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the university averages less than 5.9 percent minority presence.

In Baltimore City, Cummings says the University of Maryland Hospital makes less than five percent of its purchases from minority contractors.

"Our biggest concern about the hospital becoming self-governing is that the State won't have any control (over purchasing practices).

Del. Cummings also stated that certain regions of the State counter charges of their failure in hire minorities by saying that minorities can't be found in places such as the Eastern Shore and in Frederick, Maryland.

"My position is simple: Our major concern is that at the end of the fiscal year there is ten percent minority government. If they have to make an extra percentage in Baltimore or Prince Georges County or wherever you find minority businesses then they'll just have to do it. But don't use that as an excuse.

Cummings says the bill is an important step in improving the employment picture in Baltimore City for minorities and seems to have a "fairly good" chance of passage.

"I'm crossing my fingers."

The Maryland and Legislative Black Caucus met Wednesday to hear arguments form University Of Maryland Hospital officials who are pushing for legislation that would enable the hospital to become a private, self-governing or quasi-free of State control.

Friday afternoon the House Economic Matters Committee will hold a hearing on Morgan State University's fiscal year 1985 budget proposal. A few weeks ago, Morgan officials faced a cool reception at a Senate hearing of its budget which was held less that than 24 hours after its president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley resigned amid controversy, and shortly after the publication of the school's financial management received a "very poor" rating.

- From legislative auditors.

—ILA strikes

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is not following the rule of 'one strike, then all strike' strategy like it has in the past. This time there are still some ports open that the cargo from another strike port can be diverted.

It is estimated that shipping agencies, tugboat companies, line handlers, a percentage of the railroad, trucking businesses, and any company that uses imports and sells imports, will be adversly affected by the strike.

Another concern of port officials and merchants is the possibility that those businesses that will be diverted to another port may not come back. This could mean a loss of jobs and a loss of income generated by the port.

"We have gone through two years of recession and in August the business had started to show signs of recovery. However, the strike may off-set those gains and propell the port back into a recession type situation," Klein said.

Still concerned with the contract issue, McFadden said, "Strikers stand to save between $5,000 to $10,000 out of pocket money, if the present offer by management is accepted. We are concerned that the present contract offer would move that kind of money from union workers' pocket."

Union leaders plan to hold a meeting this week to determine if the members are willing to take to the picket lines. "The union is willing to sit down and talk with management and the federal mediator to reach an agreement that is acceptable to all involved," McFadden said.

—Skake & Bake

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from syndication partners to help pay the center's expenses, including the loan, but that so far only about $700,000 has been raised.

"However it is not uncommon for new businesses to fail short of initial financing projections," Pugh said. Pugh also said the facility has had a positive impact on the development of the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor which the Trustees value.

Although the city could take over the management of the combination bowling alley, skating rink and video arcade located at 1601 Pennsylvania Avenue, that is not one of the Trustees' recommendations since "There is no indication the city could do better," Pugh said.

Charles L. Benton, one of the two trustees, said the city could sell the facility, but would not make enough from the sale to justify the cost of building it.

Doughty said the terms of the Trustee loan do not allow for a city takeover, however.

"There is no way Shake and Bake is going into anyone else's hands except the hands it is in now," Doughty said Thursday.

Doughty said members of the community have rallied to his side since reports of the Trustee's recommendations surfaced earlier this week.

"We have received thousands of phone calls in support, which is good to know," Doughty said.

NUL & NAACP join for family summit

The National Urban League and the NAACP announced plans, on Thursday, to co-sponsor a Summit Conference of National Organizations on the Black Family, May 3-5 at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

The announcement was made jointly by Benjamin Hooks, Exec. Director of the NAACP, and John E. Jacob, president of NUL, who said in their statement:

"The NAACP and the National Urban League are again working together to develop strategies for perserving the traditional strengths of the black family. Both organizations are pooling their resources to ensure the survival of the black family."

To achieve this goal, they are stressing the traditional strengths as well as values and resources that have been used to improve the lives of black people. They are also examining more closely the societal pressures that are threatening the continued progress of black people.

"The challenge is so enormous and so urgent that both organizations are inviting other black membership groups, including churches and fraternal organizations, to participate in developing appropriate strategies. These strategies will include action programs and inter-organizations network and linkages for implementing the results of the conference."

While the sharp rise in black single female heads of households over the past several years has become a matter of national concern, Mr. Jacob emphasized that the conference will not be confined to this one issue, but instead will examine a much broader spectrum of black family life, including two parent households.

Striking out at the approach that holds that the black family dilemma in 1984 can be traced to deficiencies within the black community itself, Mr. Jacob said; "We reject such a reductionist view that blames the victims, for it ignores the context in which black families struggle for survival — a context of institutional racism, mass unemployment and denial of educational and employment opportunities for black men and women.

"In short, the problem of the black family can be traced to the pathologies of a society that places black people and their famili es under intolerable pressures."

—Mt. Olivet

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valid with no record of disposition of the warrants.

Pastor - elect Williams said he opposed the unauthorized investigation into his past.

Deacon James Williams, head of the Deacon Board, although not reflecting the sentiments of all the deacons, said he, too, opposed the secrecy of the investigation and felt that the entire governing body should have been altered.

"I have not authorized anyone to check into my past. I have not authorized anyone to produce tapes on me. I am a minister of the gospel and am here to do a job. I am about uplifting, and I want to fill the church with the holy spirit of Jesus. This is what I am about. I am not into dredging up events from my past life that have no bearing on my present position," said Rev. Williams.

Howard argued that the Feb. meeting at which the seven - member Trustee Board was ousted was unfair. "We were not even allowed to talk at this meeting, to even let the church know what we had found, and there were threats of police - assisted evictions if we talked out of line. As could be expected, we never were recognized.

"The deacon board prevented us from presenting our information to the church and in a sudden meeting, sparked by the pastor, where all types of rules were violated, we were made out to be criminals and removed from our duties."

"And appropriately so," said Deacon Williams. "We voted this pastor in through proper electoral procedures. He has already helped to bring church members closer together. Some 60 members have joined within the month he had been preaching, and we resent someone trying to make trouble for us."

Just for all, for whom Deacon Williams spoke was unclear. There appeared to be a mixture of opinions in the congregation.

Trustee Marvin Dillard said his only worry was that with the reputation of the pastor-elect, he was afraid that he would split the church.

Another Trustee acknowledged that the biggest problem was that members of the church didn't know what the members of the trustee board did and were unable to fairly make a judgement.

"But we know all we need to know," said Deacon Williams, "We want him as our pastor."

Each of the concerned parties approached lawyers who are expected to soon be in court.

Historic dates to remember

1 - Birthday of Langston Hughes (1902-1967) Joplin, Mo. born poet and author whose popular character Jesse B. Simple of Harlem USA mirrored the average working man's inquiry into the racial injustices inherent in American life.

2 - Birthday of John S. Rock (1825-1866). Born in Salem, New Jersey he was one of the many outstanding Black leaders active even before the Civil War.

School teacher, dentist, physician, lawyer and graduate of American Medical College in Philadelphia, member of the Massachusetts Bar, proficient in Latin and Greek, Dr. Rock was one of the leaders of the movement for equal rights in the North. He used the lecture platform to challenge racist concepts that Blacks were inferior to Whites. In 1865 he became the first Afro-American lawyer accredited to practice before the Supreme Court.

2 - Birthday of jazz musician Sonny Stitt.

6 - Birthday of Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) a free Negro astronomer and mathematician of Maryland. He published a series of almanacs such as did Benjamin Franklin. At age 22 he built the first American clock to strike the hours.

9 - Death of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) died of tuberculosis. This Ohio born poet was the first Black-American born poet to gain national recognition and publication of his works. He spent much of his time in travel reading his works throughout this country and England.

10 - Birthday of soprano Leontyne Price.

14 - In 1867 Augusta Institute later to become Morehouse College opened in Atlanta, Ga.

20 - Death of Frederick Douglas (1817-1895) in Washington, D.C. Born a slave, Douglas escaped to freedom and gained an education in the North that allowed him to become an author, lecturer and publisher of a leading Afro-American newspaper. He was a giant among leaders during and after the Civil War. His famous quote: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

21 - The assassination of Malcolm X in 1965. An abrupt end to the career of one of this century's great Black leaders. A polemic militant, he advocated a Black American nationalism connected to the newly freed African nations.

23 - Birthday of W.E.B. DuBois (1868-1963) author, scholar and educator. Born in Great Barrington, Mass. Dr. DuBois was the most prominent figure in the Negro struggle for equal rights in the first part of this century. In 1896 the University of Pennsylvania offered him an appointment to conduct a one year study of Negro life in the city of Philadelphia.

—Jim Parkers

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conduct was calculated to publicly humiliate him.

The cross bill states that the wife deserted their Wingborne Court home (which is in his name and hers) and that he presently lives there. Their joint possessions in the house are to be considered "family personal use property", he says.

Mr. Parker's cross bill also states that his wife is a stockholder in the Liberty-Garrison Corp. The stock acquired during the marriage constitutes "marital property", he claims.

Mr. Parker's request to the court is that an order be handed down accounting for evaluation of all property acquired by both parties after their 1974 marriage.

He asks that the wife be enjoined from selling, leasing or renting or obligating his interest in all family "personal use property", real property, personal property and all other assets acquired after their marriage.

In addition, Mr. Parker wants visitation and uninterrupted supervision of the children four days a month.

Asking that his wife be ordered to desist harrassment and molestation of him, his employees, business associates and acquaintences, Mr. Parker requests a court order enjoining his wife from Jim Parker's Pub on Garrison Blvd.

First Black President

Patrick F. Healy, S.J., became Georgetown's 29th president in 1874. Born in a slave state, he was the first black American to obtain a Ph.D and the first black person to be named president of a major predominately white institution.

His progressive ideas soon earned him the title of the "second founder" of Georgetown. The University archivist has additional material on Patrick Healy.

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Kirk seeks more funding for her shelter program

Del. Ruth M. Kirk (D., 30th-Baltimore City) is introducing legislation in the General Assembly to expand the state's Homeless Shelter, Nutrition and Service Programs Funding which was created by a bill she sponsored in 1983.

With the help of Del. Larry Young (D., 39th-Baltimore City), Del. Thomas B. Kernan (D., 9th-Baltimore County), and a roster of other sponsors, Del. Kirk hopes to procure in the governor's supplementary budget an allocation of approximately $2 million dollars for funding the program.

Currently, federal funds are decreasing in providing help to shelters and homeless individuals in need of temporary or crisis lodging and food.

The bill by Del. Kirk will create an independent state board of trustees to administer all available and appropriate funds for a statewide Shelter, Nutrition and Service Program. The board, appointed by the governor, will allocate the funds and appropriations to areas where shelter and food assistance are most needed.

"People in need of a place to sleep and food to eat are too often ignored in our society. This legislation will draw a mandated commitment from the state to serve those who otherwise do not have immediate resources for proper shelter or nutrition. The crisis of the homeless person is dramatic and must be addressed," said Del. Kirk when introducing the bill.

Information about Del. Kirk's bill can be obtained by contacting the office of Del. Ruth M. Kirk, 315 House of Delegates Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 or by telephoning 841-3263 (Baltimore area number) or 858-3263 (Washington, D.C. area number).

"This is a measure of our time, one of extreme significance, one which extends a helping hand to those whose hands, figuratively, might be cut off," she concluded.

CITY EMPLOYEES recently raised $20,954.00 for the United Negro College Fund during Baltimore's UNCF municipal fundraising campaign in December. The mayor, William Donald Schaefer, honorary chairman of the city campaign, and Civil Service Director Hilda Ford, who served as chairperson of the campaign, presented the city's check to Steven McDaniel (right), director of development/production for UNCF.

Coppin's Dr. Calvin Burnett is elected chairman of YMCA

Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president of Coppin State College, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Baltimore.

As Chief Volunteer Officer of the YMCA, Dr. Burnett is responsible for the successful operation of an association which serves over 150,000 individuals each year. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the local YMCA since 1973 and is also on the National YMCA Board. Dr. Burnett succeeds Harold Manekin, president of the Manekin Corporation, who served as the association's chairman from 1982 to 1984.

Dr. Burnett has been president of Coppin State College since 1970. Prior to Coppin, he was an associate professor at Southern Illinois University and Catholic University respectively.

Dr. Calvin W. Burnett

He has also been employed by the Health and Welfare Council of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation at St. Louis State Hospital.

An active member of the community, he is on the Executive Board of the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; the Board of Trustees of Gilman School; the Board of Directors of the Maryland Academy of Sciences; the National Advisory Board of the Maryland Conference of Christians and Jews; and the Maryland State Scholarship Board, among others.

He also served as vice president of the United Way of Central Maryland in 1983. Dr. Burnett received his Ph.D., M.A. and B.S. degrees from St. Louis University.

The YMCA of Greater Baltimore is a non-profit, United Way Agency, dedicated to meeting the spiritual, physical, intellectual and sociological needs of the citizens of Baltimore City and the Greater Baltimore area. (UPI)

Senate gives initial OK to new press shield bill

By Ann Sagi

ANNAPOLIS, — The Senate Wednesday gave preliminary approval to a bill that would expand legal protection for journalists' news sources even if the names of the sources already have been published.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Thomas Mike Miller, D-Prince Georges, also would extend Maryland's "shield law" to protect information gathered in the reporting of a story whether the material is used as background or included in the published account.

Miller said he introduced the bill after a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of stories in the Washington Post about sexual attacks at the Prince George's County Detention Center. The reporter, Loretta Tofani, refused to divulge information to a county Grand Jury.

The Court of Appeals ruled Ms. Tofani could not invoke Maryland's existing shield law because the names of her sources already had been published.

"Sexual attacks against inmates had gone unreported and ignored, Miller said. "She (Ms. Tofani) couldn't have obtained her story if her sources were told in advance they would have to testify.

"Ms. Tofani said the story would have had no credibility without names, that jail officials could continue to deny this was going on," he said.

After the series was published in September, 1982, the grand jury indicted 12 current or former inmates of the jail on counts of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault.

Sen. Jim Simpson, D-Charles, questioned whether the bill extended too much protection to the press.

"Why not just take every citizen in the state and say they have immunity from testifying before a grand jury?" he asked.

Morgan gets $256,000 from GM

Morgan State University has received a grant of $250,000 from the General Motors Corporation to establish a scholarship endowment program. Acceptance of the grant was approved by Morgan's Board of Regents on January 26. Under the terms of the grant, Morgan will receive $50,000 a year for the next five (5) years.

The university has already received the first installment of $50,000 and these funds have been invested so that the interest derived can be used to provide scholarships by September, 1984 for the first students entering Morgan's Engineering Program.

According to the guidelines of the GM grant, scholarships will be limited to women and minority groups. The dollar amount of scholarships is limited to $2,500 per year, per student and the award can be renewed a maximum of three times by an individual. The only other stipulation made by GM is that "On awarding scholarships, preference will be given to GM employees, their spouses, and their offspring.

A procedure will be developed to certify' that applicants are so related." Otherwise, Morgan State University will determine its own policies as to the number, amount and eligibility criteria for scholarships under the scholarship program that has been funded by the General Motors Corporation.

Another recent development at Morgan State University which will guarantee the education of needy students was the announcement that the ARA-Martin Resnick Firm will be making a $5,000 a-year contribution to provide scholarships for enrollees in the School of Business and Management. Mr. Resnick, who is a member of Morgan's Board of Regents, is the head of the concern which was recently awarded the food service contract at Memorial Stadium.

Accused officer getting a jury

Jury selection continued Wednesday in the trial of a city police officer charged with manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a motorcyclist last July.

Defense and prosecution lawyers said the process of choosing a jury to try Officer Daniel Shanahan could take up to three weeks. Testimony in the case is scheduled to begin Feb. 27.

Shanahan allegedly shot Booker Lee Lancaster, 49, on July 13 following an argument with the motorcyclist on Harford Rd. Shanahan, a 10-year veteran of the police force, was off-duty at the time of the shooting. UPI

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A 14-year old boy wounds his sister

City police have filed juvenile charges against a 14-year-old boy, accused of accidentally shooting his sister in the stomach with a revolver.

Police said Tiffany Horne, 17, was sitting in the dining room of the family's home about 6 p.m. Wednesday, when her brother entered the house and began waving a loaded .22 caliber handgun at her and another person.

After Miss Horne warned her brother to stop playing with gun, he pointed the weapon at her and it accidentally discharged, police said.

The wounded girl was listed in fair condition today at the University of Maryland Hospital. Police said her brother, whose name was not released, faces juvenile charges in connection with the shooting. UPI

Judge sentences woman for theft

A District Court judge has sentenced a former city Grand juror to 90 days in jail for stealing $32 from the pocketbook of a Grand Jury clerk.

According to statements presented in court Tuesday, Ms. Angela Sykes, 25, told police that she needed the money that she took from Ms. Juanita Miller's purse to pay for food for her babies.

Nevertheless, Judge Robert Gerstung found Ms. Sykes, who earns $297 a week at her job with an insurance firm, guilty of one count of misdemeanor theft and ordered her to spend 90 days in jail.

Ms. Sykes was arrested Dec. 8, after police caught her with a marked 10 dollar bill in her sock. Police said they placed three marked bills in Ms. Miller's purse in an attempt to catch the person who had taken money from the clerk on two previous occasions. UPI

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