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BILLINGSLEY AND REGENTS MEET:

Morgan answers audit report

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Staff Writer

Despite the rumors circulating to the contrary which followed a recent highly critical legislative audit of Morgan State University, President Andrew Billingsley has apparently weathered another round of cries for his removal as the black university's head.

The Morgan Board of Regents met Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. in an executive session to discuss the audit report which rated the financial management of the school as "very poor". A press confwwerence had been planned to follow at 3 p.m.

At about 3:30, a Morgan spokesperson announced that the meeting would be held in another building on the university's campus. After the relocation of the meeting, Regent Chairperson Dr. David Johnson then announced that on the advice of counsel all items of the audit report had to be discussed in public session, then finally brought the meeting to order at 3:40.

Morgan Vice President of Financial Management Abraham Moore then proceeded to offer a point-by-point official response to the audit ww which was sent to State Comptroller of the Treasury Louis Goldstein.

Moore prefaced the board's response by adding that there was not a single instance of misappropriation of funds cited in the audit and that 50 percent of the cited items were not major and were merely accounting or procedural deficiencies.

"The university had no deficit during the audit period (Dec. 15, 1980 to April 3, 1983). A current review will disclose the university has cleared up a sufficient number of deficiencies," said Moore.

Moore also stated that 13 of the 29 recommendations of the audit have already been remedied; progress has been made on the others ; and predicted that 11 more items will be remedied before the followup audit in June of this year.

The five remaining troublesome items will take more than six months to rectify, Moore said, but individuals have been identified who will be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the remedies.

In his detailed rundown of all 29 items on the recent audit which ran the gamut from cash receipts that were not properly approved and parking tickets that were not properly accounted for, to furniture not in places

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IN RESPONSE—Morgan President Dr. Andrew Billingsley and Board of Regents Chairman Dr. David Johnson presented the university's response to a recent highly critical audit in an open session Thursday afternoon.

Clean bill of health given Urban Services in fuel case handling

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

No apparent improprieties exist in the handling of the state's energy assistance program, two staff members, acting on behalf of Human Resource Secretary Ruth Massinga, have concluded.

This clean bill of health may prove significant and serve to exonerate the city's Urban Services Agency by helping to restore public confidence.

Responsible for administering a portion of Maryland's $30 million federally allocated fuel assistance packet throughout the various local communities, the poverty relief agency has recently come under fire in the wake of criticism surrounding the death of an elderly city resident.

At a high level press conference last week, attended by statewide Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) administrators, Mrs. Massinga ordered that a special report be prepared to determine whether or not applications where being processed expeditiously.

In particular she urged that careful attention be given to those individuals with no heating resources. She also stipulated that those emergency cases be properly dispensated within a three to five day period.

This new procedure and a similar landmark provision irned out by Mayor William D. Schaefer and Baltimore Gas & Electric, whereby BG&E before discontinuing any household service would first contact

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Woodstock Job Corps workers charge unfair treatment

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

In the space of one week, 6 employees at the Woodstock Job Corps Center either resigned or were terminated. Most feel it came about because of their interest in what was happening to the corps members.

At a meeting this week at the home of one of the former employees, members of the group accused the Woodstock administrators of being abusive and unfair to teachers and students.

One of the most vocal of the group, Mrs. Peaches Stovall, said she had personal knowledge of instances where students were mistreated — in some cases actually beaten.

Group members reported that their interest in what was happening to the students led to administrative harrassment and unfair evaluations. This lead to their termination or resignation.

"I had a real interest in the kids," said Sylvia Butler, a former math teacher who resigned from the center. The more I developed an interest in the kids and what was happening to them, the more harrassment I received."

"They increased my work load of students from an average size of 14

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'WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!' exclaims Peaches Stovall, former employee at Woodstock Job Corps Center, in a meeting with other employees who have either been terminated or resigned. Also shown are George Spencer and Sylvia Butler, former math teachers at the site. Over 25 employees charged the center with harassment that lead to their termination or retirement from their positions.

City calls for steep ticket late-fee hike

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Motorists who do not pay their parking tickets, already hobbled by Denver boots and garaged by withheld registrations, may face stiff increases in late-payment penalties if city collection officials get their way.

The proposed late fee hike, currently being considered by the City Council, would double unpaid parking fines after 15 days, triple them after 30 days and quadruple them after 60 days. If passed, the bill, which was introduced Monday, would take effect Sept. 1.

Opponents of increased penalties to scofflaws have in the past said the penalties are disproportionally harsh ful to lower-income individuals who often must use their cars to get to work.

But according to William Reiley, the city collector, the change is necessary because about 80 percent of ticketed motorists are late in paying. The city then is unable to use the

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Gen. Assembly facing possible Pandora's box

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS— A proposed Constitutional convention to add an adendment mandating a balanced Federal budget might open a Pandora's box of additional problems for a black America already suffering under the Reagan administration and conservatism in the country, according to Sen. Troy Brailey (D-40th Baltimore City).

"If a convention is called, they're going to bring up a lot of things. In the mood of the country today, especially Reagan's civil rights attitude, they would probably try to rescind a lot of what we have gained in Civil rights," warns the senator.

A hearing was held here Wednesday to rescind the call for a convention which, if held, would be the first such convention since the original Federal convention in 1787.

During the 1983 session of the General Assembly the House of Delegates passed a bill to rescind a 1975 legislation that called for a Constitutional convention for a balanced budget amendment.

While the 1975 pro-convention legislation was passed by the entire legislature (the House and the Senate), the 1983 session effort to revoke the bill managed to pass only in the House; passage in both houses is necessary to change the state's position.

Wednesday's hearing was in response to a 1984 session pro-convention bill sponsored by the Senate Constitutional and Public Law

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LOTTERY

The lotto jackpot prize for the drawing to be conducted on Jan. 28 will have a single annuity value of approximately $1,000,000.

The lottery numbers for January were

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1-3-84	120
1-4-84	899
1-5-84	211
1-6-84	700
1-7-84	754
1-9-84	108
1-10-84	180
1-11-84	513
1-12-84	757
1-13-84	953
1-14-84	980
1-16-84	275
1-17-84	505
1-18-84	726
1-19-84	966
1-20-84	700
1-21-84	769
1-23-84	161
1-24-84	075
1-25-84	196

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1-3-84	8678
1-4-84	9711
1-5-84	1515
1-6-84	7388
1-9-84	3717
1-10-84	2447
1-11-84	3774
1-12-84	7711
1-13-84	6556
1-16-84	1584
1-17-84	2163
1-18-84	6133

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TV by satellite is on it's way to Balto.

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore city residents, who so far have been unable to get cable television, will have an alternative beamed from above beginning Feb. 1.

Officials of United Satellite Communications, Inc., a New York based firm, announced Thursday they will expand their 26-state operation into the Baltimore area and begin beaming five channels of sports, music video, news, movie and children's entertainment to the Baltimore area.

Programming broadcast from a trans mitter in New Jersey will be picked up by a satellite orbiting 22,000 miles above Earth and beamed directly to a dish anttenna mounted on clients' rooftops or backyard poles.

Subscribers would have the option of renting the dish, which are about three feet in diameter, for a $300 in-

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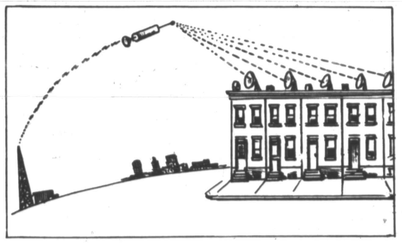

It could happen here!

Sexual assault — Crime of violence, not passion

Part I

This series is an attempt to help victims of the crime of sexual assault realize that there is help available. Also that nothing they have done or said justified the brutal attack they have undergone.

The most frequently committed act of terrorism in the world today crosses national borders, racial lines, and class distinctions. It's victims are young and old, male and female. It leaves the victim permanently scarred mentally and sometimes physically too. The perpetrator seeks to destroy the victim's self-worth and ability to cope with life. The terrorist act is sexual assault.

A young woman is walking home one evening when suddenly a man comes up behind her and puts a gun in her back and forces her behind a building and rapes and robs her. Another young woman prepares to go to bed; her door is kicked open and two men rob her apartment and one holds her while the other rapes her. A woman walks across school grounds, suddenly seven youths rape her. These are examples of rapes that have occurred in this city recently. They represent the standard idea that most people have of rape.

There is another aspect to rape. A woman sits in a bar having a drink. Her ex-boyfriend sticks a gun in her back and forces her to leave with him. He and an accomplice take the woman to a parking garage and the ex-boyfriend rapes her while his companion watches. After he finishes he pushes her out of the car and fires a shot at her. Another woman goes to a party with a man. They take some pills to get high. The woman passes out and when she awakens she finds herself nude in an upstairs bedroom. Several men at the party have had intercourse with her. The above are examples of rape also.

Rape, according to Maryland law, is sexual intercourse without consent. Statutory rape is intercourse with someone who is willing, but under the age of consent. Forcible rape is intercourse with someone who is not willing, but has intercourse because of violence or the threat of violence against herself or someone else. It is also rape to have intercourse with someone

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