Female police officers take on many 'firsts'

Women on the move in Baltimore

By Portia E. Badham
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This is the second part of a series featuring women in non-traditional jobs and who are the first females in their jobs.

In 1970 the Baltimore City Police Department had 33 female officers of which 12 were black. By this year that figure had grown to 163 with 91 black females.

Black females are not only proving themselves as officers but advancing into unique areas within the department and challenging their male counterparts.

Three young ladies, Officers Janice West, Carolyn Hawkins and Sgt. Linda Flood, all served the required time in patrol before taking on jobs that earned them second looks and double takes from the citizens they were protecting.

Janice West caught Baltimore's attention last year riding through the streets of Baltimore on a horse. She was the first woman to become a mounted police officer.

"I chose mounted because it was something different. I had never been on a horse before. The deparment was looking for women in that unit so I signed for it."

She recalls having to ride bareback for the first week and kept falling off. "I kept saying to myself why am I doing this?" I should quit.

"But then I realized what my ambitions were and I told myself to hang in there, the saddle would be better."

Janice, a perfect model type who stands 5 feet, 10 inches tall and wears a size 9 dress, graduated from the police academy in 1977 and was assigned to Southwestern district.

"There were not many women when I started. Some people thought I couldn't do the job but I could," she stated with an air of confidence. "I had my own way of handling situations. I just talked to people the way I felt they wanted to be talked to."

Ms. West says most men she meets like the idea of women having a different kind of career. "They like the idea of women not being at home or in the office."

Her duties include issuing tickets and working in crowd control situations. Sometimes he comes down off her horse and works on foot at spors events at the stadium.

"I really feel good about my job. I feel I've accomplished something. But this is just the first phase of what I really want to accomplish."

Carolyn Hawkins, a 1968 graduate of Carver Vocational Technical High School, joined the department because "inside work just wasn't for me."

In high school while setting her sights on a dressmaking and design career, she had no idea she would eventually become a police officer.

"I saw signs everywhere for the police department, I thought it was something new and more challenging," she said.

After graduating from the academy in 1974, she was assigned to the Northwestern district as a patrolman for two years before her assignment came through for the traffic unit.

Ms. Hawkins became the first female to work as a point control officer, that's "police talk" for traffic cop and she can usually be seen in the downtown area directing traffic at some of the busy intersections.

Linda Flood had never been in the air before. Actually she doesn't like flying in planes but that didn't stop her from becoming the first female officer assigned to a police helicopter.

Ms. Flood, who was promoted to sergeant in August and now assigned to Northern district said, "I loved it up there. It's a whole different world. You can see so much."

A 1975 graduate of the academy Linda says she didn't know what to expect at the academy.

MOVE IT — Carolyn Hawkins, the first female to work in the traffic control unit can be seen directing traffic on some of the busier streets in downtown Baltimore.

READY FOR LIFT-OFF — Linda Flood, recently promoted to sergeant, stands atop the police department headquarters at the heli-port and prepares to work her shift flying over Baltimore. She became the first female to work as an aerial observer.

EASY RIDER — Officer Janice West caught a lot of people's attention just over a year ago when she became the first female assigned to the police department's mounted unit.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

"Sometimes I felt like the men didn't want us there but I never had any problems."

After graduation Ms. Flood was soon on her way to achieving several "firsts" in the department. Assigned to the plainclothes division in 1979, she was the first female to work in the STOP SQUAD, one of the department's tactical units.

Then came the job as an aerial observer in the helicopter, another first. And now, of the 55 black police officers promoted as a result of a suit filed by several black officers, Ms. Flood was the only black female to be promoted to sergeant.

Currently the highest ranking female is Maj. Patricia Mullen and Lt. Bessie Norris, a 16-year veteran is the highest ranking black female.

Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, who died in July, became the first black policewoman in 1937 and never missed a day on the job for more than 30 years.

Police Agent Harlow Fulwood, who works in recruitment, reports that it is hard to get through the academy. "Many women find it difficult but those who get through are found to be very competitive in the department."

This series will continue in next Friday's edition of the AFRO.

Seton Hill appoints assistant

Inez Houston has been appointed activities assistant at the Seton Hill Manor Nursing Home, a 300-bed facility in Baltimore City.

In this position she will lead residents in therapeutic recreational activities and reality orientation groups. She will also serve as an advisor to the residents' council.

Prior to joining the staff of Seton Hill Manor, Mrs. Houston served as director of activities of the Federal Hill Nursing Home and was recreational leader and social work assistant at the Midtown Home.

She is a student at the Community College of Baltimore where she has taken courses in gerontology, and will graduate in 1982. This fall she is taking activity coordinator training at Essex Community College.

Mrs. Houston and her husband, Arnold, have a four-year-old son, Arnold Jr.

Inez Houston

Otis Warren is independent firm

The Baltimore area's largest black real estate organization, Otis Warren and Company, has announced a major change in its overall company operation which will provide better service to the community at large.

After having been affiliated with the country's largest real estate franchise organization for over four years, Otis Warren and Company has become an independent firm.

Otis Warren Jr., the firm's president and the 95 sales associates agreed that the move would allow the company to expand its marketing area locally as opposed to nationally.

"Our realization of these desires as well as th realization that relocation companies have totally overlooked the black community has left us with the desire to fill the void," said the company president.

To fill that void the firm has joined the Homes for Living relocation network. In addition to these efforts, Otis Warren and Company has formed a relocation division.

Also in keeping with the concept of having the best-trained agents in the business, the company has invested $40,000 in its own training center with a full-time training director.

House of Ruth Hair cutting benefit

The House of Ruth will hold a Haircutting Benefit at the "Current Rage," located in the Charles Apartment, 3333 North Charles Street.

This benefit will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 1980 from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. The donation per hair cut is $10.00. This donation is tax deductible.

For further information call Mary Louise Mussoline.

AFRO churchwoman contest vote totals

Daisy Wallace		St. Luke United Methodist	2,200	New Rose of Sharon	[illegible]
Mt. Zion Apostolic Church	92,200	Alma Bey		Joan Bruce	[illegible]
Myrna Powell		Enon Baptist Church	2,400	Mt. Calvary Church	[illegible]
Ebenezer Baptist Church	28,900	Madge Cannon		Mary Fulton	[illegible]
Bryant Dubois		Fulton Baptist Church	2,000	St. Veronica Church	[illegible]
Homeway Temple	26,400	Corrine Pender		Louise Forster	[illegible]
Helen Taney		Haywood Church of Christ	1,800	Highway Church of Christ	[illegible]
Christian Community Church of God	24,600	Bertina Randle		Emma Robinson	[illegible]
Rose Dingle		St. Mark's United Methodist	1,400		
John Wesley United Meth. Church	18,100	Pearline Sazemore		Trinity Baptist Church	[illegible]
Vernon Rogers		Bethel Church of God	1,300	Ruth Shivers	[illegible]
New Fellowship Church	18,100	Gladys Bell		Fountain Baptist Church	[illegible]
Emily Grant		St. Joseph P.W.B.	1,300	Marilyn Arter	[illegible]
Greater New Hope Baptist Church	12,400	Grace Johnson		John Wesley AME Zion	[illegible]
Elizabeth Goins		Enon Baptist Church	1,300	Alma Hall	[illegible]
Antioch Baptist Church	12,400	Louise Scott		Whitestone Baptist Church	[illegible]
Thomas Ashe		Fells Road AME	1,300	Richella Wood	[illegible]
Union Baptist Church	9,200	Shirley Royster		United Baptist Church	[illegible]
Bessie Graham		Rock of Ages Presbyterian	1,100	Betty Johnson	[illegible]
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church	9,000	Mary Gray		City Temple	[illegible]
Rev. Ada Jones				Rosalee Jones	[illegible]
Union United Methodist	7,600	New Psalmist Church	1,000	Md. No. 26 Church of God I C	[illegible]
Lafayette Simpson		Gertrude Barrow		Annie Young	[illegible]
Maryland Baptist Church	7,000	Northeast Baptist Church	1,000	St. Bernardine's	[illegible]
Ethel Wimbush		Florence Richardson		Easter Pope	[illegible]
Shiloh AME	6,000	Enon Baptist Church	1,000	Centry Baptist Church	[illegible]
Alma Goins		Annie Grant		Estelle Ratliff Williams	[illegible]
Simmons Memorial Church	4,700	Lovely Hill Baptist Church	1,100	Perkins Square Baptist	[illegible]
Rosa Christian		Rev. Wilhemina Speers		Grace Johnson Lessane	[illegible]
Charity Baptist Church	4,500	Brown Memorial	900	Berea Temple	[illegible]
Mildred Nelson		Catharine Respass		Marilyn Rayner	[illegible]
St. Paul United Methodist Church	4,300	Greater St. John Church	900	Paul United Methodist Church	[illegible]
Laura Stevenson		Margaret Hamlet		Thaise Pigott	[illegible]
Gillis Memorial Community	3,900	United Pentacostal	900	Ray of Hope	[illegible]
Gladys Jackson		Gladys Bentley		Rev. Helen Russell	[illegible]
First United Church	3,600	Edgewood United Methodist	800	Baltimore Street Church of God	[illegible]
Rev. Mary Antoinette Phillips		Julia Decafor		Anne E. Howard	[illegible]
Gillis Memorial Community	3,300	Apostolic Faith	700	Southern Baptist Church	[illegible]
Noreen Schmoke		Geraldine Knox		Florine Valdert	[illegible]
Douglas Memorial	3,100	Union Baptist Church	700	Gillis Memorial Community Church	[illegible]
Julia Johnson		Vivian J. Lassiter		Joanna Freeman	[illegible]
St. Mark's Church	2,600	Harlem Park Community Bapt.	600	Lombardi Church	[illegible]
Irene Williams		Virginia Wise			

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Biggest narcotics trial since Charlie Burman's!

'Tuckie' Holland is key defendant

By Pam Widgeon
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Trial proceedings began this week in Federal Court against Ancel "Tuckie" Holland, 28-year-old alleged ring-leader in what prosecutors are terming the largest single heroin trafficking organization in Baltimore.

Federal Drug Enforcement agents report that the operation grossed more than $5 million yearly, a dope sale figure that tops the operation headed by Charles R. Burman Sr., who was convicted in April 1977 and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The trial was almost derailed before it began, prosecutors told the court Sept. 30 when Holland, the principal defendant, they reported, attempted to escape from City Jail.

The girlfriend of the defendant Ms. Greta Young, 23, was charged Sept. 30 with aiding Holland in the scheme to escape by attempting to give a $15,000 bribe to a City Jail correctional officer to help him escape and avoid trial.

Others on trial with Holland are Derick Thomas, Stephanie Smith and his sister, Ms. Ava Holland.

Security was tight in Federal Court while a jury was being selected before Judge Shirley B. Jones on Oct. 1. Assistant U. S. Attorney Glenn Cook, stated opening statements are scheduled for 10 a.m. Oct. 6 in Federal Court.

The Drug Enforcement Administration received information on Sept. 25 and initiated an investigation to determine the participants of the intended jail break and to prevent the actual escape of Holland who was in federal custody on $one million bond.

Young met with the officer, the conversation was monitored and recorded by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Holland had planned to escape through the switching of bail papers for another inmate and he would walk out of City Jail pretending to be another inmate released on bail.

Holland, who was arrested in June for narcotics charges, had escaped before.

Plans were made on Sept. 27 for Ms. Young to pay $2,000 cash down payment in order that the correctional officer could assist in the escape.

Plans were made between the officer and Ms. Young on Sept. 29, for the officer to send a third person to receive an additional $15,000.

Court records state Ms. Young picked up a man near City Jail on Sept. 29 and gave him a package. The man who received the package was a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

According to court records, Ms. Young was told by Holland to stay with the man until she received telephone instructions. Ms. Young was arrested around 9:30 p.m. Sept. 30 and is charged with aiding Holland in the scheme. She is being held in lieu of $50,000 bail.

Over $20,000 in cash was found in Holland's home when he was arrested.

The Watkins trial

Where is missing TV reporter?

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Where is Vaughn Forrest?

The above question can not be answered by attorneys for the plaintiff or the defendant. Forrest has disappeared and can not be found.

Forrest, a former police officer and one - time reporter for WJZ-TV is the key witness in the $6 million civil suit filed by retired Col. James H. Watkins in September 1976 against WJZ-TV.

While working for Channel 13 as an investigative reporter, Forrest did a series of reports on Watkins in October 1975 on narcotics traffic and naming Watkins as "a protector of drug dealers."

Watkins, who was acquitted in 1979 of corruption charges filed the suit against WJZ-TV through his attorney Allan Rabineau.

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Vaughn Forrest

Protest at Douglass High

Officials at one of the city's oldest high schools say the situation is back to normal following two days of demonstrations this week by students.

More than 50 students at Douglass Senior High protested over problems in computer class scheduling, lack of adequate teachers in certain classes and not enough textbooks.

Concerned parents who phoned the AFRO stated that students were assigned to the same history classes they had last year and that some classes did not have a teacher.

However, Principal Earl L. Hagan stated that the problems in class scheduling are not new and happen at the beginning of each term.

"This happens every year. Students are given course cards to select classes for the next year. If they make a mistake or put an extra pencil mark on the card, when it's run through the computer, it comes out incorrect," explained Hagan.

He added that all teaching positions were filled except for a position in the foreign language department but that a teacher would be on staff next week. The teacher was on staff at an elementary school on a special language program.

"We're over-staffed with teachers in the system," he said, "but not in the areas where we seem to need them. There are a lot of teachers in physical education right now but we need them in foreign languages and math."

Hagan stated that a stenography position would remain vacant until the teacher, who is out sick, returns. "We can't fill that position with someone else while the teacher is out and I don't know how long that will be."

But he said, "Douglass has the most qualified staff it has ever had. We do not have any teacher in the classroom that is not qualified to teach the subject matter."

The principal also said that textbooks were issued to students who did not have them in the business and economic area but that some of the students who claimed not to have books actually did have textbooks.

Voter drives in high gear

According to Barbara Jackson, of the city Board of Elections Supervisors, 32,000 voter registration forms have been sent out to various organizations and registrants.

30,000 forms have been returned, and that usually three fourths of the applications are sent or brought back to the board.

Out of that amount, about two percent of those who registered are usually found not to be qualified.

There are currently over 300,000 registered voters on the city rolls.

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200 parents face court

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

School officials estimate that at least 200 parents may face court action as a result of failure to have their children properly immunized to meet state requirements.

The deadline for students to be immunized was Sept. 29 and by Wednesday of this week, nearlt 2,000 pupils were excluded from classes because they did not have the proper shots.

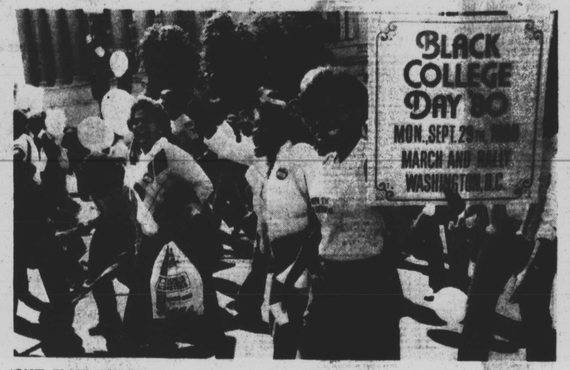
Schools will submit follow-up reports Oct. 8 and by that time Robert C. Lloyd, assistant superintendent for pupil services, expects about 200 students to remain without proper inoculation shots.

Parents of those students will be taken to court by school officials on the grounds of willful neglect. "We're not going to play this year," said Lloyd who pointed out that last year about 100 parents faced court action by the deadline.

Dr. Anne Emery, public information director for the schools, stated that most of the students who were excluded from classes were in secondary grades where students only need one shot for measles.

Students in elementary grades need four doses of vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertusis, three oral doses for polio, one for measles and one for rubella.

Lloyd also pointed out that while it is not required, most teachers would probably work with those students who missed an excessive amount of time from class to help them catch up on assignments.



"SAVE BLACK COLLEGES" — students voice their opinions during Black College Day march along Penn. Ave., Monday. (Photo by Milton Williams)

North Carolina Central University

Students' march on D.C.

Rally spotlights plight of black colleges

By Roger Glass

WASHINGTON

All three presidential hopefuls stayed away and attendance came nowhere near the 100,000 people march organizers said would attend, yet Black College Day, in the eyes of most participants, successfully served to spotlight the plight of the nation's 107 historically black colleges and universities.

"We have succeeded for the first time in history in framing the black college as a political issue," television personality Tony Brown boasted to the more than 12,000 black college students and officials who attended a rally on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

Held earlier this week, the march and rally was staged to address growing concern over efforts to "desegregate" black colleges and dwindling federal support of these institutions.

"Desegregation does not mean parity for black people," said Brown, the march's chief organizer. "It simply means turning black schools into white schools."

Brown named several black colleges which he says are threatened by desegregation efforts, including Morgan State University, Central State in Ohio and Texas Southern.

"Just as soon as we begin to get ourselves on a solid foundation they're now prepared to integrate them," Cong. Charles Rangel from New York said.

Cong. Rangel thanked the march participants for taking time out to "recognize that this country will not survive until we insure the viability of black colleges."

"(Your support) makes our job to foster legislation and to get support (of black colleges) in the Congress that much easier," the congressman said.

The three presidential candidates, President Carter, Ronald Reagan and John Anderson, were represented by surrogates. All three representatives were booed.

"What about jobs and the draft?" several students shouted while the president's representative, a Department of Education official, was attempting to speak. As a result, the federal official failed in his efforts to convince rally participants that Carter is indeed a friend of black colleges.

The loudest and most rowdy response, however, was saved for Republican candidate Reagan. Art Teele, director of National Black Voters for Reagan-Bush, was completely drowned out by boos as he attempted to lash out at the Carter administration and endorse the Reagan presidency.

"A Reagan administration will..." is all that Teele could say before he was greeted with chants of "oreo."

While the speeches emphasized the day's political theme, the march and band competition gave students the opportunity to exhibit school pride as well as support of black colleges.

"We came because it's important that schools like ours continue to turn out black graduates who are sensitive to the needs of the black community," explains Marvin White, who came to the march on one of eight buses sponsored by his school, Delaware State College. "Most of us wouldn't even be in college if it weren't for schools like Delaware State."

Students from Tuskegee Institute, Shaw University, Bowie State, Kentucky State, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Howard University, the Atlanta University complex and a host of other schools participated in the march and rally.

AFRO church contest in final hours

Votes are still being counted in the AFRO churchWoman of the year contest, as contestants rush to the AFRO with piles of coupons.

This is your last chance to get your votes in for your favorite churchwoman. The final count will be announced in next Friday's AFRO.

Judging from the calls the AFRO has received this week, numerous church women hope to become the churchwoman of the year.

At AFRO presstime Thursday, Mrs. Daisy Wallace of Mt. Zion Apostolic Church Was in the lead with 151,000 votes. Have your family, friends and church members clip the coupon in today's paper. You just might be the AFRO churchwoman of the year. It is still not too late.

There will be prizes for the winner and a prize for her church. The prizes will include $500 in cash, a gift from Equitable Trust, Fidelity Trust, Maryland National Bank and gifts from Finale Ross Boutique, Sheridan Hats and tickets for two at a performance at the Arena Playhouse.

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL — Senator Charles McC. Mathias does some campaigning in the Edmondson Village area of the city. With him is former Senator and Mrs. Lee also William "Don" Harris.

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