—Brilliant professor

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police and the courts, "mother was standing by."

"Usually the day after the arrest," the educator recalled, "I'd stand before the judge, my head hung, and plead 'not guilty.' On all those occasions, a lady stood behind me, feeling much more embarrassed and dejected than I. That lady is the same lady you see here today."

As Mrs. Rhodes beamed proudly, Dr. Rhodes recalled pain he must have caused her:

"I can imagine now how hurt, ashamed, and anguished mother would feel when she had to read the newspaper accounts of my arrest; or face the pitying stares of the neighbors, or hear comments like, 'Well, Mrs. Rhodes, I see your son has done it again.'"

The Job Corps, the honoree said, gave him his "first sweet taste of success in working on a meaningful and constructive goal," adding:

"Because of my Job Corps experience, I dared to dream of graduating from high school, of graduating from college, and earning a Ph.D, and being a college professor.

"I believe the most important thing Job Corps does for an individual is to give one the courage to aspire, to set goals, to dream."

The Job Corps Alumni Association is made of 13 chapters across the nation and has been awarded a quarter million dollar grant to help Job Corps trainees with career guidance, Dr. Rhodes said.

He is married to the former Barbara Jean Collins and they are the parents of a daughter, Mandesia Adier.

—Morgan

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"Therefore as you have chosen to block the enhancement of student life on this campus we request your resignation no later than Nov. 6."

However, Billingsley stated to several reporters following the meeting, "I don't plan to resign. I will continue to work with the students to solve the problems here at the university."

Responding to Billingsley's vow to stay, Patterson said that the students have never and will not turn down any opportunity to work with the leadership but the demands presented to the president were very basic and they were denied.

"We will be meeting in several planning sessions," said Patterson, "to determine what we will do in the future. We will be demonstrating until the president resigns and meeting indefinitely. I don't know how long it will take or how long it will be."

Last spring the faculty voted to ask for the president's resignation, following a vote last December of no confidence. The only remaining component at the school to support the president is the board of regents.

David Johnson, chairman of the board, stated Wednesday that the board was still standing firm with its decision made in June to retain Billingsley. "We realize that the management problems of Morgan go beyond the leadership of the president."

Johnson in responding to a recent letter from State Senator Victor Crawford, chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee who stated that the "situation at the univiersity is intolerable", said that the board recognized that there were management problems but they were working towards solving those problems with support from the governor.

"State officials are convinced that we are taking corrective measures to solve the problems and that we are doing all that we can at this time," said Johnson.

Despite Johnson's optimism, with a student body and faculty solidly opposed to Billingsley's administration, the crisis continues to worsen.

A group of educators who have joined together to form the Coalition of Concerned Citizens to Save Morgan will hold a meeting Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. at Union Baptist Church.

—Parks strike

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negotiations going on, nor are there any schedules," Menapace said, adding that "obviously, we are quite anxious to reach an agreement."

Menapace said that he feels the change of ownership has had a "chilling effect" on the negotiations, and because of all the uncertainty surrounding the future of the company, the union felt it would be most advantageous to everyone concerned if a one-year contract were proposed.

He emphasized that Local 117 and the Parks Company had had a long-standing mutually agreeable relationship for more than twenty years and that the current stall in negotiations does not indicate a change in that relationship now.

There was no comment on the strike from Parks officials at AFRO presstime, despite several attempts to reach them.

—Hospitals

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plan further protests in the coming weeks.

Nancy Travers, labor relations representative for the Maryland Classified Employees Association, said that she also heard of the possible closing through another source, but that nothing had been confirmed.

Travers said that many of the patients of Mt. Wilson have been there all their lives and that, if the hospital closed, they would have nowhere to go.

She also said that 319 people would lose their jobs.

Travers represents the employees of Mt. Wilson.

Want him off budget committee

Black legislators blast Sen. Crawford for 'irresponsible' MSU policies

By Portia E. Basham
AFRO Staff Writer

Two of the state's black lawmakers have asked that the leaders of the General Assembly's House and Senate consider removing Sen. Victor Crawford, D-Montgomery, as chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee.

Crawford in a letter dated Oct. 2 to the governor and the chairmen of the Senate budget and taxation committee and House appropriations committee, stated that the situation at Morgan was "intolerable" and that legislation may be needed to suspend the university's autonomy.

Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings and Sen. Clarence Blount in their letter said that actions of the committee are clouded in an arrogance that borders on racism in view of the fact that the committee has never taken a similar hard stance against a predominantly white state institution.

Calling Crawford's statements "irresponsible" the legislators are requesting a meeting with House Speaker Benjamin Cardin and Senate President James Clark as soon as possible.

Liquor bd. having 2nd thoughts

Male go-go dancers too risque?

It seems that the male go-go dancing entertainment recently started at the popular disco Girard's has already hit a snag and owners must face a hearing before the Liquor Board this month.

Owners Kenneth and Judy Weiner and Jerry Herling must appear before the board Oct. 30 for violation of liquor board laws which state "that no licensee shall knowingly permit or suffer his premises to be used for the conduct, exhibition or performance of an obscene act or other performance."

The board will consider whether to withdraw Girard's temporary approval of the go-go boy entertainment which has become the newest fad on the nightclub scene.

Postal Service warns

People throughout the country are practically giving their money away while breaking the law in illegal chain letter promotions, J.F. Thomas, officer-in-charge of the Washington, D.C. Post Office said recently.

The Postal Inspection Service, investigative branch of the U.S. Postal Service, has been warning people for years not to get involved in chain letter schemes. And while most individuals realize it's a foolish way to part with hard-earned dollars, there are some who seem to think the chance is worth it, according to Thomas. "Of course the chances of getting a return of the money invested are very slight," he said, "but even knowledge of the odds doesn't seem to deter many participants.

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No clues in teen's death

By Pam Widgeon and Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

The family of 17-year-old Lamont Xavier Watkins, who was found murdered in a Bolton Hill alley with his hands handcuffed in front of him, is still trying to figure out who would want to kill him and why.

Watkins, who lived in the 1700 block Holbrook St., was found Oct. 1 around 7:01 a.m. in the rear of the 300 blog Mosher St., face down in an alley, by a resident of the area, who told police he saw the body while putting out trash.

Dr. Virginia Dolan a medical examiner, told the AFRO, "The cause of death was ligature strangulation" and the murder weapon used was probably a cord, rope or scarf.

Police report the body showed no signs of injury, except for "blood coming from the nose and mouth. Investigators also said that nothing of value was found on the teenager's body except a small black comb and two lottery tickets dated Sept. 30, which had been purchased at 1516 Harford Rd.

What is most puzzling both to the family and police, is how the East Baltimore youth ended up dead in a Bolton Hill alley, a short distance from the mansions of wealthy, influential Baltimoreans and why anyone would take the time to handcuff him before killing him.

Police report they have no motive and are still investigating the case. Relatives state Watkins was not on drugs and police have no evidence that he was selling narcotics and he had no prior arrest record.

The AFRO has learned however, that about two weeks before his death, young Watkins was the target of gunfire as he stood on the corner of Greenmount Avenue and 23rd Street. He escaped injury at that time and his assailant was not apprehended.

His mother told the AFRO her son had borrowed a bicycle from a friend Sept. 30 to go bike riding and never returned home.

However, she said that her son had returned the bicycle he had borrowed.

When Watkins left home Sept. 30, relatives said he was fine and did not seem upset. Watkins, who formerly attended Clifton Junior High School, was unemployed.

His mother told the AFRO, "We haven't been told anything. All we know is that he was strangled and that he was handcuffed." When found, Watkins was wearing a beige sweater, white jeans and blue tennis shoes.

Residents of the Bolton Hill area state they did not see or hear anything on the night his body was dumped in the alley off Mosher Street.

A neighbor of Watkins described him as "very quiet and friendly." She said that he had never caused anybody any trouble, as far as she knew.

Meanwhile, the investigation continues.

— RENT CONTROL —

What landlords say they want

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

After listening to reams of testimony at the city council rent control hearings last week, one of the most oft-repeated questions of council members was. 'what do you want?'

Most of the landlords agreed that the only type of rent control that they would favor would be an ordinance similar to that first enacted during former President Nixon's wage and price feeze of the mid- 70s.

That ordinance allowed "pass throughs," special allowances for landlords who could justify the reasons for raising rents on specific units.

According to Herbert Kleiman, a local inner-city realtor, pass-throughs are needed in order to allow landlords to make a profit on their investments. He feels that a roll-back to 1978 rents, which city Councilman Kweisi Mfume's bill no. 283 includes, would put landlords hopelessly behind economically.

"Look at this," he told a reporter, as he pushed a thick sheaf of water bills at him. "Water bills are going up 15 percent. Since 1978, heating oil has risen 95 percent, and liability insurance has risen 95 percent in one year.

"If you must have a rent control bill, then you should have one that we can live with," said Kleiman, "One that would allow pass throughs. You have to have pass - throughs in order for landlords to maintain their properties."

Several landlord advocates testified last week that rent control would cause a decline in maintenance of rental units. Rent control supporters countered by producing photos and documentation of detoriorating conditions currently in evidence throughout the city.

One of the photos depicted conditions at a house owned by Charles Colson, a member of the Regional Planning Council and head of the Keep Baltimore Best Committee, an organization formed in late 1979 to defeat the rent control charter amendment.

"There are unscrupulous landlords," acknowledged Kleiman, "but they're in the minority. I mean, this bill is like taking a tank to kill a fly."

Kleiman said that one solution to the housing situation would be the creation of a "housing stamp program" similar to food stamps.

He said that the program could operate on a basis similar to that of section eight housing, which enables tenants to rent for a fraction of their weekly pay, and is subsidized by the federal government.

The bottom line to opposition to rent control, says Kleiman, is that "one section of the economy, (landlords), should not have to support the rest of the economy."

Rent control hearings are expected to continue Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The last two hearings drew overflow crowds, who, despite cautions from council judiciary committee head Francis Gallagher, booed, or cheered the speakers as they testified.

Perhaps the man who best symbolized the gap between the landlords and most of those in favor of rent control last week was a Washington D.C. realtor who echoed Kleiman's claim that the burden of inflation should not fall on the landlords only.

But he drew a chorus of booes, and the condemnation of councilman Michael Mitchell when he urged the crowd to "stop eating steak, eat hamburger or hot dogs...put off that trip, stay at home," in order to counter-act inflation.

"He must think all renters live in Roland Park, "commented one disgusted listener as the speaker was drowned out in a chorus of booes.

Conaway blasts court consolidation plan

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Del. Frank Conaway, D-45, has blasted the proposed court consolidation bill, which will be on the November 4 ballot.

The bill, if it passes, would phase out the current six clerks who preside over the various divisions of the city Supreme Bench. Currently, three of the clerkship positions are held by blacks. The bill would give one "superclerk" the power to administer Supreme Bench clerical duties.

"Now that we have three, (black clerks) in," said Conaway, "and would threaten to elect three more in 1982, suddenly consolidation becomes necessary."

Conaway said that he is calling on his constituents to vote against the measure, as he feels that it represents a step backward for blacks in the court system.

"All consolidation would do," he added, "is liquidate many of the jobs now held by blacks at the Court House."

But according to a judge current high-ranking member of the Supreme Bench, consolidation will bring with it savings in time and money.

"It would be a boon to the taxpayers," said the source, "and it would cut down on the amount of paper work and duplication of effort that currently exists within the Supreme Bench."

One fact which may lend credence to Conaway's charges is that from the period of 1976 through 1978, 45 percent of the employees hired by the various court clerks were minorities; but after 1978, when the number of black clerks rose to three, 70 percent of the subsequent hirees were minorities.

Conaway told the AFRO that if the bill does pass, he plans on mounting an effort to elect a black "superclerk".

UNCF gift

The United Negro College Fund annual campaign received a big boost from The Procter and Gamble gift of $100,000.

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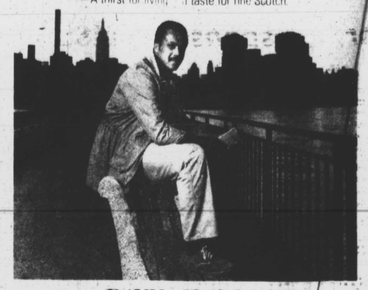

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