—Mrs. Ruth Pratt

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But Mrs. Pratt last week admitted that she did not attend the board meeting and was only recently made aware of Ms. Purnell's nomination and did not take part in the vote.

She stated that she intended to look into the situation.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Draper, who was just elected vice president of the board of directors, told the AFRO The Center was "never inoperable" and has 13 persons made up of professionals and volunteers acting as counselors.

Ms. Draper was elected vice president during the May board meeting. Linda Audy, the board's vice president was elected president and Elizabeth Garthe was elected treasurer. Natalie Seitz, outgoing president, remains as a member of the board.

The elections, according to Ms. Draper, will become official at the next board meeting later this month when the new board members are installed.

Ms. Draper refused to say who those members would be except that they would include some ex-officio persons in order to retain the one to three black - white ratio on the board.

Ms. Draper said the center is still operational and said that the tape answering machine, which was put on the telephone hotline in mid - April is still operating with a request that callers leave a message.

Ms. Draper said the machine is a temporary service and had to be put in effect after the center ended its service with the telephone answering service, YABCO.

The current procedure is that two counselors call in every two hours and play back the message automatically by telephone.

Ms. Terrell, in the meantime, says that her new group has received several offers of help as a result of the AFRO's article in the Friday, May 25 edition. One of the offers was for a radio public service announcement on one of the city's black - oriented stations.

Watkins retrial out of city?

The Baltimore States' Attorney's office wants its second prosecution of Police Col. James H. Watkins to be held out of the city because recent articles in local newspapers reported that Federal authorities did not believe Charles Burman was a credible witness.

Watkins is scheduled to go on trial June 11 in Criminal Court.

Watkins, 53 - year - old veteran of 27 years with the Baltimore City Police Department was convicted of failure to arrest Burman, a convicted narcotics dealer and with receiving $15,000 in bribes from Burman. The charges were later overturned by Criminal Court Judge J. Harold Grady.

Prosecutors became upset after news articles recently appeared in local papers that raised questions about the truthfulness of Burman, who had been the state's key witness against Watkins.

Burman had filed a motion on April 18 through his attorney asking that his 15 - year federal sentence for heroin sales be reduced.

However, Judge Herbert F. Murray denied the motion. Federal prosecutors told the court they had doubts about the value of Burman's testimony against Watkins and were opposed to a sentence reduction. Burman cited his cooperation in giving testimony against Watkins during his November, 1978 trial.

In another development, members of Freedom House stated this week they oppose the continued prosecution of Watkins, who is "a faithful member of their board of directors."

The Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, president of Freedom House stated as head of the STOP Squad, Watkins cleaned up some bad areas of the community, when he was given the opportunity to do so by Police Commissioner Pomerleau.

"Col. Watkins enjoys widespread community support. He is a responsible police officer who vigorously served the community and his leadership of STOP squad brought peace and safety to many neighbors," said members of Freedom House.

—UMBC 15'

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"We did not apologize nor do we intend to," he said. "Our actions only took place after we exhausted all other recourse. Signing the agreement only meant reaffirming our original commitments to the university when we entered."

Reginald Lawrence, spokesman for Dr. Dorsey could not be reached for comment.

Watkins said the students are happy charges were dropped but they all felt that it would not have mattered if they had stood trial because they felt they would have been cleared.

He added the black students and administration still need to discuss several key issues of racial discrimination on campus which included the approved lottery housing plan, insensitivity in the financial aid office, discrimination in the hiring of black faculty and particularly in the financial aid office) and enforcement of the minority orientation program.

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Rep Mitchell

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"Most of the time will be spent in the workshops (scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and coming up with a plan," said Jerry Lymus, assembly coordinator and aide to Congressman Mitchell.

"We feel we can come up with a plan that — our members, another — ...ply such as this will not be held for another five years."

The two speakers for the assembly will be Congressman Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana.

Leland, who holds the seat formerly held by Barbara Jordan, will be speaking on "The Need for Logical Planning For Our Future As Opposed to Rhetorical Flights of Pros and No Action."

Hatcher will be speaking on "The Need For Long Range Planning For Political, Economic and Social Parity."

Lymus said the group will be a "grass roots" and "permanent" organization because of the volunteers who have worked to make it that way.

The eleven volunteers who have been working on the workshops are Dr. Cathy Pops Smith, attorney Anthony Robinson, Yvette Mynne, Salima Marriot, attorney Edward Smith, Dr. Walter Lee, Leslie L. Lewis, Dr. H. Garland ... Clark, Dr. Alvin ... ton, and Freda Coleman.

Lymus said the organization will publish the plans after the Assembly is held. He said plans received from the workshops would be monitored by a core group of volunteers who will make sure that each recommendation is received positively by the proper city, state and federal representatives.

The conference is scheduled to take place from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 and participants will be charged $5. For further information contact Jerry Lymus in Baltimore at 962-4330.

Miss Talented Teen Pageant June 10

The Miss Talented Teen Maryland International Pageant formerly the Miss Black Teenage American Beauty Pageant, has been scheduled for Sunday, June 10, at 8 p.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Lombard and Howard Sts.

The contestants along with the pageant staff, will have a long weekend at the Holiday Inn with a varied schedule of activities.

Sixteen semi-finalists competing in appearance, personality, achievement and talent categories, will vie for the title of Miss Talented Teen Maryland.

The winner will compete for the national title in Hollywood, Calif., July 14 to 21.

The contestants will attend a disco and dinner at the Ritz sponsored by Bob Matthew, Archway Ford sales manager, on Friday, June 8.

On June 9, a getting acquainted gathering, by invitation only, will be held for parents, sponsors and friends at the Holiday Inn.

Contestants in the Maryland pageant are: Felicia Lesyleann Verrett, Archbishop Keough High School; Sharon Richardson, Walbrook Senior High School; Yolanda Richardson, Western Senior High School; Sharon Coleman, Western Senior High School;

And, Alexis Maureen Plummer, Mitford Mill Senior High School; Tracey McMillan, Hereford Junior-Senior High School;

Alma Kimberlynn Artis, Northern Senior High School; Marcia Letifa Faulkner, Walbrook Senior High School; Maryann Brockington, Diggs Johnson Junior-Senior High School;

Leatrice Coleman, Catonsville Junior-Senior High School; Shawn Marie English, Northern Parkway Junior High School;

And, Sheila Renee Corperal, Skidbrook Junior High School; Denise Powell, Walbrook Senior High School, Tracy Johnson, Frances Renee Stevenson, Western Senior High School; Towana Boone, Centennial High School.

The pageant will be choreographed by Hari Dam Kaur, former instructor for the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, New York.

For ticket information call 730-6689 after 5 p.m. or 466-0123 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Travis Winkey, 945-7795.

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Schaefer's budget goes to City Council

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

The City Council is expected to receive today, Friday, June 1, the city's $1.09 billion budget for fiscal year 1980 which includes Mayor William Donald Schaefer's "discovery" of $33.8 million in additional money.

The budget had received approval this week from the Board of Estimates after the mayor announced last week that the additional money would not only mean more funds for the police, fire and education departments but would also guarantee small pay raises for the 30,000 city employees without the threat of layoffs.

This "new" money would also guarantee bulk trash pick-ups and vacant lot cleanings, the operation of the city's recreation centers and that all city libraries will remain open.

The find, which also means that the $5.97 local tax rate will not however be raised was announced last Friday by Schaefer in his first full briefing of the 1980 budget of $1.09 billion.

While city financial officials point out that some of their discoveries would not be around again next year, the mayor's announcement comes just as the citywide election campaign is beginning to gather steam.

Part of the windfall outlined by the mayor comes from $17 million in additional money provided by the state legislature after the original budget was revealed in March.

Another $16.8 million was uncovered after city finance dep... head Charles Benton "juggled" the city's business affairs —especially in the area of medical insurance and pensions for the city workers.

The plan calls for the city to shift to a self insurance program with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The company will go on providing administrative services for the $30 million program with the city paying the cost of claims directly rather through the insurance premium — a saving of $2.5 million.

Blue Cross officials call the plan risky but Benton says unless there is some disease epidemic he does not feel the risk is that great.

An estimated $4 million was also made available after recalculating city pension costs. Originally the city figured it would have to pay out $36 million for retiring city workers but that figure has been reduced by the city's new pension consultants, S. M. Hyman Company.

The money dug up by the financial officials through these and other cost saving measures is expected to be spent this way:

— $12.5 million, originally cut from the education department's budget request will be restored to be spent as school officials see fit.

— $5.8 million to provide police raises and to hire an additional 225 officers over the next year bringing the total to 3,225 officers just slightly above the bottom line of 3,176 for guaranteed public safety.

— $3.5 million for 68 new firefighters and equipment. Schaefer said he won't shut down any fire stations this year but did not promise it would not happen in the future. He also assigned a full time budget analyst to oversee the spending.

— $1.8 million from City Hospitals through additional fees are to be returned for the hospital's use.

— $400,000 to keep the city libraries open.

— $2.1 million to the Department of Public Works for the bulk trash pickup and lot cleanings.

— $800,000 for the Health Department for its rat clean-up and other programs.

— $1.1 million for the City Jail and the Supreme Bench.

— $500,000 for the state's attorney and the sheriff's office.

— $4.5 million to cover general fund costs of the employee pay raises.

— $1 million for the recreation centers.

Benton's warning that almost half of this year's discoveries are one-time windfalls and will have to be made up in next year's budget, will according to him "only make the city's annual fiscal crunch all the worse in the future."

"Our needs next year probably will be as great if not greater," he said. Benton added of the $33.8 million about $23 million probably will not be available for use in 1981.

Coppin offers free summer

The Developmental Studies Program of Coppin State College will offer a free summer school program including lunch each day from June 25 through July 27.

To be eligible, persons must be high school graduates, first - time freshmen and plan to enter Coppin in the Fall.

For further information interested persons may call Dr. Verna Gray, 383 - 5931.

Banks becomes third candidate in 5th

Earl "Coach" Banks became the third black candidate to officially toss his hat in the ring for the fifth councilmanic district on Thursday, May 31, pledging to "bring together the resources that are necessary to improve the quality of life for all fifth district residents and Baltimore."

Making his announcement at the 41st legislative district headquarters on Edmondson Avenue, Banks said there have been many changes in Baltimore and especially in the 5th district.

"Municipal services have remained constant or have been reduced while citizen's needs have increased," he said. "While the statistics indicate that there is a decrease in population in the district, the needs and problems of those left here are steadily increasing."

Banks said the problems in the 5th district are massive and multiple, crossing "racial lines, age groupings, gender and neighborhoods."

"Our district has wealth, while at the same time tremendous poverty also exists," he pointed out. "The huge amount of federal and state dollars which flowed into the city are sharply decreased when dispersed to this district."

Banks said effective representation will be the keynote of his campaign.

"In the past due to irresponsive leadership, I have witnessed a weariness, a sort of defeatist attitude among residents which has resulted in a slow, creeping deterioration of the area," he said.

"There is no substitute for teamwork and cooperation to realize a common goal and make the 5th councilmanic district a viable part of the "Baltimore is Best" concept," he added. "Now is the time to elect a councilman who believes the potential for positive change is endless."

Banks has already received the endorsement of the Vanguard political Organization and has the unofficial backing of HUB Inc., a non - partisan non - political economic group. Sam Daniels, head of the Council on Equal Business Opportunity, and Angela Gibson, of Vanguard political organization will serve as his campaign managers. Herb Brown will be campaign treasurer.

Council established by mayor

Private sector joining fight against unemployment in city

City ... some new partners in their battle against unemployment.

They are the private businessmen of the Baltimore area, whom Mayor William Donald Schaefer hopes will help provide jobs to area residents. Schaefer announced Tuesday the formation of a new city jobs program designed to enlist the aid of private businessmen in fighting the jobless rate.

The private industry council (PIC) was "created to improve the link between local manpower and economic development activities," Schaefer said.

He said the council would "join government as a partner in the effort to increase job opprtunities in the private sector. That's were five out of every six jobs are in the country are and that's where ... concentrate our combined energies."

The Mayor described the PIC as "a new partner in our efforts to provide quality training and good jobs to those citizens who need the services the most, and at the same time, to meet employer needs."

The goal of the program is to get jobs for the unemployed with small businesses. Schaefer said the council reflects a national shift away from creating new public jobs to encouraging private employers to hire the disadvantaged.

Schaefer said the council will examine the city's existing manpower systems to see how it can be improved.

The council hopes to help schools and businessmen work together to find job opportunities for the disadvantaged, as well as develop small business intern programs to give young people practical experience in management.

Another goal of the program is to encourage private employers to participate more in city unemployment programs.

Many city business leaders have agreed to support the program.

Schaefer added the council will be chaired by Henry Snyder, general manager of the city branch of the Western Electric Corp. Herb Cahan, the former city secretary of economic development, will be the council's staff director.

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Man, 66, found dead in bed

A 66-year-old man was found dead in his apartment on May 28, after neighbors reported to police they had not been able to contact him.

Police report Ira Wilson of the 900 block of Harlem Ave., was found dead in bed holding a four foot iron pipe in his hand.

There were no signs of a struggle or forced entry into his apartment. However, police report they are still investigating the case and have listed the death as "a questionable death."

Neighbors told police Mr. Wilson lived alone and had been ill. Police report he had been a patient at University Hospital.

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