MSU marks first University Day

Administrators' faculty and students at Morgan State University observed University Day, Tuesday, July 6, with a brief tree-planting ceremony in front of the Martin D. Jenkins Behavioral Science Building on the main campus.

The observance marked the first full year of University status for the institution, which became Morgan State University by an act of the Maryland State Legislature July 1, 1975.

Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., vice president of Business and Financial Affairs, presented $550 on behalf of the University to Mrs. H. Florine Williams, acting director of Soper Library, as part of a fund-raising drive to increase the Library's holdings in the area of special collections.

Also, in a symbolic gesture, President Andrew Billingsley presented a book to Mrs. Williams to be placed in the Beulah M. Davis Special Collections Room in the Library. The book was entitled From the Dark Tower: Afro-American Writers — 1900 to 1960 and was written by Arthur W. Davis (Howard University Press, 1974).

Others attending Morgan's University Day ceremony were William "Box" Harris, special assistant to Governor Mandel, State Delegate Isaiah Dixon, State Senator Robert Douglass, Rev. Quincy D. Cooper, the new director of the Morgan Christian Center, and Enolia McMillan, Francis Gates, and Nathaniel Hoff, all members of the Morgan State University Board of Trustees.

UNIVERSITY DAY—Morgan State University recently observed its first University Day with a brief tree-planting on the campus. The 100-year-old institution became Morgan State University July 1, 1975, by an act of the Maryland State Legislature. Pictured (L-R) are William "Box" Harris, special assistant to Gov. Mandel; Sen. Robert Douglass, Francis Gates, member of the trustee board; Nathaniel Hoff, board member, Del. Isaiah Dixon, Enolia McMillan, chairman of the board, and Dr. Andrew Billingsley, Morgan president.

Black Women's Caucus has Bicentennial safari

The Black Women's Caucus of the Southern District of the city, sponsored a Cherry Hill Safari on July 4 entitled, "Happy Birthday Cherry Hill."

Noting the United States is built around the slogan inscribed on our coins, "In God We Trust," the members began the day by attending the church of their choice.

Meeting at the 14-store shopping center, 600 blk. Cherry Hill Rd. at the Legal Aid Bureau Office, they ventured on to the Christ Temple Apostolic Church, Cherry Hill United Methodist, and to the special St. Veronica Catholic Church's mortgage burning.

Members also went to the Mt. Sinai Holy Church, Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian, Hemingway Temple, and the First Baptist Church.

After services, the Caucus visited the area Federal Credit Union, and then moved on to various schools in the South Baltimore community.

Included were Cherry Hill Elementary, No. 159, Mrs. Margaret Walkef, principal over 560 students, 22 teachers, one secretary, and four aides.

Also, Patapsco Elementary, No. 163, Mrs. Irene Joell, principal over 650 pupils, 21 teachers three part-time faculty, 14 aides, and four special teachers, and the Cherry Hill Jr. High School with 1,036 students, two vice-principals, 64 teachers, three counselors and four security guards. Bernard Smith is the principal of the school.

The women's organization continued their safari, visiting such recreation centers as that which is located in School 160, Robert Traverse, director; 2700 Speiman Rd., Warner Wells, director; P.S. 163, where there is a parttime director, and the Multi-Purpose Complex Phase II where Mrs. Pecolia Taylor is director.

Cherry Hill also has two swimming pools, one which is used part-time, and the Cherry Hill Aquatic Center, a year-round facility, which the women visited.

Paul Morris is director of the Multi-Purpose Phase I project which includes social services, a Health Dept. location, a mental health center, and a drug abuse program.

The Multi-Purpose Phase II is led by Shepard H. Burge Jr. and includes recreation, an Urban Services Agency, Enoch Pratt Library, and a day care center.

The community Building has a mini-bus, recreation, fire department, and employment service and family planning agency. Mrs. Barbara Dungee is manager of public housing.

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The ladies also visited the Cherry Hill News where Mrs. Myrtle Burge is editor and Shepard Burge Jr. is secretary-treasurer.

After these visits, the group held a short memorial service for deceased family members and friends.

Tributes were given Mrs. Nannie Gibbs, Alexander Brown, Walter Baker, Mrs. Georgia Orr, Mrs. Ruth Lighston, Otha Pinkett, Clark Davis, Mrs. Gladys Tyler, and the Rev. Francis Robbins, S.S.J.

There was a special "I Am an American" program at which Ms. Kitty Broady gave highlights of the black man's progress. At that time, trophies were also given to the outstanding members of the Cherry Hill Community.

Floyd Barnes, talent representative for beauteous Baltimore singer, Miss Alton McClain, gave those present free copies of the special song which he wrote and his client sang at last year's Bicentennial celebration. Thesong is entitled, "Happy Birthday America."

The Cherry Hill community, an exclusively black residential area, has streets named after such famous citizens as George Washington Carver and Mary McLeod Bethune.

There are private homes, public housing developments, apartment houses, and other assorted residents.

Doctors, teachers, judges, models, musicians, businessmen, artists, and lawyers are among the professional people in the Cherry Hill area.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bundy is chairperson of the Caucus, with Mrs. Ruth Ford serving as co-chairperson.

Members include Madames Joann Sims, Eva Sherman, Helen Burley, Carrie Johnson, Bertha Falcon, Bernadena Carter, Doris Bennett, and Delores Johnson.

The Bicentennial is still with us

Despite the fact that the 4th of July has come and gone, the ghosts of the Bicentennial celebration still lingers on.

The following is a Bicentennial poem written by a Baltimore writer named Paul Evans.

Bicentennial Blues
By Paul Evans

And herald in choruses exultant, they said, the new nation's birth to the world.
Shucks.
I ain't celebratin' nothin'.
You ain't?
No, my Lord.
Why not?
Child, within me lay so very low is them heartsick blues for heritages we once did know.

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Blues that git me sweatin' and palpitatin'
Ever time I thinks how yanked from dark breasts we was taken.
Brought chere not to be putin' on no fine airs, struttin' in uo red, white and blue, talkin' 'bout bein'free in the breeze.
Brought chere to slave and toil our earthy days to let them live in splendous ease.
And herald in choruses exultant, they said, the new nation's birth to the world.
Shucks.
Don't need no tom-fool party to tell me what I already know.
'Twas spook's red blood and seas of sweat that made this nation grow.
Don't need no bugles and brass and drums
To tell dark people how far they's come.
Got all dem ebony souls, I swear even lord 'in his kingdom knows, wif no roof, no job, no crust.
And y'here America's talkin' 'bout parades, speeches, fireworks and a lot more fuss.
And proclaim America's 200th day in choruses triumphant, they say?
Shucks.

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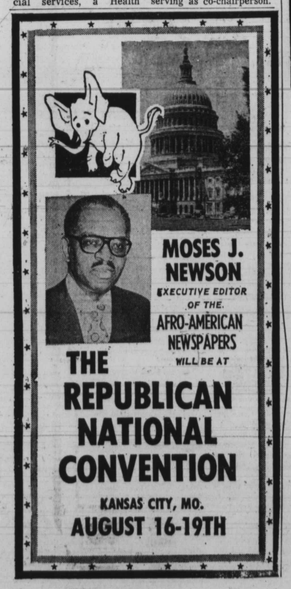
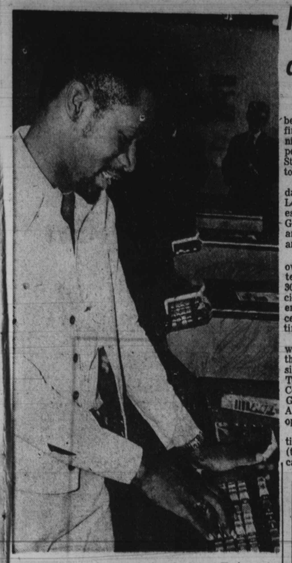


New lottery gives a run for the money



(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)
PLACE YOUR BETS HERE—AFRO reporter Bryan D. Holt demonstrates how to play the new "numbers" game in the Maryland State Lotteries. Players will place their wagers on machines like this at over 300 locations across the state.

By Bryan D. Holt

As of July 29, local numbers (illegal) runners will find themselves in the uneasiable position of competing with the Maryland State government for customers.

On that fateful Thursday, the Maryland State Lottery will begin its new est contest, "The Numbers Game". Players can win anywhere from $50 to $2500 any one of five ways.

The new daily pick-your-own-number three digit lottery will begin operation at 300 locations. Lottery officials hope to spread the operation to 150 additional centers within six months time.

The betting terminals, at which players will place their wagers, were designed by the American Toyalisator (Amtote) Company, a subsidiary of General Instruments. Amtote runs the same operation in New Jersey.

The terminals, affectionately called TIM's (ticket issuing machines), can be played at over 75 locations within Baltimore City, including Brown's and Super Pride Markets, Montgomery Ward's Sears and numerous area drugstores and cut rates.

George P. Mahoney, chairman of the Lottery Commission, told the AFRO that he is very much excited about the new game and expects trennendous results.

Mahoney stated, "We hope to take up at least 27 per cent of the current illegal number s rackets.

"You can use dream books, license plates numbers, hunches, baby's birthdays, and anything else you want to use."

Many people are pessimistic about the success foreseen for the new numbers game, as guaranteed winnings for straight bets are only 500 to 1 at the top. Street winnings are often far superior.

Mahoney, however, remained uncompromisingly optimistic. He said, "We're going to make it. It's a sure thing. It's a guarantee."

Pallotine Fathers subject of further investigations

BALTIMORE (UPI) — In an unusual move, the Maryland Board of Public Accountants plans to investigate an accountant, for the Baltimore Pallotine Fathers for possible violations of the board's code of ethics.

The board voted Thursday to investigate the professional conduct of Donald E. Webster, the accountant and investment advisor to the controversial religious order.

Thomas F. Cardegna, chairman of the five-member licensing board, said such board investigations occur "very seldom." But he said the panel acted because "there is sufficient matter now to institute an investigation."

"In this case there are serious questions of judgment."

An audit released last month by the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson and Co. revealed that Webster had interests in investments made by the Pallotines and advised the religious group to invest in several of his business interests.

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Cardegna said the board considered investigating Webster earlier, "but we decided to wait for the Arthur Anderson audit."

Webster, a past president of the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, and Gov. Marvin Mandel's 1974 campaign treasurer, could not be reached for comment. He was the Pallotine's accountant from the mid 1960s until last April.

Among the Pallotine investments revealed by the audit was a $250,000 loan to Roarda Company, Inc., a Bel Air oil supplier. The loan was made "at the behest of Donald Webster," according to Joseph M. More, the Pallotine's lawyer.

Rule 504 of the accountants, professional code states that an accountant retained by a client "shall not concurrently engage in any business or occupation which impairs his objectivity in rendering professional services or serves as a feeder to his practice."

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Prep scholar attends Naval Academy seminar

Keenan Holt, son of Mrs. Doris E. and the late William Holt, was one of approximately 700 of the nation's top high school students with demonstrated aptitude for engineering or science who participated in the third annual Naval Academy Engineering and Science Seminar and workshop recently.

More than, 3,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 17 competed for invitations to the five-day session. Final selection was based upon performance in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

During the seminar, the students received professional instruction from Academy faculty members in the fields of engineering, computer science, physics and chemistry.

According to Captain Arthur M. Potter Jr., director of Candidate Guidance, the main purpose of the seminar was to encourage outstanding students who have demonstrated the necessary ability and talent to pursue a career in one of the engineering or science areas.

Holt reportedly enjoyed the sessions and found them valuable, but not to the extent that he now includes the Naval Academy as one of his prospective college choices.

He told the AFRO that, at present, he is considering Princeton, Cornell, Brown, and Harvard universities, and the Michigan Institute of Technology.

Holt, a 16-year-old senior at the Gilman School, is interested in pursuing a career in engineering.

Girl Scout Zoo Safari

"Zoo Safari," a special summer event sponsored by Girl Scouts of Central Maryland in cooperation with the Baltimore Zoo, still has openings for a limited number of Baltimore-area girls ages 7 to 12. Non-Scouts as well as Girl Scouts are welcome.

Held at the Baltimore City Zoo, "Zoo Safari" offers a program of music, art, dancing, drama, puppetry, games and hikes along with opportunities to learn about the zoo and its animals.

Other activities include nature study, ecology projects and chances to develop camping skills.

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"Zoo Safari" Session II will be held July 19 to 22 and 26 to 29; and Session III is set for Aug. 2 to 5 and 9 to 12. Activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

A fee of $13 covers bus transportation between Baltimore City communities and the Zoo as well as program supplies and lunch-time beverage for the eight-day session. Girls will bring their lunch.

For information on registration procedures and bus schedules, interested persons may call the Girl Scout office, 889-2361, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or write the registrar, Mrs. Mary Jackson, 809 N. Woodington Road, Baltimore, Md. 21229.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland offers year-round programs for fun and learning to girls 6 to 17 in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford and Howard Counties. It receives partial support from the United Fund of Central Maryland and the United Way of Frederick County.

Airman Elvin Archibald of Park Heights Ave. and former AFRO employee is now a Security Policeman at Bolling Air Force Base in D.C.

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