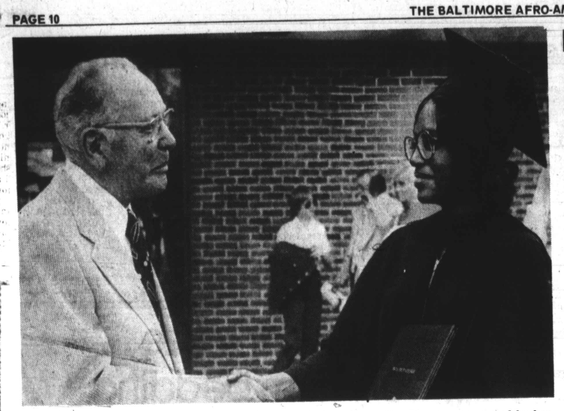

VILLA JULIE GRAD — Mary Distance receives congratulations from Nicholas F. Mueller, chairman of the Board of Trustees, at Villa Julie College. The recipient of the "Unsung Senior" Award for outstanding contributions to her class and the college, Ms. Distance was voted by her classmates for this honor. She also received the V. J. Pin Award for general excellence voted by faculty and staff.

Lutheran dedicates Rosemont Center

Lutheran Hospital will offer "A Toast to the West Baltimore Community" at the dedication of its new Rosemont Community Doctors Center on Saturday, June 10, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Center is on the hospital campus, with the entrance at 800 Braddish Ave.

The celebration has been designed to honor the help and advise the community provided in planning and designing the Center and its program.

Banners listing the names of local organizations will decorate the area around the new Center building, participating organizations will receive special mention in the program book, and they will be mentioned again during a "Here's to Your Health" toast which will officially dedicate the building.

Members of West Baltimore neighborhood groups worked with Lutheran in planning the Rosemont Center through the Lutheran - Community Ambulatory Care Committee, chaired by Mrs. Agnes Welch.

The Committee advised hospital administration and medical staff on the services most needed in the community, and it has now formed a speaker's bureau which provides talks and slide shows on the Center to local schools, church groups and neighborhood organizations.

The $250,000 cost of constructing the Center's new building came from Lutheran's current development campaign.

The one - story, 6,000 - square foot building is near the hospital's emergency room, outpatient clinics and diagnostic services.

The Center has nine private examination rooms and a treatment room, three physician - consultation offices, a small laboratory, nurse control center and administrative areas. A pharmacy will be added later.

Provident holding health events

Two special events will take place at Provident Hospital, 2600 Liberty Heights Ave. on Sunday, June 10.

One is a Bazaar and Health Fair at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on hospital grounds.

Booths will include country store, potted plants, arts and crafts, sweets, "white elephants," hot dogs, snowballs and lemon sticks and a booth for health services with testing being done in the hospital. Music provided by Operation Champ.

The other event is a Sickle Cell Anemia Seminar at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in hospital auditorium.

Featured speaker is Dr. Rudolph Jackson, associate professor of pediatrics and child health, Howard University College of Medicine. The topic is "A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Management of the Sickle Cell Patient.

Rabies clinic held June 11

Rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats will be held June 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 11 locations throughout Baltimore City.

The clinics have been located at sites convenient to residents. There is a charge of $3 for each pet vaccinated. It is suggested that owners bring the fee in exact change to more quickly process the vaccination of their dog or cat.

The rabies vaccination clinics will be held at each of the following sites:

Sears, North Avenue and Harford Road;

Mondawmin, 1200 Mondawmin Concourse;

Montgomery Ward, 1000 S. Monroe St.;

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Alameda Shopping Center, 5600 The Alameda;

Patterson High School, 100 Kane St.;

Mayor's Station (Park Heights), 3319 Belvedere Ave.;

Owners should bring their dogs on a leash or their cats in a box with air holes.

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Law school director calls plea bargaining 'destructive'

The director of the University of Maryland Law School's juvenile clinic says plea bargaining in Baltimore's juvenile court has resulted in "massive malpractice."

Peter Smith told a subcommittee of the state Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee that plea bargaining should be ended for juveniles because it is "extraordinarily destructive of what the juvenile court is supposed to do."

He said Judge Robert Karwacki's leadership in the court over the last two and one - half years has greatly reduced the case backlog.

But the use of plea bargaining between prosecutors and state - appointed public defenders to expedite cases has caused "a substantial number of cases where children are found guilty of offenses they have not committed but to which they have pleaded guilty," he said.

Plea bargaining has reduced the work burden of court employees, but "has weighed heavily and unjustly on the city's lower income families, most of them black," he told the subcommittee, which is drawing up guidelines for juvenile courts in the state.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that plea bargaining was allowed in adult cases, but juvenile plea bargaining has never been tested, Smith said.

Steven A. Cohen, a spokesman for the Baltimore State's Attorney's Office, said 40 percent of 7,000 cases handled each year in the city's juvenile court are "closed out" without being tried.

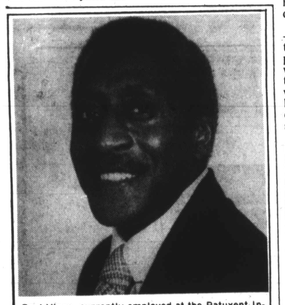
He said that during part of 1975, 85 percent of the cases handled were plea bargained while the court had a backlog of 18,000 cases.

"I believe certain cases — school cases particularly — should be pleaded out. Contrary to what Peter Smith says, there are times when the worst thing that can happen is for a case to come to trial," Cohen said.

Smith said in many instances the accused juvenile spends very little time with his defense lawyer, frequently does not understand what is happening or what he is being asked to do and will probably take a dim view of justice through the courts.

"I'll be very blunt about it and say that there's a massive amount of malpractice that goes on," he said.

"In my view the child's constitutional rights to effective assistance of counsel are being massively violated in juvenile court," Smith said.



Paul Vince, currently employed at the Patuxent Institution, will file as a Democratic Candidate and seek election to the Office of Sheriff of Baltimore City in the September Primaries. A Dunbar High School Graduate, Vince attended Hampton Institute and Coppin State College, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Mr. Vince is married to the former Florence Williams, and a member of the Augsburg Lutheran Church. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Church Council. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Trico, a community interest group. Vince was an organizer and manager of Little League Baseball in the Towanda Athletic Association. He is currently co-owner and actively involved in the Administration of the Maine Avenue Day Care Center.

An ex-police officer, (Baltimore City) and Special Agent in the State's Attorney Office of Baltimore City and his current employment in Corrections, coupled with his studies in Criminal Justice at Coppin, are some of the primary factors cited by Vince, that will enable him to bring the administrative skills, professionalism and dignity needed to improve the functions of the Sheriff's Department.

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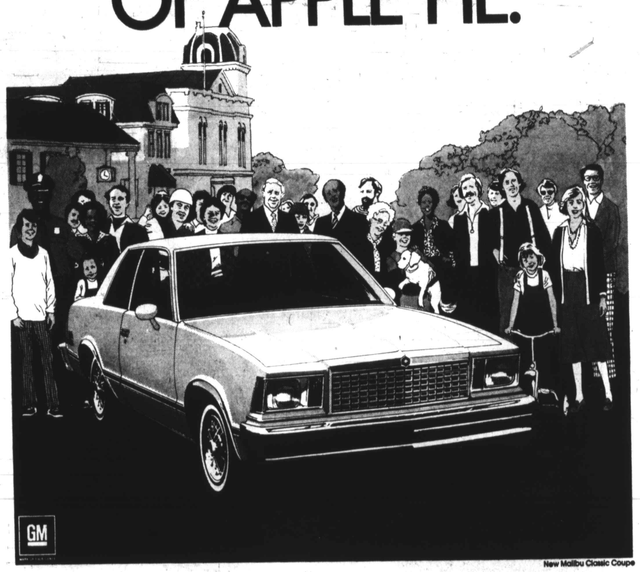

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Donna and Lake Clifton: A year of change

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Donna Stewart claims the last year hasn't changed her much.

"I'm still the same person. I just don't let people walk all over me when something happens that affects me, and that's what happened at Bucknell."

Ms. Stewart, Lake Clifton High School's 1977 valedictorian had created a mild furor last year when she blasted Boyse Mosley, then principal of Lake Clifton, for his operation of the school during the three years she was there.

She came back to Baltimore last month and on the week of the 1978 commeneement exercise of Lake Clifton High School was talked about the year she spent at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. and why she transferred to Loyola College.

"It (Bucknell) was a mess," she said. "There was a lot of racism and some of the black students there just didn't seem to care."

"There were a lot of cliques there y'know," she said. "There were the black students who only associated with the white students. I mean they wouldn't be seen with nobody except the whites.

"Then there were those who talked to the whites students but they talked to the other black students also. Then there was the group that I was in that didn't talk to or associate with any white students."

Ms. Stewart said the split between the black students at Bucknell created a tense situation between each other and the administration and dulled the effectiveness of the Black Student Alliance, which represents the estimated 125 students on the campus.

"The BSA was a joke," she said. "It was nothing politically and had no impact on campus. The administration had no respect for them and all its leaders seem to be concerned with were the parties they were going to have."

She said as a result she and some other black students became the unofficial student leaders on the campus.

But in the end she left anyway.

"I couldn't take it," she said. "There was no place to go up there and the racism was so bad a person couldn't relax. I didn't go there to start any trouble but they kept messing with me. There were little things that kept me from studying or doing better than I did.

"I decided to go to Loyola because it has the same academic setting as Bucknell but I can at least get away from it when I get tired of it."

Miss Stewart doesn't believe her flash of fame during and after the Lake Clifton graduation had anything to do with her leaving Bucknell although school officials knew about the incident when she arrived.

"I don't think about it or Boysye Moseley," she said. "I did go back to the school in December and I was surprised at how relaxed it was. I did notice that my name was still not posted as Lake Clifton's valedictorian and all-around student and I raised some sand about that."

Miss Stewart's statements about Lake Clifton surprised and pleased principal John Mohamed, who has been running the school for the last year.

"I'm very surprised and pleased at Donna's statement about the atmosphere here," said Mohamed. "We've worked hard to create the atmosphere that exists here now. As far as her name not being posted I'm going to take care of that."

Mohamed admitted the last year has been a year of change and hard work for him and the entire Lake Clifton family. He said the students are not as restricted and his door is always open.

"The students know this," he said. "And I tell the teachers to adopt the same attitude."

"I don't call them boys and girls," Mohamed said. "To me they're young men and women and we treat them as such. We tell them they are not just students at Lake Clifton they are the school's representatives. It's had its effect. They look well, they dress well and I them them so."

"They also participate in the decision making process," Mohamed went on. "I figure if they are treated as adults they will act like ones. And it's happening there is a coming together a final realization that we can work together."

Miss Stewart said most of the Lake Clifton students she has talked to admit things are different but she doesn't believe it was all a result of her graduation speech in June 1977.

But it was after that speech that Lake Clifton stopped trying to be "magnificent" and just tried to be a good high school.

DONNA STEWART—The 1977 Lake Clifton valedictorian leaves Bucknell University for Loyola College.

Registered Democrats polled

Very few of Maryland's registered Democrats consider state funding of abortions for poor women to be the most imlortant issue in this year's governor's race, a daily newspaper reported June 5.

The newspaper hired Social Data Analysts Inc. to conduct a telephone survey of 776 registered democrats from around the state to determine what they perceive as the major issues in the gubernatorial primary.

Only two percent of the 776 Democrats rated abortion funding for Medicaid recipients as the most important campaign issue.

The Democrats were asked to rate seven issues in order of priority.

Taxes rated first with 32 percent, unemployment was mentioned first by 11 percent, and crime, education and political corruption each were rated first by 6 percent of the registered democrats.

Asked whether they support state funding of abortions through Medicaid, 48 percent were in favor of the idea, 42 wercent opposed and 10 percent had no opinion.

According to the poll, richer people were more likely to support state abortion funding than poor, who would benefit from the funding. And men were more likely to support the funding than women.

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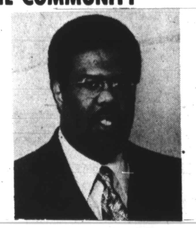

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