Atty. Billy Murphy declares candidacy for judgeship

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ATTORNEY WILLIAM H. MURPHY, (C), raps with City councilman Kwiesi Mfume, (L), and Mrs. Evelyn Douglass (Del. John Douglass' wife) at the fundraiser for Mr. Murphy held at the Ritz on Sunday, March 2. Atty. Murphy has announced his candidacy for a judgeship on the city's Supreme Bench. The fundraiser wassheld for the purpose of assisting his candidacy.

"William H. "Billy" Murphy, the flamboyant city lawyer and civil rights activist has announced his candidacy for a judgeship on the city Supreme Bench.

On Sunday, March 2, friends of Billy Murphy attended a cocktail sip hosted in his behalf at the Ritz on Light St.

The affair, held on the terrace level of the supper club found guests dancing, rapping and sipping champagne.

Music was provided by the Carlos Johnson trio. Special guest singer was Damita Jo.

Billy, after formally announcing his candidacy, told the guests, in speaking on the subject of voting: "You really aren't voting for me — you're voting for a better chance in Baltimore." He graciously thanked his friends for attending.

Some guests seen at the affair were: Kweisi Mfume, newly-elected city councilman, Mrs. Evelyn Douglass, wife of Delegate John Douglass, Earl Koger, Ken Wilson, chairman of the fundraiser, Ms. Brandie Washington, Col. William (Box) Harris and daughter and Bonnie Butler.

A campaign fundraiser is scheduled for Billy for March 28 at the Baltimore Convention Center. The theme will be: "A Tribute to Billy Murphy."

Miss Nicholson to wed Ellwood Murray

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nicholson, Jr., of White Chapel Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Mamie Nicholson, to Ellwood Louis Murray, son of Mrs. Edith Murray and the late Ellwood Franklin Murray.

Miss Nicholson graduated from Frederick Douglass High School. She holds the following degrees from Morgan State University: B.S. — Elemenaty Education; M.S. — Elementary Education; and M.S. — Elementary Administration and Supervision.

Miss Nicholson has also done additional post - graduate work in the area of administration and supervision. She holds a State certificate in this area along with one in the area of exceptional education. She is currently a fourth - grade teacher in the Baltimore City Public School System.

Mr. Murray graduated from Frederick Douglass High School. He holds a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Bowie State College. He also has two master's degrees from Morgan State University in Elementary Education and Elementary Administration and Supervision.

Miss Jacqueline M. Nicholson

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Mr. Murray is presently a fourth - grade teacher in the Baltimore County Public School system.

A May wedding is planned.

Chicken George-Park Sausages join forces for the Olympics

Ironically, President Carter's decision that the United States will not participate in the Summer Olympics Games scheduled to be held in the Soviet Union means that when the 1980 Olympics become history, more black Baltimore businessmen will have played a role in the international event than black athletes from America.

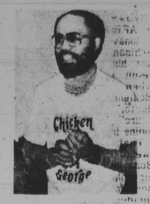
Sound far-fetched? Perhaps! But it is absolutely true. First of all, one must consider the fact that there were very few blacks participating in the skiing, ice skating and bobsledding events that took place in Lake Placid recently.

Additionally, one must remember the fact that there was only one black runner, Ron Landrum, who participated in the Olympics Torch Burning Ceremonies which were held in several cities across the nation, including Baltimore, in commemoration of the ancient Greek tradition of sending runners carrying torches from town to town to herald the beginning of the Olympics.

Despite the fact that there were few black participants in any phase of the Olympics Games, Baltimore's black community responded with enthusiasm and verve when called upon by Beverley Douglass of the myor's office of Promotion and Tourism to support Baltimore's Olympics Torch Burning Ceremony.

Following the Torch Burning Ceremony at City Hall, more than 10 people involved in the event were treated to a sumptuous banquet of spicy fried chicken, greens, corn on the cob, dripping with golden butter, spicy rice and sweet potatoe pies provided by Chicken George, Inc. a black owned and operated business with a booming location in Mondawmin Mall and another store opening soon in the new Walbrook Shopping Center.

While the guests supped on the delicious cuisine provided by the courtesy of Chicken George, they enjoyed entertainment by Travis Winkey and Company, Baltimore's premier modeling troupe and pianist, guitarist, and vocalist Wilber Longmire of CBS records. Mr. Longmire is gaining nationwide popularity for his latest album "Music Speaks Louder Than' Words."



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The guests of honor included David Gershaw, director of Olympics relay; Roland Schmidt, general manager of Hilton Hotel; Raymond Haysbert, president of Parks Sausages; Mary Ellen Williams, torch bearer for Maryland; Brooke Newell, National Organizing Committee chairman; Joe Kennedy, vice-president of Chicken George, Inc.; Ben Brandt, chairman of the Board of Directors for Junior Association of Commerce, and Jim Miller, president of the JC's.

Yvonne R. Bacon Weds John G. Robinson

The marriage of Yvonne Renee Bacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dalton Young of Columbia, Maryland to John Green Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Robinson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota was held on Friday evening the 29th of February.

The Rev. Douglass Logan of St. Mark's United Methodist Church performed the candlelight ceremony at the bride's home. A reception followed.

The couple will spend their honeymoon on a cruise in the Caribbean Islands for the next ten days.

A reception will be held for the newly wed couple upon their return to their home in Minneapolis in the middle of March.

AAUW to meet

The American Associaion of University Women, Baltimore Branch, will meet at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 1980 in Fourier Hall, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Charles Street at Homeland Avenue, for the third benef it tea of this club year.

Contributions will be accepted again for the Fellowships Fund which assists in the education of American and foreign women.

Following the tea, Dr. Gwendolyn J. Cooke, coordinator for the Gifted and Talented Programs for Baltimore City Public Schools, will present an illustrated talk based upon her 1977 visit to the Peoples' Republic of na with special emphasis on Canton, Shanghai, and Peking.

Dr. Cooke has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and Asia and is the recipient of many honors and awards. An interesting and stimulating afternoon is promised.

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 1980 in Fourier Hall, College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

This meeting is the third and final one in the series on the national study topic, "Families Facing Change."

Two officers of the Maryland Advocates for the Aging, Miss Mildred Smith, president; and Miss Peggy Plonk, membership chairman, will be the feat ured speakers.

As the nation prepares for the White House Conference on Families, it is important that all aspects of this topic be explored. Mrs. Gilbert M. Kushel, topic chairman, promises an interesting evening.

Interested guests are invited to share in both meetings. Membership information may be obtained by calling 823 — 3674.

P. G. County Alphas sponsor successful job fairs

On back-to-back weekends, the members of Kappa Epsilon Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (P.G. County) held two successful job clinics for county high schoolers.

The clinics were designed to provide county youth with first-hand information on how to find and apply for jobs; how to handle the interview; preparing the resume; where to look for jobs; and how to apply for summer and/or full-time employment with the federal government.

Over 12 agencies from the metropolitan area were represented at each "clinic."

Many of the participants were surprised to learn how simple it is to apply for and often get good employment opportunities; and even more surp rised to learn that most summer jobs are usually filled by March 1st.

As an added incentive to become more familiar with the ins and ' job hunting, the Alphas are supplying each participating high school rep resented at the clinics) with a 45-minute cassette tape and supportive in formation on how to find and apply for jobs with the federal government.

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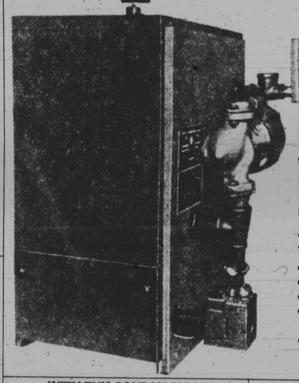

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Hearing community doesn't hear voices of the deaf'

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Bonaventure Achinanya, a Nigerian, lost his hearing as a result of an accident when he was in elementary school. His doctor attempted to "cure" him by pouring iodine in his ear.

That was almost twenty years ago, and Bonaventure, or Bonn as his friends call him, can now laugh about the incident. "I almost died," he says with a smile.

Sandi Larue has a master's degree in social work. When she went deaf as a child, she was diagnosed by her doctor as mentally retarded.

The two examples above illustrate the glaring ignorance which usually permeates relations the hearing world has with the deaf community. The fact that the two hearing persons above were both professional physicians underscores even more the lack of knowledge most persons have about deafness.

Bonn and Sandi talked with the AFRO about problems faced by deaf persons in society.

"The primary problem faced by deaf persons," says Sandi, "is one of communication. Most deaf persons depend on sign language but few hearing persons are fluent in the language."

She says that deaf persons face obstacles almost as soon as their affliction is diagnosed.

"What happens when deafness is diagnosed is that the hearing society is ill-prepared to help the family cope with deafness. Deaf children may be taken advantage of in the sense that educational plans are not set up for them. Deaf adults find that they cannot take advantage of various opportunities that would otherwise be open to them."

Bonn agrees, and says that a lack of input from deaf persons in planning programs and policies beneficial to them is primarily to blame for the lack of services avaliable to the deaf community.

"Deaf people may experience similar discrimination like blacks. We call discrimination against deaf people audism."

He went on to describe various froms of audism.

"One form of this discrimination is misrepresentation. Sometimes a deaf person who doesn't represent the entire deaf community is used to draw conclusions about us all. The hearing community sometimes excludes intelligent deaf persons from policy-making for the deaf community."

Bonn, who holds a masters degree in vocational rehabilitation, angrily denounces this policy.

"Intelligent deaf persons should be included in all programs for deaf persons because we are capable of helping other deaf persons see how the system works. Any program that doesn't include educated and intelligent deaf persons is not really designed to help our community."

Another problem which Bonn discussed was the exploitation and division of the deaf community.

"We try to emphasize that all segments of our community should be represented. But if a hearing person doesn't want intelligent deaf persons to participate in decision-making processes, they may say that higher-educated deaf persons don't care about their deaf brothers and sisters. The best way to split our community is to eliminate higher-educated deaf persons."

Sandi agreed, and remarked on one result of such errant planning.

"Although the quantity of programs for the deaf have increased, the quality of those programs have decreased."

Bonn is a vocational therapist at the Maryland Rehabilitation Center, an agency which prepares handicapped persons to resume or begin careers or trades. He has been employed at the center for almost three years. He received his masters from the University of Wisconsin, and did his undergraduate work at Gallaudet College, the only higher-level institution for the deaf in the country. He and Sandi were classmates at the college. Sandi, a native of Cleveland, heads the deaf services divison of the Associated Catholic Charities, a position she has held since 1978.

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DEAF SPEAK — Sandi LaRue and Bonaventure Achinanya, activists for Baltimore's deaf community, discuss the plight of the deaf with a reporter.

In her capacity, she counsels deaf families with deaf members, as well as deaf individuals.

"I decided to get into this kind of work because, when I was young, my family had so many problems trying to find services for me."

She supervises a therapy group consisting of parents with deaf youths, and even directs a senior citizens counseling session for older deaf adults.

"People don't really understand the role of the family therapist. Our goal is to enhance family life and to facilitate better communication in the family."

Both Bonn and Sandi are involved in the formation of a new interest group which they say will champion the needs of deaf persons in the Baltimore area. The organization is called BASD, or the Baltimore Advocates for Services to the Deaf.

The "The group was formed," says Bonn. "With the hope that all deaf persons will become more self-empowered. There are three basic types of deafness. One can be merely 'hard of hearing', one may hear but is unable to speak, and some may not be able to hear at all. But we are all one community."

Bonn says that classes in sign language are offered every Monday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bethel AME church, located at Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street.

Both Sandi and Bonn said they had an important message for the Baltimore community.

"We have a vision that the black hearing community will become aware of the needs of their deaf brothers and sisters." —30—

Hillcrest Heights student honored

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - A Hillcrest Heights student was listed on the Johnson C. Smith University Honor Roll for the 1979 fall semester. In order to appear on the honor roll, a student must have a 3.0 or better average on a 4.0 scale.

The student Stephanie McLeod is the daughter of Mr. 9 Mrs. Robert McLeod, Jr.

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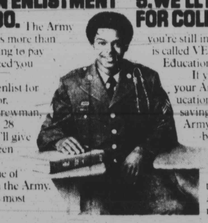

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Coppin Honors Program makes 'strong beginning'

Coppin's Honors Program, instituted at the beginning of the 1979 fall term, has made a strong beginning, according to college officials.

All five of the students admitted to the general studies part of the program achieved grade-point averages ranging from 3.2 to 3.8, Delores G. Kelly, dean of the lower division, said recently. Each was an incoming freshman who had taken advanced level courses in various disciplines, bypassing the basic courses, and had carried courseloads of 15 to 18 semester credits.

The Honors Program was set up in mid-July of 1979, back by the board of trustees for the state colleges, and granted $7,000 for planning and implementation. (All of the other state colleges in Maryland except Salisbury have instituted Honors Programs in order to meet a mandate by the board to serve a broader range of students.)

The program at Coppin is set up on two levels: the General Studies Honors Program and the Departmental Honors Program, administered by Dean Kelley and assisted by an Honors Committee chaired by Thelma Bryan.

When a student first enters the college, he can be identified for the General Studies Honors Program, which is the bottom tier, through scores on Coppin placement tests and the TSWE. SAT scores are given less weight. If the student has been in the done well there, this is also considered.

Each student in the program must contract to complete each semester at least 12 credits on advanced placement. Instead of taking basic GER courses,these students take substitute courses on higher levels, not receiving credit for the course waived but beginning further ahead and eventually completing more advanced courses.

According to the proposal for the program, "In order for such a student to be eligible to have a 'General Studies Honors Program' citation entered on his academic record and on the diploma, the student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours (including a minimum of twelve credit hours of advanced substitute courses as part of the general education component) by the end of his fourth semester at Coppin. In no way does this program reduce the general education requirement for any student."

The Departmental Honors Program, the upper level of the program, may include two categories of students: those who have "successfully completed the General Studies Honors Program," according to the proposal, and those who have earned "a minimum of 60 credit hours, with a cumulative average of 3.0 or better by the end of their fourth semester."

In some cases a student who is particularly outstanding in his major may be considered by his department, even though his work in other areas may not meet the general eligibility criteria. Each department will determine its own criteria for honors work.

When admitted to the Departmental Honors Program, the student, who has been assigned a departmental mentor, will take a four-credit Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar during his junior year, a seminar which includes all department honors students, all working on a issue that can be addressed by different modes in inquiry, a topic such as the Concept of Race, which is being considered for 1980-81.

Dr. Sidney Krome and a curriculum subcommittee of the Departmental Honors Committee are working on this aspect of the program and expect to be able to take it to the Curriculum Committee in February. In his senior0 average of 3.0 or better by the end of their fourth semester."

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