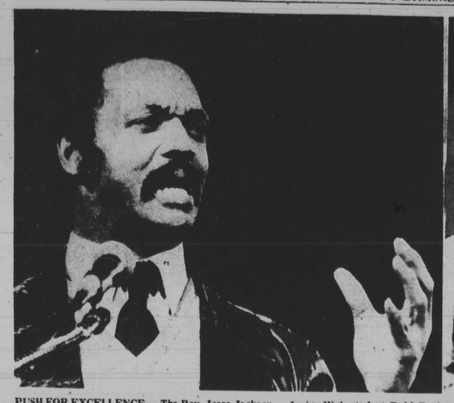

PUSH FOR EXCELLENCE — The Rev. Jesse Jackson (L) brought his PUSH-EXCEL program to Baltimore Jan. 28 to motivate Baltimore city school students, parents and teachers. In center photo, Greenspring Junior High student Todd Taylor stands with Mayor William Donald Schaefer while he introduces Jackson, head of OPERATION PUSH. In (L) panel Jocelyn Taylor is one of more than 8,000 persons who gave complete attention to Jackson during the program which featured the Softones, a local singing group now making the national charts, Sweet Honey in the Rock, an acapella song group and the All City Band and Chorus.

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Resigns from HEW

Dr. Berry: a fighter for equal education

By Roger Glass

In her role as assistant secretary for education at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Dr. Mary F. Berry has been widely-praised for her management of the department's massive education program and its $13 billion budget.

And since her 1977 appointment by President Carter, she has also earned the respect of those on Capitol Hill for the manner in which she has represented education-related legislation before Congress.

This week, however, Dr. Berry resigned from her position at HEW. The native of Nashville, Tenn., who announced her resignation in November, says she's stepping down because it's time to move on. Informed sources contend, though, that her resignation is the result of President Carter's failure to name her to head the newly- created Department of Education.

They also maintain that she is the person most qualified to serve in that capacity.

"She (Dr. Berry) was instrumental in the establishment of the new Department of Education," a Capitol Hill staffer explains. "She seemed to be the person best-suited to serve as its secretary."

Though she was not named Secretary of Education, Dr. Berry did indeed play a pivotal role in the creation of the new federal department. She has also led efforts to increase the federal education budget by 60 percent, and defended legislation that would improve educational services for the poor and underserved.

Under Dr. Berry's leadership minorities have benefited from "a strong, courageous and knowledgeable voice," according to Dr. Kenneth Tollett, director of Howard University's Institute for Studies in Educational Policy.

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Frequently cited for the hard work she has put in as the assistant secretary for education, Dr. Barry says she is still loyal to the Carter Administration.

"I don't think that by not asking me to be Secretary shows any lack of confidence on the part of the president," Dr. Berry states. "I'm loval and I'm aware of the politics involved. The president obviously thought that someone new and from outside the education department should be secretary."

DR. MARY BERRY

Not denying that she had her sights set on becoming the new Secretary of Education, Dr. Berry lauded the president's selection of Seattle, Washington judge Shirley Hufstedler.

"I think she's (Dr. Judge Hufstedler) a very capable and intelligent person," Dr. Berry says in her most diplomatic tone.

Seated in her third-floor office at HEW's Hubert Humphrey building, wearing a peach-colored dress, Dr. Berry is quick to point to her record as assistant secretary for education.

"The major focus of my efforts has been to try to help minorities and underserved people," she says with only the slightest hint of bravado. "That's the goal that I've kept clearly in mind." She refuses, however, to criticize President Carter's failure to appoint her Secretary of Education. Dr. Berry, who holds a law degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D in history, says she had some ambivalence about the position.

"I've been in a number of battles and have a few scars to show for it," she states. "The struggles are never easy when you're trying to get benefits for minorities." She considered this a good time to get out of government.

Some of the battles Dr. Berry has fought — and won — will undoubtedly work to the advantage of the poor and underprivileged in future years. Among them is a proposal intended to ease youth unemployment. "Federal money will be used to create new jobs so that they (unemployed school age youths) can get some work experience and skills while they're still in school," she explains.

The two barriers to employment of minorities, she says, are racism and the inadequate education black youngsters receive.

"We need programs that will stop black kids from dropping out of school," she states, adding that the problem stems from the environment in most big city schools.

"Programs that improve the climate in schools need to be funded," asserts Dr. Berry. "The basic problem results from a lack of security, discipline and the crime in some schools." She would like to see the community involved in improving schools and motivating students.

Dr. Berry, who will become a professor of history and law at Howard upon resignation from HEW, speaks with the confidence of an experienced educator as she outlines the country's educational needs.

Dr. Berry said that one of the things she'll be looking for in the new Department of Education is "how well it keeps its commitment to serve the country's underserved. She hopes to see a sensitivity to the concerns of blacks and other poor people on the part of the new department.

A separate Department of Education should help get rid of the bureaucratic red tape and give education greater visibility, she added. As one of the chief engineers of the new department, she explains that she supports the concept. Dr. Berry admits, however, that the transition period that the new department is currently going through is costing both time and money.

"That's one of the major drawbacks of setting up something like this," she notes.

Ms. Hufstealer's inexperience has been cited as one of the major causes for the difficult transition period. The White House is reportedly not pleased with how slowly the transition is moving.

The Carter Administration, according to Dr. Berry, would like to bring a black in as undersecretary of education. University of District of Columbia president Lisle Carter was among those being considered for that role.

But Dr. Berry, who formerly served as the Chancellor of the University of Colorado before taking the job with HEW, says she is looking forward to relinquishing her role as a public servant—at least for awhile.

"The White House has offered me a number of other jobs in the government," she says, "but I was ready to leave."

"I made a tremendous financial sacrifice to come here in the first place," she explains.

A graduate of Howard University where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees, Dr. Berry says she intends to stay in Washington where she can "be in a good position to monitor" the progress of the new Department of Education.

3 winners in AFRO's Ray, Goodman, Brown 'Special Lady' contest

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

NEW JOB — Ms. Shelia Altieri, 28, coordinator for the Oliver Community Association since Aug. 20, 1979 is leaving to be assistant director of the Commission on Aging Task Force, an Area Health Education Center project of the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She has a bachelor of science degree from Howard University in speech pathology and audiology and is working toward her master's degree in urban planning at Morgan State University.

The AFRO and the Electric Eye on Reistertown Road announced in last Friday's Afro a Special Lady contest to coincide with the appearance of Ray, Goodman and Brown, the great group who recorded the smash hit, "Special Lady."

The rules were simple. Tell us in 50 words or less why you like Ray, Goodman and Brown to win three great prizes.

First prize is dinner for two and free tickets to the show at the Electric Eye, Friday, Feb. 1.

Second prize is free tickets and their latest album.

Third prize is two free tickets.

It was a tough decision but the judges have made up their minds. So without further suspense, here are the winners.

First prize: Glynis Johnson, 500 block of Poplar Grove St.

Second prize: Timothy Maddox, 2500 block of W. Baltimore St.

Third prize: Adrienne Pinkett and Judy Craig, 6600 block of Cross Country Blvd.

For more on Ray, Goodman and Brown and the Special Lady contest, see Tuesday's AFRO.

President wants blacks to 'own a bus company

President Carter earlier this week declared that he wanted to see blacks "own a bus company," and not just be bus drivers. In an address to the 30th anniversary meeting of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the president asserted that there would be no return to the days when blacks were relegated to riding the back of the bus.

The president was the featured speaker during the Hubert Humphrey Civil Rights Award Dinner, at which Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., was honored for selfless and devoted service in the cause of equality." Similarly honored in memoriam was George Meany, long-time boss of the AFL-CIO who died earlier this month.

The awards were presented by the widow of the late Senator Humphrey, former Senator Muriel Humphrey. The Lane Kirkland, received the Meany award. He said that Meany would have been proud of the award and everything it stands for.

Clarence Mitchell described President Carter as one of the finest people this country has ever had at the helm of government," and said that history will record the president's integration of the federal bench as having a profound effect on the way blacks and whites now understand and appreciate each other.

The president, in his turn, described Mitchell and Meany as "two great men" who personified the spirit of LCCR. Mitchell, he said, was a symbol of the strength of the organization, who was always eager to give other people credit for his achievements.

He stated that without Clarence Mitchell, all the civil rights legislation passed. The civil rights could not have been passed. The civil rights legislation currently on the statute books, said the president, was just the first step, as women, Hispanics, blacks, the poor and the elderly "still wait for true equality in our land."

Former Massachusetts Senator Edward W. Brooke, chairman of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and a member of the LCCR executive committee, chaired the proceedings and music was provided by the D.C. Youth Chorale.

Greater Homewood to host Groundhog Hop

The Greater Homewood Community Corporation will hold a Greater Groundhog Hop on Feb. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Glass Pavilion on the campus of Johns Hopkins University.

Swing, disco, rock and other music will be performed by Knight Train.

Tickets are $5 a person and are available at the door. A limited selection of food and drinks will be available.

Proceeds benefit the Greater Homewood Community Corporation a community coalition located in the City's second councilmanic district.

Spring Concert

West African Ethnic Dance will be featured in the first concert of Anne Arundel Community College's Spring series, which begins in early February.

This first concert, which is set for Sunday, February 3, will feature Olufunmilayo and Company, a group that specializes in this art. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Humanities Lecture Hall.

Olufunmilayo, who has been performing in this area since 1973, is a teacher of African dance at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. She studied African dance in New York with the Olatunje School of African Culture.

A cross-section of West African dances will be integrated by the group in its presentation, which is offered free to the public.

The concert of Olufunmilayo and Company is being sponsored by AACC's Public Events Committee.

For more information, contact Associate Professor Ellen Bungay at 647 - 7100, ext. 287.

Celebration

You are cordially invited to attend the YWCA's Third Annual Racial Justice Celebration.

"WOMEN ON THE MOVE IN THE 80's" is the theme.

This celebration will be held on Sunday, February 3, 1980, 128 W. Franklin Street.

Keynote Speaker is Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Noted Attorney and Activist.

Entertainment will include Mary Carter Smith - Griot and Historian.

Free to the public. For more information call 685 - 1460.

Scholarships set for journalism students

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and a Newport News, Virginia, publishing firm, the Daily Press, Inc., have entered into an unusual decree which provides that the publisher establish a $50,000 scholarship program for black journalism students, in addition to achieving substantial increases in minority representation over the next five years.

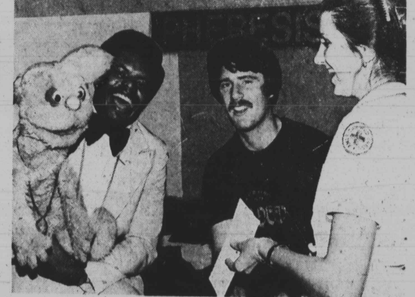
The program will make available four $2,500 scholarships per year over the next five years, establishing grants for training minority journalism students at Howard University (Washington, D.C.), Hampton Institute (Hampton, Va.), Virginia commonwealth University (Norfolk, Va.), and at one other school selected on a yearly basis.

Concurrently, the decree provides for a significant increase over the next five years in minority representation in almost all job categories — including supervisors, editors and directors (10 percent); reporters and non - supervisory editors (10 percent); all other professional employees (13 percent); salesworkers (16 percent); district managers (20 percent); general clerical employees (17 percent); and apprentices (5 percent).

While it is not uncommon for an employer and the commission to include training as a provision of a decree, it is the first time on EEOC record that there has been agreement on a scholarship program, as part of a consent decree.

Chair Eleanor Holmes Norton, in noting the significance of the scholarship feature of the decree, said, "It is an important device for augmenting the pool of professionals in an industry which needs to do more to encourage minority participation at all levels."

Several other programs will supplement the scholarships. In addition to the $50,000 in scholarships, the company agreed to intern one student per scholarship during the summer, paying each at least $132.00 per week.



FUNNY TEAM — Red Cross volunteer John Carrington (L) of Belvedere Avenue and his puppet Oscar nurse Sharon Hall and Baltimore Oriole and blood donor Scott McGregor at the Baltimore Regional Red Cross's WBAL Blood Donor Day. Carrington's performance was party of the fun that went along with other special events of the day. Carrington has also performed at other Red Cross functions and is a member of the Red Cross Youth Advisory Committee. He is employed as a 4 - H and youth extension agent in Baltimore City.

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'My God, my son's been shot!'

A MOTHER'S ANGUISH — City police officer tries to comfort Mrs. Mary Allen, left, after her son Willie Keith Allen, 22, was gunned down at Mondawmin Mall, Feb. 6. Bystanders, right, try to comfort the dying man.

AFRO photographer Mark Gail recorded the scene moments after the incident. A 23 - year - old woman is charged with the homicide.

Mother watches in horror as stranger shoots son Mondawmin parking lot

A 26-year-old woman has been charged with homicide in the shooting death of Willie Keith Allen, following an argument on a parking lot Feb. 6 outside a food market at Mondawmin Mall.

Mrs. Mary Allen, mother of the victim, told the AFRO her son had never seen the woman prior to the shooting when she approached Allen and accused him of stealing her gloves. According to police, when Allen attempted to put the bags of food in his car for his mother, he was shot in the head and the woman ran through the shopping center and jumped in a hacker's car.

A description of the car was given to the police by a witness and Ms. Nina Henson, of the 2700 block Reisterstown Road was later arrested. She was being held without bail at AFRO press time.

Seated in the living room of her Florence Avenue home in Northwest Baltimore, Mrs. Allen told the AFRO, "I could always depend on my son taking me shopping and to work. We only went to Mondawmin because I had to pay my gas and electric bill and I decided to stop in the store and pick up some food for my family because it was supposed to snow. I wanted to have food in the house for my family."

Allen, 22, fondly called Keith by his family and friends was described as a "warm and friendly person."

Relatives told the AFRO he had been in the service and only home a few months. His older brother Brian held his head in his hands, as he spoke softly, while sitting in the living room with his family.

He said, "Keith would not hurt anyone. He did not have a girlfriend and did not know the woman. My mother spent most of his time home playing his bass guitar."

According to relatives, the victim was looking forward to March 7, when he was scheduled to play with a local band at a talent show. "He would always say March 7 might be my big day when my talent is discovered. He could not wait."

The family will receive friends Sunday, 6:30 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home and last rites will be held at 7 p.m.

In addition to his mother, Allen is survived by his father, Willie Allen, a sister, Ms. Charmaine Allen and two brothers, Stuart and Quinton and a grandmother, Mrs. Mona B. Allen.

Willie Keith Allen

—February off to violent start—

Clifton Park student, 15, shot near school; murdered UMBC coed probe continues

A 15-year-old eighth grade Clifton Park Junior High School student was arrested and charged with handgun violation and assault by shooting, five minutes after he allegedly shot a student in the knee outside the school, police said.

Leonard Bowman is listed in satisfactory condition at City Hospital and police report the incident was apparently the result of a long standing feud. A security guard told the AFRO the Feb. 6 shooting was the first time there has ever been a shooting at Clifton Junior High, 2555 Harford Road.

Police report the youth, whose name is being withheld was stopped by an officer several blocks from the school. The office recovered a .38-caliber smith noted revolver believed to have been used in the shooting.

Student was strangled

A rope, belt, tie or piece of cloth, might have been the object used to strangle Miss Phyllis Arlisa Greene, according to Dr. Virginia Dolan, a medical examiner who perfored the autopsy.

Miss Greene, 20, of the 3800 block Milford Ave., was found frozen in a cornfield 20 feet off Dogwood Road in Baltimore County on Feb. 4, four days after she was reported missing by her parents.

Baltimore City and County police are still investigating the case. Miss Greene, a pre-law student at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, left home around 7 p.m. to go to a supermarket at Wabash Avenue and Northern Parkway, a mile from her home.

When she did not return home, her father, Edgar Greene Jr., drove to the shopping center to look for his daughter.

Police report the car was still on the parking lot. Lt. Lee Peters told the AFRO, "We are interviewing friends, relatives and co-workers of Miss Greene." Peters stated Miss Greene did go in the store to purchase some items. However, the food was not found in her car or where her body was found.

Dr. Dolan says there is no evidence to determine where the victim was killed and it is difficult to determine how long she had been dead because her body was frozen. According to Dr. Dolan, the victim's neck was fractured from force used to strangle her.

Funeral services for Miss Greene will be held today (Friday) at All Saints Catholic Church, 4408 Liberty Heights Ave. The family will receive friends at 7 p.m.

In next Tuesday's AFRO

200 Baltimore school pupils open Black History Month in ceremonies at the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. See it all in photos and story An historic event.

Morgan supporters gear for merger fight

By James M. Abraham

The Administration, teachers and students at 112-year-old Morgan State University are eagerly awaiting the Feb 13 meeting of the State Board of Higher Education, which will determine whether the board will implement a proposed merger of Morgan and two other institutions.

"Everybody seems to be geared up for the hearing," said Leonard Jackson, past president of the school's alumni association and a prime mover in the fight against the merger. "I think that the board mistakenly believed that we were weak because of our internal struggle, but we're prepared to fight the merger."

On Jan. 3, state politician Steny Hoyer released the information that Knorr had plans to consolidate Morgan, the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, and the University of Baltimore.

The news shocked the black community, and produced a cohesiveness at the school which was refreshing after a recent noconfidence" vote by the president of Morgan, Andrew Billingsley from his faculty.

It served to, temporarily at least, push the issue of Billingsley's alleged misappropriations of college funds to the background, and galvanized local ministers, politicians and community leaders as no issue had in years.

Jackson also says that, if the state board decides to implement the merger, the Alumni Association at Morgan is prepared to take the battle to the courts.

"Edward Smith, head of the Monumental Bar Association, said Jackson, "has already offered his services as our legal counsel."

Jackson added that the alumni association has also begun raising funds to pay court costs, in the event that legal action is necessary.

G. James Fleming, head of Morgan's board of regents, told a reporter that, according to Sheldon Knorr, there has been little support for the merger plan from any of the institutions involved. Indications are that the plan is scheduled for defeat on Feb. 13.

But students, staff, and community supporters of the venerable black institution are on the alert.

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SPEAKING AT UMBC — The Student Government Association of the University of Maryland Baltimore County will present Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure) on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. in Gym 1. Carmichael, a political activist for the last 20 years, has worked with the Student Non - violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC, the United Farmworkers Association and the Black Panthers. His lecture topic will be "From Black Power to Pan Africanism." Tickets are $2.50, available at the door on the night of the lecture.

Court weighs rent control appeal

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Supporters of Baltimore's proposed rent control ordinance, which was struck down by Judge Joseph H.H. Kaplan two weeks after its passage in the Nov. 6 election, now have no choice but to wait for the results of an appeal filed with the Maryland Court of Appeals.

"It could take a month, it could take ninety days," said a clerk at the Court.

The battle for rent control was to many, a dramatic struggle between the city's haves and havenots. Groups of community organizations, headed by the Rent Control Campaign, an arm of the Baltimore City Tenants' Association; and the People's Campaign for Rent Control spent the better part of the summer of 1979 collecting enough signatures to place the question on the city ballot as a referendum.

But once the bill was on the ballot, a suit was filed against it by the Cedair Corporation, a local property management group, which alleged that the bill was unconstitutional because it established a tenant-landlord commission.

The suit also charged that the methods used to collect the 10,000 necessary signatures were suspect.

However, Kaplan decided to postpone hearing the case until after the elections.

The period between Kaplan's postponement and the actual elections saw a feverish, high-powered campaign, led by the

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D.C. voting rights bill moving through Assembly

By Portia E. Badham
FROST Staff Writer

A resolution to ratify a constitutional amendment to give the District of Columbia full congressional representation is expected to pass in the Maryland Senate next week.

The measure introduced by State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, D-38th won preliminary approval when it reached the Senate floor Tuesday of this week.

Supporters of the voting rights amendment expect it to follow last year's showing and win an easy margin of at least 25 out of the total 47 votes in the Senate. A majority of 24 votes is needed in order for the resolution to pass.

If approved in the Senate, the resolution would then go to the House by the following week and would be heard in committee before coming to the House floor.

"We're about five votes away from passage," said Mitchell who sponsored a similar resolution last year that was defeated in the House by one vote. Another resolution introduced by Charles Blumenthal, in the House, also failed by one vote short of a majority not only the first time but on a reconsideration vote.

Mitchell responded to the possibility of the measure's defeat

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Lawmakers don't like Jessup jail plan

Corrections Secretary Gordon C. Kamka said Wednesday he has recommended to Gov. Harry Hughes that a new 500-bed medium-security prison be built at a site near Jessup in eastern Howard County.

Hughes' office said the recommendation may have been made, but that the governor has yet to see it.

Gene Oishi, the Governor's press secretary, said the governor nevertheless intends to submit a resolution to the General Assembly specifying which of five Jessup area sites he supports for the new prison.

Kamka's revelation, the first time he has publicly said which of the five sites he favors for building the proposed prison that has recently come under heavy legislative attack, came during a budget briefing before a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Kamka said the site he has chosen is state-owned property adjacent to the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital, one of about a half dozen penal institutions in the Jessup area.

The site was one of two Howard County and three Anne Arundel County sites near Jessup that had been considered for construction of a new prison.

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'Save Morgan State' mass rally, Feb. 9

A rally will be staged by the Morgan State University Alumni Association Saturday, Feb. 9 at the university's McKeldin Center.

The purpose of the 2 p.m. rally is to give information, and address questions from the community concerning the proposed merger of Morgan, University of Maryland Baltimore County, and the University of Baltimore under the authority of the University of Maryland.

In addition, the rally will help prepare those persons who plan to testify before the State Board for Higher Education at a hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel on the possible merger recommended by Sheldon Knorr, commissioner of higher education.