STEPPIN' HIGH to avoid the puddles are these downtown shoppers. The rainfall for May has been more than half an inch above the average.

WET AND DREARY is the only way to describe the monsoon - like weather that has hit the area recently. More than five inches of rain have fallen over the area during the month of May.

U. of Md. departments don't want to move

University of Maryland employees, members of various departments earmarked for a possible move from one campus to another, are marshalling their forces to keep their schools at their respective campuses.

Several weeks ago university officials put together a task force to study the possibility of moving programs from the over-crowded campus at College Park to the Baltimore County or Eastern Shore Campus.

The task force recommended at least 19 programs which could be moved to other campuses.

The recommendation has brought discontent from the faculty, staff and students of three of those programs.

The journalism department on the College Park campus was the first to express disatisfaction.

Its officials claimed that journalism education at the University of Maryland may be destroyed if it is forced to move to the Baltimore County campus.

According to department officials the College of Journalism is one of the fastest growing programs at College Park because of its popularity.

Journalism enrollment at College Park has tripled in the past 10 years and is now up to 900 majors.

The School of Social Work and Community Planning at the Baltimore City campus was the next school to publicly voice its discontent at a possible move to the Baltimore County campus and last week solicited support from the Mayor, Rep. Barbara Mukulski and the Maryland black caucus.

Ruth H. Young, dean of the school, said the school would not prosper as much on an undergraduate campus and department members "feel very strongly that this is the place we belong."

The Maryland Black Caucus, said the relocation of the school "into relatively inaccessible Baltimore County would render a hardship on students who are placed in social agencies."

A policy statement issued by the caucus said: "In fact, 76 percent of all field placements and some 73 percent of the social service agencies are located in the city.

"Further, students who attend the school must have housing and housing is available in the city for students and staff," the student said.

Now the geology department — the largest and most important program being considered for transfer from College Park to the Universitysof Maryland Eastern Shore — wants to stay where it is.

Henry Siegrist, acting chairman of the department, said this week that the faculty had signed a letter to the board of regents, President Wilson H. Elkins and interested legislators opposing the move.

According to Siegrist, the department is concerned that there is no assurance that it will have better facilities at UMES.

He added he also fears the department will not have as many students at UMES either, pointing out that a survey he did showed 150 undergraduates geology majors at College Park, and only two at UMES.

Venetoulis unveils economic plan

Baltimore County Executive Ted Venetoulis, campaigning for the Democratic gubernatorial momination, said he has devised an economic development strategy to create 145,000 new jobs in four years.

"Maryland government can increase the stability and enhance the potential of economic development by adopting the following economic policy development objectives and establishing an aggressive economic development stratgy to implement them," Venetoulis said.

He said the first objective will be to earn a reputation of honesty for Maryland.

Businesses avoid the state because of its reputation for political corruption, said Venetoulis.

He said another major objective should be to create 145,000 new private sector jobs during the next four years to meet projected population needs.

"When we create those additional jobs, the additional income taxes they will generate will amount to about $78 million, enough money to pay for the state's efforts in economic development about 10 times over," he said.

Venetoulis said many of the jobs should be concentrated in the Baltimore area because of its black unemployment problems.

He also proposed:

—An aggressive economic development strategy that channels state activities to targeted economic development needs.

—Increasing the convenience and profitablity of doing business in Maryland.

—Creating an urban economic policy tailored to the specific needs of Baltimore and such other towns as salisbury, Easton, Hagerstown, Cumberland and Towson.

To implement his goals, Venetoulis said leader ship is essential form the governor's office.

Venetoulis also recommended strengthening the Department of Economic and Community Development and establish a commission, composed of government officials, representatives from Baltimore, the 23 counties and municipalities, and business management and labor officials, to coordinate agencies that affect economic development.

Former State Transportation Secretary Harry Hughes, also running for the Democratic gubernatorial strategy, unveiled his economic development program.

He called for establishing a Department of Commerce and also advocated a commission to coordinate economic development strategies.

Here's the lady who wants Randy Carroll's clerk post

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Women and minorities have the power and votes to win an election in Maryland or any other state, according to statistics. However, because they do not put their hats in the ring (among other reasons) they rarely hold posts as elected officials.

Agreeing with that theory Mrs. Saundra Banks, a radio reporter and broadcaster, declares this may be the year she can do her bit to help tip the scales.

Therefore, she says, she is getting in the race for clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, a job no woman has ever held, black or white.

The election comes down to the primary wire Sept. 12.

Mrs. Banks, now heard over Morgan State University's Radio WEAA-FM, reveals she is gaining public support to run opposite Randy Carroll, a young man who was appointed to take over for the first black clerk, Paul Chester.

Chester was forced to vacate the office when he was found guilty by a jury of malfeasance.

Carroll has to depend on voters at the polls to remain the clerk.

In a campaign statement made this week, Mrs. Banks, married, a native Baltimorean and resident of the 38th Legislative District, notes she is a registered Democrat "and has been interested in and actively involved in politics and community affairs for some times."

Without mentioning names, she says she has the verbal support of leading public figures "but no money."

BELIEVING she can win the job and hold it as clerk of the Court of Common Pleas is Mrs. Saundra Banks, popular young Radio WEAA-FM reporter and broadcaster.

Carefully choosing words, she says, "I believe the current clerk of the Court of Common Pleas may not be totally acceptable to the black community nor to his professional peers.

"Therefore, in order to keep the black community from losing this valuable political position, I am offering myself as a candidate."

Mrs. Banks points out although she has no direct experience in the area of the clerk's office, she has a degree in history and political science from Morgan University. She was a public school teacher in the city before she joined the WEAA-FM staff.

A footnote to her statement says she is available to meet with individuals and organizations at any time to discuss her candidacy "and how I can meet the needs of our citizens."

If elected, shessays she will work to benefit all citizens.

The clerk of the Court of Common Pleas has multiple duties including issuance of business licenses and marriage licenses.

Carroll's challenge to hold the office comes from persons who claim he aided Chester's foes to oust him. Others claim he does not administer the court properly and thus caused a recent investigation.

The investigation which did not find Carroll at fault nevertheless recommended that all funds be placed under the office of the comptroller of the state of Maryland.

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Department of Finance
Bureau of Collections
Pursuant to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland the City of Baltimore will sell at public auction, on Wednesday, May 24, 1978 beginning at 9 A.M. in the Assembly Room of The War Memorial Building, Gay and Lexington Streets, approximately 2,500 properties on which taxes or other municipal liens are delinquent. A Catalogue of Properties to be sold may be obtained at the Bureau of Collections in Room 1 Municipal Building or at the sale, for a fee of $1.00. Acquisition of properties at Tax sale is subject to the following procedures:

Properties on which taxes or other municipal liens are delinquent are sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Should you be successful in "bidding in" a property, you will be required to pay only the total liens due at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid prior to issuance of a deed. As soon as possible after the sale, a "Tax Sale Certificate" will be issued to you.

It should be noted that a Tax Sale purchaser has no right of possession to the property until a deed is acquired. The owner of the property has six months to redeem the property by reimbursing the purchaser the amount of the liens paid plus interest at the rate of 9% per annum from the date of sale to the date of redemption. Should the property be redeemed, this transaction would be handled for you by the Bureau of Collections.

If the owner has not redeemed the property within six months from the date of sale, the purchaser may file a bill of complaint in an equity court of Baltimore City to foreclose all rights of the owner to redeem the property. The six month period may be reduced to sixty days upon certification by the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development that the property requires substantial repairs to comply with the Baltimore City Building Code.

When the bill is filed, the Court will set a date within which the owner must redeem the property and reimburse the purchaser for costs incurred plus interest. If, at the expiration of that time, the property has not been redeemed, the Court shall issue a final decree to foreclose the owner's right of redemption.

Upon presentation of a deed executed by the Director of Finance, and upon payment of all taxes and municipal liens accruing since the date of sale and the balance of the purchase price, title will be conveyed to the purchaser.

To assure that all the requirements for this procedure as set forth in Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland are met, successful bidders are advised to engage the services of an attorney to foreclose the right of redemption.

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UNIVERSITY BOUND — Recently five outstanding high school seniors from the Baltimore area were guests of Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va. The scholarship candidates toured the school, met with the university president and attended the All Sports Banquet. The occasion was sponsored by the Miles W. Connor Chapter of the Virginia Union University Alumni Association, Baltimore. Shown are (L to R): David S. Jones of Catonsville, chapter president; Reggie Q. Rabb, Archbishop Curley; Ms. Valerie A. Jenkins, Western High School; Victor C. Williams, Edmondson High School; William H. Height, Southwestern High School; Harlow Fullwood Jr., of Woodmoor, chapter vice-president and Byron Pitts, Archbishop Curley.

Bar exam bias charged by block law graduates

Four black law school graduates have filed a class action suit this week charging they have been denied admission to the Maryland Bar on racially discriminatory grounds.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in federal district court, requests a three judge federal panel to hear the claim and to order an end to the alleged discrimination. It also seeks $10 million in damages.

The suit was filed by Charles B. Marshall Jr. and Jesse Waker, both of Baltimore; William H. Proctor, of York, Pa. and Ernest McIntosh of Suitland, Md.

Marshall graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1970 and Waker from the same school in 1973.

Proctor received his law degree in 1970 from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is currently serving as a member of the Pennsylvania and federal bars.

McIntosh, is a member of the Michigan and federal bar and received his law degree from George Washington University Law school.

Defendants in the suit, according to the brief, are the judges and officials of the Maryland Court of Appeals, who administer the rules for admission to the bar.

The four graduates charge that a double-grading system by the state Board of Law Examiners has the effect of discriminating against blacks and that attempts to resolve the problem outof court have been unsuccessful.

They are asking the court to order their immediate admission to the bar for them and for any others found to have been victims of discrimination.

The suit filed by the four law school graduates comes at the time when the Maryland State Board of Law Examiners released its list on those law graduates who passed the bar.

According to the list, 194 persons passed the bar. Out of those 194, four students are black.

They are Brenda Clark, Franklin Hunt, Nadine Mariano and Anthony Waters all graduates of the University of Maryland Law School.

A law school graduate who took the exam and did not pass said there were close to 150 blacks in the room.

Doctors vote 'no' on heroin

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — The Maryland Medical Society rejected a resolution to recommend legalization of heroin as a pain killer for terminally ill patients.

The delegates voted two to one against the proposal. Passage of the resolution had been recommended by the group's five - member reference committee and doctors had predicted it would pass.

If the resolution had been accepted, the society would have been one of first state medical organizations in the country to recommend the use of heroin to ease "intractable pain."

One physician, who asked not to be identified, said, "There is no good, hard data that says heroin is advantageous to other drugs.

"We have enough problems with dangerous drugs on the market already. Why should we add another?" the delegate said.

Physicians who opposed the proposal contended there was not enough research available on the use of heroin as a pain killer. They said studies at Sloan - Kettering Cancer Institute in New York and the National Institute of Health in Bethesda are just beginning.

"There is always the possibility that doctors themselves will become addicted. If the drug is there and the problems are there, doctors will use heroin for themselves," said Dr. Neil Solomon, state secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

'Peaches' pleads guilty

A 22-year-old woman who killed a man at Jay Bee Bar, 2006 Harford Rd., on Jan. 7 pleaded guilty to manslaughter in Criminal Court.

Ms. Ella Pearl Wright, who is also known as "Peaches" appeared before Judge Milton B. Allen on May 18. She will be sentenced on June 20 and could be pleaced on parole two years after sentencing.

According to court records, Ms. Wright plunged a knife in Richardo Rogers Carter's throat around 10:25 p.m.

Police state one blow from the large weapon hit Carter in the jugular vein and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Carter, 29, lived in the 1200 block Eden St., and was a graduate of Morgan State University.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Carter Smith, the noted dramatist, described her son as "a quiet, gentle and well liked person who had no enemies that she knew of.

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Where to Omega? Options for the Eighties

Omega's 30th District Conference draws 800

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore Hilton Hotel was the scene of continuous activity recently when the Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. played host to the 30th Second District Conference of the fraternity, May 5-7. Over 800 fraternity members, Que-Ettes and friends participated in the many business, scientific, sports and social activities.

"The conference was a tremendous success, and the management at the Hilton was very cooperative. The entire group enjoyed its stay in the Charm City and looks forward to a return visit," said Dr. James Priest, district marshal.

Conference theme was, "Where To, Omega? Options For the Eighties." This theme was introduced during the opening session by Dr. James Priest via a conference overview wherein he related the plight of the struggle of early day Christians following the death of Christ to the fictional novel, "Quo Vidia," when translated meaning "Wither Goest Thou."

In his delivery, Dr. Priest challenged the members to take a good look at themselves and attack the new fraternal concepts in accord with reality as it is today.

Friday afternoon's luncheon keynote address was given by Dr. Benjamin C. Whitten. He delivered a spirited, historical picture of the black Greek letter organizations and quoted from a paper written in 1921 by his uncle. His historical facts and present day analogies brought emotional, hand-clapping responses from the audience.

Dr. Whitten further developed the conference theme and defined the workshop goals. He received a standing ovation for his presentation.

Baltimore Omega conference guests and members enjoyed golfing at the Forest Park Golf Club, a delicious Seafood Feast, undergraduate March Down competition, a Purple and Gold Disco with music by D. J. Boog.

Another social highlight of the three-day conference was the evening the Omega men presented "Charm City Stars."

Special guests were Ethel Ennis, well-known Baltimore singer; Franky and the Spindles and music by "The Infinite Experience."

The Second District Council elections were held on Sunday at the closing session.

Newly elected officers include Dr. Adam McKee, Rockville, Md., district representative; Walter Amprey, Baltimore, first vice district representative; Paul Cannon, Harrisburg, Pa., district keeper of records and seal; George Lynch, Brooklyn, N.Y., district keeper of finance; Atty. Nathaniel Moorehead, Baltimore, district counselor and Dr. Gayle Snowden, Philadelphia, Pa., chaplain.

Even though Sunday, May 7 was conference closing day, the continuous activities planned by the members of Pi Omega Chapter never stopped amazing guests.

Brother Osborne Payne, owner of three McDonald Restaurants in Baltimore and the Tau Pi Chapter sponsored an early morning Pancake Breakfast for all in attendance.

Later on that day the Awards, Recognitions and Memorial Services were held. The Morgan State University Chapel Choir sang for the affair and Dr. Howard L. Cornish, professor emeritus, delivered an eye-watering sermon.

This year's Second District awards were presented to Milton Johnson, Iota Xi Chapter, New York City. The vice-president of J. C. Penney's, he was awarded the "Omega Man of the Year Award."

OMEGA REGISTRATION — When the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. met here in Baltimore recently for their 30th Second District Conference some 800 members and their families registered for the event. Shown in this picture registering at right are Carl White, Dr. Theodore Randolph, Harrison Fuller, Dr. James Priest and T. Shelton Cole, formerly of Baltimore now of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Minnie Mears, also of New York, received the "Citizen of the Year Award" for donating a $25,000 scholarship to the Second District and Michael Funnye, a student at Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y., was named "Scholar of the Year."

Wives of the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity called The Que-Ettes that served as hostesses for the Second District Conference were Hazel Parks, president; Jean Spencer, Patricia Nicholas, Betty Fox, May Adcock, Sallie Fletcher, Leslie Shuckley, Mary Ervin, Addie Brown, Irene Carter, Francis Gill, Goldie Wood;

Also, Audrey Boone, Myrtle Waters, Florence Smith, Salome Fuller, Shirley Strother, Ponjola Priest, Ruby Gill, Virginia Hurtt, Ruby Murray, Elizabeth Custis, Janice Robertson, Bernice McDaniels.

Members of the Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, are Walter Amprey, basileus; Dr. James Priest, district marshal; Dwight Smith, Lemuel Boone, Eugene Ward, James Grant, Nathaniel Moorehead, Russell Hopewell, Joseph Walker, Judson Wood, Harrison Fuller, Washington Green, James Ghant, Clarence Henderson, Robert Carroll, Daniel Lyle, Edward McDaniel;

Randolph Thompson, Allen Moseley, Daryell Anderson, Cecil Johnson, Thomas Crosby, Roy Cragway, Elliott Richardson, Mel Hurtt, Alphonso Parks, Fowell Sheffey, Elwood Shockly, Benjamin Whitten, James Spencer, Mack Williams, Kenneth Jerkins, Osborne Dixon, Charles Maker, Theodore Randolph, Julius Chapman, William Rhodes, George McKinney, Arthur Milburn, Ernest Stokes, William Roddy, Isaac Aycock, Melvin Fox, Garland Brown, Eugene Byrd, Roland Penn, Jessie Hurt, Earl Koger, Harold Hart, Saul Perdue, George Bennett, Lloyd Alston, Thomas Hasty, Guy Gilliard, Ernest Custis;

Morris Allen, George Ball, Donald G. Brandon, Kenneth Ervin, Charles Fletcher, Walter Gill, Bertram Harrington, Thomas L. Hasty, William Henderson, Edward Hurt, Alfred F. James, Robert L. Johnson, Cecil Johnson, Emerson Julian, Edward Marshall, Henderson Neal, William G. Neal, Charles Payne, Walter Riddick, Otis Robertson, Reginald Robinson, Benjamin Smith, Haywood Strother, Frank Sykes, James Thornton, Carl White.

tattle-tales

MORE POLITICAL HOT STUFF – Rumors are flying. This early, children.

How about a mayoralty ticket of former housing chief Bob Embry and Mike Mitchell for council president?

Far-fetched? Well we don't know about all that.

Or Steny Hoyer's deal with Blair Lee. You win this time, my turn in 1982?

Or try this burner. What legislative giant is said to have paid a dynamite young sister not to run in opposition? Said lawmaker said, "Honey give me one more time then it's yours?" Scandalous!

CHALLENGING VERDA. Two women are getting their nerve up to battle Senator Welcome come September. One is definite. The other has to talk it over with her money people. Talk about lively.

OUR BALTIMORE COUNTY political lady Marie Henderson has been so busy trying to get Ted Venetoulis elected governor she must have clean forgot to put anyone's name in the city NAACP's leadership on the Unity Ball invitations except her own. Oops she did remember to put Ben Hooks, NAACP boss' name down in the margin.

MARGIN.

SPEAKING OF "TED," we just don't know who in Washington would want to sue him for county government employment discrimination just as he announced his candidacy. But somebody did drop a dime on him and now Venetoulis has to go around explaining why there are so few blacks in county government. Somebody, at the White House level perhaps, doesn't want Ted to make it. Guess who?

WHAT HIGH RANKING SCHOOL HONCHO keeps getting traffic citations? We've lost track of the points falling off that child's license. Maybe a driver course would help.

CONTINENTAL CAN – It ain't over, sugars. Mayor Schaefer, after the mayoralty election (if he really doesn't run for governor) will not go along with Lee's proposal to place the new prison in Fort Armistead. If Lee is elected, this year, he will give up the fight, and both of these guys will dump it right back on the Continental Can site. And East Baltimore will be tricked again. Of course West Baltimore is always getting tricked. We told you first, ya'll.

SPEAKING OF THE EASTSIDE AND C.C. – Zatella Giles will run for the House of Delegates, we keep hearing. Prefers that to a City Council spot.

Testimonial to honor Clarence Mitchell

"The Friends of State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III", are gathering on Thursday evening, May 25 to honor him for his 16 years in Annapolis as "The People's Watchdog."

Billed an "An evening with Your Senator," the testimonial will be held at The Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd. 9 p.m.

Expected to attend are the top political and civic leaders from throughout the state and the District of Columbia.

In the last session of the legislature, Senator Mitchell was a leader in the successful fight to get proper minority representation in the construction and maintenance of the Baltimore Subway System and the new Convention Center.

He fought for the passage of House Bill No. 64 guaranteeing 10 percent of all state contracts going to minority businesses.

Senator Mitchell introduced and helped spearhead passage of the first public accommodations law, first fair housing and fair employment laws in Maryland.

He introduced the first bill to repeal the ban on interracial marriage which was enacted in 1967. A staunch opponent of the reinstatement of the death penalty, Senator Mitchell has fought each year the administration's efforts to push through this repressive legislation.

At the age of 22, when elected to the House of Delegates, 16 years ago, he became the youngest legislator to make office in this country.

He won office with a door - to - door poor people's campaign on a civil rights platform, aided by his younger brother, Michael, then 16 and a cadre of student freedom fighters.

After serving a four - year term in the House, Clarence was elected to the Senate. He has just finished his third term and is widely known as "The People's Senator."

The "Thursday" testimonial will mark the second occasion that the Senator has been similarly honored.

There will be a buffet dinner, dancing, open refreshments and the appearance of at least one superstar from the entertainment world. Hostesses for the gala will include the well-known Willa Bland models.

Senator Mitchell was born to political, civil rights and community action. His grandmother, the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, a noted civil rights fighter, headed the Baltimore NAACP for 35 years.

His father, an attorney, Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., has been Chief of the NAACP's Washington Bureau for the past 30 years.

His mother, Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, filed the suits that desegregated the Baltimore public schools and municipal and state benches and swimming pools.

His uncle, Parren J. Mitchell, is Maryland's first black Congressman.

His brother, Michael Bowen Mitchell, is an attorney and Baltimore City Councilman.

Information on tickets for the testimonial may be obtained by calling "Friends of Senator Mitchell," 578 - 0400 or 523 - 4222.

Clarence Mitchell III

The Pacesetters

Baltimoreans doing things in the professions, community, clubs and organizations

George L. Jude

George L. Jude, immediate past president of the board of trustees of Provident Hospital, has been named to head the special gifts division of Provident Hospital's $3.5 million good faith community - wide capital fund - raising campaign.

A native of Richmond, Va., Mr. Jude attended Virginia Union University and the McCoy College of Johns Hopkins University. He was advertising manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers for 12 years and later, a business consultant for the Council for Equal Business Opportunity.

Mr. Jude, presently retired, has been a member of the City Planning Commission for the past eight years and chairman of the commission for the last three. He is currently president of the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, an umbrella organization which includes Provident Hospital's service area.

Carl D. Young

Master Chief Boatswain Mate Carl D. Young, senior black enlisted man within the United States Coast Guard will retire on May 31, after completing more than 31 years Coast Guard service.

Master Chief Young was recently selected to receive the Douglas A. Munro Award and was honored in services at the Navy League Convention in Seattle, Wash.

Master Chief Young currently wears three hats of the command. They include Human Race Relations Counselor, Senior Enlisted Advisor and Morale Officer. All three positions are extremely important to his command and the Coast Guard as a whole. His expertise in counseling and his ability to defuse potentially explosive situations has been called upon by both personnel and commanding officers of many of the vessels that visit the yard for maintenance and repair.