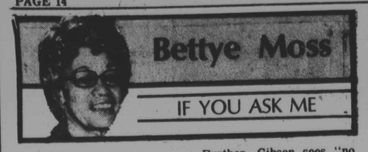

Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

The bar exam

The list of successful candidates who passed the July 1985 Maryland Bar examination is causing a sensation in legal critics.

Reason: — Only 57 percent, or 703 of those who took the test passed. U. of Md. Law School professor, Larry S. Gibson, says this is "the highest failure rate in 10 years. Last July, 73 percent of the candidates passed."

Gibson calls it "a tragedy" that Maryland appears to have the third or fourth lowest passage rate in the nation, the most difficult bar exam in the country.

He says it makes admission to the bar "most expensive," as most candidates eventually pass the exam, but it places them in competitive disadvantage with the rest of their classmates."

Further, Gibson sees "no justification" for Maryland showing such a low passage rate for prospective lawyers since the state has two accredited law schools, the U. of Baltimore and the U. of Md.

He notes "no need to use an excessively difficult examination under these circumstances."

In the past, the most rejected lawyer applicants, were black students. This time, sources indicate the flunking applicants included law clerks and assistants to top legal figures. Gibson said it has had "a devastating effect" on many of them.

5 passed

Among the 703 who passed were five U of Md. black law grads, The Black American Law Students Association (BALSA), identified them as, Midgett Seldon Parker, Jr., of Glen Burnie, Darlene Wright Powell of Edmondson Ave., John Stephen Simms of Park Ave., Joanne Brooks - Saunders of Columbus, and Cynthia Ruth Wood of Charles Plaza.

Unconfirmed word is that all 14 Howard U. law grads failed.

Cuff note: The list of 703 who passed takes 16 pages.

It is interesting to note that successful Baltimore area candidates number only 188. (We counted them.)

Others who passed come from the Maryland counties, and some from as far away as California, Minnesota, N.C., Pa., Va., Tex., and a large group from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan and suburban areas.

More cuff: The new lawyers will be sworn in on December 19 and 20, by the Maryland Court of Appeals, where Judge Harry A. Cole is associate judge, and the only black on the state's highest court.

Next bar exam is Feb. 25 and 26, 1986.

UM CHEER LEADER — Andra Brandon, a U. of Md. cheerleader, will be among rooters when the Terps meet Virginia gridders at College Park today (Friday). Miss Brandon hails from Port Washington, Md., is a senior sociology major. (C.R. Tuckson photo)

Allen AME

Can 18 voices be so melodious that you think you are listening to a chorus? Yes, it was so on Sunday morning at Allen AME Church on W. Lexington St., in downtown Baltimore.

The occasion marked the third anniversary of the combined choirs. The 14 female voices and the 4 male voices at the morning service thrilled with their renditions of, "Glory Is Jesus In My Soul," and, "I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry." Mrs. Julia Boone and Mrs. Earlene Thomas are music directors.

Morning speaker was Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, former Allen pastor, now minister of Emanuel AME Church in Portsmouth, Va. A busload of 40 Emanuel members accompanied him, and presented a gift to Allen pastor, Rev. Ricky Spain.

Rev. Spain recalled he was ordained an elder when Rev. Braxton pastored Allen, ("We're glad to have our friend, our pastor, our brother back here at Allen . . .").

Rev. Braxton said he was only 25 when he assumed Allen's pastorate, fresh out of divinity school. He delighted the congregation when he remembered he first spied a lady at a revival service at the church and decided he would marry her. He added they were married at Allen, (she is Rev. Marie Phillips Braxton, now assistant pastor at Emanuel). With them, daughter, Shannon, who was baptized at Allen 5 years ago, and son, 11-month-old Derek, who will be baptized this Sunday, (Dec. 1) at Emanuel.

It was moving when he looked out over the congregation and called longtime members by name and remembered their trials and tribulations. ("I will be forever in debt to Allen for my 8½ years here ...")

Keep singing

In his sermon, Rev. Braxton urged, "No matter how much you do, there will be some people who will criticize you, but keep on singing and serving God ... sing when troubles come, when disappointments fill the day ... when sickness infests the body, sing anyhow, don't let anybody stop you from singing ... the Lord is there, in season and out, if you sing enough, He will give you strength ..."

Mrs. Thrykield Barnes chaired the choir anniversary program. Rev. Ronald Bowers and Wayland Davis, associate ministers, assisted at the services.

Allen's main sanctuary is a beauty with its bright white walls, trimmed with blue. Four stained glass windows adorn each side.

The church program listed the following sick members: Mrs. Veronica Camphore, Copley Rd., Mrs. Mimi Young, Harlem Ave., John Everett, W. Saratoga St., Mrs. Coreitha Moore, University Hospital; Mrs. Catherine Bell, Poplar Grove St., Mrs. Leta Davis, Forest Haven Nursing Home; Mrs. Vivian Rice, Copley Rd., Mrs. Henrietta Watkins, Poplar Grove Nursing Home, Mrs. Lina Smith, N. Montford Ave., and Mrs. Edna Covington, St. Agnes Hospital.

Cuff note: Historic Allen Church is home for the well - known Russell family. Present at the 11 a.m. service was George L. Russell Sr., 88, the retired postal supervisor. He confided that his parents, Hezekiah and Catherine Russell, first carried him to Allen and I have been a member all my life."

More cuff: The senior Mr. Russell is spry and alert. His lawyer-son George Jr., is his spitting image.

Mortgage

Greater New Hope Baptist Church was filled on Sunday afternoon for the glorious mortgage burning service.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Leonard E. Hicks, and members of his church, were joined by guest ministers and choirs who came to salute the W. North Ave. church for retiring its 25-year $139,000 mortgage secured in 1974, in just 11 years.

Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, was present to assist in the mortgage burning. He noted, "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to come here to congratulate you for paying off your indebtedness. We wouldn't have been able to make the mortgage loan to enable you to move from Riggs Ave. here to North Ave., if persons in your congregation had not opened their savings accounts at Advance Federal. We are especially pleased that we have helped you arrange for your new home for the elderly."

$3.7 million

Reference was to the $3.7 million grant Greater New Hope has received from HUD (the Housing and Urban Development Agency), and invested in Advance Federal to finance an 80 - apartment complex for the elderly under construction in the rear of the church in the 2700 block W. North Ave.

Ground was broken for the project, known as New Hope Towers, in October.

Rev. Dr. John Crummedy, pastor of Freewill Baptist Church brought the afternoon message. Members of his church choir sang, as did Greater New Hope's sanctuary choir, the combined choirs and the Progressive Male Chorus.

Other participants in the mortgage burning ceremony were, Mrs. Iris Torrence, Jimmy Faison, Mrs. Jean Brown, Deacons Willie Demory, and George Smith and Trustee Coel McClam.

More participants: Deacon Joseph Powell, the Christian education officer; Mrs. Dora Hicks, wife of the pastor, Deacon William Mangum and Rev. Gary Johnson.

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9:15 A.M. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL
Member Orientation Class
10:30 A.M. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Allix B. James, Sermon
President Emeritus, Virginia Union University
6:00 P.M. ..... BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

You are cordially invited to come and be part of our morning worship this Sunday, December 1, 1985. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Allix B. James.

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"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" Matt. 24:14

9:00 A.M. ..... Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. ..... Live Radio Broadcast WYST 10:10 A.M. dial
11:00 A.M. ..... Morning Worship Service
Sermon by Elder C. Green
4:00 P.M. ..... The board of Elders and the board of Senior Deacons will observe their anniversary. The entire church at worship. The Elders of the church will speak.

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8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
10:00 a.m. ..... SERVICE OF BAPTISM
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "Lift Up Your Heads" ..... E. L. Ashford
THE SPIRITUAL: "We Shall Walk Through the Valley" ..... U. S. Moore
BRO. JAMES R. PETERSON, DIRECTOR
PREACHING: "God's Love: Help Yourself" ..... Pastor Ray
3:30 p.m. ..... We fellowship with Lovely Hill Baptist Church
Wednesday, December 4, 7 p.m. ..... Martha W. Preston Bible Class

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Sunday, December 1, 1985
8:00 and 11:00 Services
Officiating Minister:
Dr. Marion C. Bascom

MUSIC:
8:00 a.m. — The Heavens Are Declaring
— Ludwig V. Beethoven
11:00 a.m. — And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)

AFRO SPORTS

Morgan cagers open play with road trip

There is this to be said of Nat Frazier: The returning Morgan State basketball coach is not lacking in courage.

Frazier sends his 1985-86 Bears into as tough a schedule as Morgan basketball has ever undertaken. And he did it beginning Monday night on the road with a freshman dominated aggregation.

After the Bears' opener against St. Peter's in Jersey City, Frazier and his charges journeyed to New Mexico State for three days of tournament play.

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Against the Saints, Troy Brown was the game's top scorer with 12 points and Randy Hampton recorded eight rebounds in the 59-41 Morgan loss.

Frazier and company took off Tuesday for New Mexico.

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Following the weekend tournament in Las Cruces, the Bears face the rugged task of tangling with Southern Methodist University at Dallas on Saturday, traveling to Clemson for a Wednesday contest, then moving up to the Citadel at Charleston, S.C., Thursday.

That is quite an assignment for a young team in the process of building with first-year prospects Ryan Smith a forward, and Noel Liverpool, a center from Patterson; forward Darryl Curts, a forward from Northwestern, and a promising guard from Randallstown High, Gene Hicks.

Frazier, however, has never wavered from his personal belief that hard work and motivation go a long way toward filling the experience gap.

Nat Frazier doesn't fear the big guys

No-quit wrestle match for Civic Center

A lumberjack-style battle during which the ring will be surrounded by wrestling musclemen, will be the feature of Saturday night's mat event at Civil Center.

The use of the big bservers is to assure that neither Paul Orndorff nor Rowdy Roddy Piper attempts to leave the ring - either by falling out or being thrown out - before a winner is declared.

Intercontinental heavyweight champion Tito Santana opposes challenger Cowboy Bob Orton in the co-feature.

S.D. Jones also is on the 8-match bill, opposing Hercules Hernandez.

Wheelchair 5 at Richmond

The Baltimore Wheelchair basketball team travels to Richmond tomorrow (Saturday) to take on the Richmond Rimriders of the Capital Conference of the Wheelchair Association.

It will mark the fifth game of a schedule designed to subsequently determine the Eastern Reginal champion. The winner will qualify for the March 1 playoffs.

The local team returns next Sunday (8th) to entertain the Roanoke Star City Wheelers at the University of Baltimore gym.

VANESSA GRAHAM was one of the bright stars in the Howard University women's court battle with George Washington University, Saturday, at the Smith Center. Graham and Darlene Beale sparked the Bisonettes but were unable to stem the late surge of the GW and bowed in an overtime contest, 76-71, in a championship tournament.

NFL this week

Sunday
Buffalo at San Diego
Cleveland at New York Giants
Denver at Pittsburgh
Houston at Cincinnati
Kansas City at Seattle
Los Angeles Raiders at Atlanta
L.A. Rams at New Orleans
Minnesota at Philadelphia
New England at Indianapolis
San Francisco at Washington
Tampa Bay at Green Bay
Monday Night
Chicago at Miami

Week in boxing

Nov. 29 at New York - c-David Braxton vs. Mark Medal, 12, NABF super welterweight title; Angel Cruz vs. James "Buddy" McGirt, 12, junior welterweights.

Dec. 2 at Sydney, Australia - c-Jeff Fenech vs. Jerome Coffee, 15, IBF bantamweight.

Scholastic sports

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
Lake Clifton at Mt. St. Joe
SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
Dunbar at Lake Clifton
TUESDAY
Varsity Basketball
Southwestern at Lake Clifton
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BALTIMORE GAMECOCKS—Former local high school stars Perry (l) and Terry (r) Dozier receive a little "experience" advice from upperclassman Linwood Moye (c) on the University of South Carolina bench as they join the Gamecocks for 1985-86 play. The freshman twins participated Monday night against Nevada-Las Vegas, Terry scoring 7 points in a 73-56 loss to the Running Rebels.

29 schoolboy gridders gird for 'Unsung Hero' awards fete

Frank Deford, senior writer for Sports Illustrated, will be the guest speaker at the 46th McCormick Unsung Hero Awards Banquet to be held next Friday (Dec. 6) at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn.

Twenty-nine candidates, one of whom will be honored as the 1985 Unsung Hero, have been chosen Unsung Heroes from their respective public, parochial, and private schools.

The players represent schools in the Maryland Scholastic Association which played varsity football this season. Friends School, one of the Association's founding members, fielded a junior varsity squad.

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Coaches at each of the MSA schools with varsity football programs nominate a candidate. From this group one athlete will be selected by the Maryland Board of Football Officials as the 46th McCormick Unsung Hero. The winner receives a four-year scholarship from McCormick.

The purpose of this event is to reward athletes for unselfish team play and to recognize those who contributed substantially to the success of their teams without receiving acclaim.

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Following are the 29 candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Shean Armitage, guard, Patterson; Brendan Bagley, center-tackle, Martin Spalding; John Baugher, safety, Mt. St. Joseph; Pat Bellotte, guard, St. Mary's; Tyrus Conaway, guard-linebacker, City College; Ronald Davis, fullback, Southern;

Arlen Doles, end-linebacker, Northern; William Dorrah, Jr., guard, Forest Park; Doug Gorius, guard, John Carroll, Eric Guy, Flanker, Carver; Dajuan Harrison, running back, Curley;

Michael Henson, center-guard, Northwestern; Mike Holmes, linebacker, Lake Clifton; Reggie House, fullback, Poly; Jeff Keel, tackle, Calvert Hall;

Michael Leach, fullback, Southern; Pat Leahy, tight end, Loyola; Tim Oursler, quarterback, Gilman; John Quinlan, guard-linebacker, Severn; Tom Ratrie, tackle, Boys' Latin; Donte Robinson, tackle, Gibbons; Malcolm Showell, end-tackle, Dunbar; Jon Siegel, guard-tackle, Friends;

James Singletary, Jr., linebacker, Walbrook; Eric Smith, tackle, Douglass;

Guy Stafford, Jr., guard-tackle, Edmondson-Westside; Matt Welsh, center-tackle, St. Paul's; Michael Williams, halfback-linebacker, Mervo, and Robert Young, tackle, McDonogh.

Basketball

COLLEGE GAMES
Friday
Bowie State at Coppin (women)
Bowie State at Coppin
U of DC Tournament (women)
Saturday
Lincoln at Widener
U of DC Tournament (women)
Towson St. at United Va. Bank Classic
Monday
Coppin State at Geo. Washington
Cheyney St. at Delaware St.
Stockton St. at Lincoln
Fla. A&M at Albany St. (women)

COLLEGE RESULTS
NC Wesleyan 75, Bowie St. 70 (women)
Liberty 64, Bowie State 61
Hampton 87, Rutgers-Camden 55
W. Va. Tech 108, St. Augustine's 74
George Washington 76, Howard 71 (women)
Va. Union 81, Court Authority 73
Ala. State 90, S.C. State 75
J. Smith 79, Gardner Webb 74
St. Paul's 75, Longwood 64
Mt. St. Mary's 77, Va. Union 70 (women)
St. Augustine's 112, AAU All-Stars 92
Pfeiffer 79, Livingstone 69
Tuskegee 89, Fla. Memorial 77
Limestone 93, Barber-Scotia 81
Georgetown (Ky) 87, Fisk 61
Morris Brown 64, Paine 62
Ft. Valley 82, Fla. Memorial 82
Ala. A&M 102, Miles 81
Indiana Central 72, Ky State 61
Morehouse 90, Diliard 80
Utah 88, Tennessee State 49
Bishop 102, Texas A and I 93
Fort Hood 103, Alcorn State 102
NC Asheville 98, Voorhees 85
Valdosta 135, Edw. Waters 79

MIDWEEK RESULTS
St. Peter's 50, Morgan 41
Clemson 83, Md. E. Shore 57
W. Salem 83, Bowie State 77
Va. Union 77, Millersville 59
Va. State 70, N.C. Central 67
Shaw 74, St. Paul's 59
Lock Haven 90, Lincoln 64
W. Va. State 85, Mid-Tennessee 82
Idaho State 68, Tenn. State 55
Fla. International 83, Ed Waters 69
Sewanee 84, Morehouse 80
Grambling 68, Texas College 57
Dallas Baptist 77, Wiley 69
Texas A & M 82, Alcorn 69

Speed skaters here

The Maryland Speed Skating Association will host the Free Skate Speed Skating Championships at the Nothwest Ice Rink on Saturday Dec. 7, beginning at 1 p.m.

"Some of the best speed skaters in the east, including those from Maryland will compete in the meet," according to Jackie Eliasberg, president of the Maryland Speed Skating Association

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