By Sam Lacy

Two men and one woman were named new head coaches of three major sports at Morgan State University on Thursday.

Clarence Thomas, a Morgan alumnus, and James "Gus" Guydon, a former Drake University Cage star, were appointed head football and basketball coaches, respectively. And La Rue Fields was named to head the women's basketball program.

Thomas replaces Henry "Hank" Lattimore, who was fired after two years. Guydon succeeds Aaron Johnson, who served one year after Nat Frazier deserted the scene to accept an assistant coaching job with the NBA New York Knicks.

Fields takes over as women's basketball tutor supplanting Nat Taylor.

A note of supreme optimism prevailed at the noon press conference presided over by athletic director Earl Banks.

Banks seemed thoroughly pleased when he asserted that the new appointees signalled a communion with "the things most needed in the Morgan athletic family — youth, expertise and incentive."

Thomas is 32, and Fields is 25. Guydon, 40, boasts more than 10 years' experience in major college coaching.

The new football coach was an offensive line star with the Bears of the late sixties, playing under Banks.

Since finishing his undergraduate work at Morgan, Thomas has coached at Bowie State and at Williams College.

Guydon, recommended highly by former U.S. Olympic and international coach Johnny McLendon, survived a large field of applicants for the post, included among them former coach, Nat Frazier and Johnson.

A native of Claredon, Ark., Guydon was an All-American at Drake University in the mid-sixties, toured Europe with an American squad in 1967, and played with the shortlived Cleveland Pipers of the defunct American Basketball League under McLendon.

After a brief high school coaching career in Gary, Ind., he served as an assistant at Drake and later at Iowa State.

Also, Guydon did stints as interim head coach at both Drake and Iowa State when these two schools underwent major personnel changes in their athletic staffs.

Guydon comes to Morgan direct from Wichita State (Kansas) University, where again he held an assistant position.

Fields was introduced by Banks as the first full-time woman's coach on the Hillen Road campus.

A native of Newark N.J., La Rue received a bachelor's degree at St. Francis College in Florence, S.C., and her masters degree at Salisbury State.

She has been accpeted by the doctorial program at Temple University.

While at St. Francis, she starred on the women's basketball and volleyball teams. For the last two years, she has been a member of the physical education and athletic coaching staff at the Florence insitution.

EMBRYO ARTISTS — Seven of 10 winners in 7th annual Pimlico area schools art contest stand in winners' circle at Pimlico Race Course with prizes. Youngsters are (left to right, front) Charles Fields 3rd, Eric Pulliam and Johnnie Hickman of Pimlico Elementary; Alphonso Gustor and William Johnson, Pimlico Junior High. Back row — Sam Siciliano, Pimlico public relations director; Dr. Cathy Pope Smith, Region 5 Schools planning director; Tony Massey, Roland Park Junior High and Reggie Matthews, Pimlico Junior High. Fields, Vanessa Shaw (not shown) of Park Heights Elementary and Massey were first place winners. Park Heights' Ramsey Brisueno and Kenneth Williams (not shown) also were prize winners.

Three-sport star Carroll Maddox of Dunbar has been chosen as the No. 1 high school athlete in Maryland.

Young Maddox, a standout on the Poets' championship basketball team, a top football player and long jump champion, will be honored at a New York dinner July 11, along with selections from the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The nationwide poll was conducted during the past school year on behalf of the Hertz Corporation, which also sponsors the July dinner in the name of O. J. Simpson.

Birds in Hub for showdown

Only the most naive will claim that confrontation between contenders is unimportant when it comes about early in the season, but few Baltimore baseball fans are naive.

That's why they regard the Orioles' weekend series with the Red Sox in Boston as extremely crucial.

In the first place, it will mark a severe test for the Bird pitchers who have been riding the crest of success in recent weeks. If Jim Palmer, Mike Flanagan, Scott McGregor and Dennis Martinez can handle the explosive bats of the Fenway floggers, manager Earl Weaver will have reason to view the future with newfound optimism.

And if the O's can win two of the three (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), they not only will gain a game on the streaking division leaders, but they'll make their fans feel better about the 4-game set coming up here next weekend.

Ironically, the Birds have played better on the road than they have at home this year. They are 21-13 as travelers and 18-13 at Memorial Stadium.

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After 28 dates, the O's have drawn 398,887 at Memorial Stadium, an increase of 49,741 over last year after the same number of dates.

"GOLDIE": His Orioles' teammates used to call him "Blade" as in "thin as a razor," but now the American League's premier shortstop, Mark Belanger, is known simply as, "Goldie" for his seven gold gloves and particularly for the manner in which he has covered his position this year.

Thru Sunday, Mark was leading A.L. shortstops in percentage (.987) with only four errors in 303 chances. He was charged with two boots in the first two games of the season (two errors in his first 12 chances), but has made only two more in the 59 games he's played since, and hasn't committed a single blunder in 33 games.

His lifetime mark of .976 (7652 chances including 181 errors) represents an American League record (1000 games minimum).

Softballer newsletter

Young Cleve Bordley, anxious to fill the void in his neighborhood's summer youth program, resorted this week to an open newsletter designed to stimulate interest in the Poplar Terrace softball team.

"Things have been shaping up," he wrote, "and the future looks great. One change has been made, which has to do with starting games from now on at 2 o'clock every Sunday.

"Members should be reminded that we have a steadfast rule against profanity and poor sportsmanship. While it is natural to want to win, it is more important to have fun.

"It also should be noted," Cleve went on, "that boys who have no desire to finish the games in which they're playing should not start.

"Dues money has been used to purchase softballs and bats, so it is very important that members pay their dues promptly.

"Our colors are blue and white and all members should make an effort to conform.

"Complaints are not things that should be discussed on the field. They should be put in writing and turned over to a committee member."

New CT opens Monday night

The Charles Town Turf Club will have a new face when the 1978 racing season opens on Monday.

Charles Town has undergone a major restyling, the biggest since a new clubhouse was built in 1970, and will be sporting a redesigned main entrance, a redecorated Skyline Terrace, and brilliant color throughout the track.

The main entrance off route 340 has a new lighting motif, which will make it much easier for patrons entering the track. Shrubs and trees have also been added.

The Skyline Terrace will be showing off a new carpet while new chairs and table linen have been ordered.

Throughout the plant, new paint with super graphics of brilliant hues will brighten the atmosphere. New directional signs, in the colors of the super graphics, will be located at strategic places throughout the plant.

The new designing and redecorating is the work of Pat Mazzocolli, a native of Kentucky, who attended East Carolina College and was raised in the Alexandria, Va. area.

Mazzocolli joined the Charles Town Turf Club early this year.

Ashe seeded 15th for Wimbledon

Arthur Ashe has been seeded 15th for the Wimbledon tennis championships scheduled next week in England.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors and Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States, hold down the top three spots in that order.

Rated 15th is quite a drop for the man who was No. 1 in 1974 - 75, but understandable when consideration is given the physical problems which hampered the slender Richmond native in 1976, and idled him for the entire 1977 season.

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Muhammad Ali and Leonid Brezhnev — international mutual admiration duo

Ali admires Brezhnev, Soviets

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali proved Monday in Moscow that his talents as "the greatest" include the ability to take both sides of a road at the same time.

And he did it in, of all places, the Kremlin.

It occurred as Ali emerged from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's first known grant of audience to a foreign athlete.

Ali had nothing but praise for the Soviet union. "I used to always worry about Russia attacking America. Now I'm not worried about it," he said.

The meeting put the former champion on a par with millionaire industrialist Armand Hammer and former ambassador to Moscow Averill Harriman, who have had close personal relations with the Soviet leadership for decades.

Ali said the Soviets told him he was the first non-Soviet diplomat to have a private audience with Brezhnev. "No other American movie star or athlete can boast to say, 'I know Brezhnev,'" Ali boasted.

Describing Brezhnev as "a quiet, meek gentleman" and "nothing like the picture painted to me about him," Ali said it would be hard to believe that the Soviet leader was a warmaker. All he talked about was peace."

Ali said he also found the country different from what he had expected.

"When you know you're coming to Russia, there's a certain fear you have," Ali said. "When you get off the airplane you expect to see soldiers and guns on every block."

Apparently oblivious to armed Soviet militiamen stationed at every major intersection in Moscow, Ali claimed he had not seen one gun or one policeman in the Soviet Union.

"I've never seen a nation of people so peaceful and I've been all over the world," he said.

Commenting on the lack of crime in the Soviet Union, Ali said he ran before dawn on a dark street to keep up his training "and I have no worries about anyone knocking me over the head and taking my money."

Ali said he saw no prostitutes, no hitchhikers and "no begging or bad poverty." If he was deceived, he said, all the Soviet people had been "brainwashed to deceive me."

"If I'm wrong, they told the prostitutes to stay off the streets. If I'm wrong, they told all the policemen to hide. If I'm wrong, I don't want to live in any country but America," he said.

All said that if he were mistaken, Allah would punish him.

"I love my country. I think it's the best in the world. I don't want to live in any country but America," he said.

"I love the system of America. I love the food in America. I love the television, the movies. I love the highways and the cars. I love the flag and the President — I also love the truth," he said.

Ali rapped for Brezhnev praise

Everyone isn't as intrigued with Muhammed Ali's visit with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev as was the former heavyweight champion following his weekend audience in Moscow.

One who isn't is a former prisoner of war from Vietnam.

Air Force Col. Robert B. Purcell of Forth Worth (Tex.) on Monday sent a $1 check to the Louisville (Ky.) Courier - Journal to establish what he called "an educational fund" for Ali.

Purcell, a former Louisville resident who spent 7½ years in custody of the North Vietnamese, said the fund was in response to Ali's 35 - minute meeting with Brezhnev.

During the meeting Brezhnev made the former world heavyweight boxing champion his "unofficial ambassador of peace with the United States." Later Ali said that on being presented to Brezhnev, "I gave him a hug and a kiss on both cheeks and he returned it."

Purcell, now stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, said Ali's conduct "makes a mockery of the yet to be erected headstone for the 2 million Cambodians reportedly eliminated by the newest Communist government there."

The former POW said he hoped the fund "could be used to purchase the May 29 edition of 'U.S. News and World Report' that documented Yuri Orlov's fate at the hands of Ali's new friend, Leonid Brezhnev."

According to the article, the Soviet dissident was sentenced May 17 to seven years hard labor and five years internal exile.

Purcell said he did not have a "personal vendetta" against Ali. However, he said Ali was "a visible citizen and people pay attention to what he says, so he should be careful about what he says."

Lee, Nate cash

Lee Elder and Nate Starks picked up a little over $3,000 between them at the U.S. Open in Denver, last weekend.

Elder shot 297 for $1,800 of the prize money, and Starks scored 302 worth $1,275.

Winner Andy North's 285 netted first place money of $45,000.

Elder's 297 was four strokes off the necessary 293 to gain automatic qualification for the 1979 - Open. That distinction goes to the 16 leaders in the last previous event.

Two other black qualifiers for this year's tournament failed to survive the 36-hole cutoff.

They were Pete Brown who needed 152 strokes on Thursday and Friday, and Charlie Sifford who carded 156.

Dent scores

Jim Dent lost no time finding a tournament to play after failing to qualify in last week's U.S. Open.

The big Georgian entered the VIP pro - Am at Iowa City (Iowa) and tied for 5th, three strokes off the first - place tie between Gary Player and Bobby Nichols at 66. Dent collected $821.50 for his day of work.

The first black vice president of the AFL - CIO was A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's publication Labor Firsts in America.

Norton, Dundee to be honored

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ken Norton and Chris Dundee will receive the major honors Friday night at the 53rd annual Boxing Writers Association Dinner at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Norton will receive the Edward J. Neil Award as fighter of the year, and Dundee, an accomplished boxing promoter, will be presented the James J. Walker Long and Meritorious Award for 1977.

Blue hurls first TIL shutout

Vida Blue notched his first National League shutout Sunday when he pitched a five-hitter and struck out 10 in leading the San Francisco Giants to a 3-0 triumph over the New York Mets in the first game of a double-header.

Blue, 9-4, was supported by Darrell Evans' two-run homer in the eighth inning, his seventh of the season. Craig Swan, 1-4, allowed only four hits in seven innings and the Giants broke a scoreless tie in the sixth on Jim Dwyer's sacrifice fly to right.

On last Wednesday, Blue had indicated that he thinks it is impossible to find a happier man than he anywhere in the big leagues.

"You find that man, if there is one," Blue whistled after beating the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1, for his eighth victory. "Bring him around and we'll compare happiness. No one can be happier than I am."

Blue, twice prevented (by commissioner Bowie Kuhn) from being traded or sold by the Oakland A's, couldn't hide his joy when the Giants acquired him during spring training for seven players and $400,000. And when he got off to a good start, along with his new team, Vida acted the way he did in 1971 when he was 24-8 with Oakland and won the MVP and Cy Young honors.

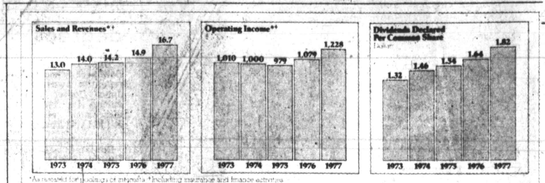
Now that he has won nine games, including his last two starts after a dry spell, Blue can't wait to get to the ballpark. When it isn't his turn to pitch, he leads the cheering on the bench.

"This team believes in itself," he said of the Giants, "and that's the key to victory. "You can have good players and play well, but you will never win the big games unless you believe. Man, do we ever believe."

"Winning never is easy for us," he said, "because maybe we aren't as strong as those other clubs. We have to scrap it out in every game, but right now we are so high we think we can win every time we go out there."

Winners of the men's doubles in the Provident Hospital medical staff tennis tournament held recently at the Hilton Tennis Club in Pikesville were Dr. Roland Smoot and Dr. Curtis Adams. Runners-up in this event were Dr. Lawton Pierre and Dr. J. Davis Ashford.

The women's doubles were won by Juanita Denley and Roxanne Henderson. Minnie Smoot and Sylvia Patterson were runners-up. In the mixed doubles Denley and Adams took first place. Runners-up were Minnie Smoot and Dr. Smoot.



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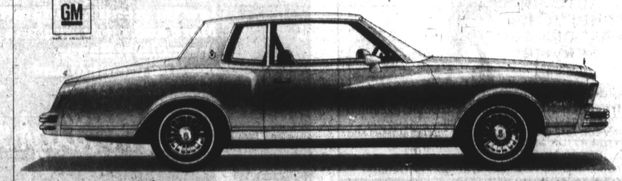

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