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ARTHUR McDANIELS, AFRO carrier of the week, sells 150 papers a week on his corner, Edmondson and Fremont Aves. Arthur is a student at Booker T. Washington Junior High and his favorite sport is basketball. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron McDaniels of George St.

UMES, Salisbury merger group prepares for hearings

PRINCESS ANNE — The special task force investigating the possible merger of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, (UMES) and Salisbury State College has sent an open letter to the faculty, administration, alumni and students of both schools.

The letter, according to State Board for Higher Education (SBHE) officials, was sent in an attempt to solicit written statements from individuals and groups to determine whether UMES and Salisbury should be merged into a single, non-doctoral institution on the lower Eastern Shore.

"We seek to accumulate information and opinions from every possible source on the question of futures of higher education in the region," the letter stated.

The letter would serve as a spring board for collecting data from the two school's special education committee for use at the public hearings scheduled in July.

Dr. William P. Hytche, chancellor of UMES, and part of the committee, stated he would give the task force cooperation but re-emphasized that he and the majority of the UMES community are opposed to any merger with Salisbury.

The University of Maryland Board of Regents also made it clear that it would oppose merger of the two schools.

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Talk of combining the two schools began after a legislative report recommended UMES be closed because of low student enrollment and the high cost of maintaining those students.

But the recommendation was scrapped.

The task force was formed to present SBHE with a report in January 1978, well in time for SBHE officials to make it a part of their 13-month master plan which will be presented to Gov. Marvin Mandel.

ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK RELOCATION

Community leader requests health center funds be cut

Constant Care Community Health Center could have its federal funds discontinued unless it reconsiders a decision to move from its present location at 907 Edmondson Ave. to the Metro Plaza in Mondawmin Mall.

In a letter to the executive director of the Central Maryland Health Systems Agency (MSA), Howard "Pete" Rawlings, president of the Community Health Council of Maryland, Inc., requested the agency act quickly to terminate funds from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare if the decision is not made.

"I am compelled by events surrounding the (Constant Care) situation to strongly request your agency act immediately to achieve the discontinuation of federal funds from HEW to the Center until such time the Center ceases all actions related to its relocation," Rawling wrote.

The letter was written after some members of the Community Health Council expressed concern about the possible loss of medical services in the immediate community.

Rawlings contends the relocation of the Constant Care Center would result in "unnecessary duplication of medical services."

He pointed out that Provident Hospital, Provident-Druid Children and Youth Center and the Garwyn and Madison Park Medical Centers are within either walking distances or "a 10 minute bus ride" from the Mall and there are at least 15 health provider offices in the area.

"It would appear," Rawlings went on, "that the movement of Constant Care from an area with a low concentration of health resources to an area of high concentration would violate the mandate of achieving equal access to quality health care."

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William McM. Hiscock, executive director of HSA, said he could not comment on the Constant Care situation because he has not received Rawling's letter or the group's application to move.

However, Hisock did say HSA could investigate and report to HEW on any capital improvement the Center might want federal funding to absorb over $100,000.

Gas stations serve elderly, handicapped at lower prices

With 16 stations now participating, a pilot program providing senior citizens and handicapped moterists full-service at self-service gas prices has grown beyond its originl Baltimore metropolitan test area.

American Automobile Association (AAA) contract stations in Laurel and Severna Park have agreed to take part in the plan, designed to encourage regular maintenance of motor vehicles according to Richard A. Hartman, president of the 160,000-member Automobile Club of Maryland.

First of its kind in the nation, the program began with five stations in Baltimore last November. By March, the number had more than doubled. With the addition of the Laurel and Severna Park stations, it grew to 16, Hartman said.

The new statiins are Laurel anl Benfield Shell Laurell and Benfield Shell Service in Severna Park. Other stations that have agreed recently to pump gas and perform service checks for club members 65 years of age or older, and for those permanently disabled, for the competitive price per gallon at self-service islands are:

Frank's Exxon Center, Linthicum; Tollgate Exxon Service center, 10,520 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills; Skip's Auto Repair/Towing, Catonsville and Westview Arco, 6028 Baltimore National Pike.

Other stations participating, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, are: Barnes Gulf Service 3765 New old Court Road; Chadwick Shell Service, 7175 Security Blvd.; Cherry Hill BP, 700 Cherry Hill Road; County Line Service Center, 5905 Liberty Road and Donato's Gulf service, 8636 Liberty Road.

Also, Dundalk Sunoco, 2104 Dundalk Ave; Fisher's Arco, 1699 Forest Park Ave.; Frankford Gardens Exxon, Frankford Ave. and Sinclair Lane; Ringgold's Sunoco, 8900 Loch Raven Blvd., and Wyatt's William Penn Service, 1601 West Lafayette Ave.

—NAACP president speaks

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doing the job, though. We look up to the dope pusher. More morality must be shown because morality is at an all-time low. We must change our values. Righteousness must take the place of materialism. And the major drawback to this is, selfish. If you hope to change these you are going to have to help," Mrs. McMillan offered.

She called for a return to basic values and cautioned blacks "are going to have to do more than raise money ... Because to try may mean to die, but if you don't try, you have never been born."

Drivers of 'engine swap' cars asked for information

The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has asked the 719 Maryland car owners who bought Oldsmobiles equipped with Chevrolet engines to furnish information about their purchases in order for the MVA "to determine if violations of state law have occurred."

In a letter to these motorists, Ejner J. Johnson, state motor vehicle administrator, advised them "a preliminary investigation by this administration has revealed you and other customers may not have been aware of this fact (a different type of engine) at the time of purchase. If such is the case, the possibility arises the manufacturer may be in violation of the licensing laws of this state."

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To make that determination, Johnson asked the motorists to complete an 11-question questionnaire and return it to the MVA.

Johnson emphasized although the MVA cannot compel the manufacturer, General Motors, "to make an equitable settlement," it is empowered "to impose appropriate administrative sanctions" if a violation of law has occurred.

"In addition," Johnson continued, "any person suffering loss by reason of a violation of any provision of the licensing law may recover reasonable damages, court costs and attorneys' fees in a court of law.

"We would also like to adivse you Attorney Cenerral Francis, B. Burch is involved in legal proceedings with General Motors and with several dealers concerning this matter. Full and complete details will be furnished to you from his office prior to the June 1st date." (The deadline for acceptance of General Motors' offer.)

5 former students sue Norfolk State College

NORFOLK (UPI) — Five former graduate students have filed a $50,000 federal damage suit against Norfolk State College, charging the school broke promises it made them about an off-campus program in communications.

The five, all Pennsylvania residents, charged in U.S. District Court that the college hired them into a graduate program in Philadelphia with a false promise they would not have to take final comprehensive examination.

They also charged the program was disorganized and "grading was arbitrary, unequal and confusing." The five said the program was also relocated twice, eventually taking root at Brandywine College in Delaware, causing them financial hardships.

Desert confab in August

GENEVA — Delegates from 30 countries and observers from 11 international organizations have just completed a regional meeting here covering the Mediterranean area, in preparation for the UN Conference on Desertification which begins in Nairobi this August.

The UN conference will be the first gobal move towards a comprehensive assessment of the problem and towards action to halt and reverse desertification.

Beginning in 1968, countries along the southern border of the Sahara endured six years of disastrous drought that caused scientists and governments to fear that some basic change had occurred in the climate of the region and that the desert was expanding southward.

In 1974, the UN called for practical measures "to slow the spread of deserts."

Four feasibility studies are under preparation for the Nairobi conference.

One deals with the extension of the Saharan "green belt" (Morocco and Egypt). Another, with the underground water systems of Egypt, Lybia, Chad and Sudan, as well as the Arabian Peninsula.

A third covers monitoring techniques including remote sensing by satellites and the fourth concerns livestock management in north Africa.

An international rescue operation has already been mounted to preserve the delicate ecological balance in a vast stretch of rangeland across Africa and the Near East.

The program, supported by many countries under the umbrella of the UN, is to stop the rapid deterioration of a vast area of rangeland into barren deserts through pressure of expanding human and animal populations.

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