School Sports Scene

Western now 4-0

Track team ready for all foes

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

What Dunbar is to boys basketball Western is to girls track unbeaten in ten seasons by a city school and winner of eight championships Western has taken the inside lane again.

"I believe that this years team is the best that we have had" said Coach Breezy Bishop. "We're going to be hard to beat."

So far this season that's exactly what they have been doing, beating some teams by as many as 100 points. Bishop's girls record stands at 4-0. "I only have four seniors on this year's squad so its basically a young team and they will get better as the season goes on.", said Western coach.

Some of Bishop's young talent include Connie Hitchcock a freshman who runs anything from 100 meters in 11.2 seconds up to the half mile.

Nori Wilson and Sue Reynolds two distance runners for Western who finish one and two always in the ½ mile, 1500 and 3000 run.

Senior Doreen Molerat in her first year on the team has plenty of "raw talent" according to Coach Bishop.

"Doreen can run the 200 meter, mile and anchors the 800 relay team , she has been a pleasant surprise this season."

Another senior is Jean Hart and one of the captains who runs almost anything the 100 meter dash, relays etc. and acts as a "spark plug" keeping the team spirits up.

In field events Coach Bishop looks to basketball star Jerrilyn Keene in the shot putt and discus.

Western has three strong high jumpers all doing well over five feet, they are Danine Cole, Dana Gordon and Theresa Proctor.

According to the Western mentor, the girls track program has come a long way since she started coaching 12 years ago; but can go further.

"What we really need is an indoor girls track program, we can stay with the counties in the sprints, but when it comes to distances we're a step behind", said Bishop.

In the Towson Relays held last week, Western kept paces with the counties placing in every event but two field events.

Bishops' squad practices hard at staying No. 1 with double workouts in the mornings and afternoons. As well as seven day a week workouts five day with the team and two on their own.

Western's biggest test will come Monday when they run against Northwestern who are also undefeated within the league.

"I know Coach Milburn is prepared for us and will have a couple of things up his sleeve for us", said Coach Bishop who worked with Milburn in the U.S. Youth Games eight years ago.

"We aren't going to underestimate anyone and take each one at a time while not trying to look ahead at the finals" said Bishop.

"We run together as a family and second, third, fourth or fifth places are just as important as first to us."

WESTERN FLASH — Connie Hitchcock burns up the track against Northern's Karen Koger in the 100 meter dash, as the Western girls chalked up one more with a 181-84 route of Northern Wednesday afternoon.

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Lacrosse 'Reborn' as Foresters start a new

They may not win many games this season, but lacrosse is alive and well at Forest Park these days.

After two years without a team due to lack of interest and players, Coach Obie Barnes has started the ball rolling again.

"I started lacrosse in the gym classes and a lot of guys expressed a willingness to have a team," said the former Edmondson defenseman, "plus I made some signs and hung them around the school."

Over 27 boys came out for the team but a lack of sticks and the cost of buying one ($25-$35) cut the numbers down to about 16 players.

So far this season, the Foresters are 1-3, beating Southern 5-1 in their first game, but have lost to Edmondson, Walbrook and this week to Northwestern.

"It's a new game at Forest Park, We have problems with our catching and throwing, but we have lots of spirit which I hope will make up for it," said Barnes.

The strongest position for the Foresters, according to Coach Barnes, lies in his midfielders, especially the line of Birnus Stewart, one of the team's leading scorers, Michael Holt and Cy Ward. Midfielder Derrick Jones is the squad's lossball expert also gives the line a hand.

Attackman Charles Allen is another one of the Foresters leading scorers and attackman Curtis Evans, the best stickhandler who can always be found around the ball, among others, help fill that slot on the field.

The Achilles heel of Forest Park is its defense, which has been chanced lately, with middie Paul Bardford moved to the goal and goalie Michale Gathers moved to play the defense crease position.

With a small squad the Foresters have little depth and bench to work with.

"We have only two midfield lines, one attack line with one extra and one defense line with two extras makes it a little hard at times." Barnes said.

He can find something to smile about this season in that most of his squad is made up of juniors so that next year won't be so hard for them with one year's experience under their belts.

"Finishing .500 this season would be fine with me. I hope to surprise some teams that will be taking us lightly in the second round," said the Forester coach

FANCY FOOTWORK — Cy Ward of Forest Park uses his stickwork and footwork to outrun a Northwestern defender, but all in vain as the Foresters lost 12-3 last week.

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Small Poly track team big on spirit

According to Poly track coach, George Maeby, this years squad maybe one of the smallest (38) as compared to other years.

But they are the biggest in team spirit and determination in recent years also smiles Maeby.

The Engineers are currently unbeaten at 3-0 within the league, overall they are 6-0 haven beaten some of the counties best Dulaney and Perry Hall along the way.

Poly has 14 returning letterman from last years 8-2 team and 16 seniors this season among them is Rodney Carter, who is displaying his speed on the track as he did on the football field.

"I believe that Rodney is one of the most outstanding athletes around the school" said the Poly mentor.

Carter competes in four different events in a meet, the high jump, triple jump, 200 meter dash and anchoring the 800 meter relay.

Along with Rodney in the 800 meter relay is Anthony Smith, Edwin Brown, and Bobby Garrison who Coach Maeby is looking to break the current M.S.A. record of 1:29.1 set by Mervo in 1978.

"We have already matched the record this season so with a little luck and speed we should do it," said Maeby.

One surprise this season for Poly has been senior Bobby Garrison who is in his first year on the track team and has plenty of "raw talent". Garrison runs in the 400 and 200 meter races and does the high jump. A 6'3" center on the basketball team he uses his great leaping ability which has helped him in the high jump.

Another strong area for the Engineer's is Ernest Barber in the shot putt and Robert Bruce in the discus who has thrown it 137 feet hoping to break the MSA record set and held by alumnus Stephen Rohren in 1966 with a 155 ft. 9½ in. throw.

An early season injure has slowed the speed of sprinter Darryl Godwin in the 100 meter dash but he has come a long way in a few meets posting a time of 11.2.

The Poly chain does have a few weak links said Coach Maeby.

"Our distance team is not as strong as it should be and neither is our pole vault unit" said Maeby. "But I believe that our spirit and determination as well as being in good physical shape helps coverup the weak spots."

Being in good physical shape and condition play an important role in Coach Maeby's program which he believes gets the third and fourth places which also help win meets.

The Poly track team will face the meet of the season starting today(Friday) with a meet against Northwestern and Mt. St. Joe next Friday. In between will be Friendly High School in Montgomery County a state track power.

"To win it takes hard work and improvement which doesn't come by running easy teams" said the Poly Coach Maeby.

"The kids need to know what it is to work hard to win and we can do it this season."

POLY TRACKMEN Edwin Brown and Anthony Smith of the 800 meter relay team practice on baton passing drills.

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Sports Schedule

Friday, May 1
Baseball
Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Southwestern at Edmondson
Mervo at Lutheran
Northwestern at Douglass
Forest Park at City
Northern vs. Dunbar at N. Harford Rec.
Lacrosse
Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Southwestern at Mt. St. Joe
Patterson at Gibbons
Northern at Northwestern
Southern vs. Forest Park at Swann Park
Track — Boys
Northwestern at Poly
Dunbar at City
Northern at Carver
Lake Clifton at Southwestern
Douglass at McDonogh
Track — Girls
Western at Lake Clifton
Badminton
Western at Northern
Patterson at City
Mervo vs. Eastern at Northern
Northwestern vs. Edmondson at City

Monday, May 4
Baseball
Poly at Calvert Hall
Patterson at Gibbons
Track — Girls
Western at Northwestern
Softball
Southwestern at Eastern
Patterson at City
Northern at Carver
Mervo at Dunbar
Forest Park at Walbrook
Northwestern at Poly
Edmondson vs. Western at Slentz Field
Southern vs. Lake Clifton at Swann Park

Tuesday May 5
Baseball
Douglass at Lake Clifton
Edmondson at Walbrook
Northern vs. Lutheran at N. Harford Rec.
Eastern at Mt. Carmel
Forest Park vs. Carver at Sloman Field
Mervo vs. City at Herring Run Park
Southern at Southwestern
Track — Boys
—Dunbar at Douglass
Track — Girls
Walbrook at Edmondson
Eastern vs. Forest Park at Kirk Field
Mervo at Patterson
Douglass at Southwestern
Northern at Dunbar
City at Lake Clifton
Tennis
Forest Park at Edmondson
Southwestern at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Northwestern
Northern vs. Lutheran at Clifton Park
Southern vs. Carver at Carroll Park
Eastern at Mervo
—Poly at Mt. St. Joe

Unseld in walk

Former captain and the new vice president of the Bullets, Wes Unseld, will be among the many walkers who will participate in the Walk Celebration 81- a local salute to Israel's 33rd anniversary on Sunday, May 3 on the Ellipse.

The sponsor of the event is the United Jewish Appeal Federation. The walk is 10 miles and a lucky walker will win a trip to Israel. The proceeds will support programs for Israel's youngsters, elderly, handicapped, and new immigrants.

Other members of the Washington Bullets participating in the walk are Kevin Grevey, Kevin Porter, Mitch Kupchak and Washington Capitol's Jean Pronovost.

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Hettleman sentenced in illegal sex case

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Hettleman given one year probation

By Pam Widgeon
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The state's Secretary of Human Resources, Kalman R. (Buzzy) Hettleman, told District Court Judge Joseph Ciolota, "An adult woman performed an oral sex act on me."

Judge Ciolota imposed a sentence of unsupervised probation for one year and ordered Hettleman to use his expertise and volunteer his service for the next year to develop a program to alleviate lead paint poisoning where children are involved.

Hettleman, 45, told the court, "Although I rarely drink even socially, last night (April 8) I drank very heavily and I lost control of my actions. What happened was an isolated incident and words cannot express the regret and deep anguish I feel for the pain I have caused my family and others."

Hettleman and Ms. Deborah Elizabeth Foster, 32, were found guilty of committing an illegal sex act in a car on April 8 in a downtown parking lot in the 300 block of Davis Street.

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"DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAME TO DO, but 19-month-old Albert Harris definitely had ideas of his own at city's Flower Mart this week. Whatever it was he saw in the sand was not quite enough, by the way, to make him lose hold on balloon.

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Billingsley denies probe by special prosecutor

By Portia E. Badham
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Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State University has refuted published reports that the special state prosecutor's office is conducting an investigation into the possible misuse of school funds.

Billingsley, responding to an article, which appeared in the Evening Sun this week stating that the special prosecutor Gerald Glass has agreed to conduct an investigation, said it was an attempt to "sabotage the fund-raising campaign of the university."

Billingsley said, "Neither the administration of the university, nor the regents, nor the attorney general's office has been informed of an investigation by the special prosecutor's office."

Jerry Ruter, who is handling the case in the special prosecutor's office, said the office received complaints from some individuals in recent weeks who supported their allegations with documentation.

"We looked at the documents and analyzed them. But we didn't request or subpoena other records. At the same time, we learned that the attorney general's office was in the process of doing an audit.

"We decided to turn over all our information to them," said Ruter.

He said that his office would not take any action until the attorney general's office had concluded its audit which is expected to be completed by mid-summer.

"I'm not concerned about mismanagement. I don't care about any of the school's problems. I'm only concerned about criminal activity," said Ruter.

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City couple loses Howard Co. land

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

James and Lucy Tyler, the elderly black couple who fought to retain ownership of their Howard County land last week lost that battle, and plan now to take the case to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

The Tylers, assisted by friends, are in the process of raising funds for the expensive appeal process.

The decision was rendered by Circuit Court Judge Bruce Williams, who recently ruled in the Spiro Agnew kickback trial.

In his statement, Judge Williams said that the Tylers had been mislead in bringing the case to court, and ruled that they no longer had any rights to the land which was bought in 1872 by Tyler's grandparents and willed to the Tylers in 1976 by Tyler's mother, Carrie Howard Tyler.

The decision was a bitter blow to the old couple, who maintained throughout questioning that they never wanted to sell their land, despite testimony by their former attorney and personal representative, Charles Reese, to the contrary.

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CONTEST WINNER — Miss Amy Elizabeth Keys is the new Miss Baltimore's Best. The 24 - year - old beauty was crowned during ceremonies held May 3 at the Hilton. Miss Keys is a cum laude graduate of Bowie State College with a bachelor's degree in biology.

International theater festival

Local group urges boycott of South African theatre troupe here

By Ida Peters

The Henry McNeil Turner Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Anthony W. Robinson, local attorney and co-chairman, met Monday night at the church and with more than 50 persons present voted to ask the Baltimore International Theatre Festival to resend the invitation to the Baxter Theatre of South Africa.

Tuesday's AFRO reported that over the weekend, the group who was planning to boycott the Baxter Theatre had investigated and the Rev. John Bryant issued a statement encouraging support.

However, the Rev. John Bryant, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church told the AFRO that his statements were not based on all the facts and that at the meeting further information was presented to give them better perspective.

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Prince Georges Co. murder suspect still sought

By Pam Widgeon
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The FBI has joined in the search for Ronald Q. Ellis, 34, who allegedly killed his wife, two daughters and three friends May 2 at his suburban ranch style Prince Georges County home.

Police said Ellis is believed to be armed with a pistol and shotgun and extremely dangerous.

The FBI has issued a warrant charging Ellis with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution after he was last seen in Chicago, where he allegedly took a woman and her son as hostages from Prince Georges County.

Mrs. Ellis was found inside the front door of her home. Police report the other five victims were found in a rear bedroom lying on top of each other. Dead are Janet Jackson, 31; Monica Ellis, 4; Tammy Ellis, 12; Tyronne Jackson, 10 and Ms. Sherry V. Robinson.

Police believe Ellis might be headed for Canada and have warned officers in Ottawa and Toronto to be on the look out for him.

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Groundbreaking held for St. Martin de Porres rental units

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Groundbreaking services were held for the conversion of the old St. Martin de Porres School building into rental units for inner city residents, that will, for the most part, be managed and maintained by the residents.

The ceremonies, which had to be moved inside because of a steady drizzle outside, marked the end of a nearly year-long planning operation by members of the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, Inc., and Johnston Square residents in their constant battle to end the housing shortage in Baltimore city.

In an interview with the AFRO last year, Ralph Moore, director of the Johnston Square St. Ambrose Housing office, said that there were literally thousands of inner city residents on waiting lists for Section 8 housing in Baltimore.

This move, to convert the old school into rental housing, marks an answer to that problem, he said.

George Bur, a St. Ambrose employee, said funding for the project came from several sources: an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) of $146,144; funds raised by the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center itself; nearly $200,000 in private funds; a Maryland Housing Rehabilitation loan for $190,000, and $53,000 from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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TO BE CONVERTED — Old St. Martin de Porres School will be converted to 12 rental units for inner city families.

(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Will save $$$?

Cutback on regions, senior teachers, part of master plan

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

School officials, in efforts to tighten the belt and meet fiscal restraints, are considering reducing the school regions from six to four and eliminating the senior teacher positions.

Dr. John Crew, school superintendent, made the recommendations at last week's school board meeting.

"Due to budgetary constraints, declining enrollment, and a mandate to ensure efficiency of services, I have carefully studied the reduction of the regions from six to four," said Crew.

Under the plan, each region would house between 42 and 45 schools and the average pupil enrollment for each region would be approximately 30,000.

In 1974 the schools were regionalized into nine regions, each with a regional superintendent. By 1977, school officials had cut the regions by one.

When school officials began to feel the crunch of a steady declingin enrollment, they reduced the regions again in 1979 by two.

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City to close some recreation centers; budget blamed

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

As many as twelve recreation centers throughout the city may be closed by the Department of Recreation and Parks as part of their cost-cutting measures for the 1982 fiscal year, which begins in July.

Decisions on which centers to close will be announced on June 1, but one center, located in the Rutland Elementary school, already is slated for extinction. Accordong to Richard Przybylowski, a press officer with the department, the center will be closed because the school itself will be shut down next year. He said that the operation will be transferred to the Collington Recreation Center, located at Patterson Park And Hoffman Sts.

"Nothing is definite on any other centers right now," said Przybylowski, who added that those centers named in earlier news stories, such as the Johnston Square facility, may not be closed.

He said that recommendations will be made to the department admministration by the district supervisor of each of the recreation districts.

He said that different criteria will be used to determine which centers will be closed.

"The district supervisors will have to assess the centers on terms of usage, availibility, cost-effectiveness and visibility in the neighborhood," he said. Przybylowski added that, in cases where two centers, are close, the programs of one center may be moved to the other.

He stated that no employees would be fired, but instead they will be transferred to other centers.

The decision to close some of the centers was made after the department found out that it would not receive an increase in its budget. Since $2 million in raises and salary increases was appropriated by the department earlier, the raises will have to be absorbed through the closings. Przybylowski said that some of the centers may be forced to charge a fee for certain programs, but that the fee will be based on each individual center's needs.

"Most assuredly they will be paying something, but some can't pay what other centers can pay. There will be a fee appropriate for that area and that program," he said.

Community input in the decisions concerning which centers to close is welcomed, he said, and residents can register their protests by contacting their center's recreation councils.