augur well for the future success of the immunization program.

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"First of all, does anyone really know all the aspects of the Baltimore city plan to recruit volunteers for the test program? I think not.

"Who was consulted in the development of the volunteer plan? Was the Monumental Medical Association consulted?

"Were citizens groups; elected officials; ministers; and others consulted in the development of the volunteer plan? The only thing that we do know for sure is that there was an attempt to saturate the

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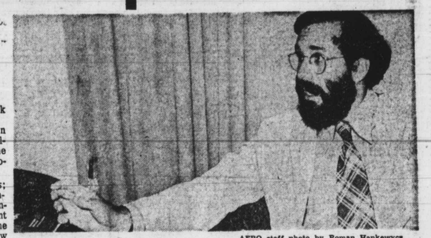

DR. MYRON M. LEVINE points out his daughter was among first to get the needle, "I am as much concerned as anyone that all children, regardless of race, get the shots.

AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell

P.J.'s letter May 25

The full text of Congressman Mitchell's first letter dated May 25 is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Levine:

"I strongly protest your efforts to use black and poor children as guinea pigs in your experimentation on the swine flu vaccine.

"You have sent out letters to 6 areas of the city focussing on Health District Buildings, seeking volunteers for the tests. These areas are the Eastern Health District Building; the Western Health District Building; the Druid Health District Building; the Southern Health District Building; the Southeastern Health District Building; the Southern Health District Building and the Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Center. You know full well that these areas contain the heaviest concentrations of the city's poor and or black population.

"In your cleverly worded letter you make clear that the children will be used experimentally and yet, at the same time, you give the impression that the parent of the child to be used should have the child vaccinated. In the first paragraph of your letter you state: 'During the next few weeks, participating children will be given test doses of this new vaccine

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NOTE: The letter to the parents is also printed here — see inside

Husband's girlfriend testifies in Sunday school teacher's death

The girlfriend of the Richmond man accused in the automobile crushing death of his wife has testified that her boyfriend was with her at a downtown motel on the morning of the slaying—but left and did not return to the motel until about the time authorities have speculated that the slaying was committed.

The attractive girlfriend, Ms. Vernice Alston, has also quoted the accused man as saying his wife "was in the morgue" when she asked him about the whereabouts of the victim who was a popular Sunday school teacher.

She raised that question, Ms. Alston testified, after her boyfriend asked her on the evening following the slaying whether she had any place to put his wife's purse and keys.

Ms. Alston, characterized by police as the "chief prosecution witness" in the April 25 slaying of Mrs. Rosa Brown Harris, testified last week at a preliminary hearing in Richmond General District Court.

She admitted in testimony that she was the girlfriend of the accused man, Harold Edward Harris, 31, of the 2000 block Fourth Ave. She also admitted that the 1972 Dodge Demon police have said was used in the slaying belonged to her.

But she denied, in response to a prosecution question, that she had asked Harris during a conversation at her home on the night following the murder if the car had been used in the killing of his wife who was employed as a clerk with the state.

The question was apparently aimed to determine whether Ms. Alston knew her car was part of a plan to kill Mrs. Harris before the slaying was executed.

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Twice during the hearing, Assistant Commonwealth's Atty. Ed Abernathy asked her: "Did you ask him (Harris) if he had struck his wife with your automobile?"

And twice Ms. Alston, who testified in a low, strained tone of voice, responded, "No." "No."

Ms. Alston's testimony caused Abernathy to confront her with a typed copy of a statement she allegedly made to police.

Reading in court from the statement allegedly given on April 27, Ms. Alston said: "I asked him who hit the car . . . who he hit with the car. He said he hit Rosa."

Following the testimony in court a murder charge against Harris was certified by the grand jury by Judge Jose R. Davila Jr.

Harris is free on a $10,000 bond pending grand jury action of his case.

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Ms. Alston testified that she and Harris had checked into a downtown Richmond motel on the evening of April 24. She said that Harris left the

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Julian's petition drive continues

By Don Rojas

Dr. Julian visited the AFRO offices recently to drum up support for his petition. Here he is seen with Mrs. Annie Foutz, an AFRO employe.

With sights targeted at around 15,000 signtures, crusty City Councilman, Dr. Emerson R. Julian this week cranked up his petition drive to make future city employes residents of Baltimore City by receiving pledges of support from a group of Baptist ministers and a number of AFRO employes.

But despite these favorable developments Julian admits that his one-month-old drive still has substantial ground to cover before its July 26 deadline.

Consequently, Julian is appealing to more church groups and political organizations to join in the drive.

The councilman's petition is designed as a City Charter amendment requiring that from Jan. 1, 1977 each new city employe be a resident of Baltimore City at the time of his or her employment and remain so during the entire term of employment.

If Julian succeeds in

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Dorsey hits Legal Aid cutbacks

(An open letter to the citizens of Maryland by Charles Dorsey, Legal Aid Bureau director.)

The Legal Aid Bureau has been advised that there will be a cut of funds by the state. The amount of the cut has been estimated at approximately $236,660, a small sum in view of the total $3 billion state budget.

These funds are monies the state receives from the federal government under Title XX of the Social Security Act, the sum of which totals approximatley $48 million. The state will receive this same amount of money this year, but the money allocated to Legal Aid Bureau has been diverted to other programs.

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If these funds are not restored by June 30, seven of our 10 existing offices will be closed, approximately 25 staff members will be terminated, and equal legal services for all

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3-day Memorial holiday

With the calendar listing Memorial Day on Monday, thousands of citizens are preparing to enjoy a three-day holiday. In addition, Memorial Day traditionally heralds the beginning of the long summer vacation period.

Memorial Day was originally designed to remember those who died to free the slaves and save the union in the Civil War.

Later it was expanded to decorate the graves of those who fell in two World

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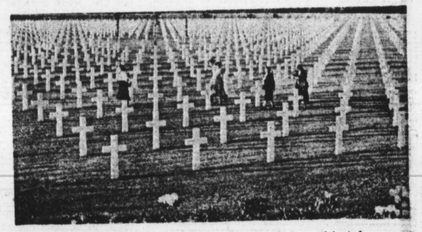
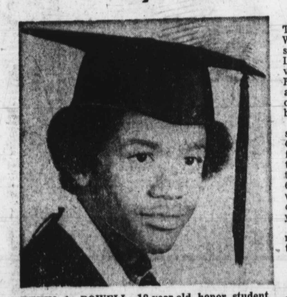


NEVER FORGOTTEN are those who gave their lives in all wars in which the U.S. participated.

Elks hit by federal suit



KEVIN A. POWELL, 18-year-old honor student at Forest Park High School will graduate June 16. He was selected as one of the nation's foremost high school students for his excellence in academic and civic activities. He plans to attend University of Maryland in September and is listed in the 1976 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Kevin's proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Delores) Powell of Barrington Rd. (Send your graduation photo to the AFRO now.)

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department Wednesday filed a civil suit charging the Elks Lodge in Annapolis, with violating the 1964 Civil Rights Act by refusing to allow black youths to play on its Little League football teams.

The department said the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Baltimore asked for an injunction against the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 622, and Exalted Ruler Edward Hart, forbidding racial discrimination in its youth activities.

The suit said the Elks, recreation field where the teams practice and play

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Bicen Bits

Sojourner Truth, fighter for civil and women's rights during the 19th century, gave a speech entitled "Ain't I A Woman?" at the Women's Rights Convention held in Worcester, Mass. on this day Friday, May 28, 1851.

MISS STEPHANIE B. McMANUS—"I am so excited!"

AT LONG LAST

Naval Academy has Color Girl

By Pam Widgeon

The post as Color Girl has been a popular part of the June week activities at the Naval Academy since 1871. However, Miss Stephanie Belinda McManus, 20, is the Naval Academy's first black Color Girl.

Miss McManus says she is "excited about being selected, but a little sad it took so long to choose a black girl."

She is a magna cum laude graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. and has not decided which law school she will attend in September.

As Color Girl, she will participate in the presentation of flags June 1 from last year's honor company to the 1976 winner.

The Color Girl is chosen by the commander of the color company, Midshipman Jordan B. Smith of St. Louis is the first black to become company commander.

Miss McManus said Midshipman Smith had asked her to be Color Girl if his company won the competition.

Miss McManus is a graduate of Annapolis Senior High School where she maintained honor roll and was graduated from the eleventh grade and entered Fisk University as a freshman.

During her years in college, she was active in the Fisk General Assembly and was one of the first students to work on a board with faculty members, administrators and the president of the university.

While living in Nashville, Miss McManus was active with the Big Sister-Little Sister organization, Watkins Community Center and tutored elementary students.

As a history and political science major, Miss McManus said she liked to involve herself in activities concerning both of her majors.

For three years, she was a member of the Political Science Club and a delegate to the Black Political Science Convention held at Howard University.

Miss McManus also worked with students from other universities to serve on the Health, Education and Welfare Department's Title three program.

The field of law she plans to enter is corporation law because she would like to "legally protect and increase the growth of the small minority businessmen."

Miss McManus' parents are Willie McManus, a teacher at Annapolis Senior High School and Mrs. Joyce McManus, teacher at Arundel Junior High School. She has one sister, Mrs. Marcheta Eneas of San Francisco, California and a brother, Willie McManus Jr.

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