—Stephanie Mills

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Knew Love Like This Before", was not present to receiver her award.

William Count Basie received the Grammy Trustee Award for his distinguished career in the music business as a modern music immortal, along with Aaron Copeland.

The Grammy Awards Show complete with star presentors such as Harry Belafonte, Eartha Kitt, Al Jarreau, Rev. James Cleveland, Dionne Warwick, Charley Pride, has 59 categories called from 305 nominations. The show was just too much to cram into two hours with 14 loosely presented musical numbers. (Continued on Showtime).

EEO employee files suit against boss

By James M. Abraham
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A Baltimore Equal Employment Opportunity Commission employee has filed a grievance against his immediate superior withit the agency, charging her with violating the personnel practices of the Civil Services Reform Act.

The employee, Eugene Clark, alleges that his supervisor, Dorothy Mead, refused him several promotions, and that her personnel policies had disrupted the Baltimore branch of the civil rights enforcement agency.

According to a grievance letter sent to Mead, the former head of EEOCC, Eleanor Holmes Norton, and President Ronald Reagan, Mead has disrupted procedure at the Baltimore office by bringing in outside personnel to several vacancies within the local office, failing to promote Clark on several occasions when rival contenders for certain positions were less qualified, and "weakening the District (office's) capacity to carry out its responsibilities under Title VII.

Clark alleges that he was denied promotions on several occasions because of a memorandum he had written in 1978 which enumerated several complaints which he felt hampered the effectiveness of the office.

The seven-year veteran of the agency cited in his grievance letter that the first instance of retaliation for the 1978 memo occurred in January of 1979, when he was denied permission to attend a hearing conducted by Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th.

He alleges in his letter that the pattern of retaliation continued in April of 1979, when he was passed over for a promotion and transfer to the Norfolk, Va. branch of EEOC.

Ms. Mead appointed Gloria Underwood, previously of the Phoenix, Ariz. EEOC office to the position. Ms. Mead is a former director of the Phoenix branch.

He cited several other instances of alleged retaliation and denial of promotions in his grievance letter, and concluded by stating that Ms. Mead has initiated a policy of "pattern and practice of hiring and promotions within this District (office), that represent violations of President Reagan's freeze on governmental hiring, regulations of the EEOC's Vacancy Control Board, and mismanagement. Officials at the agency were mum, and told a reporter that to divulge any information regarding the grievance would be a violation of federal law.

Clark refused to comment, except to confirm that the grievance had been filed.

—Charges dropped

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We can't just sit back and think justice will happen."

West was elated and somewhat benumbed upon hearing the news.

"I couldn't believe it," he said in a telephone interview. "I kept asking Mr. Singleton if it was true, if he was kidding. And then I just had to tank God. I got on my knees and I just thanked God."

West said that although the criminal charges against him have been dropped, he still faces a tough administrative decision that could have an effect on his career. His superiors have been silent up to this point, taking no action either for or against West, but the trooper says he expects that to change.

A member of the black state trooper's association, who asked to remain unnamed, a concurred with West's fears, and said that in cases like these, administrative reprimand and disciplinary action is often far greater than anything the courts could impose.

"But I'll get to that when I get to it," West said quietly. "Right now, I'm just glad this part is over."

Attorney Singleton said that because of the looming administrative action, the planned fund-raiser for West will still be held as planned at the Ritz this Sunday. In the event that no legal action is necessary to clear West within the state trooper organization, all proceeds will be sent to Atlanta to assist efforts to find the killer of 15 black children.

West was accused of using excessive force in the New Year's Day shooting incident in which white youths pelleted his car with snowballs and shouted out racial epithets. According to West, and now agreed upon by State's Attorney Swisher, the trooper fired warning shots into the ground in an attempt to disperse the youths and make them leave him alone.

One of the bullets richocheted and hit the leg of McIntee. No others were hurt in the incident.

—Dr. Reckling

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Johnson Junior High School, vice principal of Douglass High School and finally as principal of Douglass High School. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1956.

Although born in Narragansett, Rhode Island, he lived the greater part of his youth and young adulthood in Providence, Rhode Island. There he received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his master's from Columbia University. Further study was done at the University of Pennsylvania.

He came to Baltimore in 1910, two years later, he married Constania Brown, a native Baltimorean, well known in the community for her musical talent and beautiful voice. From this union two children were born, Ralph Jr. and Hermione Reckling.

Mr. Reckling was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, YMCA, Urban League, NAACP, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Retired Teachers Association and a member of St. Katherine's Church.

He is survived by a brother, Howard O. Reckling of New York, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren.

Investigator fined in bribery case

A former city pre-trial release investigator was fined $500 and placed on three years probation for pleading guilty to taking a bribe to arrange the release without bail of a theft suspect.

Prosecutors said this week that the bribery scheme devised by Willie R. Edwards, 24, was discovered April 23, 1980, when Edward Turpin, 20, was arrested on a theft charge and Edwards was assigned to make recommendations on his release.

Edwards said he would recommend release without bail if Turpin would give him $40, prosecutors said.

In addition to the $500 fine, Edwards was ordered to repay $120 to three criminal defendants from whom he accepted bribes to secure their release without bail.

Murphy sentences man in auto manslaughter case

A man convicted of driving a car that hit and killed a handicapped man who was riding in a motorized wheelchair on a city street was sentenced to a year in jail and five years' probation.

Judge William Murphy Jr. also ordered Paul E. Merenda, 33, to serve one year of week - ends in jail after his one-year jail term and to continue receiving alcoholic and psychiatric counseling, and stripped him of his right to drive while on probation.

Merenda pleaded guilty last month to auto manslaughter and driving with a suspended license in the death of Thomas Anderson, 28, last July 18.

—Teacher

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Daniels was employed at the West Baltimore Community Health Care Corporation as a radio dispatcher and had visited the Bond family to offer his condolences during the period of mourning.

Clarence Bond, husband of Mrs. Bond and transportation director for the West Baltimore Community Health Care Corporation worked with Daniels and said Daniels had never had any arguments with his wife. AFRO sources said Daniels worked the day Mrs. Bond was killed and returned to work the following day.

MORE TOBACCO CHEWERS

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Annual caucus gala mixes old and new

Douglass, Catonsville High reunions

By James M. Abraham
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The 1981 version of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus annual fundraiser was nothing short of a gala event, but the proceedings gave many observers to witness both the old and the new in local politics.

Probably the first example of this contrast between old and new, or young and old, was evidenced in Caucus chairman Frank Conaway's opening remarks.

After thanking those present, he gave a salute to Del. Troy Brailey, a long-time rival who has been hospitalized recently.

Although Brailey will be running against Conaway for the 40th district state senatorial seat, Conaway's tribute sounded almost like a dirge or a eulogy.

The youngest member of the caucus, Sylvania Woods of Prince Georges Co., gave an introduction for caucus members, and put forward former caucus head, state Senator Robert Douglass, asked for a moment of silence for the children slain or missing in Atlanta.

As most of the audience bowed their heads, a clash of silver could be heard from the bank, where rotund 1st District City Councilman Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro stood, head bowed toward the trays of food with platter in hand.

Former delegate Loyal Randolph, who was one of the founding members of the caucus, was given an honorary award for his years of service, and was lauded as Douglass as "our Frederick Douglass as "our Frederick Douglass as "our Frederick