Bill introduced on teacher competency

Delegates Anne S. Perkins, D-39th and Howard "Pet" Rawlings, D-40th, have filed legislation addressing the need to assure the competency of teachers in the state's public schools.

The two legislators have asked the State Board of Education to evaluate teacher certification standards, the quality of teacher preparation programs in the state colleges and in-service professional development efforts for teachers already working in Maryland schools.

Perkins and Rawlings have also called for a study of teacher compensation inequities in Maryland. As further incentive, the legislators want to establish a merit scholarship program for students planning to enter the teaching profession.

Delegate Perkins said, "Even though the great majority of our teachers are talented and dedicated professionals, we in Maryland must take all possible steps to help the struggling novice teacher or the experienced teacher who has lost the necessary vitality and to weed out those teachers who are truly incompetent."

Rawlings continued, "We are concerned about the competpnce and effectiveness of our educational personnel and want educators to propose solutions now."

The State Board of Education held a hearing Dec. 17 at its new headquarters in downtown Baltimore and instructed Superintendent David Hornbeck to develop a plan to upgrade the quality of teachers in Maryland schools.

Locally, Baltimore city school superintendent John Crew is already exploring the possibility of testing all new teacher applicants by next spring pending school board approval.

The National Teachers Examination which was adminstered to all new teachers was discontinued several years ago.

School supplies shipped to sister city

A shipment of surplus and outdated school supplies will be sent to Gbarnga, Baltimore's sister city in the West African country, Liberia.

The materials have been held in storage in a city warehouse pending the settlement of affairs in that country since the sudden change in government earlier this year.

The shipment will depart from the Port of Baltimore during the week of Jan.5, aboard the "Harbel Cutless" and will include approximately 3,000 school desks, 1,500 desk chairs and 35,000 textbooks.

These supplies are needed by Gbarnga especially since the national government is undertaking a massive program to upgrade the quality of the education of its people, particularly those in the outlying rural areas such as Gbarnga.

This project is sponsored by Mayor William Donald Schaefer as part of the Baltimore-Gbarnga Sister Cities Program. Free freighting has been provided by the Firestone International Company, a division of the Firestone Rubber and Tire Company.

The manpower and containers needed for loading and packing the supplies has been contributed by the Chesapeake Operating Company.

The Baltimore-Gbarnga Sister Cities Program was established 10 years ago under the auspices of the Baltimore city department of education but since that time, the program has become an official city-wide project.

Valuable and informative exchanges have taken place in the areas of art, education, health and technical assistance.

During the past 10 years, Baltimore has been an active member of the Sister Cities International, a nationwide program which seeks to encourage international cooperation and understanding by promoting exchanges between cities in the United States and abroad. Baltimore has formal linkages with two other cities, Odessa, U.S.S.R. and Kawasaki, Japan.

Registration underway at Loyola

Registration is under way for more than 250 undergraduate and graduate courses offered this spring by Loyola College's School of Business and Management and College of Arts and Sciences.

Over 60 separate undergraduate courses will be taught evenings on the Charles Street campus, 4501 N. Charles Street, beginning Feb. 9.

All evening undergraduate courses are open to persons with a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications are accepted at all times.

In Loyola's evening division it is possible to complete studies for a bachelor's degree in five years. Full - time evening division students can complete degree requirements in as few as three years with two summers work.

Evening division students may select from two majors in the School of Business and Management: accounting and business administration, and from nine majors in the College of Arts and Sciences: computer science, education, English, fine arts, history, physics - engineering, political science, psychology, sociology, and theology.

Deadline for registration by mail for evening division spring classes is Jan. 28; late registration will be accepted through Feb. 12.

For a class schedule or for admission or registration information call the evening division office at 323 - 1010. Ext. 255.

This spring Loyola will offer over 200 graduate courses and workshops at the Baltimore campus, and the Columbia, Hunt Valley, Anne Arundel County, and Bel Air locations.

The School of Business and Management offers master's degrees in public accountancy, finance, and business administration (concentrations in accounting, economics, finance, health care management, human resources management, management, and marketing). Executive programs in management (XMBA) and health care management (HxMBA) have been designed for those with extensive professional experience in business administration.

Loyola has also established a certificate program in actuarial science.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate degree programs in education (concentrations in classroom teaching, curriculum, educational management and supervision, foundations, guidance and counseling, reading, and special education), engineering science, modern studies, pastoral counseling, psychology (clinical, counseling, and general), and speech pathology - audiology.

Deadline for mail admission to graduate programs for the spring semester is Jan. 15. Applicants may be admitted to graduate programs after the deadline, by appointment only.

Deadline for mail registration, including newly - admitted students, is Jan. 28.

In - person registration will be accepted at the Charles Street campus Feb. 2. In - person registration will be accepted at the Columbia, Hunt Valley, Bel Air, and Glen Burnie locations Feb. 3.

New York study shows

Surgery not avoided by second opinion

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

A survey conducted in New York recently produced surprising results on the theory that a second opinion always reduces the possibility of surgery.

BlueCross-Blue Shield of Greater New York began a survey on its second opinion program which was begun in 1976. Operating on the assumption that patients who secure second opinions from another physician when told they need surgery reduce their chances of actually having the surgery performed, the survey was originally intended to prove the theory

But out of the first 1500 patients who participated in the program and did seek second opinions, only a few surgical procedures were actually avoided, according to a recent article in the NEW YORK TIMES.

In fact, the article reported, most people who received second opinions received confirmation of the original opinion that surgery was necessary.

John Anderson, manager of public affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland, was surprised at the results.

"We have instituted a second opinion program here," he said. Anderson said that the program has been in operation since 1978.

But, he said, not enough claims have been submitted for this state's Blue Cross program to either confirm or reject the New York results.

"We are not conducting a survey like that here," he said. "We haven't received enough claims to begin a survey, so we cannot confirm or deny the New York results."

Anderson said that Blue Cross of Maryland would conduct a similar survey if enough claims were in fact received.

In New York, it is felt that the results of the survey could have an effect on the administration of Blue Cross benefits. The second opinion program was begun to support the claim that second opinions reduce surgeries performed and thus reduce the number of people using Blue Cross benefits.

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Adolphus Lee, 85 missing 2 weeks

Police have found no trace of 85-year old Adolphus Lee, of the 2600 block of Edmondson Ave., who disappeared from his home Dec. 17.

According to Mrs. Beatrice Lee, his wife, Lee was gone from the family's home when she arrived home from work Dec. 17. Finding the door opened when she got home, she called the police, thinking someone had broken in and either robbed the home and kidnapped her husband, but investigation revealed no evidence of the same.

Lee had shown no signs of depression, Mrs. Lee said, although he had been talking for some time of going to his home in Blackshoe, Georgia, which is located about 80 miles outside of Jacksonville, Fla.

Calls to that city have not revealed his presence there, however.

Mr. Lee is described as 5'10", bald, "slightly senile," and with a slight lean to the left when he walks. He is lucid, weighs about 180 pounds, and wears dark brown framed glasses.

Except for being slightly anemic, he has no physical ailments that require emergency medical attention.

Mrs. Lee said her husband does not carry any kind of identification and had no money, although he does carry his housekeys with him at all times.

When last seen, Lee was wearing black pants, a black sportscoat, black shoes and dark socks.

Any information on his whereabouts should be directed to the police department at 396-2525.

Adolphus Lee

THANK YOU !

For sixteen days our members at Johns Hopkins and Sinai Hospitals were forced to strike. They were forced to strike because the Managements of these two hospitals wanted to reduce their living standards. Neither our members, nor the Union's leadership wanted these strikes, but we were left with no other choice when our Health Insurance, our Pension Benefits, and our Union itself were all threatened. To us it was a fight to maintain 10 years of progress for health care workers in the Baltimore area.

The fight ended in victory with our benefits being maintained and our Union stronger. None of this would have been possible without the support we received from the community at large.

Since the strike, we have been able to sign three new contracts at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Lutheran, and Provident Hospitals. Maryland General Hospital is the sole exception.

We take this opportunity to thank the people of Baltimore who supported us in our hour of crisis. There were many people who offered support in countless number of ways. While we are unable to list every name and organization we sincerely thank everyone who helped. There are some, in particular, we would like to mention.

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The year in pictures

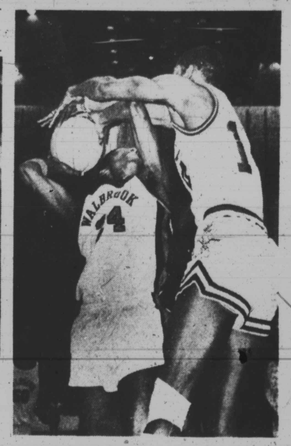
School Sports Scene

High school students show talent, hard work

THE LAKERS CAME OUT ON TOP THIS YEAR winning the MSA "B" Conference baseball championship. Laker third baseman, Bernard Owens, showed good form both in the field and when his team was up to bat. Owens is shown here sliding home in big game against Lutheran, helping to bring team to victory over opponents, 4-2 and 5-1.

It wasn't always easy . . . .

POETS SAMUEL SANDERS moves in on Laker quarterback Edwin Payton as he prepares to throw one of his season-winning passes. Game between Dunbar and Lake Clifton was one of most celebrated matches this year, with Lakers coming out on top, 32-14.



GIVE ME THAT BALL — Dunbar and Walbrook battled it out this year, with Dunbar managing to come out on top, 56-45. The winning season for the Dunbar team in basketball led them to their 4th consecutive "A" Conference title.

FORESTERS' DYNAMIC DUO, Brenda Branch and Marilyn Harvey, won doubles championship in MSA tennis finals. Girls were against opponents from Northern in title bout, beating them out, 6-3, 3-6, and 6-3.

STRAIN SHOWING IN THEIR FACES, Yolanda Ballantine, Sue Reynolds, and Nori Wilson ran hard this year in high school girls Cross Country. Wilson came in first place in MSA individual meet. Ballantine was one of Walbrook's star players; Reynolds and Wilson were Western favorites.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Elations shows in expression of Northern girls softball team after beating Western in championship game winning the 1980 softball title. Star pitcher, Valerie Megginson, was key factor in 14-victory season.

AFRO Photos by Mark Gail

Patterson sisters enjoy friendly competition

Mark Gail
AFRO Staffwriter

The Patterson goal of ending up in its division's top four rating spot and thus getting into the tournament will depend on plenty of factors, including the kind of teamwork demonstrated by Mary and Darle Branch.

The two sisters, both seniors, are an important part of the Clippers' total team performance. Mary, at 5'8" is the team's leading offensive player, as well as the star defense rebounding player and the team captain. Darlene, at 5'1", plays point guard, calls the plays, and is the "boss on the floor" according to Patterson coach Sue Jernberg.

"Darlene is a hussler who is never down on herself or the team," said Jernberg.

"Both girls have played all three years on varsity and are a pleasure to coach," she said.

When not on the floor, the sisters are in the same homeroom, the same physical science class, or enjoying many of the same recreational activities, including shopping, roller skating and going to the movies.

"We have arguments over things like washing dishes, and things like that," said Darlene. "We even argue over basketball."

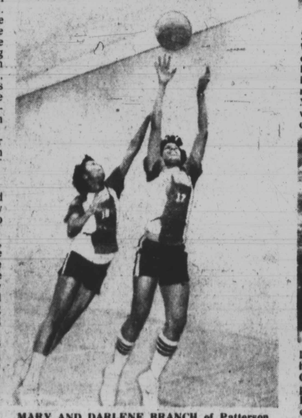
Coming from a large family of nine children, the Branch sisters followed in the footsteps of older brothers and sisters when they arrived at Patterson.

None of their predecessors, however, gained the notoriety in sports as have the two sisters.

Joining the Branch sisters on the floor is Nanette Faulkner, who's not flashy, has good floor sense and does not mind contact. Candy Leader, a good outside shooter, is also an excellent free shot thrower.

Natalie Mitchell, a guard with an eye for shooting, and Wanda Player, a sophomore who, according to Coach Jernberg should develop into a skilled player with time, also help the team get the results it looks for.

"We may lack depth and experience on our bench," said Jernberg, "but hussle will make up to it all."



MARY AND DARLENE BRANCH of Patterson enjoy competition both on and off basketball courts. Girls have been instrumental in Patterson's record this season.

Players we watched

NEW CHAMP — Western's Tracee Barnes concentrates on her backhand and coming ball as she bounces past rival Patty Thorn of Northwestern. Barnes was named MSA singles champ.

RICKY MEEKINS, Mervo cross country star, came in first place this year in MSA Individual Cross Country Competition. Meekins' winning time was 16 minutes, 31 seconds.

POLY'S RODNEY CARTER led his team to victory this season with 18 TD's. The star tailback raced a total of 1,760 yards to lead his team to the "A" Conference MSA Football championship.

DEBBIE STEWART holds the girls top time in Cross Country competition for the Herring Run course. Stewart came in second place overall in the competition, but holds leading time, 13:12, 2.1 mile course.

LYDIA BROWN led City's girl's volleball team to school's first championship with victory over Southern. Brown, a junior, is expected to add tremendous strength to team again ngxt season.

TREENA MILLER set three MSA "B" Conference swimming records this season. Best strokes were 50-yard butterfly, 25-yard butterfly and 50 yard freestyle.

Sports Schedule

Monday, January 5
Basketball — Girls
Patterson at Douglass
Western at Keough
Basketball — Boys
Pikesville at Patterson
Tuesday, January 6
Basketball — Boys
Douglass at Forest Park
Basketball — Girls
Douglass at City
Wrestling
Patterson at Walbrook
Southern at Douglass
Swimming
Douglass at Severn
Wednesday, January 7
Basketball — Boys
Walbrook at Southern
Northern at Northwestern
Lake Clifton at Poly
Edmondson at Mervo
Patterson at Dunbar
Southwestern at City
Basketball — Girls
Lake Clifton at Edmondson
Mervo at Northern
Dunbar at Forest Park
Northwestern at Southwestern
Western at Carver
Swimming
McDonogh at Patterson
Carver at Southern
Wrestling
Lutheran at Patterson
Thursday, January 8
Basketball — Boys
Samuel Gompers at Fairmount Hill
Carroll Park at Francis M. Woods
Wrestling
Boys Latin at Lake Clifton
City at Southern
Friends at Northwestern
Northern at Mervo
Edmondson at Southwestern
Carver at Douglass
Swimming
Poly at Gilman