All things always bright to new Hall-of-Famer Banks

By Milton Richman

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ernie Banks doesn't discriminate.

To him, everybody and everything is the same, beautiful. No matter what he happens to be talking to you about, the day, the ballpark, the city, the people or the life, they're all beautiful to Ernie Banks.

"My critics say I've gotta be crazy," Ernie laughed Wednesday, which had to be one of the most beautiful days of his life because it was the day on which he was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I can't help being the way I am. It's me," said the former shortstop-first baseman for the Chicago Cubs, who hit 512 homers during his 19 years with them. "I like to do everything with a smile on my face and a good thought in my heart. I got it from my parents, my mother. She taught me to always look for the bright side."

Banks will be 46 soon but still has some little boy in him, enough sot hat he could hardly stand still Wednesday over the sheer pleasure and excitment of being elected in his first year of eligibility.

This is the greatest moment of my life," were the first words out of Banks' mouth after baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn got up in front of a microphone and announced his election.

Then Ernie stepped to the mike, all smiles.

"Let me tell you what baseball has meant to me," he said eagerly, after which he spoke non-stop for a solid half-hour.

"It has meant a beautiful association with people, people I'd never have had a chance to meet if I hadn't played for the Chicago Cubs. This has been a marvelous life."

Most of the time Banks played for the Cubs, they were battling to keep out of the cellar. He was MVP in 1958 and 1959 but never got into so much as a single playoff contest, let alone a World Series.

"Anybody who plays for the Cubs is well-blessed," he said. "I was fortunate to have played for someone like Phillip K. Wrigley, who believes in loyalty and very high principles. He helped me many times, and he has helped many other Cub players as well."

He had an answer to the question of whether he would've left the Cubs for three times the money they were paying him if he had the same chance today's players do.

"I wouldn't," he said.

Ernie Banks meant it. That's the type person he is, and in the long run, he profited anyway because he did all right financially with the Cubs for whom he still works in group sales.

"I know large sums of money are very attractive," Banks said, "but my philosophy is that there are other things you have to think about. Teamwork and togetherness are important. You can't say all I care about is me."

Ernie Banks heel-clicking enthusiasm still there

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Basketball

Lake Clifton at Edmondson
Southwestern at Walbrook
Mervo at Northern
Poly at Carver
Northwestern at Dunbar
Forest Park at City

Wrestling

Northwestern at Mt. St. Joe
Mervo at Douglass
Lake Clifton at Carver
Patterson at Southern
Poly at Gilman
Edmondson at Friends
City at St. Paul

Swimming

Northern at Southern
Mervo at Southwestern
Poly at Northwestern
Edmondson at Forest Park

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Swimming

McDonogh at Patterson
Gilman JV at Patterson
TV

Weekend basketball

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Coppin St. 87, St. Mary's 59
D.C. Teachers 111, Federal City 90
Wilmington 67, Bowie St. 51
Va. Union 88, Delaware St. 70
Hampton 81, Norfolk State 73
Va. State 99, J.C. Smith 87
Lincoln 75, Morgan 72
Federal City 108, Gallaudet 57
Wilmington 67, D.C. Teachers 53
St. Paul's 83, Eliz. City 82
Detroit Tech 86, Shaw 80
W. Salem 83, Fayetteville 79
S.C. State 71, N.C C.entral 69
Ky. State 94, N. Kentucky View 81
Dillard 115, Morehouse 105
Belmont-Abbey 83, Livingstone 64
Ky. State 133, Unión (Ky) 84
T. Southern 86, Prairie View 81
Allen 84, Shaw 74
Grambling 82, Miss. Valley 62
T Southern 121, Paul Quinn 72
Mo. Lincoln 76, S.W. Missouri 57

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

Hampton at Md., E. Shore
CCB at New York CC
Knoxville at Lane
Cheyney State at Gannon
Savannah St. at Clark

Saturday

Barber Scotia at Coppin
Howard at Delaware St.
Lincoln at Md., E. Shore
Balto. U at Salisbury St.
UMBC at Point Park
Va. State at Norfolk St.
W. Salem at Elon
A and T at S.C. State
Livingstone at Fayetteville
St. Aug. at N.C. Central
Cheyney State at Akron
Knoxville at Fisk
Tenn. St. at Indiana St.
Coastal Carolina at Voorhees
Friendship at Clinton
Savannah St. at Morehouse
Texas Southern at Grambling
Prairie View at Alcorn

Monday

Federal City at Coppin
Bowie St. at Wilmington
Fairleigh Dickinson at S.C. State
W. Salem at Eliz. City
S.C. State at W. Carolina
Fayetteville at Shaw
Ky. Wesleyan at Tenn. St.
Benedict at Fla. A and M
Texas Southern at Alcorn
Prairie View at Grambling

COLLEGE WOMEN

Saturday

Morgan at Salisbury St.
Federal City at Shaw
Howard at Delaware St.
Bowie State College at Va. State
USC-Aiken at Voorhees

NBA GAMES

Friday

San Antonio at Boston
Washington at N.Y. Nets
Milwaukee at Atlanta
Buffalo at Chicago
Houston at Detroit
Seattle at Denver
N.Y. Knicks at Los Angeles
Indiana at Phoenix

Saturday

Boston at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Portland at Houston
Golden State at New Orleans
Buffalo at Kansas City

Sunday

Philadelphia at Boston
Chicago at N.Y. Nets
Golden State at Atlanta
N.Y. Knicks at New Orleans
Portland at San Antonio
Detroit at Washington
Kansas City at Milwaukee
Indiana at Los Angeles
Seattle at Phoenix

Monday

Buffalo at Denver

'Mean' stare by 'Mean Joe' wins MVP award for Blount

That MVP trophy adorning the mantle at Mel Blount's house, awarded for his heroics at the Pro-Bowl game, is there because of Joe Greene.

The big "mean" tackle gave his teammate on the Pittsburgh Steelers one of his patented "mean" looks when Blount was getting ready to defect Seattle earlier in the week. So, Mel didn't.

Blount was around, therefore, to blunt National Conference drives with two interceptions that assured the American Conference's 24-14 victory. They also got him the MVP vote.

But the guy who won the hardware admitted afterward that he came within a "Mean Joe" stare of watching the game on TV.

"I hurt my ankle in the first day of practice (for the Pro Bowl) and was going to go home," the veteran defensive back explained.

"But Jos looked at me and said I shouldn't go, so I hung around and I decided as long as I was going to be there I might as well win the MVP trophy. Besides, Jos is not the kind of guy you want to have mad at you."

TV's tiny salesman Gene Williams invited to Carter's Inauguration

"You've seen Gene Williams, a precocious seven-year-old from Columbia, Md., in TV commercials with Bill Cosby for Jello.

Now if you look sharp you'll see him on TV at President-elect Carter's Inauguration ceremonies.

Gene Williams is the son of Dr. Eugene Williams, coordinator of the secondary education program at Howard University and Mrs. Helen Williams an English teacher at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia.

His father is a native of Virginia and received his Master's at the University of Virgina and his doctorate at the University of Miami where he met and married the former Helen Barbory. She's a grad of A and M with a master's from the University of Miami.

Gene, their only child expressed an early interest in TV. By the age of two he could read. His TV career was launched three years ago when a tax consultant visiting the Williams' home was astounded when the child picked up the tax form, read it and asked intelligent questions. He insisted the child should be TV and sent the family to D.C.'s largest agency, Kal. Erhlick. He then appeared in a Safeway commercial.

Since that time he has registered with four talent agencies in New York, has become a member of AFTRA and has helped sell Parks Sausage, mouthwash, baby powder, underwear, potato chips and toys.

As a second grader at the private McDonogh School he has made the Dean's list and is taking drama and music lessons.

During the recent Carter Ford campaign. Dr. Williams worked hard for the Carter team and the boy, Gene was quite excited. On Election Day he went to the polls with his father.

Returning home, he begged his father to write Carter a letter of congratulations. Monday of this week, Gene and his parents received the coveted invitation in beige with script writing to be presented at the Capitol to see President Carter receive the oath of office.

Gene will wear a new blue suit from Pierre Cardin, thermal underwear and a heavy overcoat and boots.

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Two Baltimore cagers cleared in burglary

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — Burglary charges were dismissed Wednesday against two starters on the University of Wisconsin basketball team, and a third starter was ordered into a rehabilitative program after a plea bargain.

The Dane County District Attorney's office said there was insufficient evidence to convict 6-foot-6 center Ray Sydnor and 6-foot-4 guard Arnold Gaines, both freshmen from Baltimore, of Charges they burglarized a room in a women's dormitory last month.

However, 6-foot-8 James "Stretch" Gregory, a freshman from Washington, D.C., and the team's leading scorer and rebounder, was ordered to attend a 15-month program for first offenders.

Gregory was charged with burglary. During plea bargaining, he accepted the recommendation of the District Attorney's office that he go to first offenders' school rather than stand trial on the charge.

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The three were arrested in December after a coed reported that an alarm clock had been taken from her room. She said she had seen Gregory attempting to dismantle a stero outfit.

Assistant District Attorney John Burr said the clock had fallen out of Sydnor's coat, but "it is my understanding that it was put in the coat by Gregory without Syndor's knowledge."

"I have three individuals are being treated the same as anyone else," said Burr, apparently referring to criticism that the three were being given favorable treatment because they were athletes at the university.

"It's a tragedy this matter has been blown out of proportion," Burr said. "It's not the fault of any of the parties involved."

James Olson, attorney for the three, said, "this case has caused a lot of heartache and concern to a lot of people.

Morgan's Young picked by MEAC

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) has named Morgan State's Anthony Young its basketball player of the week.

Young, a 6-6 sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y., scored 38 points, collected 21 rebounds and posted seven assists in two Morgan wins last week.

He had 18 points, 14 rebounds and four assists in a 92-74 win over Marv[illegible] Shore on Wednesday. Then against [illegible] Sunday, he had 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists in a 78-74 decision.

This is the year Ford Motor Company has done more than ever to make their cars rust resistant.

Have you seen the new 1977 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln cars?
You can't tell by looking at 'em, but these cars have more rust protection built into them than any cars Ford Motor Company has ever built. It's true... 'cause a Cosby don't lie.

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Zincrometal* steel. We use a lot of it. 'Cause rust hates it.

ZAP! It's how metal grabs paint and hangs on like a magnet.

Zap! Metal grabs hold of primer paint and hangs on. Like a magnet! Then... on go vinyl sealers. Sprayed into little seams an' joints where rust likes to sneak in.

See the holes in the doors? They're to poke wands into... to spray water-resistant aluminized wax inside door panels and other hard-to-get-at places. Then... it's all wrapped up in 3 coats of tough acrylic enamel.

First thing, they're still using lots of galvanized steel. And rust resistant Zincrometal* steel. Lots of it... 'cause rust hates it.

And when the whole body's built, they spray it with primer paint. Or it gets dunked in a tub of primer paint... where the body gets an electrical charge that's positive... and the primer gets a negative charge.

Where salt and mud like to hide an' eat away at metal... on go vinyl sealers.

Now listen, the completely rust-proof car hasn't been built yet... by anybody.

But this is the year Ford Motor Company's done more than ever to make their cars rust resistant. It's true.

See these holes? This is where aluminized wax goes in... to keep rust out.

It's simple. Ford wants to be your car company.

Ford

*Zincrometal is a registered trademark of Diamond Shamrock Corp.

Every car gets 3 coats of tough acrylic enamel on top of the primer. This Grenada wears more paint than my Aunt Flossie.

Talbot County resident wins $75,000 Lottery

Always will be remembered is Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1977, when Edward Webb, a resident of Oxford, Maryland on the Eastern Shore, won $75,000 in the State Lottery.

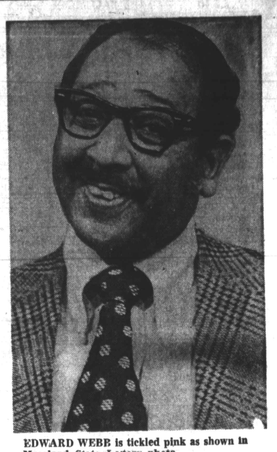
The $75,000 was the week's Grand Prize awarded on the all new M.S.L.G. Show, aired each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 11, WBAL/TV, in Baltimore.

Webb is 54, and a vending machine operator. He and his wife of 20 years, Amelia, have two children, a son Jason, 4, and a daughter Marie, 13.

Webb enjoys playing the lottery. Each week, in addition to his four yearly subscriptions, he purchases about $5.00 worth of tickets. He has always dreamt of owning a new Cadillac, and now, a $75,000 Grnd Prize can help make his dream a reality.

In addition to wanting a Caddy, Mr. Webb also enjoys flying and playing pool. With his winnings, he plans a trip to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans this February.

Other winners from the program of Jan. 12 were: Estella Whitehead from Hagerstown, winning $4,700; Thomas Jockle from Falls Church, Va., winning $4,470; Edward Sollars from Deer Park, winning $3,100; Frank Maglov from Baltimore, winning $2,240; and George Zickesinoose from Dundalk winning $2,190.



EDWARD WEBB is tickled pink as shown in Maryland State Lotery photo.

PLAINS, GA.: President-elect Jimmy Carter waves as he leaves the Plains Baptist Church following services 1/16. The next time Carter returns to the church he will be the President of the United Setates. UPI

ALBANY, GA.: President-elect Jimmy Carter uses a bullhorn to say goodbye to a large crowd gather at Albany airport 1/19 to see him off for his flight to Washington to take the oath of office 1/20 as the President of the United States.

Eastsiders say prison over there won't work

Many concerned Eastside citizens say East Baltimore is becoming a prison dumping ground.

Spokesmen claim overcrowded prisons have been a pressing problem for some time.

Putting a prison at the Continental Can Company on East Biddle Street will not solve the problem.

It will only destroy the best black neighborhood in East Baltimore and cost the Maryland taxpayers too much money.

East Baltimore already has its share of prisons.

They are:

1. Maryland State Penitentiary
2. Baltimore City Jail
3. Women's Detention Center
4. Community Correction Center (on Caroline and Oliver Streets)
5. Drug Abuse Centers,
6. Alcoholic Centers
7. Juvenile Centers
8. Numerous other Half-Way Houses

East Baltimoreans stoutly oppose a prison being put in their best neighborhood.

They have their share of prisons already.

The governor and mayor must use the alternative sites that have been proposed to them. County residents must also bear the prison burden.

Alternative sites that will have little or no opposition are:

1. Fort Carroll
2. Industrial Building on East Preston Street Near Greenmount Avenue
3. Old Gas and Electric Building near City Jail and Penitentiary
4. High-rise building on land adjacent to City jail and Maryland State Penitentiary
5. Patuxent — can be abolished as a special treatment institution and used for normal maximum security.

When this is done, it would house 1,000 prisoners sooner than the 18-24 months projected for renovation of the Continental Can Company and at the present time. Patuxent could house 500 maximum security prisoners along with the "defective delinquents.

6. Old Post Office Building — located on Calvert and Fayette Streets. The city is negotiating to buy the building from the Federal Government.

This building contains 250,000 sq. ft. This is adequate to house a substantial number of prisoners.

When the city takes over the Post Office, the city can then lease the building to the State for a prison site.

The money from the lease can bring much needed revenue to the City treasury. The Federal Government will vacate the Post Office building by January 1977.

7. Ramada Inn — Route I 95.

The Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore are asking the legislators to vote against the Continental Can Prison and use the above mentioned alternative sites to ease over crowding in our prisons. The alternative sites are cheaper and can be used immediately to ease overcrowding.

The governor and mayor must resort to the listed sites and not discriminate against the residents of East Baltimore.

VUU fills post vacant for 2 years

A Vanderbilt University sociologist has been appointed director of Virginia Union University's schools of arts and science. The school, which has been without a permanent head for two years, is the largest unit in the university.

He is Dr. Ronald Glenfield Parris, who, in addition to his administrative post, will be Henry J. McGuinn distinguished professor of sociology. The chair is named for a former Virginia Union sociologist and debating coach who taught at the university from 1922 to 1974.

A native of Barbados, Dr. Parris holds the B.A. degree from the University of Rochester, the master's degree from the university of California, Santa Barbara, and the Ph.D. from Yale.

He has taught at Santa Barbara City College, Columbia University, New York University and, for the past four years, has been assistant professor of sociology at Vanderbilt.

Dr. Parris' research has been published both in this country and in England. He is currently working on a study of the political and economic impact of tourism on the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Outlook good for job bill, says Hawkins

WASHINGTON — Congressional proponents of the controversial Humphrey-Hawkins job bill are optimistic of its passage under the Carter administration, said a spokesman last week.

Bill Higgs, legal counsel for Rep. Augustus Hawkins D-Calif., told the AFRO: "Sen. (Hubert) Humphrey introduced the bill in the Senate and we expect hearings on it to begin soon."

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According to Higgs, Charles Shultze, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, made positive statements about the bill before the Senate Banking Committee last week and Jimmy Carter "read the new version of the bill last September and is completely behind it."

The often controversial bill who rejected by Gerald Ford, who called it inflationary at a time when unemployment was 8 per cent. The bill is structured to reduce this figure to about 4 per cent.

Jimmy Carter also rejected the bill at first, but apparently is giving his full support to the revised version.

Ike White, City College principal, says he worked to upgrade school

Here is the letter Isaiah E. White wrote to Dr. John Crew, superintendent of public instruction :

Dear Dr. Crew:

In response to the story written by Mr. Glen Fallin in the News American on Jan. 9, 1977, I feel that you should know the truth about the charges made by Dr. Francis Thomas and some of the teachers at City College.

I shall address myself to each charge and list what is truth in each case.

Let me also state that I have written documentations to prove any and all statements made to you in this memo .

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In his story, Mr. Fallin according to information he received from teachers, charged that :

1. I belatedly established adequate disciplinary procedures, harassed teachers, and refused to seek or accept their assistance or advice.

On Sept. 1, 1976 I gave each homeroom teacher enough copies for each student at City which contained the twelve regulations students had to live by while attending City.

These copies were distributed to all students on Sept. 7, 1976 and I explained these regulations to the entire student body in an Assembly on Sept. 13, 1976.

From Sept .15 through Dec. 17, 1976, I have seen and handled, 112 students who were listed by teachers for violating one of these regulations.

Mr. McDonald, in this same period, has seen and handled 200 additional students listed by teachers for various violations.

In terms of harassing teachers, the record shows that all requests made to teachers have been in written.

I have not made any request which violates any agreement made between the Board and the Public School Teachers' Association.

Each request is made with the hope of improving teaching and learning at City, When it became clear to me that the Block Schedule would eliminate some of the problems of attendance, I had five meetings with all Department Heads seeking input in terms of the proposed schedule, the curriculum which should be provided, and the accommodations which had to be made for seniors who would graduate in June, 1977.

I had two additional meetings with Mr. Wagner, the head of our Guidance Department, and suggested that Mr. McDonald, our Assistant Principal, meet with Department Heads to finalize the schedule and no number was set on how many times they would meet.

2. Dr. Thomas appealed to you last week without success.

I make no comment about this since you are fully aware of that meeting in my office.

A LIE

3. One day last week fewer than 400 students were present.

This is an outright lie and needs no responsee.

4. Mr. Wagner stated that the Block Schedule resulted in hundreds of requests by students for schedule changes to accommodate their individual needs.

In truth, 44 seniors needed schedule changes, and the changes were made to provide U.S. History needed by them to graduate. We did not honor the 25 requests by 10th and 11th graders because they were receiving the credits required by the State for graduation.

5. Some students were placed in second-year Spanish without having had first-year Spanish.

This is true due to human error and in each case this situation was changed .

6. Our students were assigned to classes without any regard for their individual preferences and needs.

TEST RESULTS

All 10th and 11th grade students were assigned to classes on their achievement test results.

We attempted to maintain an achievement range of 12 months or less in each class with the hope that teachers could better plan for and instruct these students.

Before Dec. 20, 1976, the achievement ranges in the various classes extended six to eight years. We were unable to group our 12th graders in this manner because their requirements for graduation determined grade subjects.

These achievement levels range from 6 to 8 years. It is much more important to meet student needs than student preferences.

7. Some students were placed in the 11th grade on the basis of test scores although they passed no 10th grade subjects

ANOTHER LIE

Here again we have a vicious lie by Dr. Thomas. We did indeed move some seven students to the 11th grade not because of Test Scores but because these students were registered in Evening School and are taking the required credit for the grades they were in. This is another attempt to meet individual needs.

8. Every student in the school was promoted last year even though some were absent 100 days or more during the year.

I cannot respond to this and it may be true. I did find 64 students who had not completed their 9th grade requirments and organized two classes for them. These students are being taught the 9th grade requirements at this time. We are again trying to meet the needs of the students.

9. My two Assistants and I have been observing teachers at an unprecedented rate and we are observing nine teachers daily.

LESSON PLANS

Since school started and up to this date my Assistants have observed a total of seven teachers and I have not been able to observe anyone. We will observe each teacher at City a minimum of two times before Feb. 28, 1977. I would hope that this effort Is made in more of our schools.

10. I required teachers to file retroactively written Lesson Plans.

In a memo dated Nov. 8, 1976, teachers were informed that I would collect and evaluate all Lesson Plans starting November 15, 1976. These Plans included those from September 13, 1976 through November 12, 1976. This is not unusual since each teacher is required to have a Daily Lesson Plan. I did not ask any teacher to rewrite a Lesson Plan but to turn in the Plans they had starting September 13, 1976.

11. In a Faculty Meeting last November several female teachers and a male teacher with more than 20 years experience broke down and cried because of "bullying" by Mr. White.

NO BULLYING

I have never had any Faculty Meeting when any teacher cried and there has been no attempt to "bully" any teacher. I have insisted and demanded that all teachers carry out their responsibilities and duties as a teacher and shall continue to do this.

12. In an assembly I admonished black students to become good Americans and several white teachers suggested that I include some words of encouragement for the handful of white students.

Following our second Assembly two of our white students came to me and said, "Mr. White we are in a minority and we wish you would mention us in an Assembly". I told them that I would be happy to do so and said let me tell you now what I plan to say; "There are twelve white students who attend our school and theey want me to mention them.

Evidently, these young men are interested in the educational program at City and I hope they find what is needed. These students are in a minority and for the first time know how I have felt all my life.

I want you fellows to know that you belong to me too and we are glad to have you"

This statement was made to the entire student body.

121 CUT CLASS

13 . Even with the new rules, however, 121 students were listed one day last week as having cut class after coming to school for their Homeroom Period.

We have a "Student Violators Record Book" in which teachers list all student violators daily. Listed below are the dates and number of students listed:

Date : Total Listed:
Total Listed For Cutting:
Dec. 20 — 11 5.
Dec. 21 — 10 5.
Dec. 22 — 34 6.
Dec. 23 — 5 0
Jan. 3 — 51 10.
Jan. 4 — 66 9.
Jan. 5 — 16 7
Jan .6 — 13 0

As you can see, there is a vast difference between these 13 accusations by teachers as reported to Mr. Fallin and the truth as stated by me in this memo.

Additionally, I was able to let Mr. Fallin see and read the written documentations on this date which refutes all of these charges.

I would hope that at some convenient time, you would share this information with the Board since they, like the general public, have been misinformed.

Albany State alumni list

"Albany State is on the eve of its 75th anniversary in 1978 and we want all alumni to be directly informed regarding activities of interest and recognize the potential they have to State College, Albany, Ga. make the observance noteworthy," Hampton said.

Any former student, graduate or loyal friend of the institution not receiving the ASCIAN (Alumni Newsletter) in December 1976 should send their name, address and period of attendance to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Albany 31705 or call (912) 439-4061.