Schoolboy mat meet at Morgan

The first of a yearly series of high school wrestling tournaments will be held in Morgan's Hill Fieldhouse on March 27 - 28.

Sponsored by the Morgan State Wrestlin Club, the tournament will be open to all prep wrestlers who are interested in competing.

"This tournament is to showcase the outstanding wrestling talent in the Baltimore metropolitan area," says James Phillips, tournament chairman and head wrestling coach at MSU.

"Wrestling is not as popular here as in most Mid - Western states. Some of the top collegiate wrestlers come from Harbor City, but people in the area are unaware of them. We want to be a first class tournament," adds Phillips.

Local youth named to U.S. ring squad

Warren Thompson, a 201 - pounder from Baltimore, is a member of the 12 - man boxing team chosen to represent the United States in a dual meet with Yugoslavia, at Rapid City, S.D., Saturday.

The team will be led by 132 - pounder Joe Johnson of Washington, silver medalist in the 1981 USA - ABF national championships.

Other team members will be: 108 pounds, Israel Acosta, Milwaukee; 112 pounds, Steve McGrory, Detroit; 119 pounds, David Gruvin, Fall River, Mass.; 125 pounds, Ding Ranirez, La Puente, Calif.; 139 pounds, Jerry Page, Columbus, Ohio; 147 pounds, Todd Frazier, Cincinnati; 156 pounds, Jack Padia, Penngrove, Calif.; 165 pounds, Iran Barkley, New York; 178 pounds, Bennie Heard, Elberton, Ga.; and at 201 pounds, Lonnie Thompson, Pomona, Calif.

Birds set discounts for kids

Ticket discounts for senior high and college students will be offered for the 13th consecutive season in 1982 with the Orioles' student discount card, which is now available free of charge at high school and colleges in the Baltimore - Washington area.

Under the plan, eligible students may purchase upper reserved seats for most home games for just $3.50, a saving of $2.00 off the regular price. Tickets for this program will be available on the day or night of the game only at Gate E-6, beginning an hour and a half before game time.

Student dicount program will not be in effect on openning day, Monday, April 5 and on certain other dates during the 1982 season.

The students cards will also be avilable at the Orioles' office where further information can be obtained by calling at (301) 243-9800.

READ THE AFRO

Funeral held for Morgan's 'Marse' Hill

Final rites were held Thursday for Talmadge "Marse" Hill, longtime Morgan State athletic figure.

Hill, two months short of his 80th birthday, died Monday morning at Provident Hospital. Death ended an illness that had extended over a 3 - year period during which he had intermittently suffered what doctors described as "mini strokes."

The last seizure occurred Saturday at his Morgan Park home. His wife, Frances, took him to the hospital and felt relieved over his apparent progress on Sunday.

He died sometime after 2 a.m., Monday.

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Hundreds of friends, including former athletes, ex - Morganites, colleagues and city high school coaches viewed the body as it lay in state Thursday in the Hill Field House, the athletic facility named for him.

Hill was eulogized by members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and by the Varsity M Club, which named him to the Morgan State Athletic Hall of Fame seven years ago.

The funeral service at noon was followed by entombment at Arbutus Memorial Park.

In addition to his widow, Frances, "Marse" is survived by his son Talmadge Jr., daughter Dr. Freddie Lucas of Washington, DC; five grandchildren, Talmira and Felicia Hill; Therese, Payne and Hillery Lucas.

Talmadge "Marse" Hill

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Hill retired from active coaching in 1964, ending 34 years of service on the sidelines. He gave up his position on the Morgan faculty eight years later.

During that period he had teamed with Eddie Hurt to create a famed coaching combination that became the trademark of outstanding athletic teams which persisted from the thirties through the seventies at Morgan.

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Ironically, Hill's original contract was for sixty days' duration.

He joined the Bears football coaching staff in 1930, with the understanding that he was "to assist coach Hurt in the two months of the football season."

He left the school faculty 42 years later.

His service to his college, to athletics and to the community did not go unnoticed.

He was presented the Morgan State College Athletic Award in 1933, the Afro - American Honor Roll Citation in 1940, the Morgan Football Coach Award in the 1944, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Achievement Award in 1949, Pigskin Club of Washington DC Honor Award in 1949, the Washington Morgan Alumni Award in 1950, the Morgan Board of Trustees' Tribute in 1964, the Governor's Citation in 1967, the U.S. Department of State's Citation in 1961, CIAA Hall of Fame induction in 1967, the Morgan Alumnus of the Year Award in 1968, and many, many more.

Benefit cage tourney set at Forest Pk.

An invitational basketball tournament for the benefit of the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged will commence tomorrow (Saturday) at Forest Park High School.

Play will be conducted Saturday and Sunday with semi - finals and final scheduled for the following weekend (March 20-21).

Tht tournament has attracted some of the best teams in the east.

Among those participating are the D. C. Jets from Washington, defending Capital City tournament champions; Cosmic Echoes from Pittsburgh, Pa., two times defending Winchester Tournament champs; Ramey's from Charlestown, W. Va., defending Waynesboro champs.

Also Williams All Stars from Fredericksburg, Va., two - time Winchester "B" Class champs; Shiflett and Horn Lakers, Baltimore (defending Havre De Grace tournament champions); Della's All Stars from Baltimore (defending Dundalk Tournament champions).

Baltimore hosts many stars including Ernest Graham; Pat McKinley; Ron Smith; James "Hilicopter" Hayes; Maurice Jennings; Leon Love; Mike Dabney; Ed Hopkins; Roger Dickerson; Tony Carter and a host of others.

Starting time will be 11 a.m. on March 13 - 14. Eight games will be played on these dates. Starting time on March 20-21 will be 4 p.m. with two games being played.

NBA weekend

THURSDAY

Utah at Atlanta
Phoenix at Cleveland
Kansas City at San Diego

FRIDAY

Boston at New Jersey
Indiana at Washington
Golden State at Detroit
Seattle at Milwaukee
Denver at Houston,
Portlant at San Antonio
Chicago at Los Angeles
Washington at New York
Indiana at Atlanta
Utah at Cleveland
Portland at Houston
Dallas at San Diego

SATURDAY

Phoenix at Boston
Seattle at New Jersey
Atlanta at Washington
Detroit at Cleveland
Utah at Milwaukee
Chicago at San Antonio
Philadelphia at Kansas City
Golden State at Denver
Dallas at Los Angeles

Hoyas to Utah for NCAA no big deal to Thompson

LOGAN, UT — If John Thompson had his druthers, he'd prefer his seventh - ranked Georgetown Hoyas played their NCAA tournament games close to home. But it's no big deal, UPI reports.

Seeded No. 1 in the West, Georgetown had to travel nearly 2,000 miles to Logan. For a Saturday afternoon battle with the winner of Thursday night's game between 15th - ranked Wyoming, 22 - 6, and Southern California, 19 - 8.

As a reward for winning, the Hoyas would earn a return trip to Utah — to Provo — on March 18 for the West Regional.

The Hoyas, 26 - 6, are used to being sent hither, thither and yon by tournament committees. They went to Tuscaloosa, AL, in 1975 and to Tempe, AZ, in 1976 for NCAA action.

John Thompson
". . . not where but how . . ."

In their NIT years of 1977 and 1978, the Hoyas were forced to visit Blacksburg and Charlottesville, VA, and Dayton, OH, to win their way to New York.

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After looking over this year's field, however, Thompson, 202-90 in his 10th college coaching season. All at Georgetown, isn't unhappy with his team's placement.

"I'm not so concerned with where we play as how," he said. "Anywhere you go at this stage is a hard road to New Orleans (and a spot in the final four). I don't want to get myself caught up in the pros and cons. I just want to go out there and play.

"Anyway, all of the 48 teams in the tournament have distinguished themselves with their play this season. They don't need any public approval. They're excellent teams or they wouldn't be there.

We've won some games not playing as well as I'd like, and sometimes that's the sign of a good team. That team a couple of years ago (26 - 6 and an 81 - 80 loser to Iowa in the East Regional finals) did the same thing. This team has done that a couple of times against very solid teams and I think that's a good sign."

"I have a lot of confidence in my team," said Thompson. "I think they've played hard. I think they know the schedule at this time of year. We're getting the reputation of being a February team, and I don't think that's the worst reputation you can have."

Can't win 'em all

This fellow seems to hate Georgetown and Thompson

His name is Kevin Cowherd. No AFRO comment on that — after having read his piece in the Baltimore Evening Sun of Tuesday.

Under the caption, "Hoyas thriving on villain role for NCAAs," Cowherd writes:

"The seven - foot center, an 18 - year - old prodigy named Patrick Ewing, scowls at fans and whines at referees and rumbles with opponents in his role as the Darth Vader of the game.

"The coach, a gruff 6 - foot - 10 sequoia named John Thompson, projects an equally warm image in his running battles with the media and his penchant for privacy — even secrecy — in teaching 15 young men about life both on and off the court.

"The rest of these Hoyas appear to be a homogenous blend of supremely skilled players and arrogant bullies, convinced their destiny lies in New Orleans the weekend of March 27 - 29.

And so, on the eve of the NCAA Tournament, a gala invitation — only affair for the top 48 teams in all the land, it is clear Georgetown University is secure in its role as the villain of college basketball this season.

"With Ewing and Thompson, and Sleepy Floyd and Dopey and Grumpy and Doc, the Hoyas have fast become the team you love most to hate."

With regard to the Georgetown coach, the writer goes on:

"Thompson's image problem has mainly been cast by the media, which perceives him as an aloof and dictatorial leader, overly - protective of his players. His decision not to allow Ewing and GU's other two fine freshman, Anthony Jones and William Martin, to speak to the press until January drew instant criticism, even though Thompson has never allowed the press access to his freshman at the start of a season.

All-America selections

Quintin Dailey named twice as writers' group relents

Young Baltimorean Quintin Dailey was named Monday to the United Press International All - America basketball team.

At the same time he was reinstated to the U.S. Basketball Writers Association star unit.

Thus the former Cardinal Gibbons standout and Baltimore Project Survival scholarship winner was chosen twice within 24 hours — three times, in fact, because W had been selected earlier by the writers but removed before announcement of the picks was made.

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The writers association did its second about - face and selected Dailey for its All - America team, the association's president said late Monday.

Dailey had been chosen for the squad by the USBWA's selection committee on Feb. 21, but was removed from the team before it was learning Daily had been accused of assault by an unidentified coed.

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Frank Boggs, president of the association and sports editor of the Colorado Springs (CO) Sun, said the USBWA officers decided to ask the selection committee to reconsider its choices.

"In the repolling of that committee, Quintin Dailey of the University of San Francisco was reinstated as a member of that team," Boggs said.

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Dailey is charged with five felony counts of sexually assaulting a student in her dormitory room, Dailey, who has denied the allegation, faces a March 22 preliminary hearing.

Boggs did not say as much, but it was obvious that the writer's body bowed to the enormous nationwide criticism that followed the unmistakable pre - judgement of the young athlete.

The UPI showed no reluctance whatever to cite Dailey on the basis of his on - court performance, and the proper assumption that he is innocent of any off - court wrongdoing until proved guilty.

SALUTE TO 'SINGY' — Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn travelled to St. Petersburg (FL) Wednesday to present the Roberto Clemente Humanitarian Award to Orioles outfielder Ken Singleton. The honor is named for the great Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder who died in a plane crash enroute to aid victims of the Nicaragua earthquake of 1972.

'Wrestle Royal' go-round carded at Civic Center

An 18 - man wrestling royal — a free - for - all elimination with no holds barred — will be featured on the 10 - event spring opening of professional wrestling at the Baltimore Civic Center Saturday.

Contestants in this winner - take all competition are all to file an entry fee and compete with the understanding that the over - all winner will be awarded a $10,000 purse and a title shot at World Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Bob Backlund on the same card.

The wrestling royal, second event on the opening, and the climaxing WWF championship match will be supported by eight additional attractions involving participants in the free - for - all.

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Contestants can be eliminated only by either being tossed over the top ring rope or surrending to a submission hold.

Promoter Phil Zacko stresses that among the first to file for entry were Adrian Adonis, Jesse Ventura and Greg Valentine, Backlund's to challengers.

Others who will bid for the prize money and title chance are: Ivan Putski, Pedro Morales, Mr. Fugi, Mr. Saitom Rick Martel, Tony Garea, Masked Executioner, Jose Estrada.

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Relatives of 95-year-old Harford County resident were founders of the county's first black church

Vandellia Williams, whose grandfathers assisted in building the first Black church in Harford County, has been a member of the church, Union United Methodist Episcopal Church, for more than 80 years.

"I'm 94 soon to be 95 and I still attend Sunday school," Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Williams whose 95th birthday next month marks his 85th year as member of the church was honored on his 90th birthday by the church family in a celebration and banquet.

This Harford County resident's forefathers were the founders and carpenters for the early church known as Union Chapel which was the first all black congregation church completed in 1850.

Mr. William's grandfathers, Solomon Williams Sr., one of the founders and Solomon Brown, one of the main carpenters, constructed th church located on the present day Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Prior to its construction, black families were permitted to worship in the gallery of a white church known as Garrettson Chapel.

In September, 1919 the former church, located in Mechanicsville, was moved to its present site, Post Road in Aberdeen, Md, following the sale of the property to the government which displaced many black families, said Mr. Williams."

"That's when I began to take over," he said.

For the first 12 years the early church was pastored first black minister after previous attempts had failed in 1852 with the Baltimore Conference of Ministers.

Williams said the first conference from which black ministers were pooled was organized a year earlier. Rev. Henry Matthews was the first black minister.

Mr. Williams has served on the Steward's board since 1922 and has been a trustee of the church for more than 30 years. He also served for 30 years as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

"You aren't too old to attend Sunday School," said Mr. Williams. "There are three important institutions that play a great part in the community, the home, the church and the school." You got to have a good foundation."

Mr. Williams, who provoked the establishment of the first high school for Black children in this area, never received a high school education but was a self-taught reader.

"There were no black high schools for our children. I had to send my oldest girl to Wilmington, Delaware and my son to Elkton, Maryland," Mr. Williams said.

In February, 1930 Mr. Williams and other concerned black leaders met at the church to organize the Harford County Colored Parent Teachers Association.

He served as finance committee chairperson for seven years and raised money for educational materials the Harford County School Board failed to provide.

In 1932, the first black students graduated from the county school system 50 years after white youths had received their diplomas.

In June, 1980 Mr. Williams was awarded

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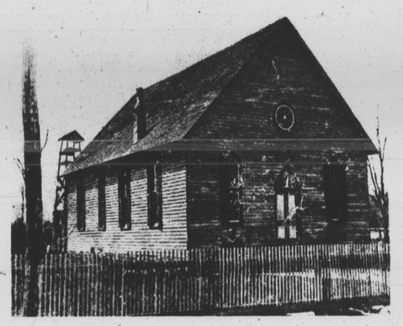
Mr. Vandellia Williams and five other trustees return 50 years later to the site where the original cornerstone of Union United Methodist Church was laid. Left to right, Otto B. Williams, Mr. Holland, W. R. Johnson, George V. Lisby and Vandellia Williams.



Reverend William Brown, a pastor of a bygone era, stands before the old Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church as it appeared at Michaelsville, present day Aberdeen Proving Ground, in the year 1850.

Morning Star member honored by surprise celebration

Harry T. Watson, who has been a member of Morning Star Baptist for more than 50 years and a Baltimore resident for 76 years, was honored on Ground Hogs Day in a surprise celebration which marked his 96th birthday.

"We have a lot of long livers in the family," said Mr. Watson whose sister, Mrs. Lottie Roane, will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday. "My baby is 50 years old," he said.

Mr. Watson, a well known civic worker, former Sunday School teacher and counselor of the West Fayette Street Baptist church was given a dinner party by three of his five daughters living in Baltimore. He was born Feb. 2, 1886.

"I had a hunch something was going on," said Mr. Watson when he arrived at the home of Mary Weaver, one of his daughters of the 1500 block of North Pulaski Street.

Mr. Watson had four generations present at his party where he received a beautiful plant and "lots of the green stuff" his daughter, Ruth Greene of the 1800 block of West Saratoga Street, said.

Since the age of 66, Mrs. Watson's family has celebrated his birthday, Mrs. Greene said.

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Mr. Watson served as a Sunday School teacher for 54 years and as trustee for more than 40 years in Morning Star. He now serves as honorary trustee, a member of the Missionary Society and a delivery man of the Flower Circle. He joined the church in 1927.

On his 90th birthday, the church awarded Mr. Watson with a plaque for dedicated service. He received several citations from Mayor William Donald Schaeffer, a Pewter plaque and membership to the Golden Age Club of the City Bureau of Recreation known as Club 90.

"I don't have the blues like some people," said Mr. Watson when asked his secret to a long life.

"I'm not concerned about conditions today," Mr. Watson said. "I've had sufficient all my life under nineteen presidents. Reagon doesn't control my life, I can still live."

Mr. Watson said increased military spending was necessary. "I think we ought to keep this country strong."

"When they start blowing, we want to be able to blow back. We don't want to fight but we want to protect ourselves, said Mr. Watson.

On economic conditions Mr. Watson said, "We have the best living conditions in the world. The blame is on all of us (not just the president). We are too wasteful, " Mr. Watson said.

"Fifty years ago this country had all the things it needed. Now, we're dependent. We can't say we're overcrowded because we're still letting people in," he said

Born in Accomac County, Virginia, Mr. Watson has five daughters, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Annie V. Gibson, Jesse W. Ruffin and Vivianne W. Jones of Pottstown, Pa.

He was married to his "childhood sweetheart" Minnie Moore in Baltimore. She died in 1964. Two sons and one daughter also died in Baltimore.

Mr. Watson was a shoemaker when he came to Baltimore in the early 1920s. "Anything that had to be mended, I could mend it," he said.

For 15 years Mr. Watson worked as a carpenter and retired from the real estate business after 50 years of service in 1958.

Mr. Watson's advise to career seekers is "learn to do something with your hands. If you don't know how to do things then how are you going to know if it's being done well," Mr. Watson said.

Mr. Watson enjoys gardening, fishing and serving in the church. "(Serving in) the Church has been one of my greatest accomplishments,"

Mr. Watson said his mother was one of the greatest inspirations in his life. She died at an early age but told Mr. Watson, "I'm going to put something in your head that no one is going to be able to take out."

"I've always thought I was as important as anyone else, (maybe) not the hub of the wheel but I could be one of the spokes."

Church-Wide Institute attracts hundreds

AFRO photos by Vanessa Johnson

ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE INSTITUTE — Pictured are the Rev. Matthew Silver, left, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and pastor of Concord Baptist Church and Dr. Henry C. Gregory III, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, of DC, who was guest speaker at the week-long institute, at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Almost 1,200 people had registered to attend the Annual Church-Wide Institute at the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave. this week.

The event was sponsored by the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and Auxiliary Bodies and the Woman's Convention Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

The week-long event ran from March 8 through Friday, March 12.

The Rev. Matthew R. Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and pastor of Concord Baptist Church, told the AFRO the Church-Wide Institute for Training in Christian Education had been conducted for about 25 years.

He said the guest speaker for the institute was Dr. Henry C. Gregory III, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

More than 20 teachers were on hand during the event to lead seminars and conduct classes at the institute.

Seminars included a pastor's seminar, "New Ministries for a Contemporary Age" and a minister's wives seminar, "New Dimensions for Spiritual Growth."

Of the seven workshops offered were the "Music and Christian Worship," "Youth in Discussion and Action," and "Adult Missionary Workshop."

There were nine leadership training courses offered during the Church-Wide Institute. They ranged from such topics as "How to Read and Study the Bible Effectively," to "Preparing for Christian Marriage and Family Life."

Special features at the Church-Wide Institute were the "Bible Comes Alive," an activity designed for small children up to 12-years of age and an Arts and Crafts Skillshop - an activity to help teachers correlate arts and crafts with curriculum in program for Christian Education.

Classes and workshops usually began by 7 p.m. At 8:45 p.m. the Encounter began.

Many persons were responsible for the success of the Church-Wide Institute, some of them are as follows:

Bessie Mason, Jacqueline G. Brooks,

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THE SANCTUARY CHOIR of Union Baptist Church renders music during Wednesday, March 10 services at the Annual Church-Wide Institute.

Mrs. Jacqueline G. Brooks, president of the Baptist Congress of Christian Education, is seated beside the choir director.