LOOKING TO MOVE — The Morgan State University women's basketball team hopes to move tonight (Friday) into the field for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women when Towson State visits Hill Field House for the Eastern Region final. The Lady Bears whipped Catholic and Towson topped Loyola last week. Eagerly awaiting the matchup are (L to R) Morgan's head coach La Rue Fields, top row, and Lafayette Hastie, Janet Carpenter, June Walton, Cheryl Pollard, Gwen Hackett, Jackie Crudup, Terri Alexander, Sandy Whisonant, Pam Hopkins and assistant coach Karen Brown; bottom row, Mary Frazier, Trichita Powell, Inga Blunt, Yolande Bradley, Elizabeth Franklin and 1979 Project Survival award winner Janice Platt.

# Fields feels comfortable with Lady Bear position

By Samuel Davis

This may not be the typical college situation where the host team can claim a distinct home court advantage.

Morgan's basketball aggregation takes the Hill Field House floor tonight (Friday) in the second game of an Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Visiting will be Towson State, whom the Lady Bears meet at 8 p.m., St. Peter's of New Jersey and Mt. St. Mary's, who open the 2-day, 4-team tourney at 6 p.m.

But Morgan, like most black colleges, has difficulty drawing the kind of huge turnout that produces a home court edge.

Just the same, Lady Bear coach LaRue Fields is reasonably optimistic.

LaRue Fields
no change planned

Her team, which boasts a 19-3 season record, defeated Towson State a few weeks ago by 17 points at Towson.

"We're not going to alter our game plan," said Fields. "If my people play up to their potential, we won't have any trouble."

If Fields is right, the win in the weekend regionals may add Morgan to a 24-team list that will be in the national playoffs. Morgan would host her opponent on March 12.

The team continues to benefit from the play of junior All-American, June Walton, who is averaging 15.3 points and 11.9 rebounds per game.

Seniors, Gwen Hackett and Inga Blunt are averaging 10.9 and 9.6 points an outing, respectively. Blunt also averages 3.7 assists and Hackett 8.6 rebounds.

Four other members of the club are averaging eight points or better.

# 'Dr. J' can have lifetime contract if he wants it

By Joe Juliano

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Even though he's only been at his new job a little more than a month, Philadelphia 76ers president Lou Scheinfeld knows the value of having someone such as Julius Erving around.

And Scheinfeld would like to keep the famed "Dr. J," disclosing Monday he wants to discuss with Erving the possibility of signing him to a lifetime contract at the end of the season.

"We think so much of Julius that we would hope to work out some sort of arrangement so that he could spend all of his playing years with the 76ers," Scheinfeld said. "Thereafter, if he is interested, we would talk about him remaining in our organization as an executive."

Julius 'Dr. J' Erving
feels 'as good as ever'

Erving, 30, is currently in the fourth year of a six - year, $3.5 million contract he signed after the 76ers obtained him from the New York Nets in October 1976. He played for five years in the American Basketball Association before that.

"He's a spectacular ballplayer and a beautiful human being and that's a rare combination," Scheinfeld said. "He's the type of special, winning person you want in your organization."

Scheinfeld said the possibility of a lifetime contract would be discussed at the end of the season. He said he hadn't talked to Erving yet about the proposal.

Erving had said when he signed his current contract that he would retire when it expired. However, he was quoted last month as saying he thought he could play a few years past that.

"I feel as good as I've felt in the last four years, that's for sure," he said. "It feels like I'm approaching what a lot of people refer to as a prime. I guess it's really an exceptional situation in that I've been playing for nine years.

"If, at 32 or 33, I can really feel myself slowing down . . . then I'll take a hard look at what my priorities are. But I don't feel that way now."

HANGIN' IN, HOLDIN' OFF — Oriole centerfielder Al Bumbry holds his ground on curveball thrown by lefthanded batting practice pitcher at Birds' Miami training camp. Al, working on strike-zone coverage, laid off the pitch.

## NBA weekend

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## Clippers eye move vs. Erie

The Clippers, riding the crest of a surging wave, will be striving to make a solid move into second place of the Eastern Hockey League this weekend.

The much - improved home team takes on Erie tonight (Friday) and Utica tomorrow on the ice at Civic Center.

By beating Richmond Tuesday night, 7 - 4, the Clips moved within one point of second place Erie, and hopes of local fans skyrocketed with the prospect of the 7:30 faceoff.

The Blades have come up empty in six tries in Baltimore and will be out to salvage at least one win. Regular Blade goaltender Carey Walker is injured and will not likely play tonight.

Saturday night, "Mug Night", the Utica Mohawks will visit to engage in what should be another physical contest between the two clubs. The Clippers are 4 - 1 against the Mohawks in Baltimore this season.

In the last meeting between them, Baltimore defeated Utica 6 - 3 to avenge the Mohawks' 5 - 4 win that snapped a 13 - game home unbeaten streak on February 21.

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## Bits O' Briefs

**Fairway finders**

They may not be making a lot of money in prizes at the moment, but Calvin Peete and Lee Elder are cutting a commendable figure in another area.

Peete is the third most successful golfer on the tour in fairway consistency. Seventy-seven percent of his shots in PGA tournament play are being kept in play.

Elder is sixth in this phase of the game, his strokes finding the fairway at a .766 average.

**Five for the money**

Basketball teams from five predominately black colleges are in Kansas City, Mo., this weekend awaiting Monday's taps off for the NAIA national title.

They are Hampton, the District 19 champion; St. Augustine's (NC), Division 26; Alabama State, Division 27; Dillard University (La.), Division 30; and Paul Quinn (Texas), Division eight.

**Daddy Larry**

EASTON, Pa. (UPI) — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes said Wednesday it would be a "sad day for boxing" if Muhammad Ali returns to the ring because the former champion would get hurt.

But Holmes' thoughts clearly were not fixed on Ali or boxing as he spoke from a pay telephone at Easton Hospital, where his wife, Diane, had just given birth to a 7-pound 11-ounce girl, Candy Laurie Holmes, at 11:30 a.m.

"I feel great. I have a beautiful healthy daughter," said Holmes, fumbling the receiver as he signed autographs. "I think I was scared."

**Reggie's scared**

FORT LAUDERDALE (UPI) — New York Yankees outfielder Reggie Jackson said Wednesday he thought a baseball players' strike was a likely possibility.

"I kind of feel there will be a strike," said Jackson, the Yankees' player representative.

That's as optimistic as I can get."

**Restrainer restraint**

A U.S. District Court judge Tuesday issued an order restraining the NFL, at least until today (Friday), from asking a Superior Court in Oakland for a restraining order that would stop the Oakland Raiders from moving to Los Angeles.

## Fishing tips

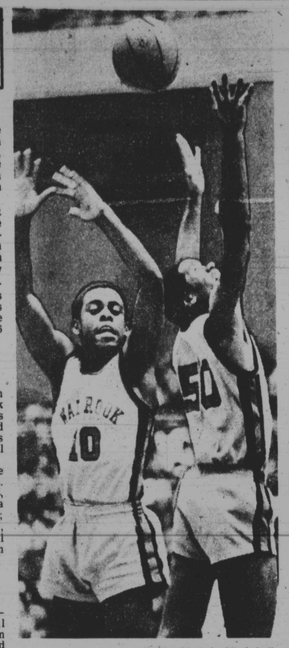
A lively minnow will attract the attention of a passing fish far better than a lethargic one. To make your minnows livelier, clip off the tail fins. The clipped minnows have to work much harder to maintain equilibrium, thus are more active.

Following are other tips from Sports Afield's March issue:

Some fish smell so fishy when you clean them that the odor lingers on your hands and in the sink. You can neutralize the odor by washing hands and sink in a mixture of tomato and lemon juices.

Covers for your reel and rod handle can be purchased, or you can make your own at far less expense. Just slip a plastic bag over reel and rod handle, and secure the opening with a wire bag sealer.

It doesn't count much to set a hook with all your might if you don't first reel all the slack out of your line. For each foot of slack you need one foot of movement in your rod tip. So, for best hook-setting efficiency reach your rod tip toward the fish as far as possible, reel all the slack out of your line, then give it to him!



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ALL TO THEMSELVES — Walbrook's Gary Jefferson (50) and James Sheppard (10) are uncontested as they go for rebound in game against Dunbar. But Poets won Civic Center title game, 56-45, over warriors for 4th consecutive "A" Conference crown in MSA.

## CCB cagers match 2 strong seasons

By Samuel Davis

It is quite a rarity when two varsity teams — men's and women's — of the same college produce league and state titles in the same season.

But that happened at Community College of Baltimore this past basketball campaign.

The men's team compiled a 29-5 record, won the Maryland JUCO Region 20 title, the JUCO tournament and the regional tournament.

The women, not to be outdone, ran up a record of 21-0, won their league title, JUCO tournament and region tournament. The women will have to defeat the winner of the Region 10 tournament when they meet March 14 at Charles Community College, in order to reach the nationals which will be held in Overland, Kansas March 18 - 22.

The men are already scheduled to go to the nationals, on the same date but in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Around CCB, the general feeling is pride in the accomplishments.

"Like they say, it's the first time it has ever happened, and we feel good," said freshman forward Sherri Blanton, who was elected to the first team in the JUCO tournament, and the second team in the regionals.

"The guys support us and we support them."

"This shows the school does have quality athletes that are doing the things that are needed for such an accomplishment," women's coach John Rhames said.

"It's unique to have the women as successful as the men," said men's head coach and athletic director Jerry Phipps, to whom the JUCO championship is not new. He has led teams to 11 of them in his 12-year stay at CCB.

Although it is not new to Phipps, this year's title may have been a surprise. At one point the team stood at 8-4, which was the worst a CCB team had endured in a long time.

But from that point on, the team ran off a 21-1 record. The one loss, was a crucial one as it came against Allegany, which dropped the Red Devils to second place.

Two days later, Allegany lost to Catonsville, which tied the two again. CCB did not lose another game, including two against Allegany, one that decided the league champ. The other in the finals of the Regional Tournament at Allegany.

The women, romping unbeaten had only one close score. It was a one-point win over Essex.

Although they did use their complete roster throughout the season, the play of 5-10 Jean Knight was a driving force.

She was voted the most valuable player in both tournaments, as well as a first-team selection. At one point, the sophomore led the league in scoring, but finished fifth with a 21.1 average.

Knight also led the league in rebounding with a 20.1 average.

The women's team, which is the first ever at CCB to win the league championship, depended on no one player though. When Knight fouled out against top rated foe Essex, Blanton picked up the slack, finishing the game with 19 rebounds and 17 points.

## Cage results

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Central Ark. 83, Ark - Pine Bluff 57
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Dillard 59, Rust 51
Dillard 56, La. College 53
Edw. Waters 64, Oglethorpe 57
Hampton 93, Md., E. Shore 77
Hampton 88, Norfolk St. 81
Norfolk St. 72, Radford 63
St. Augustine's 121, Catawba 103
Tenn. State 88, Wilberforce 57

## Pioneer umpire buried in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Emmett Ashford, the first black umpire in the major leagues, was buried Wednesday following services at the Angelus Funeral Home here.

Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn and USC baseball coach Rod Dedeaux gave the eulogies.

Ashford died last Saturday at Marina Mercy Hospital following a massive heart attack. He was 61.

Ashford was the third base umpire in the 1967 All - Star game and also worked the 1970 World Series.

## Bucs top Spartans, head to KC

Hampton Institute completed a long climb back from near mediocrity Wednesday night when she qualified for next week's NAIA national basketball tournament at Kansas City.

The Pirates defeated Norfolk State, 88 - 81, in the title game of Region 19 Of the small-college association.

The longtime pillars of the CIAA forged their way into the Wednesday showdown by virtue of Tuesday night victories — Hampton over Maryland, Eastern Shore and Norfolk over Radford.

The Buccaneers won, 93 - 77, and the Spartans prevailed, 72 - 63.

Ricky Mahorn scored 28 points, including 24 in the first half, to pace Hampton over Eastern Shore. UMES led 27 - 21 in the first half, but the Pirates exploded behind Mahorn to outscore the Hawks 27 - 9 until halftime to take a 48 - 36 intermission lead. Mahorn's layup with 5:37 left in the half gave Hampton the lead for good at 30 - 29.

Henry Green scored 24 points and Kenny Evans broke the 2,000-point barrier in his career with 23 as Norfolk got past Radford. The Spartans, 19 - 9, scored their last field goal with 6:29 remaining in the game, but hit 14 of 17 free throws down the stretch to defeat the Highlanders, 15 - 13.

Norfolk state led 34 - 32 at halftime and hit an 18 - 7 spurt to take a 52 - 39 lead. But Radford, behind Dan Grubbs and Skip Smith with 12 points each and Jim Zemonek with 10, battled back to cut the lead to four at 67 - 63 seconds to go.

SCHOLARSHIP QUEST — John Staton of Walbrook, Jimmy Ancel of Poly, and Mark Hall of Douglass (L to R) are among 88 youngsters who will vie for top honor at the 17th annual Scholar-Athlete Dinner next Wednesday night at Martin's West. The winner will receive a $1,000 college scholarship from the Nation Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

# Area's top scholar-athletes to be cited at 17th dinner

This is the time of year that young high school athletes who also excel in the classroom will receive recognition for their dual accomplishments.

It comes about Wednesday night at Martin's West when a panel of judges determines which of an ambitious lot has the best credentials as a student and player.

The occasion will be the 17th annual Scholar - Athlete Awards banquet.

Tickets for this year's dinner, which is being sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, are $19 per person. For information call 484 - 6768.

The dinner will honor scholar - athletes representing 88 football playing high schools in and around the Baltimore metropolitan area.

One of the 88 nominees will be selected grand prize winner and receive a $1,000 scholarship.

Four other regional winners, representing the remaining geographical areas, will receive $400 scholarships each.

The greater Baltimore Chapter will also recognize its 1980 Maryland College Scholar Athlete of the Year at that time.

The Wednesday night speaker will be Wake Forest football coach John Mackovic.

"We're pleased to be able to have coach Mackovic address our scholar athletes," says Bill Mackley, this year's general chairman. "He not only appears to be a dynamic individual as evidenced by the way he turned things completely around for Wake Forest but he also epitomizes the ideals of a scholar athlete." SAM LACY

## Benefit bowl set March 16-23

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland Inc., is sponsoring an area wide fundraiser called "Bowl for Millions," March 16 - 23, in which 39 bowling centers and thousands of bowlers are expected to participate.

Celebrity Day is March 23 with Mayor William Donald Schaefer bowling at 4 p.m. He is issuing a special invitation to county executives to bowl with him.

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