GALA AT GIOVANCHES DISCO on Park Circle last Sunday benefitted the Senator Verda F. Welcome team of candidates (L to R) Ms. Salima Marriott, Pete Rawlings, Mrs. Emma Michaels, Rev. Olin P. Moyd, Sen. Welcome and husband, Dr. Henry Welcome. (For story see For All We Know Page 5)

Law to make paramedics responsive to the sick

New regulations designed to prevent Baltimore ambulance crews from refusing care to patients took effect Tuesday.

Fire Chief Thomas Burke said the regulations restrict the crews' authority to refuse care and eliminates their power to turn patients over to police.

The rules require that paramedics be responsible for the care of their patients until an attending physician releases them from that responsibility.

Police and fire officials developed the new procedures in response to charges that the paramedics were neglecting patients.

Two medics were charged with refusing to take a 15-year-old girl to the hospital after she delivered a stillborn child in her home. Officials said the medics left the girl stitting on her living room couch, her dead baby by her side, and told the girl's father to take her to the hosital.

In May, a dying alcoholic was misdiagnosed as a mental patient and turned over to police. Clarence Plunkett, 52, lasped into a coma in the back of a police wagon and died at a City Hospital.

Under the new rules, mentally ill patients must be transported to a hospital by ambulance personnel and not by police.

A hospital physician must determine if the person is suffering from a physical illness before he can undergo psychiatric testing.

Suspected alcoholics may be taken to the primary alcoholism treatment center by police or paramedics.

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Professor files suit to retain job

A Morgan State University faculty member fired twice by university officials, has asked the city's Circuit Court for reinstatement claiming that the termination of his contract violated his rights under the school's tenure rules.

Dr. Gerald McCants filed the suit Tuesday asking the court to declare that the discharge violated the university's "Regulations and Procedures Governing Academic Freedom and Tenure" and to order reinstatement for the 1978-1979 academic year.

McCants was dismissed March 28 after Dr. Andrew Billingsley, MSU president, notified him by letter that his services would no longer be needed "because of dwindling enrollment in the School of Education" where McCants served as associate professor.

Under the rules, according to the suit, McCants was entitled to written notification by March 1 if the university did not plan to renew the one year contract as an associate professor he signed last year.

A spokesperson for Dr. Billingsley told the AFRO while he respected McCants rights in filing the suit he would not deter from his original decision.

McCants came to Morgan in July 1976 as vice president for student affairs during a reorganization of the university's administrative structure.

He was fired a year later but was retained for a second year as associate professor.

African support group sets confab

The African Liberation Support Committee will hold its 6th national conference on Aug. 19 and 20 in North Carolina. Topics to be discussed are current situation in Africa and southern Africa and the direct of the black liberation movement in the United States. The conference is open to the public. Persons interested in attending should call 323-8340.

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Last attempt to save Bay

Despite the fact that the State Board For Higher Education forever ordered the doors of Bay College closed, college officials are trying to salvage something from the ruins of the now defunct private junior college.

The remaining members of the school's board of trustees and the acting president, Charles F. Howard are expected to decide today, Friday whether they want a judicial review on the state board's July 6 decision closing the school. Officials have another nine days to file the appeal.

A final decision was expected earlier in the week but fell two votes short of the necessary majority to take action.

The final of Bay College was finally decided last Thursday when the state board reaffirmed its decision to close the school because of extensive deficiencies in both its academic and financial status.

That decision was based on a report that cited the college for maintaing poor budget records, a lax administration of financial scholarship programs, unqualified or insufficient staff and other programs, unqualified or insufficient staff and other shortcomings.

School officials attempted to save the school by pointing out that there have been tremendous change and a complete reorganization of the school.

City Hospital hike rates

The State Health Services Cost Review Commission granted financially troubled City Hospitals in Baltimore a temporary 37.5 percent increase in its rates.

The rate changes, which vary for different hospital services, raise the daily cost of a bed for an average patient at the 600-bed hospital from $130.86 to $142.92.

Harold Cohen, the agency staff director, said the new rates are temporary and will take effect Sept. 12. Cohen said hearings on permanent rates will begin within six months.

City Hospitals, which has faced deficits of nearly $3.5 million this year, had asked for 39.2 percent temporary increase in rates. The city pays for the hospital's deficits.

The commission arrived at the new rates without the time-consuming rate review normally required because of the hospital's financial difficulties.

FOR SAFEKEEPING — Union Trust Company President William Cowie (L) and Vice-President John Krug receive for safekeeping the information that will determine the winner of the city's Trash Bash contest from project co-ordinator Clayton Tucker.

Trash Bash special contest closes

"Trash Bash" the unprecedented citywide clean-up program reached its midpoint Wednesday, Aug. 16, and the special contest to guess the number of truckloads of refuse removed so far by neighborhood residents assisted by city crews reached its deadline.

"Hundreds of entries have been received, all trying to figure the correct number of truckloads collected by August 15, 1978," said Tom Marudas, the mayor's neighborhood relations aide on this part of a clean-up effort that has been as prize-strewn as the streets were once trash strewn. "I am sure that a lot of people are waiting for the announcement of the winner on Aug. 24.

An envelope containg the official city count of the number of truckloads of refuse removed from the city as part of "Trash Bash" was delivered by Clayton Tucker, "Trash Bash's coordinator, to William H. Cowie Jr., president of the Union Trust Company of Maryland, for safekeeping in the bank's vault until announcement time.

Winner of the "guess the truckloads" contest will receive six box seats to an upcoming Orioles game. Other prizes awarded over the summer to top "Trash Bashers" of all ages have ranged from a ride to school in the Mayor's chauffeured limousine to a day spent "inside the Baltimore Zoo and "riding lessons" on a City police mount.

NAACP registers 18,000 voters

The Baltimore chapter of the NAACP says a 100-day voter registration drive turned up more than 18,000 new voters.

Monday was the final day to register to vote in the Republican and Democratic primaries Sept. 12.

William E. Jackson, head of the NAACP's voter registration-education program, said the drive, which signed up more than 18,000 residents, and a strong voter education program are two ways the group plans to get more blacks to the polls.

Genealogy class given at MSU

Morgan State University's School of Graduate Studies will offer the course, Oral Interviewing and Genealogical Research, for the fall semester.

The course, designed to introduce techniques for collecting oral data for historical reconstruction, is scheduled on Mondays, from 4:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Registration for this offering will be held on Monday, Aug. 28 through Thursday, Aug. 31 from 3:30 until 6 p.m.

Late registration will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Thursday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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For additional information, call the School of Graduate Studies, Holmes Hall, Room 106 at 444-3185.

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