US Secretary Pierce liked what he saw in Baltimore

US SECRETARY SAMUEL PIERCE, head of the nation's Department of Housing and Urban Development was given the Grand Tour of Baltimore Tuesday and registered great approval and promised funds to continue renovation. In photos by Glasco Ryales are (L to R) Secretary Pierce and E. Barbara Wiggins, human resource consultant and project director, City Venture Corp.; Baltimore Housing commissioner M. Jay Brodie and Pierce; Mayor Schaefer and Quentin Lawson, his assistant, official hosts; Mayor Schaefer proud of praises Pierce said he has received across the nation and, Secretary Pierce presented announcement of the AFRO's coming 90th Year Edition by City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver and Congresswoman Marjorie S. Holt (R - 4th) who joined Pierce and Schaefer in praises for Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's influence and that of the Congressional Black Caucus in getting financing for the Park Heights area.

Treasured Civil Rights awards

COVETED AWARDS OF THE MARYLAND SPECIAL INAUGURAL COMMITTEE were extended by the president and vice president Attorney Richard V. Johnson, Mrs. Louise Johnson shown here with honoree Franklin Perdue of Perdue Farms, Salisbury; Tony Robinson, City Councilman Norman Reeves, Rev. St. George Crosse, Ned Graham shown with his guests Yvonne Wilder, Vestillia Gore, Pearl Elmore, Hessie Mitchell, Benjamin Mitchell, Joseph Wilkins, Helen Graham, Herbert Sledge, Gussie Harris, all members of the Greater Northwest Community Coalition with Graham as president.

OTHERS OF THE 100 recipients are Dr. Darryl Gray, Dr. John Crew, Alan Quille, Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, Denise Simon who received for Elaine Simon, Md. Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, Del. Margaret Mitchell, co - chairman; Dr. Leo Pickett, Deputy Commissioner Bishop Robinson, Jack Hunter, Mrs. Beck receiving for Del. Larry Beck, Del. Walter R. Dean, Hospitality Chairman.

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MORE HONOREES — Leonard Blackshear receiving for Sen. Aris T. Allen; Del. John Douglass, Ned Graham, City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Dr. Harvey Webb, NW High ROTC representative; Dr. N. Louise Young, Ben Mason, Jerry Lymas, Suzanne McCarren, Franklin Perdue, Dr. Elizabeth M. Oliver and Douglas B. Sands.

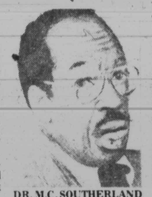
Southerland indicted

ROANOKE - The former president of the defunct Virginia College and the school's former financial aid director were indicted on charges of fraud by a federal grand jury Monday.

Dr. M.C. Southerland, 65, 596 Peaksville Drive, Lynchburg, and Janice Moore, 36, formerly of Lynchburgh, now of Cleveland, Ohio, were charged with conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1976 to 1978.

Southerland and Ms. Moore could not be reached for comment.

The nine-count indictment was handed down on the last day that action could have been taken by this grand jury, which was impaneled last August.



DR. M.C. SOUTHERLAND accused of fraud

The indictment charges the two misapplied $73,296 in HEW funds, and manipulated the books and records of the Virginia College to their own benefit by disguising and concealing the true income and expenditures of the school.

According to court documents attached to the 15-paged indictment, from 1976 t 1975 to 1978, Virginia College received $678,173 in students financial aid funds, and spent $599,947 for student aid programs. Of the federal money received by the school, only $4,929 was left in trust accounts, leaving $73,296 unaccounted for.

Southerland and Ms. Moore allegedly helped each other in making

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Coming Soon

Coming in story and photos is the brilliant final event of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives convention held in Baltimore recently. Police Chief Atkins Warren of Gainesville, Fla. was elected president along with other officers from across the nation.

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Marylanders get break on Medicaid

Instead of suffering a $10 million loss in Medicaid funding this year, Maryland will only lose $2.8 in federal funding, and most of that is expected to come in the area of administrative as opposed to patient care services.

The break for Maryland came partially as the result of an amendment introduced by Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and partially because of proof by the state that it has contained costs and controlled fraud within the Medicaid system over a period of time.

According to Ginny Friedlander, press spokesman for Mikulski, the Congresswoman introduced an amendment to a bill proposed in Congress which allowed for block grants to be granted in four different areas of health care.

Under the Mikulski amendment, the state was to receive only 3 percent less in federal aid this year, followed by a 4 percent reduction the next year, and 4.4 percent the following year.

Because Maryland had contained its costs, it was already eligible to have the 75 percent cap on Medicaid proposed by the Reagan administration removed. A House subcommittee on health, presented with the Mikulski amendment and also with proof of the state's efforts to contain costs and fraud, approved the measure.

It now passed to the full House for approval.

Friedlander explained that for states which have not contained costs in Medicaid funding, the federal slashes are not going to prove to be as devastating as they would for a state that has been more careful.

"A 5 percent reduction in federal funds for a state like Maryland that has contained costs would be much more serious than it would be for a state that had overspent itself anyway," Friedlander said.

With the approval of the Mikulski amendment, Maryland will actually receive close to what it got last year, she said.

Friedlander also said that one-third of the block-grant money received will go directly to the city, and then to agencies which provide maternal and child care. That area of health provision was one of the four subdivisions slated for assistance by the health subcommittee.

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Never any 'old' warrant against Edward Butler

Ryales Photo

EDWARD R. BUTLER, successful businessman, stands in front of one of his establishments at Park Circle. He has earned a masters degree from Loyola College. He is now an assistant basketball coach there. He was a basketball star and at that time was nicknamed "Slim."

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

There never was any "old" warrant outstanding for Edward "Slim" Butler, the successful young businessman. Nor, was there any new warrant.

In fact, police determined that the "old" warrant for whomever it may have been, had been satisfied in court. The person had served his time and was free. That person accused of assault with an iron pipe in 1973 was not Edward M. Butler.

Police reports showed the above facts within a short time after Mr. Butler was detained at Central Station last Thursday and he was released the same afternoon.

Therefore, all is well that ends well.

This corrects police reports that left Mr. Butler dangling with the public impression that he had been charged with an "old" crime.

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State's black colleges being short-changed!

Prof's, community leader tell law-makers the facts

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Black colleges are not receiving their fair share of the disbursement of state funds in comparison to other white institutions, according to several educational and community leaders.

The educational and community leaders were invited to speak this week in Annapolis before the House Appropriations' Subcommittee on Education which is examining the higher education system.

Nancy K. Kopp, D-Montgomery Co., who chairs the committee said the panel is trying to "synthesize and redefine what the major problems and oppositions are in higher education."

She said she hopes to complete the information gathering process by early September so the committee can prepare recommendations that could result in legislation for the 1982 General Assembly.

Among the areas the committee is reviewing is the reorganization of the state higher education system which has been recommended by the State Board for higher education.

Specifically, the board had recommended that Morgan State University be merged with the University of Maryland to eliminate duplication of programs. That suggestion met with strong opposition from the black community but has never been totally resolved.

There has also been discussion of closing the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus and phasing the students into Morgan. This, however is another issue that has never been resolved.

Cynthia Harvey, president of Morgan's Faculty-Senate, criticized the state for the racial balance in its predominantly-white colleges and universities.

She pointed out that "except for Bowie, Coppin, UMES and Morgan, blacks are almost excluded from the management of higher education."

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Foul play at U.S. Naval Academy

Black middie gets sacked for fighting

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Immediately after learning he would face expulsion from the U.S. Naval Academy for "general disciplinary problems" Donnell Green was approached by his company officer.

"Don't worry," he was told. The officer was going to get him permission to participate in the upcoming fencing finals, despite the fact that he had just been given 200 demerits and, technically, was not supposed to compete in anything.

"Go out and win some gold for the Navy," Green was told, again reassured not to worry. "If you do well, it will be noticed."

Whether or not it has been "noticed" is questionable at this point. Green faces a three year stint in the U.S. Marine Corps as an enlisted man following his expulsion from the Academy with 425 demerits, nearly 300 over what is allowed for any senior midshipman in order to graduate.

The incident which thrust Green into his present predicament was apparently a fight he had with his white roommate, a man who Green still says he thinks highly of, and who was a good enough friend to have been invited to participate in Green's wedding.

The two men were talking about "a lot of things" on the evening of the incident, Green recalled, including what makes a good officer.

The conversation managed to get heated as the two of them bantered back and forth on who was more a manager, and who was more an officer. According to Green, his roommate, William Peacock, went for a small knife. Green countered by going for a pair of scissors.

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White midshipman reinstated after manslaughter conviction

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

On the same day that Midshipman Donnell Green charged the Naval Academy with racial discrimination, another midshipman who had been court - martialed received a repreive from the superintendent of the Academy.

Midshipman Micheal Olmstead, who had been court - martialed and dismissed from the Academy after being found guilty of manslaughter in the automobile death of a fellow classmate, was reinstated by Vice Admiral William Lawrence and given four months probation.

Meanwhile, Green is seeking his commission and reinstatement through civil court.

But, according to Dennis Boxx, public information officer for the Academy, there is no connection between the two cases.

His record at the academy was exemplary in every other way both before and after the accident.

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NAACP stages rallies in Denton, Annapolis for slain blacks

Denton

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

About 100 persons marched and rallied in Annapolis Wednesday night to protest the shooting death of a 48-year-old Annapolis man, killed July 20 by an Anne Arundel County police officer.

Thursday, an FBI spokesman said he was awaiting the results of the Anne Arundel County jury investigation to complete the FBI's own investigation into the shooting death of Leroy Perry.

Anne Arundel County NAACP president, Dr. Jean Creek, said the march began at about 7 p.m. at the county courthouse and ended at the First Baptist Church on Washington Street.

Most of the persons present were in agreement that something "needs to be done about (Anne Arundel County) police enforcement powers," she said.

Perry's death sparked this particular protest, but community leaders said they have been concerned about police actions in the past. Perry was stopped by Officer David Hodge, 27, along the Ritchie Highway near Annapolis when the shooting occurred. Hodge claimed self defense in the incident.

He has since been reassigned to another job within the police department, one with little public contact, police said.

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Annapolis

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

NAACP branches of four Eastern Shore counties have formed a 10-member task force to press for what they call justice in the sentencing of a white youth convicted of killing a black classmate.

Clayton Robinson, 17, was convicted of manslaughter last month for the brutal shooting death of Leonard Pope, a classmate. Pope's bullet-ridden body was found in a shallow ditch near the Denton high school they both attended after a female classmate whom Robinson had allegedly told of plans to shoot Pope, alerted school officials.

Robinson was arrested the same day.

A four-day trial held in Denton last month resulted in the manslaughter conviction for Robinson, who told the all-white jury that he had shot Pope out of fear and self-defense. Sentencing is set for September 8 in Denton.

Dr. Emmett Burns, however, as well as other NAACP officials, told the AFRO that they are afraid justice will not be done in the sentencing of Robinson.

The task force, he said, will attempt to apply pressure on the justice system to assure that justice be done.

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Angels warn of imposters

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

The Guardian Angels apparently are right in the middle of a sudden outbreak of imposter fever as they find themselves being either copied or beaten by different imposter groups.

Two members of the Angels' Philadelphia chapter said this week they have received reports that a group of men are roaming Baltimore City streets soliciting cash funds and approaching women.

Angels' founder, Curtis Sliwa, a former manager of a New York City McDonald's restaurant, told Washington, D. C. police Tuesday he was assaulted near the Washington Monument by a group of men claiming to be police officers.

Sliwa, 26, and a small band of Philadelphia Angels first arrived in Baltimore July 10 to announce plans to form a Baltimore chapter of the anti-crime patrol group.

He later returned to New York, but left the Baltimore chapter organizing efforts in the hands of Tony Lighty, leader of the Philadelphia Angels, Sam Cole and Ike Jackson.

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Mrs. AFRO of the week

CHARMING is the word for this week's Mrs. AFRO, Mrs. Elsie Griffin who has passed the age of 90 years. The AFRO will catch up with Mrs. Griffin when, after Aug. 13, it begins its 90th year of publication. The lady's secret of her long life will be told along with other features in the coming Special AFRO 90th Year Edition. Who else is 89 or going on 90? Let us hear from you. Write AFRO Special 90th Year Edition, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21202.

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