SCHOOL BOARD MAY FACE SUIT

Eastern High alumni want Gladden back as principal

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The Board of School Commissioners will meet on Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Coldstream Park Elementary School No. 31, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave.

However, many parents and teachers at Eastern High School feel the panel will again turn a def ear to them and the alumni association on a heartfelt matter.

Time and again this school year, various Eastern High groups have expressed the desire to keep Elzee Gladden as principal.

But, Gladden has been moved "for reasons unknown" from principal at Eastern to vice principal at Garrison Junior High.

Not only do Eastern High parents, teachers and alumni object to this apparent demotion but they also insist Gladden be kept at Eastern. They threaten to file suit.

At the July 10 meeting of the Board, representatives of the Eastern High adults uttered many firm and strong statements.

Representatives testifying were: Mrs. Lula Weaver, second vice-president, Eastern High Alumni Assn.; William Cooper Jr., president, PTSA, Eastern High and Mrs. Syrider substituting for Helen Bartholow, president, Eastern High Alumnae Assn.

Here are the statements in part:

WILLIAM COOPER Jr.:

"At your last meeting, I discussed the desires of my organization to retain Mr. Gladden as principal of Eastern High School.

Over 100 members of the Eastern High School community, a cross section representing alumnae, the staff, and the parents came with a similar interest. Why are we being ignored?

"At our meeting with Dr. Crew, we were again informed that our principal would be transferred.

"Will this board help us?

"We are a united community with one request.

"Kee Elzee Gladden as principal of Eastern High School.

"Why create unnecessary conflict with parents, teachers, students and alumni?

MRS. WEAVER:

"The Eastern High Alumni opposes any transfer of Elzee Gladden, principal of Eastern High.

"We have observed the continuation of progress under leadership of Mr. Gladden who is an experienced administrator.

"His removal serves no useful purpose as he has demonstrated to us unquestionable administrative and leadership capabilities.

"In spite of disruptions caused by having first City College and later New Eastern, No. 460 located in the building, a positive educational atmosphere has prevailed due to Mr. Gladden's total commitment.

"No other school has had to experience such disruptions.

Good management practice dictates that personnel and promotion decisions be made in an equitable fashion.

"However, when we veer too far from the principle of merit in the selction process, morale suffers and ultimately, production will also suffer.

"The products in the case of the Baltimore City Public School Systems are the children . . . the leaders and tax payers of tomorrow.

"Superintendents come and go and administrators come and go, but students and parents remain.

"Public education is under attack from many quarters and the public school needs the support of parents, alumni and the community.

"Should Mr. Gladden be the only individual transferred, then one must seriously question the administration's objectivity and sense of fair play.

"The Eastern Alumni Association has had an uninterrupted commitment to Eastern and we plan to stay actively involved and monitor the situation at Eastern."

Partisans of Gladden will again confront the School Board on Aug. 14.

Mitchell sues GSA on contracting bias

Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell filed a lawsuit rarlier this week in U.S. District Court against the General Services Administration, alleging that the government agency made illegal contract awards in 1979 of at least $300 million.

Mitchell charged in his suit that GSA has failed to comply with a public law that requires major contractors with the federal government to subcontract with minority-owned firms.

Mitchell accused the GSA, as well as other federal agencies, of acting in "a continued pattern of lawlessness" by not complying with the subcontracting legislation, labeled P.L. 95-507.

The congressman asked the court to force GSA to develop procurement rules and guidelines to ensure compliance with the legislation by other agencies, many of which do not comply with the law, he said.

"This action is only one of a number of remedies that we will employ to counter the foot-dragging within the federal agencies in complying with the law," Mitchell said at a press conference announcing the suit.

Many minority businesses may have been "cheated" out of opportunities to earn federal dollars because of noncompliance with the law by federal agencies, Mitchell said. Mitchell also announced that some "real progress" had been made on a list of thirteen proposals presented to the White House last month to assist minority businesses.

Mitchell and 35 minority businessmen met on June 19 with Vice-President Walter Mondale to discuss an emergency plan of action for recession plagued minority businesses. The group also met with House Speaker Tip O'Neil.

The Carter administration has promised action on at least nine of the proposals, which Mitchell described as "significantly encouraging."

The veteran congressman said that "we will be able to prevent the demise of a large number of minority businesses" because of the "swift action" taken by the White House to approve the proposed measures.

Congress still has to act on Mitchell's proposals before most of them can be implemented.

Request for voluntary draft registration turned down

Four representatives of the United States Student Association asked U.S. Selective Service Director Bernard Rostker this week to make draft registration voluntary, but their efforts were in vain.

Frank Jackalone, national chairperson of the group which represents over three million college and university students, told reporters that in light of the topsy-turvy events that immediately preceded this week's draft registration process, it is "immoral" for the government not to make registration voluntary.

Jackalone said that his organization maintains that because of the Philadelphia federal court's ruling that the current registration system is sexist, and thus unconstitutional, registration should be voluntary until the Supreme Court rules on the case. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan stayed the Philadelphia court's injunction barring registration of males only.

Therefore registration is proceeding as planned.

Jackalone maintained that those young males who are required to register now may be confused by the series of events that preceded the first week of registration. He said that the "government's publicity has been horrendous."

Jackalone said that the organization also sought from Rostker some type of guidelines of disciplinary action the government would take against non-registrants in light of the extenuating circumstances of rapidly changing news reports that young people have seen or heard immediately before registration started. No guidelines were voiced, said Jackalone.

The maximum penalty for failing to register is up to five years in jail and a $10,000 fine.

"It is ridiculous to think that the Justice Department can prosecute those who don't comply with the Selective Service Act any longer," Jackalone said. "While some young men read the headlines this weekend declaring registration null and void, thousands more have undoubtedly heard nothing about registration at all yet. The Selective Services System's publicity for registration has been meagre, and what there has been is objectionable both in content and in failure to mention the penalties involved."

At GOP Convention

Ben Hooks' surprise appearance

By Ethel L. Payne
AFRO Correspondent

DETROIT — The surprise appearance of NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks at the Republican National Convention was actually the result of some feverish strategy by a coalition of blacks and whites who were concerned that the Reagan snub of the NAACP some weeks ago could result in costing costing him the presidential election.

A key figure in convincing the candidate and GOP Chairman Bill Brock that Hooks should be inserted into the program as a speaker was Dr. Arts Allen, the black physician and Maryland State Senator who was given the highly visible post as Secretary of the Convention.

Dr. Allen is independently wealthy and highly respected. He told me earlier that he was very disturbed by the Reagan failure to accept the invitation to appear before the NAACP, as well as some of the other reverse actions adopted in the platform committee.

Although the strongest civil rights statement in its history was approved, the rejection of the Equal Rights Amendment and the anti-abortion plank were alarming to Dr. Allen.

Dr. Allen said that he planned to meet with Ronald Reagan and have a one-on-one discussion on what needed to be done to change his image with blacks.

Accordingly, when the former California governor arrived in Detroit amid much fanfare last Tuesday, a priority item on his agenda was to confer with Dr. Allen and other GOP officials.

Meanwhile, some of the other black GOP delegates were busy, among them Samuel Jackson, the Washington attorney and longtime NAACP activist, and Arthur Fletcher, whose credentials in the Republican Party are solid. Jackson and Fletcher are part of the D.C. delegation, as well as Rev. Jerry Moore who delivered the invocation at last Tuesday's session. Jackson was on the phone to Hooks. He was concerned about the rumor that it was black Republicans who had persuaded Reagan to snub the NAACP on the grounds that it would be futile, that likely he would be booed and that in addition, with John Anderson, Sen. Edward Kennedy and President Carter all slated to make appearances, there would be no bonus for Reagan to show. As it turned out, this conclusion was a mistake. As one black Republican who asked not to be named said, "Even if he had been booed, Reagan could still say that he had tried. By not showing up, he only reinforced the idea that neither he nor the Republicans gave a damn about the black vote."

Then there was that Michigan Chronicle headline which really threw the fat into the fire for the GOP. It asked, "GOP Meet: No Blacks Wanted." This was picked up in the major media.

Ben Hooks was plainly angry about the Reagan turndown. Although he refers to himself as an independent, Hooks is associated with the Republicans because of his past background. He was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission as the first black member of that agency on the recommendation of Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee.

At the time, Baker was in a tight race against a formidable Democratic opponent and it was good politics to promote Hooks, the preacher and civil rights activist. Besides his reputation as a fiery orator was well known. Baker won that election with the help of Hooks. The fact that it was Richard Nixon, the President of the United States, who sent the nomination to the Senate, did not have any harmful effect on Hooks in the wake of the Watergate fiasco.

Even Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, the 1964 presidential candidate who lost to Lyndon Johnson and a chief apostle of the right-wing philosophy, had a tough act to follow. Ben Hooks. He had opposed the voting rights amendment of 1965.

Hooks told the mostly white, mostly conservative, mostly affluent delegates that whatever their personal views were, the rights and options which are available to the rich must be made available to the poor.

It was a real rock and roller, evangelical message and even if the sinners weren't quite ready to repent of their past omissions and commissions, nevertheless, they gave Hooks a standing ovation.

Without endorsing the pro-abortion position espoused by the Womens Rights movement, Hooks says it is wrong for the federal government to deny poor women the opportunity to have proper medical supervision of interrupted pregnancies. He reminded his audience that blacks make up more than one fourth of the nation's poor, and to ignore them would be disastrous both for the party and the country.

Reagan made an ambiguous gesture towards blacks earlier in the day when he appeared at a reception for black delegates and said he would work to see that "everybody has the price of admission to go through the doors that civil rights statutes have opened."

ON THE SCENE — NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks appears at the Republican National Convention in Detroit where he attacked the party's conservatism but got a polite reception.

(OBB)

WEDDING BELLS — Disco singer Donna Summer and Bruce Sudano appear together after they were wed in Los Angeles July 16. The couple were married at the Church on the Way. Ms. Summer, originally from Boston, met Sudano, a native of Brooklyn in March of 1977.

Dr. Cobb honored with AAAS award

Dr. W. Montague Cobb, distinguised professor of anatomy, emeritus, at Howard University College of Medicine, has been honored with the Henry Gray Award from the American Association of Anatomists (AAAS).

Cobb has been a member of the medical faculty at HU for 51 years was chairman of the Department of Anatomy for 22 years and is currently president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Born and raised in D.C. Cobb received an A.B. from Amherst College in 1925 and his M.D. from HU in 1929. His Ph.D. work was completed at Western Reserve University in 1932.

The posts Cobb has assumed over the years vary. He was the editor of the Journal of the National Medical Association from 1950-1977, as well as being its president from 1964-65. Since 1953 he has been an active member of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and vice-president of the Section on Anthropology.

Cobb is also a longtime fellow of the AAAS, the American Anthropological Society and the Gerontological Society.

Publications by Cobb number 650, including five bound volumes. His works are not only in anatomy and anthopology but also dental morphology, public health, gerontology and medical history and education. He is recognized as the principal historian of blacks in medicine.

Watson named envoy

Barbar M. Watson of the District was recently named to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States to Malaysia, replacing Robert H. Miller.

Watson, a graduate of Barnard College and New York Law School, has been assistant secretary of State for consular affairs since 1977.

Her past jobs have included an interviewer with the United Seamen's Service of New York and executive director of Barbara Watson Models from 1946-1966.

There's more than one way to... Get your head together.

YOU ARE IN THE KNOW...
Carter leads polls Advance
Baltimore Afro
WE ARE IN OUR 88TH YEAR
88th Year • Baltimore, Maryland • Feb. 19, 1980 • Late City Edition
"Special Introductory Offer For Six Months"
Mail Subscription $12.00 (Tuesday & Friday)
Regular Price $17.00
NAME
ADDRESS ZIP
CITY
STATE
BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. BOX 1857
BALTIMORE, MD. 21203
New Customers Only
All Subscriptions Payable In Advance
Subscribe Today!
FOR PROMPT SERVICE ... 728-8204

Will Md. Democrats dump Carter?

See column 4

Baltimore Afro-American
WE ARE NOW IN OUR 88TH YEAR
88th Year No. 102
Copyright 1980 by the AFRO-AMERICAN CO. for all material previously printed in the current National Edition
BALTIMORE, MD. AUGUST 2, 1980 LATE CITY EDITION 35 CENTS

Harlem Park rape suspect arrested

Community efforts, AFRO story led to man, 31

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Eleven days after a West Baltimore woman saw a composite drawing of the alleged Harlem Park rapist in this newspaper, police report the woman's information has led to the arrest of a suspect.

John Robert Hughs, 31, of the 400 block Cummings Court was arrested 1:30 p.m. July 30 at his home and charged with four first degree rapes, three sexual offenses, one sodomy and four kidnappings.

All of the victims were 8 and 9-year-old girls who were attacked while on their way to school. A drawing of the alleged repist had been circulated throughout the community and had been published in the AFRO.

Hughs, who is being held without bail at City Jail was on parole at the time he was arrested. He was on parole until 1982 for a 1971 conviction for robbery and for raping a 9-year-old girl.

Assistant State's Attorney Charles Lamasa stated he faces four life sentences and 30 years for each kidnapping.

There had been three reported rapes in the Harlem Park area and all had taken place in vacant houses. The fourth rape occurred in the Southwest section of the city.

Police report one of the girls was attacked so brutally a hysterectomy had to be performed because of internal injuries.

Continued on page 2

Reeves suing city, charges discrimination

PRESS CONFERENCE — Fifth District Councilman Norman V. A. Reeves (second from R) said at a press conference Wednesday, July 30 that te plans to charge members of the fire board with discrimination for their failure to interview a black for the position of city fire chief. He is flanked by Emmanuel Coleman, representative from the Vulcan Blazers, an organization of black firefighters; 4th District Councilman Kweisi Mfume, and Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president, Baltimore branch NAACP.

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

Fifth District City Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves has filed a suit with the Baltimore Human Relations Commission charging members of the Board of Fire Commissioners with discrimination for their failure to consider a black candidate for fire chief.

Reeves, who said at a press conference Wednesday, July 30 that he has the support of Rep. Parren J. Mitchell and other local elected black officials, promised to also take action to block the appointment of Norman Ramsey, fire board president, to a federal judgeship.

Not only does the Councilman object to the dearth of blacks in policy-making positions in city government, which he likened to the National Football League where blacks "can play but you can't be quarterback," he also blasted the manner in which the Fire Board selected the new chief.

The board, which unanimously approved Baltimore native Peter J. O'Connor as new chief at a ceremonial meeting Tuesday, July 29, had a final list of five eligible applicants for the $42,500-a-year job.

It was originally believed that all five were white, Reeves said. But he learned before the selection was made that one applicant, Noel Hart, an instructor at the National Fire Academy, is black.

Reeves said he telephoned Ramsey with the information and requested that Hart be interviewed. The Councilman said Ramsey, who was unavailable for comment, told him the Fire Board had already questioned the applicants it was most interested in and it was too late for another interview.

"Mr. Ramsey demonstrated gross insensitivity to blacks," Reeves said.

He also decried what he termed historical racism in the fire department and said of the 2,100 member force, blacks comprise only 15 percent.

Continued on page 2

Anderson here: c ks more jobs for bla

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Rep. John Anderson of Illinois, who is seeking the presidency on an independent ticket, appeared in Baltimore for the second time in three months to shore up his campaign.

Before addressing a crowd of 200 supporters, who had paid $200 for seats at a luncheon for the candidate held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Anderson spoke with reporters concerning unemployment, the effects of "Billygate" on the presidential race, and his commitment to black voters.

When asked why blacks should abandon their traditional Democratic affiliation to vote for him, Anderson responded with an emphatic denunciation of the Democratic Party's efforts on behalf of black Americans.

"Under the Democrats, they, (blacks), have seen the ratio for black unemployment continue at a rate two times that of whites," he claimed.

He added that teenage minority unemployment is hovering at about 60 percent.

"What have the Democrats done to improve the condition of blacks?" he asked. "You may see a flurry of appointments as the election draws close, but that scarcely makes up for the neglect that we have seen."

John Anderson

Anderson then outlined the steps he would take to improve the black unemployment situation.

"I will make it a priority of my administration to bring down the joblessness rate," he stated. He said that, although he would press private industry to increase employment, he would not hesitate to make the federal government the "employer of last resort."

The congressman said that he found it inconceivable that there were not enough jobs throughout the country for people. He said that there were opportunities in energy, transportation and conservation, a large segment of the nation's unemployed.

Anderson labelled the recent revelations of President Carter's brother Billy's registration as an agent of the Libyan government a "sordid, seamy affair."

He said that he found it incredible" that the brother of a president would align himself with the Libyan government, which he described as one of the "most radical in the world."

Anderson's National Unity Campaign announced that 5,000 signatures were filed with the state board of elections supervisors pending the outcome of a U.S. District court suit which the campaign has filed in an attempt to get Anderson's name placed on the November ballot.

The suit was pressed because state law prohibits candidates from filing for office in the November elections after March 3.

The Anderson Campaign, which did not get underway until April of this year, claims that the suit discriminates against independent candidates.

Some 90,000 signatures were submitted to the board of elections supervisors July 8, but the board says that it will not count any of the signatures needed to place Anderson's name on the ballot until the court suit, which is scheduled to be heard Aug. 4.

FROM HISTORY'S PAGES of the AFRO at its birth, 88 years ago, we are assembling our 88th Anniversary Edition, a special section telling our own special birthday story from 1892 to the paesent. Watch for it on the street Friday, Aug. 15. And historic edition you will wonat to keep on the living room table.

8,000 sign up for draft

It will be several weeks before federal officials know how many Baltimore area men did not register for the draft.

Selective Service spokesman Joseph Lamb said about 8,000 men from the Baltimore area signed up for the draft last week.

Officials will not try to find those who do not register until after names gathered during the registration period are matched with records of the number of 19- and 20-year-old men in the nation, he said.

Lamb said it would be "meaningless" to keep tabs on how many people fail to sign up locally because the draft age population is mobile and, young men are allowed to sign up at any U.S. Post Office.

The name of any man who doesn't register will be sent to the Justice Department for prosecution, he said. Failure to register is a felony punishable by five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

—CRIME BEAT—

Man thrown off bridge then savagely beaten

A 23-year-old West Baltimore man was hurled from a 30-foot high bridge, then beaten brutally by five men Wednesday, July 29.

According to police reports Keenan Beard, of the 3300 block Walbrook Ave., met five black men in the 1300 block Poplar Grove St.

Police say the men picked him up and threw him over a bridge in the area, then followed him down and beat him.

Police say that no suspects have been apprehended at AFRO press time.

Man faces life for 2 Woodlawn slayings

Larry B. Simmons, 29, who was found guilty of first degree murder, faces mandatory life sentence for two counts of murder.

Simmons, who lived in Columbia was found guilty July 29 by a Criminal Court jury of 10 men and two women in the Feb. 8 double murder of his estranged wife, Mrs. Mary Georgina Simmons and her boyfriend, Gregory A. Blount, 31. The victims worked at Social Security Administration headquaeters at Woodlawn.

Judge Austin W. Brizendine ordered a pre-sentence investigation before imposing sentence. Mrs. Simmons' 9-year-old son found the body of his mother's boyfriend on the living room floor and knocked on the bathroom door trying to get his mother's help.

Continued on page 2

Will Dems dump Carter?

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Although a move to dump President Cater as the Democratic nominee for president is being led by a Maryland representative, several members of Maryland's delegation to the Demo convention say that they are opposed to any moves by the party to release pledged Carter delegates and elect another party standard-bearer.

Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-8, is among the leading Capitol Hil Democratic legislators attempting to force a change in the rules of the convention to allow delegates to vote for the candidate of their choice, as opposed to the their current standard of remaining bound to their candidates.

Barnes himself is facing a stiff challenge from former Rep. Newton Steers, a Republican and, according to Kenneth Webster, local political strategist, that may be one of the reasons he is mounting the open-convention battle.

"They, (Democratic officeholders), have strong opposition, so they are looking for a stronger coattail to ride," he said.

Vera Hall, a delegate pledged to President Carter, says that she doubts that a rules change will be forthcoming, and that, it it does, it will be in violation of the wishes of the majority of Democrats nationwide.

"To unbind the delegates would be unfair to the people who elected them," she stated. "During the delegate selection process, one could only vote for a Kennedy, Carter, or uncommited delegate. To change that now would be to negate the whole process."

Continued on page 2

AFRO churchwoman of 1980

Don't hold those votes back, mail them today. The AFRO is looking for the churchwoman of the year. The contest is open to all denominations and this is your chance to win a prize for your church and prizes for the churchwoman of the year.

Clip the coupon on page two and tell us who you think the AFRO churchwoman of the year should be. She will receive $500 in cash prizes, gift certificates from Pinnie Ross Botique, Neil Sheridan Hats, tickets to Arena Players, hairstyling at Mr. Baker's Beauty Salon, dinner for two at Big Daddy's Restaurant, gospel albums, gifts from Equitable Trust, Fidelity Trust, Maryland National Bank and many other prizes.

If there is a woman in your church who has performed countless deeds of merit without any recognition and has served as an inspiration or as a leader to others in the ongoing church programs, this is your chance to publicly recognize her.

Continued on page 2