The political grapevine

The 1978 political season is underway and like most political seasons of the past it has its fill of gossip and speculation.

This year is no exception.

Here's the current news buzzing on the grapevine:

—Everyone believes the new Lee - Hoyer team is so strong that Attorney General Francis Burch may drop out of the race by mid - July and run for re - election. However, there is also the belief that Stephen Sachs is so strong a candidate for attorney general that Burch may lose.

Sen. Clarence Blount will be making his ticket choice by the time his fund raiser comes around June 17. No one but Blount knows who he will pick and he is not talking.

—Alice Pinderhughes will not run for a Senate seat. Political experts believe that the political groups in the 40th legislative district except William Adams' Metro Democrats) will let Sen. Verda Welcome have a clear path and run unopposed for a final four year term.

—This election year is the final one for Sen. Clarence Mitchell and Dels. Lena K. Lee and Isaiah "Ike" Dixon. All three legislators have decided not to seek another term in 1982 and have begun grooming Del. Larry Young for the Senate seat in '82 with a new crop of delegates.

—Opposition grows

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And the opposition is growing.

The proposal to move the Social Work school was recommended by a special University of Maryland task force.

The University of Maryland Board of Regents has not approved or disapproved these recommendations.

Even when that happens and it does approve moving the Social Work school to Baltimore County it still needs the approval of the State Board for Higher Education.

Ruth 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 (Baltimore City) is the place we belong."

She further stated that quality of the school will diminish and that it would be a further loss to the city because 76 percent of the placed students are in the city and 73 percent of the agency placements are in the city.

Support coming from other directions echoes Mrs. Young's position.

The latest support in the fight to keep the school where it is comes from the Maryland Black Legislative Caucus which said the relocation of the school "into a relatively inaccessible Baltimore County would render a hardship on students who are placed in social agencies."

Support also comes from Mayor William Donald Schaefer, who in a telegram to Wilson Elkins, president of the University of Maryland, in April asking that the move not be considered.

"I believe this would be very unfortunate for both the city and the school," he said.

Walter Orlinsky, president of the City Council, and the entire City Council adopted a resolution stating that "the city has invested heavily in meeting the increasing needs of the University of Maryland's urban campus development."

Larry Reich, director of City planning called the move academically and politically unsound."

Rep. Barbara Mikulski called the School of Social Work "a vital integral part of the University of Maryland at Baltimore City campus" and Richard A. Batterton, secretary of Department of Human Resources called the proposed move "inconceivable."

—Inner Harbor battle

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The Rouse Co is the developer of Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall in Boston after which Schaefer wants to pattern the Inner Harbor marketplace, even though the Boston project has not been acclaimed a commercial success.

The schaefer proposal, now being considered by the City Council, will be on the November ballot if 10 members of the City Council approve.

During Monday's council meeting, no vote was taken, but a public hearing on the Schaefer proposal was set for June 12 at 10 a.m. in the Council chambers.

It is very likely that both proposals will be on the ballot with voters given the responsibility of determining whether or not the Rouse Company should be allowed to build a marketplace in the inner harbor.

After receiving the signatures from the group, Schaefer says in a release that the Rouse Development is important because it would provide 500 to 1,000 full - time and part - time jobs and 400 construction jobs.

Also, he said, a minimum of $300,000 annually in taxes, and a wealth of new business opportunities would all be part of the package.

But CPIH says in a statement, also released on May 25, that these factors are exactly what they oppose.

"It is now obvious that the Mayor will reach down to the lowest depths to thwart the people's expressed desire that all of the Inner Harbor's shoreline open spaces be dedicated as a public park," their statement says.

It continues: "With his competing charter amendment to make only part of the land a park, the mayor is only disguising his real intention to give the rest of the land over to a developer, and by so doing, he is also guaranteeing that the developer will be protected from any possible future commercial competition on the nearby land."

But Schaefer counters by saying the marketplace will make the Inner Harbor a year - round asset to Baltimore.

"This won't be a shopping mall," he says in the release. "It will be a place of restaurants, sidewalk cafes, shops for handicrafts and other unusual merchandise, a place to enjoy yourself, that will really reflect Baltimore and its people."

To add to his argument he says that great care is going into the design process, with a 13 - member citizen task force representing such organizations as the Citizens Planning and Housing Association formed to review development plans.

Still CPIH maintains that the "proposed ballot question for a partial park is typical of the worst dirty political ploys — the name is the same game."

Summer jobs total 1.6M

WASHINGTON — A record - breaking 1.6 million job opportunities, mainly for disadvantaged youth aged 14 through 21, are to be provided through federally funded or supported programs.

The Labor Department's Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth has $730 million to provide 10 - week jobs for 1,072,000 youths.

Manpower programs under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act may add as many as 100,000 jobs to that total.

—Teacher's union

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Both national groups claim to have 3,000 members.

The local groups were banned from representing city teachers for two years because they supported teachers in the 1974 strike.

AFT and the PSTA brought in national representatives to help the campaign.

They are Mrs. Mercedes Hill from AFT and Moses Holmes, executive director of PSTA.

Mrs. Hill predicts BTU will win by a two - to - one margin.

"We have to deal with the issues of overcrowding in classrooms, the lack of supplies, student discipline, the teacher evaluation and the restoration of the increment pay," she said.

Holmes said "the teachers' best interest is their (PSTA'S) best interest."

Holmes told the AFRO the issues are restoring increment pay, the current teacher evaluation, how to handle student discipline, maternity leave and planning time for elementary teachers.

Both unions have been working to win points with teachers, stressing their programs and refraining from attacking the opposing group.

But both organizations have problems.

Some teachers still remember PSTA officials accepting the city's offer to end the 1974 strike after teachers had narrowly rejected the offer.

Since then PSTA has been accused on several occasions of being partial to the city's needs and not the teachers.'

BTU, on the other hand, has internal problems. Members recently filed a suit charging a union election held May 26 was conducted improperly.

The case is currently before a judge.

Although both organizations have traded dominance in the city in the past, both see this as a crucial election.

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Advance Federal assets pass $20 million mark

Advanced Federal Savings and Loan Association assets are now over $20 million for the first time in the association's 20 - year history.

Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., Advance president, announced that as of March 31, 1978, assets rose to $20,064,831.

"Going over the $20 million figure," he said, "means reaching the milestone we have been striving for."

Dr. Bryson's report of the all-time high was made at a 'bank-in' for advisory board members held recently at the Cold Spring Lane office.

Among those bringing in new accounts were two new advisory board members, Mrs. Alice W. Parham and Mrs. Odell G. Pittman.

Among other members present were City Councilman Michael Mitchell, Dr. Simon H. Carter, Del. Joseph A. Chester, Edwin G. Jones, Dr. Cleveland Chandler, Roger Sanders, Wilbert L. Walker, Roland D. Henson, William W. Russell and Hezekiah Williamson.

Other advisory members who participated by sending in new accounts or additions to existing ones were Shelton T. Coles, a founder of Advance now residing in Atlanta; Mrs. Philathea Carter Hall, the Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, Dr. Emerson Walden, James T. Alston, and a director of Advance, Dr. Beryl T. Williams.

Opening his new account in person was City Council President Walter Orlinsky, who congratulated Dr. Bryson on Advance's progress.

Also in attendance were Advance directors, Joseph A. Bush, first vice president and Theodore E. Brown Sr., secretary.

During the 'bank-in' Dr. Bryson announced new higher dividend rates for seven-year certificates. Accounts maintaining a $1,000 balance now earn 7.25 percent; $5,000 minimum, 7.50 percent and $20,000 minimum, 7.75 percent, provided the savings remain untouched for seven years. Federal regulations impose substantial dividend penalties for early withdrawal, he said.

This week, Dr. Bryson announced Advance is now able to offer savers a compound dividend rate of 8.24 percent on long-term deposits. To earn this high dividend, he cautioned, savings must be left on deposit for terms of eight, nine or 10 years.

The new 8 percent certificate of deposit, which were available for the first time on June 1, are being sold in denominations of $20,000 or more.

"Until now, the highest compounded interest rate savers could earn under federal regulations was 8.17 percent on six-year certificates," Dr. Bryson explained, "but with the new authority just granted, we will be able to help our long-term savers accumulate an even better return."

In addition, Dr. Bryson observed, "The longer term certificates will be helpful to home buyers because they will enable Advance Federal to stretch the terms of some savings capital, matching more closely the long term of most mortgage loans."

He added that Advance has a second new type of savings certificate, as of June 1, being offered in denominations of $10,000 or more for terms of six months. This certificate will earn dividends at one-quarter percent above the average auction rate paid on six-month U.S. Government Treasury bills.

Accounts at Advance, like other federal savings and loan institutions, are insured up to $40,000. Dr. Bryson said the new savings account dividend rates were authorized by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board on May 11.

With assets at Advance now exceeding $20 million, total savings are at an all-time high of $17,376,710, an increase of $1,763,652 over 1977.

Of this, $11,336,198 are in passbook accounts, an increase of $449,000 over 1977. It is in this category that savings must be increased if Advance is going to be in a position to meet the continuing request for mortgage loans from churches, businesses and home buyers, Dr. Bryson said.

"Advance needs at least $30 million in additional savings, and our community could transfer that much money to Advance today if our community is really serious about having a medium size federal savings and loan association that we control," Dr. Bryson asserted.

ADVANCE HAS 'BANK-IN' — Members of the advisory board of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association held a 'bank-in' recently where they added to existing accounts or brought in new depositors. From left, Winston Cornell of Hackett Construction Co., shown at teller's window. Center, two advisory board members, City Councilman Michael Mitchell and Roger Sanders of Rogers Beauty Co. wait to make deposits. Right, Advance president Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr. welcomes City Council President Walter Orlinsky, who opened a personal savings account.

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