Calendar of events in local schools

The following is a list of activities happening at the high schools, colleges and universities in the Baltimore area.

Eleven branch libraries in Baltimore county are being used as daytime centers where adults who did not complete grade school or high school may go to improve their reading, writing, speaking and math skills.

These classes are made available by the Office of Adult Education of Baltimore county schools and are open for enrollment at any time during class hours. For imformation about class time and library locations, call 494-4064.

Handicapped men and women are now being interviewed for entrance into Dundalk Community College's "Single Step" program. The free program is designed for the personal development and vocational training of handicapped persons.

Beginning in February, classes will meet two days per week on Tuesday and Friday. Dundalk Community College's Sollers Point Road campus is barrier free and has ramps, elevators and reserved parking facilities for handicapped persons.

To make an appointment for an interview call Ann Price at 282-6700, ext. 222.

Three of the top five entries at the high school level in the recent Maryland State Advisory Council on Vo-Tech Education poster contest were submitted by students from Baltimore's Douglass Senior High.

Some 100 posters were entered in the contest at the high school level. The Douglass students, Harold Butler, Doris Day and Christin Jones who took a second prize and two honorable mentions will be honored by Governor Harry Hughes at a State House ceremony during Vocational Education Week, Feb. 10 to 16.

Northern High School has planned a series of events from Feb.11-15 to celebrate Vocational Education Week.

On Feb. 11, an open house will be hosted by the Vocational Education Clubs and an assembly will be held to begin the week's activities. A BusinessCareer Institute will be held Feb. 12.

Speakers from many businesses will talk with students and display updated equipment. A schoolwide career day will be held Feb. 13.

The new Southern High School, 1100 Covington St. will hold its first Parent-Teacher Student Association meeting of 1980 on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

On the agenda are orientation sessions, membership drive and dues collection information and parent-teacher conferences at which time first semester grades and other information may be shared between parents, students and teachers.

Carver Vocational Technical High School in recognition of Vocational Education Week will have an open house Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. All shops and trade areas will be open and students will be performing regularly scheduled trade operations.

There will be an assembly program featuring presentations and demonstrations by the choir, gymnastics team, dance group, wrestling team and the Karate group.

On Feb. 14, 15 and 16 all trades will be on exhibit at Mondawmin Mall from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Annual International Photo Exhibition of the Baltimore Camera Club will be presented from Feb. 10 through March 7 at the Morgan State University Gallery of Art.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Johns Hopkins Tutorial Project is beginning its spring program Feb. 11. Volunteers are needed to tutor elementary school children in basic reading and math skills.

Anyone interested should call 338-8188 or drop by the Chaplain's Office at the Johns Hopkins University.

The Loyola College Management Institute will offer two one-day seminars on "Time Management" Feb. 12 and April 18 at the Columbia Center, American City Building from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

READY FOR THE OLYMPICS — Ron Landrum, the only black out of 52 runners carrying the torch during the Olympic Relay en route to Lake Placid, N.Y., site of the winter games, bundles up outside City Hall during ceremonies when the torch stayed overnight in Baltimore. At (R), four-year-old Terry Holman holds candle lit from the Olympic torch during ceremonies Feb. 1.

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Administrators explain aide role

School 62 calm after parent-teacher dispute

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Although Claudette Chandler has won acquittal on charges of assault and battery againt a city school board employee, as reported in the AFRO Jan. 26, she and other parents e of children Edgecombe Circle Elementary School are still upset with school policy which they feel led to the charges being filed against Mrs. Chandler.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," said Mrs. Loy Stuart, head of the school's Parent's Advisory Council.

However, Samuel Sharrow, regional superintendent of the Northwest Region, which includes the Edgecombe Circle school, recently told the AFRO "from my perception, I'm satisfied with what is going on at the school."

Sharrow, and Richard Lee, a school community worker, met with the AFRO Wednesday, Jan. 6 to discuss parent-teacher-administration relations in the city school system, specifically at the Edgecombe Circle school.

"A Parent's Advisory Council is required at every Title I school, along with a teacher liason who works with parents on homework, tutoring and such. It's an ongoing thing," said Sherrow.

Mrs. Chandler was accused of striking Marcelina West, the liason worker at the school, after an argument developed over Mrs. Chandler's removal of a chart from the room where Mrs. West was teaching.

After the trial, she lashed out at the policies of the school's principal, Mrs. Edgar White, including the school's insistence that all visitors sign in at the principal's office before going about their business at the school.

But Sharrow pointed out that the sign-in policy is part of the city school system's policy, not an independent action of Mrs. West.

Both Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Chandler accused the school's principal of being aloof from the parents, to the point of discouraging many from appearing at the school.

However, Sharrow and Lee both stated that they had had no complaints concerning staff-parent animosities until the incident involving Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. West.

Sharrow did acknowledge that he had met with Mrs. Stuart and the officers of the PAC on the Nov. 6, , 1979, concerning several grievances expressed by the parents.

Members of the school's PTA objected strenuously to the meeting, and stated in a letter to Mrs. Stuart that they supported the current administration at the school.

"Based on my experiences in the school system," said Sharrow, "the problem is mainly a difference in perception between what is seen and what is heard."

He added that he plans to meet with all factions involved in the near future.

Lee agreed with Sharrow's assessment that the problem is mainly one of communication.

"We are talking about a relationship between those who provide education and those who receive it. We have the job of making the receivers of that education aware of the special problems educators have to face."

The two administrators added that parental participation in schools within the region is on the upsurge, and they attributed the rising attendance rate as one of the positive effects of such participation.

Mrs. White refused to comment on the issues, and instead referred all questions to Dr. John Crew, head of Baltimore's school system. At AFRO presstime, Crew had still not returned repeated phone calls to his office.

HOUSING AUTHORITY
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Notice of Letting

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City will receive sealed bids in duplication for MS-1667, Installation of Low Water Cut-Offs, Bel-Park Towers, MD 2-54 The Brentwood, MD 2-56, Murphy Homes, MD 2-18 and The West Twenty, Md. 2-41 until 2:00 p.m., EASTERN STANDARD TIME on FEB. 26, 1980, at the office of the Chief, Finance and Accounting, Room 675, Saratoga Street Municipal Building, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202, at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and Technical Specifications are on file and may be examined and obtained by persons who have been prequalified by the Contractors Qualification Committee, City of Baltimore, or the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. These contract documents are available at the office of the Director of Construction and Buildings Inspection, Room 209, Saratoga Street Municipal Building, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Interested parties may obtain information concerning requirements and procedures for prequalifications from the Contractors Qualifications Committee, Room 1002, Municipal Building, or by calling the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, 396-3596.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds, each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract Price, except that no performance or payment bonds are required for contracts under $2,000.00.

Attention is called to the fact that payrolls must be filed with the Housing Authority and net less than the prevailing salaries and wages set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project. The contractor must insure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The successful bidder may be required to prepare and submit an Affirmative Action Program regarding the employment of minority job applicants. Details are set forth in the Contract Documents under 41 CFR 60-4.3(d) "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246)" and 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246)." In addition, prior to the signing of a contract, he must submit a preliminary statement of work force needs, where known. Where not known, this information must be supplied prior to the signing of any contract between the contractor and his subcontractors.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

VITO J. MANGANO
Director
Construction and Buildings Inspection

More welfare is fair, lawmakers told

Several human rights advocacy groups spoke before the House Subcommitee on Education and Human Resources of the General Assembly Tuesday, Feb. 5th, and urged the adoption of Governor Harry Hughes' 11 increase in state welfare payments to familes with dependent children.

Should the measure pass the House of Delegates and the state Senate, families can expect to receive an additional $32 in welfare payments. This would raise the level of aid per month to these familiesto $326 from the current level of 294.

Although a commission appointed by Governor Hughes a year ago found that the 1979 standard of need for a family of four was $600, most of the advocates who testified before the sub-committee adopted a supported Hughes' increase as better than nothing at all.

Rabbi Donald Berlin spoke on behalf of the Baltimore Jewish Council. He described the dilemma of those without work who are trapped in a society which encourages hard work and industry.

"Think of the problem of those who are both hungry and who lack... work status and identity. While it is incumbent upon us," said the Rabbi. "To provide all adults who need to work with employment, we must...alleviate the pain and degradation of abject poverty."

Robert Manekin, representing the Maryland Conference of Social Concern, pointed out the fact that "In 1978, Maryland ranked fifth in median per family income. Yet 29 states with a lower median income have found the financial resources to provide average AFDC grants approximately 30 per cent higher than Maryland."

He attacked the 11 per cent increase as being too small, but added that "it does represent a commitment against lowering the grant levels presently in effect." the Bobby Cheeks, head of the Welfare Rights Organization, told a reporter after the hearing that he supported the increase, but with reservations.

"I think that the Department of Human Resources' decision to go along with Hughes' increase shows the gutlessness of their politics."

He also blasted Hughes for presenting only an 11 per cent increase.

"The governor ignored his own commission," said the jury community activist. "His Commission on Welfare Grants determined that $600 was necessary for a family of four to live on, two years after we said the same thing, yet he only decided to go with the 11 per cent increase."

Cheeks, along with a group of welfare recipients, made what Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40th, called an "impressive demonstration.

The group was the only welfare recipient-sorganization resent at the hearings.

EASTSIDE FIRE — City firefighters responded to a one alarm fire on Lafayette Avenue at Milton Avenue on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. A firefighter throws charred debris from a second story window.

County prosecutor under fire

Charges that Howard County's State's Attorney let more than 200 juvenile cases back up in an effort to obtain another county prosecutor will be investigated by the state, a Justice official said.

About 200 cases ranging from assault to armed robbery must be dropped because the court of appeals has ruled that prosecutors have only 15 days to press charges against juveniles after cases are referred to them.

Rex Smith, director of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, said Wednesday, Feb. 6 he will look into charges States's Attorney William R. Hymes created the backlog to get a $23,994 federal grant to hire an extra attorney.

The backlog began last June.

"Anyone who would say it was manufactured wouldbean unadulterated, unmitigated liar," Hymes said.

He said he told Assistant State's Attorney W. Girard Schwesinger Jr. to concentrate on child support and paternity cases last summer because there also was a backlog in those cases.

Hymes cited an increase in juvenile crime in the county when he applied for the federal grant last October, but the state Juvenile Services Administration said the number of juvenile cases in the county has been falling since 1975.

Smith said he is concerned because Hymes' office was given six new lawyers three months ago and none was assigned to juvenile court. "And then to come in and ask for a special grant for a special juvenile prosecutor...I think it's a sham on the taxpayer," he said.

Local Democrats mum on support for Kennedy

Many of Maryland's top Democrats have disappointed backers of Sen. Edward Kennedy's presidential bid by staying officially neutral, supporters of the Massachusetts Democrat said.

Several supporters said privately this week they had expected endorsements from Attorney General Stephen Sachs, Baltimore City Council President Walter Orlinsky and former Baltimore County Executive Theodore Venetoulis.

But Sachs said he may not endorse anyone in the state's May primary. Venetoulis said he would not endorse a candidate because politics is "a game for younger people."

Orlinsky, an early Kennedy supporter, won't say anything on the subject.

Several former Kennedy backers, such as former Gov. Millard Tydings and former Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, are said to be working for President Carter.

Kennedy's supporters think their candidate's poor showing in last month's Iowa caucuses and in recent polls may have caused top politicians to avoid endorsing him.

Meeting planned to discuss county's energy code

The Baltimore County Department of Permits and Licenses will conduct informational public meetings Feb. 13, to brief the public on the county's new Energy Conservation Code.

The code, which became effective at the beginning of this year, applies to a new construction of commercial and residential buildings in Baltimore County and will be of interest to anyone engaged in this work.

The meetings will outline basic provisions of the code and show how these requirements can best be met. There will also be a question and answer period.

The meetings will be held in the Zoning Hearing Room in the County Office Building at 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. in Towson. The first meeting, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, will be for builders, general contractors and the public.

FBI nabs 'Mr. Evil'

Andrew J. Walker, who is also known as "Mr. Evil", was apprehended about 6 p.m. outside an apartment building in the 2400 block of Denison St. Walker was armed with a revolver when he was arrested, but offered no resistance, an FBI spokesman said. Walker is charged with a violation of federal commercial extortion statute for allegedly attempting to obtain ransom money from the Gas and Electric Company for the employee's release. He was also wanted for the March 22, 1979 kidnapping of another Gas and Electric meter reader, Delogna Chambers. Chambers was bound and gagged and kept for 10 hours in an apartment at 1020 Lafayette Ave., until he was found by a tenant who released him unharmed. The FBI said utility officials received telephone demands for ransom money while Chambers was being held captive. Walker could be sentenced up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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Morgan State University 'saved'

County sheriff hit with bias suit

The sheriff of Anne Arundel county said Friday his record for hiring blacks is "very good" and feels an employment discrimination complaint filed against him by two blacks is unfair.

William Huggins said he has hired more blacks since he took office than his predecessors did. He described his equal opportunity record as "very good."

Stanley E. Tongue and his brother Reginald, in a discrimination complaint filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last week, charged that several whites were

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BANNER SAYS IT ALL — During a hearing at the downtown Hilton Hotel, several Morgan State University students joined hands to hold a banner displaying their feelings on the proposed merger of Morgan with the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

Community unites to denounce merger with U. of Maryland

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Dr. Sheldon H. Knorr, commissioner of higher education will be meeting next week with several college and university presidents to work out new plans to address the problems of declining enrollments and program duplication at state institutions.

Knorr's original plan which called for the merger of Morgan State University, University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County under one administration was tentatively scrapped by the State Board for Higher Education after a public hearing this week.

"It's not definite but the feeling is that they are not going to pursue the consolidation," said Knorr who submitted the recommendations to the board in December. "Everybody's indicated they are willing to work out some solutions to these problems and I'm going to meet with them and see just what their feelings are."

At the hearing this week, opposition to the plan which also called for a 15 percent decrease in the 1980 freshman class at state colleges and universities, was unanimous from not only the hundreds of Morgan students who turned out but political leaders and university representatives as well.

More than 1,000 persons packed the ballroom at the downtown Hilton Hotel and listened to over 60 people urge the board not to go ahead with the proposal.

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, Morgan president who has been under fire recently for his administration of the predominantly black 112-year-old institution, summed up his remarks by saying, "Leave Morgan alone.

"And recognize the special contributions Morgan has made, is making and can make to the community."

The embattled president who has been at odds with members of the board of regents and the faculty who has voted "no confidence" in his performance, had to fight not only the merger this week but seek additional money for Morgan's budget.

After addressing the board he hurried to Annapolis to speak before the House Appropriations Committee to fight for more money for Morgan which has consistently been funded loker than other institutions in the area.

In addition to the $12 million budget proposed for the school which is less than a one percent increase over last year's budget, Billingsley is seeking a $2 million supplemental budget to develop several new programs.

The Wednesday morning hearing on the merger was an emotional one filled with applause, shouts and cheers from the predominately student audience.

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William H. Murphy Jr. is candidate for judge

William H. Murphy Jr.

William H. Murphy, the flamboyant city lawyer and civil rights activist, has announced his candicacy for a judgeship on the city supreme bench.

Known as "Billy" Murphy to most Baltimoreans, the 36-year-old lawyer is well-known as the former host of a popular local television show.

He also has one of the best winning percentages as a trial lawyerin the cityand feels his experience at the bar has given him an idea of how to improve the city court system.

He says his campaign will focus on the need to establish an equitable system of sentencing offenders, one which would make sure that the punishment of a convicted fit the crime.

"Why is it," said the controversial young attorney. "That a man convicted of stealing $10 gets a five year sentence in jail while a person convicted of stealing $10 million gets probation?"

Murphy,who has been practicing law since 1970, has announced that his brother, Arthur W. Murphy, has been named general manager of his campaign. Kenneth O. Wilson and Jack Luskin are in charge of fund-raising.

The local lawyer has built a large public following on the strength of both his legal ability and his skill as a public debater. He is already being touted as a possible mayoral candidate in 1983.

A camapign fundraiser is scheduled for March 28 at Baltimore's Convention Center entitled "A Tribute To Billy Murphy". A cocktail sip has also

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Fight over welfare continues in Annapolis

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS - The fight for increased welfare benefits continued this week in Annapolis as the House Ways and Means Committee held hearings on two bills proposing an increase in the state standard of need.

The two bills introduced by Delegate Walter Dean, D-41st, seek an increase in welfare benefits which are currently based on a 1969 state standard of need level.

A family of four receives $294 a month for all expenses including rent, food, clothing and medical costs and the Dean legislation would increase that amount to $600 a month.

However, this would cost the state $216 million if put immediately into effect. The other bill would phase in the increase over a five-year period beginning in 1982.

Speaking before the committee was Robert O. Bonnell Jr. who represented the board of directors of the United Way of Central Maryland. During his presentation, he pointed out that alternatives to hunger and unacceptable conditions lead to crime, prostitution and selling drugs.

"The state highway department has proposed a new $60 million four mile highway between the Baltimore-Washington International Airport and I-95 highway.

"To provide the additional money needed to increase these benefits it would cost taxpayers five inches of the highway."

Governor Harry Hughes appointed a commission last year to study welfare grants and the group made a recommendation in December that the grants be increased by at least 11 percent.

A spokesman for the governor stated that the governor will move to include the 11 percent in the budget but could not commit any additional funds.

"This increase is going to cost $32.7 million," said Gene Oishi, the governor's press secretary. "About $17.5 million of this would come from general state funds."

The 11 percent increase would raise the benefits for a family of four from $294 to $326 a month. LC

Hostage gives view on shah

By William Worthy
AFRO Foreign Correspondent

TEHRAN, Iran—The majority of the 50 American hostages held at the U. S. Embassy here feel that "the shah was bad" and that the shah and the hostages should change places, according to one of the hostages.

The hostage, Bill Gallejos, 21, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, told representative of a 46-member American delegation invited to Iran by students holding the hostages, that he thought "the shah would have been returned to Iran by now" and the majority of the hostages agree with the student demand that the shah be returned to Iran.

Gallejos also said he thought President Carter would do all he could to free the hostages and "expected to be out of here the second week after we were captured."

Gallejos and another U. S. Marine, Paul Lewis of Homer, Ill. were visited by 11 members of the visiting American delegation

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Russell appointed Congressional clerk

George Russell has been promoted to assistant clerk in the U. S. House of Representatives.

He was first appointed as a house clerk by Rep. Parren Mitchell in 1971. Mitchell stated, "When I took my seat in Congress, I noticed there were no black clerks. Russell has done a superb job earning the respect of his peers and the promotion is richly deserved."

Russell is married and is the father of two children. He and his family live at 25 Mt. Olivet Lane. The Russell family attends the Baltimore Street Church of God and is active in civic and neighborhood associations.

Hughes calls economic picture bleak, opposes sales tax 'raid'

Gov. Harry Hughes said Thursday the recent surge in Maryland unemployment figures underscores his opposition to using revenue from the state sales tax to pay for future transportation projects.

Hughes, responding to a news conference question concerning a plan recommended by Sen. Edward Mason, R-Allegany, to divert part of sales tax to transportation projects, said the worsening economic conditions being experienced in the state make this the wrong time to raid sales tax revenue, the second largest source of state general funds.

"I have great problems with transferring a portion of the sales tax," said Hughes. "This was even exacerbated recently by our growing unemployment in the state."

The Department of Natural Resources said Maryland unemployment rose in December to 6.4 percent, half a percent higher than November's figure of 5.9 percent and substantially above the national November and December rate of 5.6 percent.

"This may indicate we are really getting into the recession that people have been talking about for so long," said Hughes. "It makes my feelings even stronger about not using the sales tax."

Mason's transportation package would substitute sales tax revenue for Hughes' plan to increase vehicle registration fees, among other differences.

On a separate matter, the governor said he believed he should have received more prompt notification of a minor release of radioactive gases at Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.'s Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant earlier this week.

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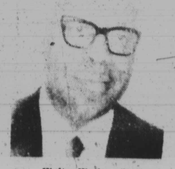
Man missing after city marina visit

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Where is Walter Wallace Cook? Police report Mr. Cook, 63-year-old postal employee was reported missing from home by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Cook, when he did not return home Sunday night.



Walter Wallace Cook

Mr. Cook, of the 2200 block Braddish Ave., left home around 2 p.m. Sunday and told his wife he was going to check the motor on his boat.

Seated in the living room of her Northwest Baltimore home, Mrs. Cook told the AFRO, "It is nothing unusual for him to go to the Marina and check his boat, in spite of the cold weather."

His 25 foot boat was docked at the Waterview Marina in the 600 block of Waterview Ave. Police report there were footprints in the snow and on the boat. His 1978 Chevrolet car was found on the parking lot of the Marina.

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Don't be counted out!

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The black population, according to Lorraine Taylor, head of the national Census Bureau's Community Information Program in Baltimore, has been traditionally undercounted in the nation's census.

"During the last census," said Ms. Taylor, "There was a national undercount rate of 2.5 percent. But there was a 7.5 rate for black people, and a 9.5 rate for black men in the 18 through 30 age group."

Ms. Taylor's job is to make the community aware of the importance of participating in the 1980 census, which officially begins April 1.

"Basically," she stated, "I'm meeting with church groups, civic organizations, employee gatherings and school groups to show them what it means both economically and politically to be undercounted in the census."

What does it mean to be left out of the census? Is it really worth the time it takes to fill out the questionnaire?

According to Ms. Taylor, failure to be included in the census may mean a loss of programs beneficial to the same people who are excluded; the poor and black.

"Programs such as Headstart, the "Eating Together" programs, and all others which depend on census information may be threatened if an accurate count is not taken," said Ms. Taylor. "Data means dollars. So much money for our goods and services come from the federal government that, if it is cut due to an incorrect census count, we will either lose those goods and ser-

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Lorraine Taylor