New Directions for Women has new home on Charles St.

New Directions for Women, a non-profit clearinghouse where women can gather information about volunteer, educational and employment opportunities, is on the move.

By Jan. 10, the staff and volunteers of New Directions will be securely settled at 2517 North Charles St. Baltimore City.

The move is a result of an improved and expanded program to help women develop their maximum potential in the labor market. New Directions for Women was initiated in 1973 by volunteers working in cooperation with the Department of Employment Security.

From this small beginning, they have now grown, through accomplishment, to a streamlined process which has since its inception counseled close to 5,000 women.

These services include career counseling, resume writing, group counseling, job finding techniques, information on existing education and training programs, community resources, job information, career guidance workshops and a speaker's bureau. A staff of trained personnel is dedicated to answering the special vocational needs of all women - from high school students to Ph.D's - using a diversity of resources.

Employers will also find New Directions for Women has services for them. A "talent bank" lists professionally qualified women who are seeking employment.

Employer's training programs and job opportunities may be displayed and viewed by women looking for these opportunities. Assistance to employers with affirmative action planning and in-house workshops and seminars are available.

The Corrdinator of New Directions for Women is Ms. Mandy Goetze. Employers and women seeking career counseling are invited to visit the new offices after Jan. 10.

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City clinics to close Dec. 24-27

Baltimore City Health Department Clinics will be open to patients only until 2 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 23 Health Department Officials have announced.

Since city offices will be closed Friday Dec. 24, in lieu of Christmas Day, no clinics will be scheduled from closing time Thursday until Monday morning, Dec. 27.

Clinics will follow normal schedules on Thursday Dec. 30 except that none will open after 4:30 p.m. All clinics will be closed for Friday, Dec. 31 and will not open until Monday morning, Jan. 3, 1977.

Miss Lee weds Frank McCoy

Miss Sharah Louise Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Lee Sr. repeated wedding vows with Frank Lee McCoy, son of Ms. Sally Robinson last Saturday in services at the Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church.

The Bishop Leo K. Ceasar performed the double ring ceremony.

Maid of honor was Elaine Lee along with bridesmaids Joanne McCoy, Yolanda Nelson, Donava Jiner and Mariene Richards.

Best man was Walter McCoy, Ushers were Aaron McCoy, Tom McCoy, Horace C. Wilton and Jay Lee McCloud.

Flower girls were Jacqueline and Jeanette Colley.

A reception honoring the couple was hosted at the home of the bride's parents followed by a honeymoon trip to the Bahamas.

Both the bride and bridegroom attended Morgan State University and are employed by the C/ P Telephone Co.

CCB offers courses in environmental health

By Dr. Sidney Kobre
CCB News Bureau

The public has become so conscious of air, water and food pollution that governmental agencies, set up to protect citizens, need environmental health technicians to monitor and analyze the environment in order to be in compliance with the law.

Responding to this demand for trained personnel, the Community College of Baltimore's Harbor Campus has launched a program to prepare students for the jobs available in both government and industry now policing itself.

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Through this program CCB graduates can become health laboratory technicians, sanitary inspectors, food service inspectors and food products inspectors.

They can work for federal, state, county and city agencies concerned with checking, analyzing and preventing or reducing pollution.

They can also help to enforce the laws already on the books as well as recognizing the value of self monitoring industrial companies are setting up their own departments.

"Being an environmental technician is satisfying work," said Dr. Cyril O. Byron, head of the natural sciences and mathematics department at the Harbor Campus. "Students who want to contribute to the community's welfare and protect the health of citizens 'find themselves' in this kind of work. Age and previous background are no barriers."

According to Dr. Byron pollution causes cancer, respiratory, lung and other diseases. He stated this is why laws have been passed and protective government agencies have been established.

"The demand for trained technicians will double and even triple during the next decade, as the public recognizes the pollution dangers and wants something definite done about it," he said.

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Dr. Malcolm Davies, head of the division of engineering, marine and maritime technologies said some of the causes for the growing concern with the environmental pollution range from autos and industries to homes and farms.

"These causes contribute to the problem, which is growing because of the fact that we live in a technological world," he said.

An instructor of courses in ecology, Dr. Davies said, "the air we breathe becomes polluted by auto exhaust and factory smoke and the water becomes unfit to drink as a result of industrial waste pouring into the streams."

School officials state CCB is the only college in the area with an education program designed to train technicians.

Set in attractive classrooms and well-equipped laboratories, five experienced instructors teach the principles and applications of their subjects.

Students also get a broad educational background through courses in sociology, English, chemistry, biology mathematics ecology and environmental science.

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Vice President Raymond C. Bowen pointed out that the Harbor Campus is in a strategic location for teaching the environmental health programs.

He stated the federal government and the state and city protection agencies, are right in the area furnishing further opportunities to learn more about the new programs.

(AFRO staff photo by Benny Phillips)

MISS KAREN PURNELL made history recently becoming the first female ever to be elected a class officer at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Enrolled in the Technical Program at Poly and one of 85 female students at the school, Miss Purnell will serve as vice-president of the sophomore class for one year. She is the daughter of George and Mrs. Betty Purnell.

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Holiday costume display at Md. Historical Society

The Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument St., is now welcoming visitors to view its 1976 holiday costumes display. Historical garments generously donated by various families include outfits for women, men, and children.

In the society's Thomas and Hugg Memorial Dining Room, along with three other costumes, is a boy's Victorian sailor suit from 1876. It was made by Mrs. Lewis H. Steiner, and donated by Miss Amy Steiner.

The Cohen Room features a girl's dress from 1865. It is watered silk taffeta, and includes a steel and tape hoop placed under the skirt to give the period style. Seated in a sleigh on the first floor of the Thomas and Hugg Building is a lady's suit from the late nineteenth century.

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It is black wool broadcloth trimmed with velveteen, embroidered silk and horsehair braid. It was worn and donated by Miss Ethel White. The mannequin also has a carriage robe from 1869. It is hand woven with needlepoint work and appliqued with wool chenille animals. The donors are Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brunback.

In addition, the home of Baltimore philanthropist, Enoch Pratt, built in 1846, has been cheerfully decorated for the Christmas season. Displayed are a Christmas tree decorated with early nineteenth century ornaments, and an enchanting collection of antique toys and dolls.

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Costumes in the Pratt House include a white silk Empire style wedding dress from 1813. It was worn by Mrs. George Morris, and donated by Mrs. Edward W. Smith, III.

The toys and mannequins will be on display through Jan. 31.

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Public meeting slated to pick new delegate

The 5th Demoiratic Central Committee for Baltimore City will hold a special public meeting in Thursday Jan. 6, 1977 at 8 p.m. at the Enoch Pratt Library, 6310 Hiesterstown Rd.

The purpose of the meeting is to fill the vacancy created by the death of Del. Murray Abramson. For application procedure contact Morris Alpersstein—chairperson, 5641 Glengie Ave., Baltimore Md. 21215, 764-0861.

Application and filing fee of $50 must be sent to the chairperson on or before Jan. 1.

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Franco Harris chosen 'Man of Year' in NFL

CANTON, Ohio — Franco Harris, the bulwark of the Pittsburgh Steelers' ground attack for the past five years, has been named the 1976 Dodge-NFL Man of the Year.

Harris is the seventh NFL Man of the Year in unusual program that dates back to 1970 and annually honors an NFL player for his civic contributions as well as his athletic ability. The award is sponsored by Dodge and coordinated by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The selection of Harris was determined by a special committee of media personnel and football conference officials after Harris and four other NFL stars had been selected as finalists by a vote of the fans of the nation. More than one million ballots, an all-time record in the program, were cast in NFL stadiums and auto dealerships and by mail in the season-long competition.

Other finalists included quarterback Roger Staubach of the Dallas Cowboys, quarterback Mike Boryla of the Philadelphia Eagles, defensive back Billy Johnson of the Houston Oilers and center Bob Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Harris has worked tirelessly for a wide variety of youth activities, including the National Association for Retarded Children, the Pittsburgh School for the Blind Children's Hospital and the YWCA. Last spring he was named the Man of the Year by Western Pennsylvania Multiple Sclerosis Society and was honored at a benefit dinner in which several thousand dollars was raised for MSA.

Franco Harris cited as athlete-humanitarian

A similarly-successful dinner was held earlier by the Greater Pittsburgh Midget Football League. Franco has also been involved in working with the City of Hope, educational television, Muscular Dystrophy, the Salvation Army, Cystic Fibrisis and the Pittsburgh Haycees. In 1974 he was part of a group of NFL players who toured American military bases in the Far East.

To honor the new NFL Man of the Year, a $10,000 Dodge scholarship fund will be established in Harris's name in the Pittsburgh area. In addition, Franco will receive a 1977 Charger-S.E. and the Gladiator Trophy sculptured by Daniel Schwartz.

Recipients of the scholarships will be academically-qualified Pittsburgh-area students who demonstrate true financial need. Individual recipients will be honored in ceremonies in Pittsburgh sometime during the spring of 1977.

The other four finalists each will have $2,000 scholarships established in their names and additional $1,000 scholarships will be set up in the top vote-getters in the remaining 23 NFL cities.

Aussie debut test for Ashe

SYDNEY (UPI) American Arthur Ashe, making a sentimental journey to Australia before the retires, Wednesday drew some of the toughest opponents in his first tournament ever In Sydney next week.

The former Wimbledon champion, the No. 3 seed for the Marlboro New South Wales Open tennis championship starting at White City Sunday, has drawn John Alexander, Tony Roche, Mark Edmondson, Phil Dent and Allan Stone in his section.

Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas has Dick Crealy, Ross Case and Colin Dibley as his rivals for a semifinal berth. Second-seeded American Roscoe Tanner meets the tough Bob Hewitt in his first match before contending with Ray Ruffles, Geoff Masters and Kim Warwick to reach the last four.

Ken Rosewall, the No. 4 seed, has Americans Dick Stockton, Tom Gorman and Marty Riessen as his main opposition for a semifinal berth.

Bears' Eric Evans again tops MEAC

Morgan State University's Eric Evans Tuesday was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball player of the week.

The 6-9 junior from Clinton, N.C., scored 53 points and took down 35 rebounds to lead the Bears in two victories during the week.

It marked the second straight week that Evans was so honored.

Marvin Webster star in pro bow

Former Morgan State center Marvin Webster, starting his first game as a pro, grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds and scored 17 points Tuesday night to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 106-94 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, at Denver.

Webster, a 7-1 second-year pro who was sidelined most of last year with a kidney disease, grabbed 10 rebounds in the first half to help the Nuggets post their 14th straight home court victory.

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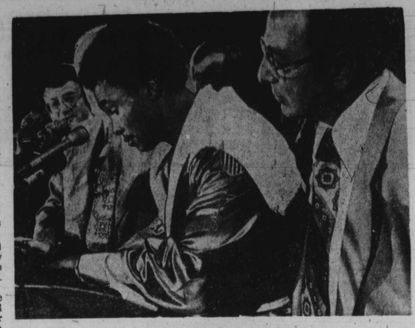
Sugar Ray Leonard and Angelo Dundee young newcomer signs first pro contract

Sugar Ray faces odds before first pro bout

By Sam Lacy

Sugar Ray Leonard will make his debut as a professional boxer on Feb. 5, 1977 against a yet-to-be-named opponent at the Baltimore Civic Center.

The 20-year-old light-welterweight gold medalist at the Montreal Olympics last July was ecstatic as he signed his contract Wednesday.

The mayor, members of the Civic Center Commission, the youngster's newly acquired manager and his longtime trainer were a living montage of happy faces. And many among a large gathering of news media people shared the young boxer's jubilation.

But cooler heads in the assemblage were restrained.

The AFRO, for one, wondered whether the kind of introduction give him may have placed Leonard in an awkward position.

"And now, ladies and gentlemen," intoned Mayor William Donald Schaefer, "it is an honor to present Sugar Ray Leonard.

"If you will douse the lights, please," said the mayor turning to a battery of television people. And when one TV crew was slow reacting, his honor demanded: "Put out that light!"

A spotlight was spent on a nearby part and Sugar Ray shuffled in decked in his red Olympic robe. He shadow-boxed up the aisle to a ring that had been set up for the occasion, climbed between the ropes and held his hands aloft ala Muhammad Ali — as the lone spotlight played on his svelte figure.

It was an auspicious entrance — whether deserved or not at this stage in his career — and being the kind of young man he is, Sugar Ray couldn't help being betrayed by momentary embarrassment.

One observer would have been not surprised if a hidden hand had broken out ith "Hail to the Chief" at any moment, as a red carpet fell into place from the ceiling.

When one considers that Ali nor his namesake, Sugar Rey Robinson (although Leonard is named Ray Charles after the singer - composer) any such kleig-light introduction, it is reasonable to suspect that the youngster will be hard pressed to live up to the bullshp.

In fairness to the Palmer Park (Md lad, it should be conceded that his amateur accomplishments — topped off by a sensational Olympic performance — point to a brilliant pro potential.

He is in excellent hands with Angelo Dundee serving as manager and teacher Dave Jacobs continuing as rainer.

Dundee, erstwhile manager-trainer of Ali, has handled 10 fighters who won world titles under his guidance. And Jacobs, who saw the promise in Ray when the youth frequented the Oakcrest-Palmer Park (Md) Recreation Center and developed it, is the only trainer to work with him.

Matchmaker Eddie Hrica will announce Teonard's first opponent early next month.

The fight, a 6-rounder, will be staged at 4 p.m., Feb. 5, in order to fit into that day's "Sports Spectacular" presentation by CBS-TV.

Tickets are now on sale at $20, $10, $7 and $3, it was announced.

Morgan State bus service to begin

A new bus route serving Morgan State University, Loyola College, Poly Western High School, and the College of Notre Dame will start on a trial basis Jan 17.

The new service will run along Cold Spring Lane between Hillen Rd. and Dolfield Ave. Buses will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with service every half hour from 7 to 9 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. and every hour at other times.

The new route will be number 33, and when operating eastbound, the buses will carry a sign reading "Morgan State University" and, westbound, a sign reading "Belvedere and Groveland". The route's western end-point will be Belvedere and Groveland Aves. This new service was approved by Secretary Hughes following recommendations of MTA Administrator, Walter J. Addison.

Riders on the new route will be able to transfer to ten major bus lines within the city.

Secretary Hughes said his department estimates that patronage will build up to about 400 riders a day by the end of the first six months and 600 a day by the end of the first year.

Estimated revenue from the new service will total just over $30,000 for the first year, while costs are estimated at more than $104,000, which will produce a deficit of approximately $74,000, Secretary Hughes said.

Larry Middleton to box Foreman

Baltimore's perennial heavyweight hope Larry Middleton will receive yet another shot at mainline boxing recognition.

Middleton has been signed to box former champion George Forman at Lake Tahoe, Nev., on Jan. 22.

Reno for Raiders

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — The Reno Turf Club picks the Oakland Raiders to win the Super Bowl, with 1-2 odds.

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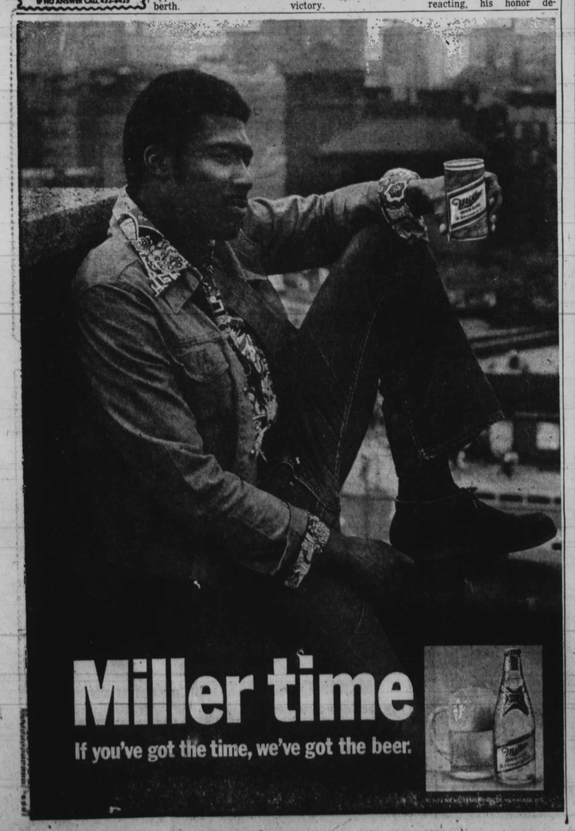

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