# School Sports Scene

## Edmondson wrestlers struggle to regain title

Graduation is a time of happiness for many seniors, but for Edmondson's wrestling coach William Seaton, it was spring cleaning.

The Redskins lost seven starters from last year's MSA "B" Conference wrestling championship team, putting a dent in this year's team.

But Coach Seaton is very optimistic, with a 3-2 season so far. "We are taking things slow, one match at a time," he said. "We have a good core of kids to work with, as well as some kids back from last year."

Seaton went on to explain that the current team "knows what it takes to make a championship team."

Returnees from last year are Mark Johnson, at 140 pounds; Irving Walker, who is still undefeated at 134 pounds, and team captain Ronald White, who weighs in at 128 pounds.

White, who is also undefeated, is a gentleman as well as a fine wrestler, according to his coach.

"Ronald is a team leader. I enjoy having him on the team, and I like his winning attitude," said Coach Seaton.

Some of the other positive wrestlers for Edmondson are senior Larry Johnson, 157 pounds and the Henderson brothers, Tony, at 100 pounds weigbt class and Secelle at 11 pounds.

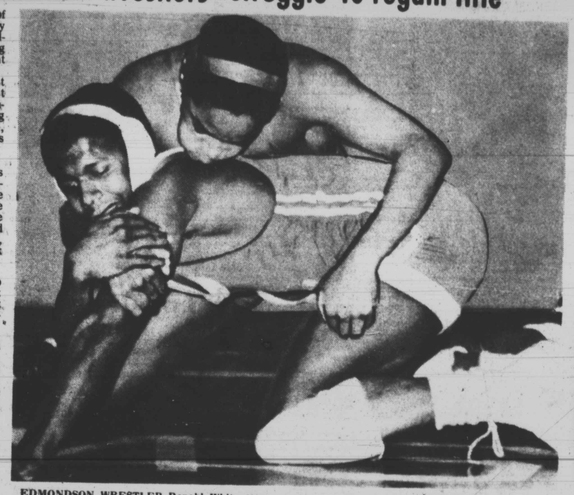
Ronald Beatty at 147 pounds, Everett Brown, 187 pounds and Maurice Burton, in the unlimited class found out the team

The Redskins grapplers are also getting help from two alumni, Thaddeus Epps and Kenneth Taylor, both of whom were on last year's squad.

Edmondson's weak spots are in the lower and heavy classes, whose wrestlers lack experience, while weight classes 128 pounds and up provide the backbone of the team.

"I pray a lot during a match since I wrestle each match with each kid," said Coach Seaton, who wrestled for Douglass at 187 pounds class in high school.

"We are looking forward to the public school tournament at Mervo, with high hopes of winning some weight classes," commented Seaton.



EDMONDSON WRESTLER Ronald White (top) shows why he still is undefeated in a recent match with Southwestern. But it was the Sabers that came out on top in the end winning 45 to 13.

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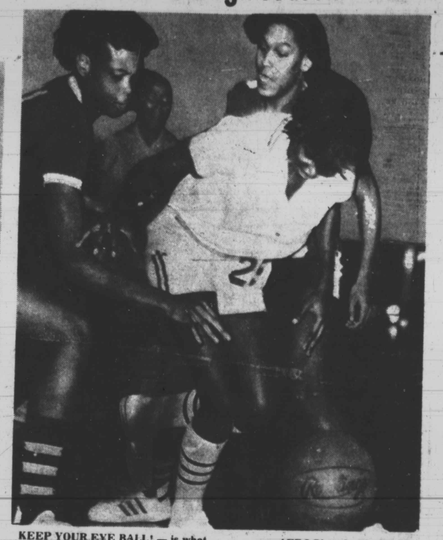
2-6 record

## Eastern roundballers have tough season



KEEP YOUR EYE BALL! — is what Easterns Edith Callahan is doing with two Lakers having the same idea. Ab

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Eastern lost to Lake Clifton 50 to 39 in Tuesday's basketball action.

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

They may not be basketball powerhouses, chalking up two victories in eight starts, but Eastern's coach Mabel Wilson always gives her players an "E" effort.

"The girls always give me 100 percent when it come to effort. We lack height, experience, as well as a bench," said Wilson, "however, we try to make it up with a lot of hustle."

The Eagles team is led by senior Angela Bullock, 5'11", the leading scorer averaging 22 points a game, and the leading rebounder of the team with about 15 per match.

Playing the center position, Angela is the only player with thr ee years varsity experience.

"Angela has great leaping ability. She can out-jump most people,whichh helps a lot on fast breaks," explained Coach Wilson.

Eastern's other starting five are senior forward Winter Hawkes, sophomore guard Marlene Prioleau, Denise White, in the point guard slot and who is the second leading scorer, and forward Edith Callahan.

White averages about 15 points a game, and Callahan, also a sophomore, is showing a lot of ppotential in her first year of vars ity action, especially in the rebound department.

"Eastern is just not a basketball school, being a city-wide school, ex-plained Wilson. She said that being city-wide has helped the other sports, including volleyball, track and badminton, but, for some reason, not the basketball. She added that four of the starting five basketball players played on the volleyball team.

With the second round of play starting winning two or more games, doubling last year's wins (2), would make the season a winning one for Coach Mabel Wilson and her 100 percent hustlers.

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LUCKY AT WORK — Deneen "Lucky" Jones of Western makes her moves on a lady Poet to get past in last Fridays game with Dunbar. The decisive win, 52 to 28 gave Western sole possession of first place in Division I standings.

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## Players to watch

ROUNDBALL STAR — Jerrilyn Keene of Western who plays in the guard position averaging 12 points a game. A senior Jerrilyn throws the shotput and the discus for the track squad.

TOMMY ROBBINS of City's swimming team who does his best in the backstroke and freestyle events. He also plays lacrosse and soccer for the Black Knights.

GLENNIS BLOODWORTH — a Eastern senior and member of the dance troupe who plans to continue her study of dance. Glennis also runs track for the Eagles.

EDWARD HOLMES a wrestler in the 147 lbs weight class for city. A member of the honor roll society Edward plays football as well as third base in baseball.

## It's all in a game . . .

### Fairmount Hill strong behind unbeaten season record

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

Riding high on a seven-game winning streak, the Fairmount Hill Falcons are confident that the general vocational senior and advanced special high school title will be theirs this year.

The league has been in existence for the past 13 years and has dropped to five teams with Harbor City and Houston G. Woods not fielding teams this year.

The five teams, Carroll Park, Frances M. Woods, Samuel Gompers, Joseph C. Briscoe and Fairmount Hill will play each team in the league three times.

Going 12-2 last year, Fairmount Hill's coach York Eggleston claims that this has been a most interesting year, since only two of his starting five played for the Falcons last year.

"Most of the kids are from the same neighborhood and have played BNBL together," said Eggleston. "We have a team effort this year"

James Clowey, a 5'11" junior, "is the leading scorer with a 17-point game average for Fairmount Hill.

Taking the floor with Clowey are Julian Kimbrough, a senior guard who is the "floor general," according to Coach Eggleston; forward Donald Green; and 6'3" center David Ferguson, who is the second leading scorer with a 15-point average.

Quickness and depth are the main reasons for Fairmount Hill's success in winning games this season. The school has won the league championship for 10 of the 13 years it has been in the league.

The Falcons' latest victim was Joseph C. Briscoe, who lost 80-68 Monday afternoon. The Briscoe team lacks height, a bench and speed, but according to Coach Isaac McCauley, hussle will improve their record of four wins and three losses.

Briscoe's starting five are Abell Fulton, a guard; forward Wayne Rouzer; Tim Stamps, 6'3" center; team captain Ivy Sessions, a small guard who stands at 5'8" but who manages to average 14 points a game regardless of his height, and play maker Levern Nickels, a forward who does a good share of the scoring, averaging 27 points a game.

"I hope that now that we have some experience under our belts we can better our record," said Briscoe's coach Isaac McGauley.

## Sports Schedule

**Friday, January 23**

**Basketball - Boys**

Southern at Edmondson - 3:15
Douglass at Northern - 3:15
City at Polyh- 3:15
Forest Park at Patterson - 3:15
Lake Clifton at Mervo - 3:15
Walbrook at Southwestern - 3:15
Dunbar at Carver - 8:00

**Basketball - Girls**

Patterson at Forest Park - 3:30
Southwestern at Walbrook - 3:30
Western at Southern - 3:30
Mervo at Lake Clifton - 3:30

**SWIMMING**

Walbrook at Lake Clifton - 3:30
Carver at Northwestern - 3:30
Edmondson at Patterson - 3:45
Forest Park at Douglass - 3:00
Northern at Southwestern - 3:30

**Wrestling**

Poly at Gilman - 3:45
Walbrook at Curley - 3:45
Dunbar at Mt. St. Joe - 3:45

**Monday, January 26**

**Basketball - Boys**

Patterson at Douglass - 3:15
Joseph Briscoe at Carroll Park - 3:30
Francis M. Woods at Samuel Gompers - 3:30

**Basketball - Girls**

Southwestern at Northern - 3:15
Douglass at Patterson - 3:30
Eastern at Edmondson - 3:30

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Basketball - Boys**

Southwestern at Lake Clifton - 3:15
Edmondson at Walbrook - 3:15
Northern at Dunbar - 3:15
Mervo at City - 3:15
Forest Park at Gibbons - 7:00

**Basketball - Girls**

Edmondson at Northwestern - 3:30
Mervo at Eastern - 3:30
Lake Clifton at Walbrook - 3:30
Western at Douglass - 3:30
Dunbar at Carver - 3:30
Forest Park at Southern - 3:30

**Wrestling**

Dunbar at Northern - 3:45

**Swimming**

Northwestern at Edmondson - 3:45
Severn at Northern - 3:45
Patterson at Forest Park - 3:45
Southern at Southwestern - 3:30
Lake Clifton at Dunbar - 3:45
City at Carver-3:30

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Basketball - Boys**

Carver at Northwestern - 3:30

**Basketball - Girls**

Patterson at City - 3:30

**Wrestling**

City at Lake Clifton - 3:45
Southern at Friends - 3:45
Mervo at Forest Park - 3:45
Gilman at Walbrook - 3:45
Southwestern at Douglass - 3:45
Boys Latin at Carver - 3:45

**Swimming**

Mervo at Douglass - 3:45

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Clayton Robinson

## He left school with 'pal' and ended in shallow grave

By Pam Widgeon and Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writers

The Eastern Shore town of Harmony has a pleasant enough name, but enmeshed as it is in one of the most brutal murders in the history of Caroline County, the name is almost a cruel and sarcastic jab at the pain and agony its residents are now experiencing.

It is in this town that Leonard Pope, 17, was shot to death, his body left in a shallow grave dug the night before. A classmate, Clayton Robinson, 17, has been indicted in the case and allegedly was the person who dug the grave. He is being held on $500,000 bail.

There have been suggestions. Drugs was a first consideration, and some media reports tried to create a racial motive.

But those explanations have, for all intents and purposes, fallen flat to their faces, and school and law officials are caught in the midst of a crime so brutal it sickens them and so mysterious it keeps them awake at night.

"I don't know why it happened," said Dr. David Jones, principal of Colonel Richardson High School, where both the boys were students. "I knew both of them...had talked to them. Neither one of them had gotten into any trouble to speak of."

"I really don't think drugs was a primary involvement in this case. The kids here let us know if someone is involved with drugs and it definitely was not a racial case."

"The thing that gets me," Jones said quietly, looking out of his office window, "is that the suspect came back here and attended classes all day, just like nothing was wrong, and nobody picked up on it."

Jones said that he has spent several sleepless nights since it all happened, wondering if there

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Leonard Pope

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# NAACP exec gets KKK threat

By Ann Sagi and Combined AFRO Reports

UPI - Police in Baltimore and Harford County say they don't think a rash of cross burnings mean an official emergence of the Ku Klux Klan, but local chapters of the NAACP suspect the racist group may be involved.

A four-foot burning cross was found Tuesday on the front yard of Joseph Bond, a long-time resident of the Havre de Grace area who was installed Jan. 18 as the county's new NAACP president.

Three crosses were burned in the Woodlawn section of Baltimore county last week and "Klan-type" literature was placed on cars in the Catonsville area two weeks ago, police reported.

William Swales of the 1200 block Newfield Road, found printed literature posted on his front door Jan. 19 and 20. One of the two signs read, "Our patronage is your elimination, our visit is your execution."

Both signs have been turned over to county police who are still investigating the matter.

Swales, who was the first black to move into the area five years ago, stated that the printed material was put on his door five years from the date he moved into the area.

"Whoever this is, knows me," said Swales who plans to protect his family and home with a rifle. "I'm angry and I know something is going to happen. But what do I do?"

The Swales residence was firebombed twice in 1977 and two white youths were arrested and later charged.

However, county police are not certain if the recent rash of cross burnings are Klan related or juvenile pranks that are result of the recent publicity of Klan related activities.

Col. James Pennington, president of the Baltimore County NAACP, said, however, "I suspect when the truth is known, instead of youths, we'll find some people connected to the Klan. I wouldn't be surprised if that's the case."

Pennington added, "Families perceive that other ethnic groups are getting jobs, and youth has a tendency to see themselves in the role of a hero, a guy who rolls up as a white knight who is protecting mama and daddy."

But E. Jay Miller, Baltimore county police spokesman, said he detected no pattern to the four cross burnings in the area, adding that the crosses varied both in size and in the wood used to make them.

"We haven't had any racial

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## Welfare activists battle to save Monumental Health

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Welfare Rights Organization has joined in the fight to save the troubled Monumental Health Plan which has been under fire by both state and federal authorities.

A mass meeting has been scheduled for Friday, by the Concerned Citizens for the Support of Monumental Health Plan.

The coalition which includes members of the plan, strongly feels that the attack on Monumental is racially motivated and is due to the successful competition the minority-owned health organization has stirred against other white operated plans.

Monumental, headed by Dr. H. Garland Chissell, stands to lose its federal license and $1 million loan installment if officials of the plan do not come up with right answers for the director of the U.S. Office of Health Maintenance Organizations by Feb. 19.

The Office of Health Maintenance organization under the direction of Howard Veit, has charged that Monumental is in debt over its head and that the second half of the $2.5 million loan is not enough to bail them out.

Bob Cheeks, head of Welfare Rights Organization, stated, "I see this as the attempt to eliminate black health maintenance organizations who are in competition with other health operations. This smacks of racism."

Cheeks said his organization would provide community support and if necessary, help raise money for Monumental.

"You have to look at how Monumental was funded in the

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STATE TROOPER FRAZIER WEST — (C) is shown entering Northern District headquarters for pre-trial hearing. West was granted a trial by jury — and will face court date March 17. Shown with him are an unidentified female companion and Attorney Herb Singleton, his lawyer. West has been accused and charged with assault in the shooting of a Hampden youth New Year's Day.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

## Hughes reassures senior citizens

Gov. Harry Hughes, courting about 500 senior citizens, said his budget cuts have not tampered with programs that help the elderly and indicated such programs may be improved whenever the state economy recovers.

"We haven't had to cut welfare or social service programs," Hughes told a gathering of the United Seniors of Maryland, whose members packed the ballroom of an Annapolis hotel Tuesday to discuss legislative issues.

"We feel if we can get by this year, things will be better. But we're going to have a tight next year or 18 months," the governor said.

Hughes reiterated his position that much of the state's current fiscal problems are attributable to huge tax relief programs enacted the past two years — programs he said "most benefitted those on fixed incomes" such as the elderly.

He specifically cited the decision to repeal the tax on home heating fuels, to triple the standard deduction on income taxes, and to extend the homeowners' property tax credit program to renters.

The governor — whom meeting chairman Francis Holsinger, a retired Eastern Shore school principal, described as "a young local boy who has made good" — drew applause when he said he hoped to pump an additional $1 million into the renters' tax credit program.

"It isn't working as well as I had hoped," he said. "The parameters are too stringent. So, we plan to relax the eligibility requirements."

Facing a sea of white hair and elderly faces, the governor also said he supported creation of an ombudsman program through which elderly residents of nursing homes would be represented.

He also said the state was committed to continuing efforts to move residents out of nursing homes and facilities for the handicapped or mentally retarded and back into private homes where the patients could be cared for by families.

But after his brief speech, Hughes said he opposed one legislative request of the elderly that would make the state's Office of Aging into a cabinet level department.

He said such a move would be both unnecessary and costly.

He told the group, "I wish I could do everything you would like me to do," and made them laugh by saying, "As each year goes by, I seem to get a greater interest in this organization." (UPI)

## Black Heritage stamp honors Whitney Young

First day issues of a 15 cent Commemorative Stamp honoring the late civil rights leader, Whitney Moore Young, will be presented at the kick - off luncheon for Black History Month, Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, Mrs. Ernestine Lyon, chairman, announced.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Black History Month Observance Committee of the Washington chapter of the Association for the Study of Afro American Life and History. Young was executive director of the National Urban League before his death in 1961.

He is the fourth black American honored in the U.S. Postal Service Black Heritage Series of U.S. Stamps. The others are Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin L. King Jr., and Benjamin Banneker.

The Black History Month luncheon will also feature the Velma B. Johnson oratorical - essay contest for students enrolled in District of Columbia Public Schools. The theme for 1981 is "Black History: Role Model For Youth."

### Courtroom packed with supporters

## Trooper West to be tried by jury

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

An estimated 200 people jammed the small courtroom at the Northern District police headquarters yesterday for the pre-trial hearing of State Trooper Frazier West.

West, a state trooper for shortly over a year, has been charged with the New Year's Day shooting of a 17-year old Hampden youth.

In accordance with his wishes, West was granted a trial by jury by District Court Judge Henry Stitchel. Trial date has been set for March 17 in Baltimore City Criminal Court.

Many of the people in attendance in support of West are members of the Bethel AME Church, where West is a member. The trooper was returning home from New Year's Eve services at the church when his car became stuck in the snow and a group of white Hampden youths allegedly began throwing snowballs at his car and shouting racial epithets.

In an attempt to discourage the group from bothering him, West reportedly identified himself as a police officer and fired two shots to the ground. One of the shots apparently ricocheted and hit 17-year old Neil McIntee in the leg.

Speaking after the hearing, attorney Herb Singleton said that he was pleased at the turnout of people in West's support and said that he felt the case was an "excellent chance for the black community to observe this city's double standard of justice."

"I am appalled that the state's attorney is continuing his investigation of the case," Singleton said. "All the facts are as familiar to him as they are to us and the general public."

"I think that after everyone has had a chance to more closely examine the facts, they won't have any choice but to conclude that we are prosecuting an innocent man, Singleton said.

Singleton said that he was also fairly confident that his client would win the case, because, as he put it, "the case (Swisher's) is not supported by the facts."

"I think Trooper West will be vindicated," he said.

Swisher, in an interview with the AFRO earlier this week, expressed dismay that he has been labelled a racist in the West case, and sought to explain why.

"Why is it that I have to be called a racist?" he asked.

"Nobody has ever come to my support when I have gotten black policemen off in cases. I don't understand why it is I have to be labelled a racist in this case."

Swisher contends that his decision to prosecute the case is based on his belief that the facts warrant as such. He said that his decision not to prosecute Officer Stephen McCown in the JaWan McGhee case is only because the two cases are noticeably different."

McGhee was shot by McCown in that case and permantly paralyzed from the waist down. In the West case, he says, the trooper used excessive force and "lost his cool." McCown, according to Swisher, simply acted as he did because he felt a robbery was in process.

Couldn't you say that McCown lost his cool, too? Swisher was asked.

He gave an affirmative answer, but justified it by saying that the officer was simply doing his job.

Swisher said that the fact that West was not trying to shoot anybody, as was McCown, had no bearing on the facts. One officer,

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### ANNAPOLIS NOTEBOOK!

## Conaway's 'tough guy' image

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff writer

When talking with Del. Frank M. Conaway, (D- 40) visions of those old gangster movies of the thirties and forties flash across a listener's mind.

He has the hard, flat eyes and grimace reminiscent of "Bogie" or John Garfield at his best.

He swaggers when he walks and his head is usually tilted at a slight angle, as though he is constantly checking out the scene as he saunters into a committee room or the House chambers at Annapolis.

But Conaway, who currently heads the Black Caucus of the Maryland General Assembly, could probably be labelled a "tough guy" only in reference to the dynamism and in reference to the skill and political savvy he employs at the state capitol.

The mannerisms, however, are not those acquired from a perpetual seat in the third row of a movie house, but the remainder of Conaway's tough early years on the streets of West Baltimore.

"I remember one time I had to run," he said. "A guy who was a lot bigger than me had chased me home, but when I got there, my father was standing at the door. You know what he did?"

"He held up his hand to imitate a "stop" signal, and continued, "That's right, he made me go back out there. He said, "you're on your home ground, so make a stand."

Conaway says that he won the fight. Years later, Conaway is a representative from the 40th legislative district, which encompasses much of the area in which he grew up. A successful businessman, Conaway has emerged as a prominent, if not controversial figure, in the black community.

Currently he stands a good chance of gaining the district's senatorial seat, and despite disclaimers, is already laying the groundwork for a run at the office.

But he credits his father, and many of the older residents around the 500 block of Laurens Street with giving him the desire to achieve.

"My father is something else," he said. "You know how I got interested in the insurance business? When I was little, my father had all kinds of insurance policies for us. A white man used to come over every week to collect, and he would sit down, have a cup of coffee, you know, like he belonged there."

His voice rose as he recalled, how "my father didn't like that, so he would make me take the money every week and go downtown to

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