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Bridgettes celebrate 36th with gala luncheon

The Morgan State University Bridgettes founded in September, 1945 for the purpose of providing social outlet for professor's wives and other university women with interest in contract bridge celebrated their 36th anniversary with a luncheon at Blue Crest North, Saturday.

Presiding over the reminiscing was Dr. Thelma Bando, (former Dean) the one and only president the group has had, in a beige suede suit flashing a long stemmed yellow rose which also identified the hostesses.

Frances Hill, the one and only vice - president of the group was out and sparkling after a long seige of illness.

Most missed was Beatrice Hurt, treasurer who is ill.

Beulah Davis is treasurer of the group and members are Mesdames Mary Baker, Appye Bell, Althea Cornish, Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Dr. Regina Henry, Beautine Lee, Willie B. Rajama and Dr. Dollie Walker.

As the guests dined on chicken salad on boats of pineapple, Dr. Dedmond regaled the group with minutes of the first meeting and thoughts of 1945 and the founders Thelma Bando, Theresa Brown, Flossie Dedmond and Dollie Walker.

Bridge was the main activity of the afternoon with guests receiving not only the beautiful yellow crysanthmum plants on each dinner table but prizes that ranged from vases to jewelry - you name it, they were beautiful.

Marie Frazer, a member, was about from Orangeburg, S.C. From Washington, Dr. Merze Tate, Mrs. Vivian McBrier, Mesdames Juanita Morgan, Esther Pollard, Yvonne Marie Smith and Mildred Stuart, St. Albans, N.Y.

Other guests were Mesdames Emma Bright, Saretha Greene, Lorraine Greene, Sarah Rayne, Thelma Moore, Sarah Nix, Gloria Phillips, Ida Peters, Mae Peck, Nellie Moore, Katherine Neal, Courtney Valentine, Alma Harris, Hilda Clark;

Mesdames Elizabeth Patterson, Edna Brown, Martha Lancaster, Wilhelmina Cragway, Dorothy Smith, Louise Somerville, Phoebe Goff, Parkey Parker; Ruth White, Flozella Clark, Genevieve Wisner, Cynthia Harvey, Rosalind Hammond, Lola Jones, Esther Ridley, Verda Welcome, Regina Bruce, Muriel Hunter, Alice Parham, Ida Wooten, Louise Lamb, Ruth Johnson;

Also Paulien Watts, Kay Carter, Anethia Williaims, Bernice McDaniels, Vashi Christmas, Mamie Woodford, Catherine Perry, Hermione Weaver, Mable Byrd, Philathia Hall, Mildred Campbell, Carrie Jackson, Rosa Bright, Louise Murphy, B. Prettyman, Edna Johnson, Beatrice Pitts, Dorothy Adkins;

Mesdames Bernice Monroe, Betty Williams, Marion Smith, Ann Clark, Lena Bass, Vivian Pendleton, Harriett Jones, Norma Bracy, Ola Ford, Lydia Mussenden, Sallie Fletcher, Dora Hutchinson, Catherine Adams.

Also, Lillian Berry, Audrey Norris, Shirley Hill, Freddie Lucas, Ada Weaver, Mattie Jackson, Mable Diskins, Adele Holden, Mattie Gardner, Libby Holt, Hermione Jackson.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Perry
Evergreen Protective Assoc. Prexy

Harding, Beulah Darkins, Mary Hurt;

Also, Drs. Ruth Brett Quarles, Virgil Webb, Beryl Williams, Doris Reese, and Pearl Brackett.

MIDTOWN TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS rap with guests during their fabulous 'Annual Fall Classic' affair held Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Greenspring Raquet Club, Falls and Valley Rd.

Evergreen Protective Assoc. marks 30th year

Members of the Evergreen Protective Association, Inc. marked their 30th anniversary in a gala celebration at the beautiful Holiday Inn Downtown.

Robert Ferguson, past president of the association presided. Prayers were offered by the Rev. Leonard Pelton, United Memorial Methodist and the Rev. Alfred Vaughn, Grace Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Vaughn was also one of the speakers, who included The Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Isaiah Dixon, and Walter Dean, delegates for the 4th councilmatic district and Councilman Clarence Burns.

Musical selections were rendered by George Douglass and Evangeline Williams, accompanied by JoeEllen Lofton. Charles Woodford provided the music.

"Danny Boy" was choreographed and danced by Kathy Crosby to the music by Mahalia Jackson.

Past presidents Richard Wills and Elvera Richardson, gave the welcome address and occasion.

Dorothy Brightful, anniversary committee chairperson presented the committees and Charlotte Perry, president, who gave the closing remarks.

On the program committee were Evelyn Alive V. Maynor, Eledith B. Peters, Hazel Jenkins, Helen Cosby, Mary Young, Mamie Woodford.

Souvenir book was by Betty Wilson, Mildred Whidbee, Alice C. Harris. Tickets handled by Mrs. Brightful, Alive Maynor and Jane Hassell, Monies by Edythe Wyatt, Hazel Jenkins with Mrs. Brightful as chairperson.

The Association encompasses more than five hundred residences and approximately fifteen residents, including neighborhoods bounded on the west by Braddish Avenue, Bentalou Street on the east, Calverton Heights on the north and Arunah Avenue on the south and is incorporated and a part of the Rosemont area.

A group of concerned neighbors organized the association for the purpose of promoting good relations and communication and to maintain high residential standards.

Resourceful committees to promote good citizenship, integrate the community into the greater city; keep the community viewed favorably through interchange of ideas of its embers and other interested persons and - or organizations.

The Evergreen Association has sponsored the Baltimore Summer Corps for five years. During this time, many young people experienced the discipline of job responsibilities and the thrill of having their own earnings. Work sites included neighborhood churches and hospitals.

The Association is one of the many neighborhood clubs which serves on the Multi - Purpose Advisory Board for the Rosemont Multi - Purpose Center; volunteers and escorts patients to the Lutheran Chapel on Sunday mornings, helps sponsor Health Fair on the hospital campus and supports the activities of the Lutheran Hospital.

Another project is the West Baltimore Federation, which conducts workshops, voter awareness program, drugs abuse seminars.

It also gives baskets for needy children and awards scholarships to entering college students. Since 1973, more than one hundred youth have been recipients of Evergreen's educational program.

In addition to Mrs. Perry, present officers are Leslie Dyson, vice president. Elvira Richardson, secretary; Edythe Wyatt, treasurer and Evelyn Perry, chaplain.

Past presidents include Thomas Hawkins, Eula Mae Watts, Roland Ganges, Eunice Matthews, Lewis Brown, Ralleigh Dean, Elvera Richardson, Robert Ferguson, Leonard Thompson, Odessa Garrus, William Perry, Marjorie Burkett and Richard Wills.

Youthful Discoers

Three - year olds thru Four - year olds doing their own disco pleasures., The Northwest Community Day Care Center pre - schoolers were ready and did their own fling, recently.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon the pre - schoolers had their morning pleasure before the lessons began at the Skate Land on Liberty Heights Avenue.

It was their morning kick - off and then back to their center for lunch, nap and work.

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COMING EVENTS

VSU presents Arena Players

The Virginia State University Alumni Association (Baltimore Metro Chapter) will present the Arena Players in "It's So Nice to Be Civilized" at the Arena Playhouse, 593 McCulloh St., Saturday, Oct. 31.

Refreshments will be served from 6:30 until 7:30, curtain time.

Donations are $12.

NAACP Unity Banquet

The Baltimore Branch of the NAACP has scheduled the Annual Unity Banquet for Saturday, October 31, 1981 at the Blue Crest North at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Patricia A. Russell, Esquire, Chief of the Complaints Branch, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.

The Unity Banquet serves to bring together people of diverse ages, religious, economic and social backgrounds, and races for an evening of pleasure, information and inspiration.

We are grateful for the support that you have given this organization through the years; and we are again asking for your assistance in this effort.

It is through your generosity that the NAACP is able to continue activities and programs that benefit each one of us in some manner.

CCB presents Art-Fashion Seminar

Community College of Baltimore, Department of Fine and Applied Arts and the Maryland Educational Opportunity Center presents the First Annual Art and Fashion Seminar, Sunday, Nov. 8, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Harbor Campus Forum (3rd Floor)

Activities include a Winter Fashion Show, CCB Fashion Design Program, Guest Speaker, Ms. Dorothea Agnew, Fashion Editor, Baltimore News American and a Multi - media presentation, special exhibits, opportunity to meet faculty members and local designers, and a tour of the college.

Admission: $3.00 general public; $1.50 with school I.D.

U of B auditions

Readers and dancers are invited to audition for a kaleidoscopic celebration of E. E. Cummings' views on the human experience for the University of Baltimore Theatre.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, November 1, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in UofB's Langsdale Auditorium, Maryland Avenue and Oliver Street.

The program will feature three of E. E. Cummings works in poetry and prose, with interpretative readings and dancing.

For further information about the production, call Assistant Professor Barbara Stupek of the UofB's Communication and Theatre Arts Program, 659 - 3385.

Western High Reunion

The Western High School Class of 1971 is having its 10th year reunion Friday, Nov. 27 at La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie.

For ticket information please contact Ms. Phyllis Atkins at 433 - 6562, Mrs. Desiree UrQuhart Harper at 647 - 1331 or Mrs. Sandy Jones Roberson at 664 - 3930.

Writer's conference

The Middle-Atlantic Writers Association, Inc. (MAWA), which is an organization founded to encourage scholarship and creative writing within the Middle-Atlantic region (New York to North Carolina) by providing publishing outlets and a forum for the exchange of ideas between writers and publishers within and about the region, will hold its 2nd - Annual Conference November 5-7, 1981 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in downtown Baltimore. The theme of the Conference will be "Exploring the Literary Tradition of the Middle-Atlantic Region", and the Conference will feature such noted writers and scholars as: Nick Aaron Ford, Arthur C. Lamb, Eugenia Collier, poet Lucille Clifton, Sonia Sanchez, political activist Samuel Yette, novelist John O. Killens, recent novelist from Baltimore Kip Branch, as well as several other outstanding writers and scholars.

In addition to critical papers, poetry and fiction reading, workshops and dialogues with authors, the Conference will feature a theatre-at-the-lectern performance of Waters Turpin's play "Let the Day Perish", a symposium on Baltimore Author Waters Turpin, a performance by the Morgan State University Singer, and a "Writers and Publishers Emporium", where well-known and little-known authors can display and sell their works. At the Friday night Banquet of the Conference, the Middle-Atlantic Writers Association Distinguished Writer Award will be given to Lucille Clifton and posthumously to Waters Turpin.

For further information on the Conference, call 444-3165 or 426-2724.

Poet Lucille Clifton

The late Waters Turpin

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There was lots of action of many variation to suit everyone's taste, and I guess I lagged until the last possible minute, sorry when the vening was over.

The purpose of the affair was to benefit the Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapters's scholarship fund, which gives to deserving high school and college students monies to assist with their education.

The evening was a winner and should do much to swell the coffers of the fund and aid in helping many students.

Chairpersons for the affair were Joe Woodfolk, Bob Nelson and Mahlon Carrington.

Father Maurice Blackwell was public relations chair. Chapter president is James Eldridge.

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Perry family disappointed after cop's acquittal

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

The acquital of a white Anne Arundel County police officer of manslaughter charges in the shooting death of 48-year-old Leroy Perry, has left members of Perry's family upset, disappointed and fearful as the ordeal takes its toll.

The officer who was acquitted, David R. Hodge,27, was reinstated on the police force, but in a non-patrol assignment, the same day an all-white Garrett County jury cleared him of any wrong doing in Perry's death on Oct. 23.

Perry, described as a family man and the father of four, was shot, twice in the chest, on July 20. Hodge told police he pulled Perry over for suspected drunk driving.

At his trial, Hodge testified he shot Perry after Perry attacked him with what appeared to be an icepick. The object in Perry's hand was a screwdriver, which Perry's family claimed he used to open his car trunk, where Perry stored his motor vehicle registration papers.

Jack Rayhart, an Anne Arundel County Police spokesman, told the AFRO even though Hodge has been reinstated, he will not be working as a police officer for awhile.

"He's not working as a result of the recoccurance of a previous work-related injury. When his doctors say he can come back, he will be assigned to non-patrol duties," Rayhart said.

According to Lillie Chase, Perry's mother-in-law, Hodge should not even be a police officer. She told the AFRO because of the incident involving her son-in-law, a lot of fear exists in the "hearts and minds of people" about Hodge.

"I don't think he should be a policeman. We want somebody who is going to protect us, that we can call on," she said.

Mrs. Chase said she does not read newspaper accounts of Perry's death and related incidences. She and other family members were "disappointed, very disappointed" about Hodge's acquital.

"I don't read the papers, I get too upset. I see what a toll it has put on my daughter and her family. It really upsets me when I talk about it," Mrs. Chase said.

Her voice cracked as she spoke with a reporter during a telephone interview. The incident left her asking many questions which apparently were not answered even though several police investigations, a grand jury hearing and a Garrett County trial revolved around Perry's shooting death.

Mrs. Chase wondered aloud why the two men did not communicate before the shooting. Why was Perry shot twice and why after the shooting did Hodge quickly obtain a lawyer and had the trial moved to a county with "no black representation."

"Knowing my son-in-law, he wasn't given a chance. Why did he (Hodge) have to shoot him right away? If he was an officer and well-trained, why didn't he communicate with Leroy ... like they say, 'Halt!'" she asked.

Perry worked in Baltimore as a stationary engineer for about four months before his death, he was an energetic man, Mrs. Chase said, but he dreaded the long drive to Baltimore everyday.

The day before he was killed, Perry drove his old, battered car to Mrs. Chase's home to repair her washing machine. She said Perry was known to his Annapolis neighbors as "Mr. Fix-it" because he often repaired their appliances, also.

Mrs. Chase said she remembers joking with Perry about his old car and asked him about "driving a piece of junk." With all of his expertise with tools, why didn't he fix his car trunk which "nobody in the family could open but him," she said.

—Eastsiders

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Greenmount and Madison, one of two prisons in the area.The second, the Maryland State Penitenary is located at Forrest and Greenmount.

A second objection to the proposed prisons is its proximity to the dividing line separating the Johnston Square and Oldtown Urban Renewal areas, which also is just two and one-half blocks away from Johnston Square School No. 16, in the 1100 block of Valley Street.

Ms. Ross also questioned the wisdom of placing a 250-bed, maximum security prison next door to the La Trobe Housing development which has a population of more than 2,300 people.

Chester, voiced their disapproval.

At an Oct. 22 meeting, Ms. Ross said about 60 residents and concerned citizens, including State Senator Robert Douglass and Delegates Hattie Harrison and Joseph Jean Feldman, a La Trobe resident, is not a member of Ms. Ros Ross' group,but she is vocal in her opposition of the proposed prisons. She told the AFRO she fears for the safety of her children and her neighbors' children.

"We all have small kids around here. I don't want this for my kids," she said.

Mrs. Feldman said she fears such things as prisoner escapes because the La Trobe Prison, to be constructed on Greenmount Ave. near Homewood Ave., is "just a half a block away" from her home in the 800 block of Homewood.

"I can sit at my back window and look at it. It's right in my mouth. Enough is enough," she said.

She said she plans to work with her neighbors, who are equally upset about the plan.

Housing unit gets cool reception in Wilson Park

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Charles McDaniels is upset. Not so much over the plans to locate mutual housing in his Wilson Park community but over reports that his neighborhood, one of the oldest black areas in the city, is split over the newly proposed project.

The project calls for 150 townhouses built at the corner of Cold Spring Lane and The Alameda. Unlike cooperatives or condominiums where residents buy the property, mutual housing allows the dweller to become a member of the association and be guaranteed continued occupancy in that unit and have management say-so.

The mutual housing concept, first tried in Western Europe, is new to the United States and the Wilson Park Porject would be the first in the country.

Thomas Adams, project coordinator for Neighborhood Housing Services, the group spearheading the proposal, stated that mutual housing in Europe has had a good tract record.

"We want to provide the stability and quality that is associated with home ownership but not with the same finances," said Adams.

But, McDaniels stated, "People are under the concept they will own something. They will not own anything nor will they ever own anything.

"It's deception to tell them this falls between a cooperative and condominium. This does not have one iota of ownership."

McDaniels, a resident of the Wilson Park community for more than 60 years and former president of the Wilson Park Improvement Association, says the neighborhood is not split over the project. "There's 90 to 100 percent opposition to this," he said.

"We're not opposed to the development of a project that will offer home ownership. But we are opposed to a project that will bring transient people into the neighborhood.

McDaniels denied charges that his community, considered middle class, objected to the possibility of low-income people moving in.

"The community's objection is not to keep out poor people. What poor people will be able to afford the $2,000 required to become a member?" questioned Daniels. "We just want to keep this community stable."

McDaniels said his group would try to encourage the City Council, which is now considering the proposal, not to vote for it.

Adams stated he could understand the community's opposition to the project "I can undestand the nature of their fear. This is something new and never tried before.

"These units should not be compared to other apartment complexes in the area. We're building townhouses that offer people quality," Adams said.

He added, "I don't like to be the bearer of bad tidings but homeownership is becoming more and more elusive. We're trying to find attractive alternatives.

The Neighborhood Housing Services of Govans will oversee the project. One, two and three-bedroom units will average from $250 to $350 a month. Potential occupants must pay five percent of the unit cost which is $2,000. This amount allows them to become a member of the association, which is the actual owner of the property.

Adams pointed out that residents will not own the unit but will be guaranteed the right to the unit and can pass it on to other family members. They will also earn interest on the $2,000 that is returnable if they move.

U of M deseg plan panned

It's back to the drawing board for officials at the University Of Maryland who were told this week that the school's desegregation plans were unacceptable.

Word came from the State Board for Higher Education, which told University of Maryland officials that they are deficient in attracting and keeping black students.

University of Maryland President Dr. John Toll told the AFRO he had not seen the board's report and could not comment on the plan. Two weeks ago, Toll met with various alumni representatives from the black colleges and universities around the state and assured them that the minority affairs and affirmative action at the institution would be carried out.

But, J. Harrison Ager, who heads the board's task force that devised the desegregation goals last year, said, "Dr. Toll is a great talker. He's trying to sell his university but there's more words than action.

Ager pinpointed the major problem to be that of retention. "The general attitude is that they get the students there and then don't involve them in activities to keep them there."

He stated that he did not feel the drop-out rate at the university, which was 24 percent of the freshman class this year, could be attributed to black students opting to attend black institutions.

"We have not seen the kind of increased enrollments at black institutions to indicate that Students are dropping out and not going anywhere. For one thing, there's an uncertainty about the PELL grants," he said. PELL grants, similar to basic opportunity grants, which provide financial assistance to students, will be cut drastically by the Reagan budget.

Ager said the university has not been given a deadline to submit a revised plan but he expects to receive the revisions within the next few weeks.

He also said the state board was in "limbo" in dealing with its own desegregation plan that must be submitted to the Office of Civil Rights.

"In order for us to conform to the subscribed criteria, we would have to close three to four black institutions because there's not enough black students to go around.

"But this would not be good for the state or the students."

Man of Year banquet set

The third annual Man of the Year dinner will be held Nov. 9, 6:30p.m. at Martin's West. This year, honorees are two men who have earned wide recognition in the Baltimore Community for their contributions to community endeavors.

They are Bernard Marzilli and Allen Quille. Both men were chosen because of the charitable involvements with the community, but more so for the many good deeds both men performed without any recognition.

St. Frances Academy, 131 years old, is located at Biddle Street and Brentwood Avenue in the Johnston Square area of East Baltimore.

The 180 student parochial school has undergone extensive rehabilitation in phases one and two of the renovations, code named "greening of a ghetto."

Still to be completed are installation of on campus athletic facilities, renovation of the gymnasium and physical improvements of the campus.

Todate, improvements in the St. Frances complex give the appearance of an oasis in the middle of Johnston Square, where signs of abandement and isolation about in the shadow of the City Jail and the Maryland Penitentiary.

Sister Reginald Gerdes, project director said the new facilities will not only benefit the students, who will receive a well rounded academic and athletic three years at St. Frances but will enrich educational and recreational opportunities for underprivileged children, regardless of their religious faith.

The Oblate Sistes of Providence, the oldest black nun order in America, have launched the final phase of their extensive renovations of the nation's oldest black Catholic high school.

Adults of the Johnston Square community will also have better facilities to plan and stage programmed projects beneficial to all residents of the area, according to Sister Gerdes.

The school, which places strong emphasis on scholarship and moral leadership, had fallen into serious disrepair until a few years ago.

That's when the fund raising drive to rehabilitate the academy was directed by Allen Quille. Stressing the point that St. Frances is an integral part of the indigenous community, Sister Reginald said the students and faculty often stage programs for inmates of the near-by prison institutions.

She added that when the restoration project it completed, the school will be able to expand its services not only to the students but to the total community as well.

Unemployment rate continues to rise

BALTIMORE — Unemployment rates in Maryland increased from 5.9 percent in 1979 to 6.4 percent in 1980 and blacks suffered from a rate about two times higher than whites, the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics said today.

Unemployment averaged 7.4 percent in the Baltimore metropolitan area during 1980, about the same level as in 1979, said Alvin I. Margulis, Regional Commissioner.

The jobless rate for blacks declined from 16.6 percent in 1979 to 12.8 percent in 1980, but remained more than twice that for whites.

Margulis said last year's unemployment rate in Baltimore was 11 percent and the black rate declined but still was about double the rate for whites.

The five-county Baltimore metropolitan area rate of 7.4 percent was higher than in 23 of the 35 large metropolitan areas studied, he said.

Both black and white rates, 12.8 percent and 6.8 percent respectively, were about the same as the national average. Margulis said on the average, 48,000 whites and 32,000 blacks were out of work in the Baltimore area last year.

The figure also showed unemployment rates among adult and teenage workers in the metropolitan area, 18.7 percent of 16 - 19 years olds of both sexes were unemployed last year, while 6.3 percent of both sexes aged 20 and older were unemployed.

In the recession year of 1975, the United States and the Baltimore metropolitan area had unemployment rates of 8.5 percent and 8.1 percent respectively.

However, since that time the metropolitan area has had a higher rate each year. Baltimore city had a 10 percent unemployment rate in 1975 and since that time the city's rate has never dropped below 10.3 percent.

Brockridge 'escape' charges dropped

JESSUP, MD. — Escape charges have been dropped against 20 inmates at Brock Bridge Correctional Institution who were indicted following an investigation of the state's pre-release system, court records showed Tuesday.

The ruling by Supreme Bench Judge Robert M. Bell ended a flap that began last March when 29 prisoners in educational and work release activities outside the institution were arrested for escape.

Last August, Bell dropped escape charges against the other nine inmates in the program.

In his opinion, Bell said the state did not prove any of the 29 prisoners escaped. He said that while they allegedly failed to attend classes or work details, they always returned to the penitentiary at the end of

Dr. Edelin coordinates urban needs program

Dr. Ramona Edelin, vice president for operations for the National Urban Coalition, has been given responsibility for coordinating the Coalition's three-year program for attacking the basic problems facing poor, minority and working class residents of urban areas in a time of budget cuts and changing policy, Coalition president M. Carl Holman has announced.

Dr. Edelin joined the Coalition staff in 1977 after an outstanding career as activist, scholar and academic administrator. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Fisk University, Dr. Edelin did undergraduate work at Harvard, earned an M.A. degree in Philosophy at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, and was awarded the Ph.D. in philosophy at Boston University.

Prior to joining the Coalition, Dr. Edelin was founder and chairperson of the Department of African - American Studies at Northeastern University in Boston.

DR. RAMONA EDELIN

Local college draws on business community to form board

Loyola College in Maryland has established a Board of Sponsors for its School of Business and Management. The board will assist the college in promoting the School of Business and Management, advising on matters of program and policy, and strengthening ties between Loyola and the business community.

Eleven business leaders have been appointed to serve on the board of sponsors. They are: Drummond C. Bell, chairman of the board, National Distillers and Chemical Corporation; Archibald T. Fort, a former Loyola trustee Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company; J. Robert Harman, senior vice president, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc.; Charles E. Herget Jr., former chairman of Loyola's Board of Trustees and president of Herget and Company; and Francis X. Knott, president, the

Man threatens NAACP; is charged with assault

FREDERICK, MD. — A man accused of threatening an undercover agent who was posing as the Frederick County NAACP president pleaded guilty to a weapon's charge as part of a plea bargain and was released on bond Tuesday.

The release of Jimmy C. McGrady, 23, of Frederick, prompted a strong denunciation from Lord Nickens, the NAACP president.

"I would like to have streets today and incarcerated for the crimes he committed," Nickens said. "Those were crimes cagainst God and humanity, of which I'm a part of."

Police said they found an unloaded shotgun in McGrady's car during a subsequent search.

Police said they suspected McGrady of making threatening calls to Nickens. The calls sparked an effort by black state troppers to protect NAACP leaders

Va. reapportionment plan slammed

RICHMOND (UPI) — The U.S. Justice Department has rejected — for the second time — a plan for reapportioning Virginia's senate districts on the grounds it would dilute black voting strength in the state's largest city.

In a letter dated Oct. 16, but released Wednesday, U.S. Justice Department officials said new information submitted by the senate hasn't shaken their belief that the Senate plan dilutes the voting strength of Norfolk's blacks, who comprise 35 percent of the city's population.

The Justice Department first rejected the Senate plan — for the same reason — in July. The senate then submitted revised information to the department. That information was never made public.

Senate Majority Leader Hunter Andrews, D-Hampton, said the Senate privileges and elections committee will meet Nov. 10 to consider the next step in the reapportionment situation.

The Justice Department is required to review Virginia's redistricting plans as part of the clearance procedure in the Federal Voting Rights Act. Virginia officials can appeal the decision to the U.S. District Court in Washington.

The problem with the Norfolk district in the senate plan involved the way the line was drawn to split the city into two areas. The line in the current plan is drawn north to south, which the Justice Department and the American Civil Liberties Union believe dilutes black voting strength.

The Justice Department has suggested that drawing the line from east to west could solve the problem. But Senate officials have said that could put two incumbent senators — Stanley Walker and Peter Bagdas — in the same district, or jeopardize the re - election chances of one of them by putting them in a mostly black district.

In rejecting the Senate plan for the second time, William B. Reynolds, an assistant U.S. Attorney General, said: "It still appears that each legitimate governmental interest noted in defense of the proposed plan would in fact be better served by a line which did not divide the black community and dilute its voting strength."

Reynolds also noted that the Norfolk district in the 1981 Senate plan is "strikingly similar" to the district in the 1971 Senate plan, which was criticized by the Justice Department.

Judy Goldberg of the Virginia ACLU hailed the Justice Department decision.