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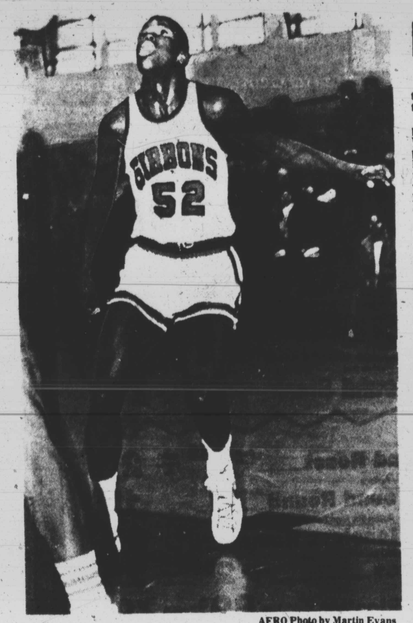

REBOUND BOUND — Gibbons power forward Tim Coles had the right side of the lane to himself as he positioned for a rebound during Wednesday's 63-49 win over Walbrook. Coles had his way with much that he did during the match, scoring on 11 field goals and hitting his only foul shot.

AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

Gibbons tops Walbrook, Coles looks tough

In a game which started on the run and which ended with Cardinal Gibbons holding on to the ball for minutes at a time, host Gibbons beat Walbrook 63-49, Wednesday afternoon.

Gibbons led throughout the contest and at times seemed invincible.

After the game, however, winning coach Ray Mullis held court with a few of the journalists who had come to cover the underrated and poorly attended event.

Mullis' team had just pinned a convincing loss to the Warriors of Walbrook, dominating in virtually every offensive and defensive category. But you might have gotten the impression he was not happy by the way he snapped at the guys who scribble into little pads for a living.

"I'm disappointed in you guys," he said, in the quiet but firm voice many successful coaches possess.

"All we hear is Calvert Hall and Dunbar. There are more than two teams in Baltimore, there are three teams."

Mullis may have gotten his arithmetic a little mixed up but if the way his charges played Wednesday afternoon is any indication, his point is well taken. Cardinal Gibbons, now 25-4 and ranked third by a local daily newspaper, appeared to be head and shoulders above fifth ranked Walbrook, who saw their record drop to 16-6.

Mullis will have the chance to let his team do the talking Friday night: Gibbons will host Calvert Hall at 8 p.m., at UMBC and the game should be worth whatever it takes to get there.

Gibbons sprinted to an early lead and enjoyed a comfortable 22-4 cushion by the end of the first quarter. The margin allowed Gibbons to set its own pace and although they were outscored in two of the three remaining quarters, they never were seriously challenged.

Gibbons was allowed to clear its bench, and as the game drew to a close the official scorer was kept busy checking in the home team's substitutions.

Tim Coles, Gibbons smooth power forward who had a 28 point game last Sunday, had his customary good game together again Wednesday. The big guy, who is drawing all kinds of college recruiting attention, scored 23 points, six in the first quarter.

He also did the little things that never make it into the statisticians' record books but usually spell the difference between winning and being the other guys.

In addition to looking to put the ball up himself, Coles was involved in the patterned offense that provides screens and back-door plays.

The swirling offense makes it harder for a defense to stay matched when playing man-to-man.

It also enables an offense to get the ball inside a zone defense for a layup or a short jumper by bringing a man in from the blind side, allowing him to get position before the defense can react.

Coles was a man in constant motion in the fourth quarter as Gibbons milked the clock: low post left; low post right; out to the wing and back around again.

Like many of the area's Catholic schools, Cardinal Gibbons has a dress code stressing neatness and requiring a subtle way of establishing a sense of mental discipline.

Coles, who exemplifies many of the qualities of his teammates, said the discipline has made a difference for him.

"Discipline gives you a little more incentive to go for more in life," he said after the game.

It also helps players keep their mind on the game rather than on other factors, such as the crowd or the officiating.

"Good call, good call," was Coles' only response to officials' whistles he drew during Wednesdays match.

Coach Mullis put it simply. "We don't talk to officials."

Poly squeaks into playoffs

They really do not make them much closer than this

Poly won its one game playoff with Northern Wednesday night on a pair of foul shots by Brian Koger with but a single tick left on the clock which pulled the Engineers past their opponents 46-45.

Superguard Ralph Lee paced the Engineers' effort with 18 points and Lewis led Northern with 12

The win was a tough one for Poly, and the game was close into the fourth quarter when Northern built an eight point lead.

But a scrambling, trapping defense disconcerted the Vikings who faultered at the foul line, missing the important end of a one-and-one three times in the last two minutes.

The final blow was dealt to the Vikings when they could not get the ball in bounds within the five second limit and turned it over with a one point lead and less than five seconds remaining.

Northern then drew a foul on the inbounds play, sending Koger to the line with the game in his hands. He did not drop it.

The Enginners had fallen to Walbrook Tuesday afternoon to set up a tie with Northern and were forced to play the one game playoff as a result.

But they almost managed to get into post season play without the extra game.

Walbrook had built a 10 point lead at the half, 36-24 and had led by as many as 16 in the third quarter. The Warriors controlled the essentials of the game, boxing out well and establishing their running game.

They did not fare as well in the second half, however, and escaped with the win despite being outscored in both the third and fourth quarters.

"We got away from our offense and started taking shots we didn't have to take," Warriors coach Gerry Boyd said after the game.

Poly began to harass the Walbrook offense with trapping maneuvers, and Boyd saw the Warriors' 16 point bulge evaporate by the early part of the fourth quarter. Poly's offensive machines, Al Wells and Ralph Lee got warmed up also and Poly eventually scrambled to a one point lead.

But consecutive steals by Warriors Kenny James helped bur- inside and converting a number of offensive rebounds and point guard Kevin Burton stung Poly with a near perfect five for six from the scrambled to a one point lead.

Ralph Lee paced all scorers in this contest also, canning 21 points.

School playoffs begin

The city's public schools will square off this weekend to determine who rules Baltimore's high school basketball courts.

The Eighth Annual Baltimore City Public Schools Basketball Tournament began Thursday night, pairing Dunbar and Douglass, Carver and Forest Park, Northwestern at Walbrook and Poly and Lake Clifton in the boys' tournament.

The semi-finals and championship games will be at Morgan State University on Saturday, Feb. 20 and Sunday, Feb. 21. Game times are 1 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., on both dates.

The girls tournament pairs Lake Clifton and Western, Mervo and Dunbar, Southwestern and Walbrook and Edmondson against Northern.

Although it is likely Dunbar and Walbrock will continue to dominate their opponents in the boys' and girls' tournaments, respectively, none of the teams is expected to roll over and play dead.

Poets hot for tourney

The Poets of Dunbar High School come into the city public high school tournament red hot after destroying Camden High in Camden, N.J. last Saturday. Naturally, the Poets seem to be the team to beat.

"If you go by their previous record you would expect them to do well," Woodrow Wilson, Lake Clifton's coach said of Dunbar's prospects.

Not wishing to concede anything to the Lakers Eastside rivals, he added "Naturally, we hope we will win the tournament."

The Poets have chewed up all competition that has crossed their path this year, compiling a 22-0 record.

What the 22-0 record does not reflect, however, is the runaway nature of their victories. They humbled nationally ranked Camden last week, winning by an incredible 25 point bulge.

Cage Polls

BOYS	
1. Calvert Hall (tie) Dunbar	25-0
3. Cardinal Gibbons	24-0
4. Lake Clifton	24-4
5. Walbrook	12-5
6. Mount St. Joseph	13-5
7. Aberdeen	14-9
8. Southern (tie)	13-3
9. Andover	14-3
10. Annapolis (tie) Glen Burnie	15-3
GIRLS	
1. Towson Catholic	20-1
2. Walbrook	15-1
3. Mount Hebron	16-2
4. Archbishop Keough	12-3
5. Brooklyn Park	15-1
6. Western	12-0
7. Old Mill	16-1
8. Andover	11-4
9. Dulaney	12-3
10. Southern (tie)	13-5

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Study shows church provides strong leadership

By David E. Anderson

The church plays a unique role in the black community and is one of the few institutions that can effectively lead that community in protesting the current economic and political crisis facing blacks, according to a study published by the National Urban League.

"The church is the primary agency of the black community and is the only setting of genuine freedom and ownership on the part of the black masses," according to Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, a specialist in black religion.

Smith is pastor First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Nashville, Tenn., and assistant dean of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School as well as president of the National Conference of Black Churchmen.

Writing in the Urban League's annual State of Black America report, Smith said the history of the black church, especially its theological ties to the concept of liberation, has placed it in a unique situation in the community that differs in many respects from the role white churches play in their communities.

"It is the moral authority of the black community and its buildings are where that community gathers," he argued. "The line of demaraction between the black secular community and the black religious community, or the church, is at times invisible."

Both historically and currently, Smith said, this dual role religious and secular has created a twofold response to oppression and injustice in which the church serves both as "an agency of hope" and a vehicle for specific protest and action.

Indeed, Smith finds the very identity of the church bound up in blacks' experience of oppression.

"The style of worship, preaching and operation are mainly those which are dictated by the harsh experiences of black oppression," he said. "That is to say, negative experiences external to the church are often reflected in the subsiance and structure of church experiences."

Within this context, black liberation theology, represented by a wide range of figures including Martin Luther King Jr. and James Cone, combines both a transcendent sense of hope and an immediate call to protest and struggle where "political concerns and spiritual concerns are continuous."

In meeting the current economic crisis the black community faces, Smith identified several ways in which the church fulfills a politicial function, including endorsing candidates, a vehicle for political education and a place where political leadership is developed.

Black churches are peculiarly situated to be of service in the political and social area, he said because more blacks gather there with greater frequency than elsewhere, physical facilities for meetings are provided by churches, they are major source of volunteers and sometimes a source for funds for political campaigns.

28 honored at annual fellowship awards dinner

The annual fellowship and awards dinner of the Baptist Congress of Christian Education was held February 11 at Martin's West with nearly 800 guests attending.

The 28 honorees received awards from the Baptist Congress of Christian Education for their dedicated services and outstanding work they have done in their churches.

The Rev. Lester Hamrick, associate minister of New Antioch Church received the highest award. Mrs. Mabel Gee, state dean of the convention presented Rev. Hamrick the Miles W. Connor Award.

Other honorees were Mrs. Minnie Alston, a member of Fountain Baptist Church. She has served as superintendent of the Sunday School and a teacher for 20 years.

Mrs. Marion B. Bordley is an active member of Morning Star Baptist Church on Fayette Street. She is secretary of the church school. In 1978, she received a certificate of recognition for faithful and dedicated service from the Women's Day Committee.

Herman Chapman is director of the Baptist Training Union at Whitestone Baptist Church. He was described as a "kind and patient man who is considerate of others.

Mrs. Edith N. Code is a member of Enon Baptist Church, where the Rev. Porter W. Phillips Jr., is pastor. She is a member of the Gospel Chorus, Nurses Unit, Open Door, Senior Citizens Club and a deaconess.

Walter Dickens, a deacon at Macedonia Baptist Church is known to help children within the church community. He is a member of the church Bible Class, Church School Worker and an honorary chaplain of the church school.

Mrs. Betty Durham has been a member of New Antioch Baptist Church for 27 years. She is a member of the Deaconess Board and a Sunday School Teacher. The Rev. Willie S. Chambers is pastor of New Antioch.

Mrs. Clara Gordon, a member of Leadenhall Baptist Church has been a very active member of Leadenhall Baptist for several years. She is active with the Missionary Society, Board of Christian Education and a counselor.

Herman Gordon, a deacon at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church was among the honorees. He has served as audio visual technician for the Sunday School and church for 12 years.

Clarence Hamlin has served as a trustee and a deacon at Timothy Baptist Church. He is also the assistant financial secretary for the Deacons Conference.

The honoree from Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church was Mrs. Ernestine Hardy, who has served as Church School superintendent and teacher of the Young Adult Class. The Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd is pastor.

Mrs. Sharon Hayes has been a long time member of Fulton Baptist Church. She was a member of the Youth Choir for 15 years and is the former president of the choir.

Mrs. Pearl Hill is one of the founders of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church. The honoree is a member of the Missionary and Deaconess Board and a former Sunday School Teacher. She is now working with the church Outreach Ministry.

Deacon Harvey Johnson is known to promote unity among deacons. He organized the adult class for Sunday School at Mt. Zion Baptist, where he has been a dedicated member.

Ms. Georgeanna Locks is a former Girl Scout leader at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church and is the assistant superintendent of the Church School. Her pastor is the Rev. Edgar Reid.

The honoree from Mt. Hebron Baptist Church for 1982 was Mrs. Janet Mills, who has been a member of the Sunday School staff and a teacher.

Faith Baptist honoree was Mrs. Vera Myers. She is a member of the Missionary Society, Ladies Aid, Family Life, Nurses Unit, Sanctuary Choir and the Baptist Training Union.

Mrs. Mary Pickney is an assistant leader of the Brownie Troop at First Baptist Church in Annapolis. The Rev. Leroy Bowman is pastor.

George Pretlow is an active member of Central Baptist Church. His church leadership includes those of Men's Day chairman, Male Chorus member, Bible study student and coordinator of the Bowling League.

Ms. Sonja Pretlow attends Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and is an instructor and works with the Usher Board. In her community, she is a member of the United Teachers Union and an elementary school teacher.

Mrs. Joyce Richardson is a member of the Guiding Light Missionary Church and is the Chruch School superintendent, choir member, president of the Welcome Committee.

Mrs. Frances Robinson, a member of Concord Baptist Church is active with the youth department and Women's Day activities at Concord Church.

Mrs. Myrtle Robinson is the first full time secretary at First Baptist Church, where the Rev. Leroy Fitts is pastor. She is a member of the choir, an officer of the Matrons and active with the Stewardship Committee.

Deacon Clyde P. Sharpe is a member of the vocal chorus of Calvary Baptist Church and assistant superintendent of the Bible School. His pastor is the Rev. Lorenzo Graves.

Mrs. Margaret I. Spencer has worked with members of Perkins Square Baptist Church and is president of the Missionary Society. She is also a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital and a life member of the Women's Auxiliary to the United Missionary Convention of Maryland.

Wayland Baptist Church honoree was Mrs. Lorine Strange. She is the director of Bible School and a youth advisory.

Mrs. Mary Tabron has been a deaconess at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church and a member of the Christian Education Board.

Mrs. Jacqueline C. Brooks is president of the Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Silver is president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention. The Rev. Mark Riddix, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, was the banquet speaker.

Methodist clergy to discuss housing, employment problems

Various denominations of Methodist ministers recently met at the N.M. Carroll Manor Home, 701 Arlington Ave., to organize the Black Methodist Preachers Alliance.

For the first time in the city, the ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church have organized a clergy fellowship.

The Rev. Irvin Lockman, pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church is the president. The Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, pastor of Allen AME Church is vice president; the Rev. Neil J. Gilchrist is secretary and the Rev. John Saab is treasurer.

The purpose of the group is to sharpen the focus of the black Methodist church and to have a greater impact on current public issues. The group will discuss housing problems, employment, education and the administration of justice.

Photo by Rick Johnson

METHODIST CLERGY members shown seated from left are Reverends Douglass Sand, Neil J. Gilchrist, Irvan Lockman, Ronald Braxton, Kelley L. Jackson. Ministers standing are the Reverends Willie Parker, G. Sylvester Gaines, Joseph Carter, Roscoe Williams, O. St. Clair Franklin, James R. Jones, Clarence Weaks, William H. Peters, Lloyd Marcus, Douglass Bowman, Walter L. Hilderbrand and James H. Smith.

Metro Church Briefs

Grace A.M.E. Church of Catonsville, Md., will sponsor Fellowship Day services on Feb. 21, 11 a.m. Bishop John Hurst Adams, presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church will be the speaker. Mrs. Claudine Stewart is chairperson and the Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

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The Deaconess and Minister's Wives of Southern Baptist Church will sponsor family night services on February 28, 7 p.m. at the church, 1701 Chester St. The Rev. Nathaniel Higgs is pastor.

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The men of New Trinity Church, 4200 Liberty Heights Ave., will celebrate Men's Day on February 21. Mayor William Schaefer and Sen. Clarence Blount will be special guest. The Rev. Leslie Metcalf will be the morning speaker and Bishop M. D. Norton is pastor.

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Members of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church will observe their annual Rally Day on February 21. The Rev. Emma Kreamer will be the 8:30 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Donald O. Parsons of Chicago will be the 11 a.m. speaker. The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., is pastor.

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The Youth Choir of First Corinthian Baptist Church, 3512 Powhatan Ave., will be celebrating their second anniversary on February 21, 11 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Mason is chairperson.

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The Deacons, Deaconess and trustees of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave., will celebrate Unity Day on February 21, 3 p.m. The Rev. Mark Reddix, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Their theme is Members of One Another as One Body In Jesus Christ. Mrs. Bernice B. Lewis is chairperson. The Rev. Willard L. Clayton is pastor.

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Members of the Boyd's Ensemble of Temple Baptist Church will be in concert on Feb. 21, 5 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, 1800 Wolfe St. Ricky Fowler will be the special guest. The Rev. Bernard J. Boyd is pastor.

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Annual Youth Day services will be celebrated on February 21 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Gilmor Street and Riggs Avenue.

The Rev. Mrs. Marie Braxton, associate minister of Allen AME Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker. The Rev. Mrs. Helena Creamer is the 3:30 p.m. speaker The Rev. James H. Smith is pastor.

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The Voices of Eastern United Methodist Church will be presented in concert 5 p.m. February 21 at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

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Men's Day will be observed February 21 at Garrison United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd and Alto Road. The Rev. Joseph Thompson will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Bascom Jordan is the 3 p.m. speaker. Rev. Jordan is the pastor of Queens Chapel United Methodist Church. The Rev. Joseph Carter is pastor and Virgil Nichols is chairman.

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Members of Oak Street AME Church, 2315 Howard St., will present the senior choir and the Silver Leaf Gospel Choir of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in a concert on Sunday, February 21, 3:30 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Richard Hall is pastor and Mrs. Amielia Horn is chairperson.

ANNUAL YOUTH DAY — The Rev. Mrs. Marie Braxton, associate minister of Allen AME Church, will be the 11 a.m. speaker on Sunday, February 21 for Youth Day services at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Gilmor Street and Riggs Ave. The Rev. Miss Helena Creamer is the 3:30 p.m. speaker and the Rev. James H. Smith is pastor of St. Luke.

Charles Tildon Jr. elected president of Pastoral Council

Charles G. Tildon Jr., assistant secretary for the Community Programs Administration of the Maryland State Department of Human Resources, was elected president of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council at the body's first meeting of 1982.

The council, first constituted in 1973, is the highest ranking advisory body to Archbishop Borders in the establishment of archdiocesan policy. Its membership of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay men and women is elected from the 12 areas into which the archdiocese is divided, filled out with some appointments by the Archbishop.

Tildon, 54, succeeds Mrs. Betty Keiser, who was ineligible for reelection after having served two full terms.

In his post with the Community Programs Administration, Tildon oversees the state's energy assistance and weatherization programs through the the office of community services, manpower planning and training through the Tranining and Employment Office; volunteer programs through the Maryland Service Corps; and equal opportunity and affirmative action programs.

Charles Tildon Jr.

From 1964 to 1973 he served as associate director and in various other capacities with Provident Hospital, and has also been chairman of the Central Maryland Health Systems Agency and of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore.

He was first chairperson of the Archdiocesan Urban Commission when that body was established in 1966 by Cardinal Shehan, and is a member of the Archdiocesan Finance Committee which advises the Archbishop on fiscal matters.

A member of St. Gregory the Great parish, he serves as one of its lay corporators.