THE LIVING CHURCH

City churches close out 'Memorable' year of worship

By Brion Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

Nineteen eighty-five was a memorable year for Baltimore church community. A year full of fundraisers, banquets, and family celebrations, all can remember happy times spent with friends and members of their church family.

Around the city Sunday there were a number of church activities wrapping up the year 1985. While many churches planned morning and evening worship services for the Christmas holiday, and candlelight watchnight services for New Year's Eve, Sunday, one local minister was installed in his new church among other activities.

At "The New Godfrey's" 1717 N. Charles St. Sunday at 6 p.m., installation services for Rev. Willie Ray and his New Promiseland Community Church were held.

The affair was hosted by Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church who called Rev. Ray "one of Baltimore's concerned and dedicated ministers."

Hundreds attended the services of Rev. Ray, who has worked as a minister in Baltimore for 16 years. Rev. Ray organized the campaign to "Stop the Killing" which, since last summer has held several concerts, carnivals and other activities designed to discourage city youths from becoming involved in crime and violence in the streets.

Rev. Ray said that his new church has as its officers a number of community leaders and spokespersons and will work to alleviate some of the problems of the black community.

"With the people that we have in and with the church, I believe that we can be instrumental in uplifting the people spirtually and otherwise," Rev. Ray told the AFRO.

Rev. Ray's new church, named The New Promiseland, will be a community church. Its location will be 2110 W. Edmondson Ave.

At Wayland Baptist Church last Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir presented the musical "Let There Be Peace on Earth" at 3 p.m. Hundreds attended the presentation.

The event was given in conjunction with the Church School and members of the Wayland Choirs. The Wayland Choir was directed by James Poney, who was accompanied by Shirley Kimbrough and Rodney Whitney. Mrs. Charlene Wicks served as superintendent of the Christmas program.

Monday at 8 p.m., Faith Tabernacle Church presented the play "The Real Meaning of Christmas." The play contained parts featuring the Faith Tabernacle Choir who sang "Silent Night" Helina Scott, a church helper, told the AFRO, "This is an every year thing and plenty of people came out to see it. It was beautiful to see the old and young people doing this together. I really enjoyed it."

After the ouster of Rev. F.D.R. Williams, Sunday Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist held its regular service with Rev. Heber Brown as its guest. A sizable number came out to the worship service, but members said that a large portion of the church's congregation have stopped attending and are following Rev. Williams who plans to start a church of his own.

An evening of worship featuring the Promise of Peace and Star Carols with Candlelights finale was held at Union Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday at 6 p.m. Hundreds attended this holiday event and all were most pleased. Marcus White, a member there, told the AFRO, "It was great to see the entire church family getting together one last time this year. Everyone enjoyed it. I personally look forward to doing it again next year."

Dr. H. Walden Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church, was the guest speaker at Ray of Hope Baptist Church Sunday at the Church's 4 p.m. service. He was accompanied by his church's choir and congregation.

"This was an excellent time for the two churches to get together. Rev. Franklin and the Ray Of Hope Family made us feel right at home," said Helen Murell, a Israel Baptist member who attended the service.

There was a Christmas Concert at New Elizabeth Baptist Church last Sunday. The concert was given by the New Elizabeth Mass Choir and its theme was "Go Tell It on the Mountain That Jesus Christ is Born."

Renee Perkins, a member at New Elizabeth Baptist Church, told the AFRO, "I was completely thrilled with the choir's performance. This is the kind of church concert that we need to have more of."

The Voice of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church celebrated their anniversary at the church, located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland Street, last Sunday at 7:30.

This brilliant performance featured James P. Thornton, Jr. and Julia Mae Price Williams in a joint recital and was sponsored by the Organ and Piano Committee. A great many turned out for this wonderful holiday recital and were well pleased with the fine performance they received.

"It was a rare occasion to see these two fine vocalists together. It really added something special to the holidays. I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Fern Harris, a Simmons Memorial member.

The Christian Women's Fellowship held its monthly prayer breakfast last Saturday morning at the Pimlico Center. The breakfast began at 9 a.m. and afterwards the members of the organization discussed a number of topics to be dealt with in 1986.

In a great family performance, Sunday the Sunday School of Waters A.M.E. presented an encore showing of the play "If I Were a King." The play was presented in the church's sanctuary and began at 6 p.m. The play was well appreciated by the group of over 100 who attended.

These are just a few of the local church activities that took place leading up to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Also there will be a number of churches having candlelight and watchnight service on New year's Eve. See Tuesday's AFRO for some of the New Year's Eve activities in area churches.

Ed Stephen's Gospel World

Special service honors Doris Allen

By Ed Stephens Jr.

An appreciation service honoring Miss Doris Ann Allen, an outstanding singer and songwriter was held several Sundays ago at Second Baptist Church, 1400 Idlewood Ave., where Rev. O. D. Brown is the pastor. A warm group of concerned citizens after reviewing Miss Allen's remarkable contribution to gospel music for so many years felt the desire to honor her in a most profound manner. Therefore local gospel groups, emcees, choirs, musicians and everyone who had been touched in some way by the fruitful deeds distributed by Miss Allen appeared for this fabulous program. Every seat was occupied and every heart became filled with joy just to be present not only to hear each guest gospel performer but to have church with the honoree, on this chosen Sunday.

Doris Ann Allen

Doris Ann Allen, the daughter of Annie Moss Allen is a native of Richmond and a product of the Richmond Public Schools. She accepted Christ at a very early age and was baptized at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church under the auspices of Rev. Andrew David Scott. Many people that Doris met in her formative years have attributed to the articulate and illustrious personality that she now posesses. Among them she fondly recalls Grace Matthews Pleasants, who influenced her interest in a career in radio announcing, which led her to meeting to renowned radio personality, John Thomas Mitchell of "WANT" radio. After Doris graduated from Armstrong High School, Mitchell made her his protege. This new and very special training led Doris to her first professional job as an announcer at "WILD" radio in Boston, Mass. Staying in Boston for only one year she returned to Richmond and was hired at "WANT" radio and developed two of the most popular programs ever to hit the air in our city. One was "Swinging Gently," a jazz program where her audience knew her as "Toni Allen" and the other was "Let's Have Church." From these two programs, Doris Ann Allen became a household word around Richmond and the people loved her creativeness.

But singing and writing are the two most activating forces within Doris' life going back to her earlier years singing with The Good Shepherd Baptist Church Choir. And then performing later with the Flying Clouds Quartette, The Rosettes, The Original Jewels, The Roberta Martin Singers of Chicago, The Virginia Choral Ensemble and today with The New Jewels. Doris has also conducted music workshops and seminars at various churches around the city. Selfishness is not a word in the life of Miss Doris Ann Allen, for she gives until she can't give anymore and that is why so many lives have been touched through her music or her talents. Even the recording industry has been touched through the talents of Doris. She wrote music for eight singles on The Savoy Record label for the original "Jewels." But not only for the Jewels, she has also written selections for several local gospel performers, Willie Jones and The Gospel Sensations, The Virginia Choral Ensemble, Larry Bland and the Volunteer Choir just to list a few. Without questioning God's natural gifts to mankind, Miss Doris Ann Allen certainly has a God given talent. Doris has really never sat down and counted how many selections she have written but here are just a few, "I've Got A Whole Lot To Be Thankful For," "The Least I Can Do," "From Out Of Nowhere," "The Harvest," "Down On My Knee" and the 23rd Psalm mainly performed by Mayor Roy West read by Peggy Perkins and also a medallion from the City of Richmond presented by Chuck Richardson which added true honors from those who had tallied all the contributions and decided to show appreciation. Also reflections from community leaders, cards, poems and musical dedicated gospel selections from various invited groups, acknowledged the great musical contribution of a great lady named Miss Doris Ann Allen.

Special Thought - "If you have but one gift to give this Christmas, give the gift of love."

Merry Christmas to each and every Gospel World reader from yours truly Ed Stephens Jr.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

RAY OF HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Dec. 29, the Missionary Society of Ray of Hope Baptist Church will present a Christian Candlelight Festival and Agape Feast at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Dr. Charles M. Franklin is pastor. The church is located at 3000 Parkside Dr.

On Dec. 31 the church will hold a Watchnight Service that will begin at 10:30 p.m. Church choirs will be present to entertain the congregation.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF EDGEMERE

The Mass Choir of Shiloh Baptist Church of Edgemere, founded by the late Rev. Thomas B. Teal, will have a Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m.

The church is located at Sycamore and Sparrows Point Rds. Deacon Percy Porter is the church leader.

SIMMONS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Organ and Piano Committee of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland Street, is sponsoring a Preacher's Recital" on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 8 p.m.

This recital will be rendered by the ministers of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church along with special guest ministers. Carter Robinson is chairman and Dr. William King is pastor.

NEW LIFE INSPIRATIONAL CHURCH

You are invited to worship with New Life Inspirational Church, which is located at 12 S. Caroline St., in a Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m. Rev. Charles Johnson II, pastor of Northwood Appold United Methodist Church, will be the preacher. Come out and rejoice.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lafayette and Arlington Avenues

The Clergy
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, D.D., L.H.D., Rector
The Rev. Robert T. Ford, ED. D., Deacon
Mr. Maurice Murphy, MUS. D., Choirmaster-Organist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1985

8:00 A.M. ..... Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. ..... Family Service — Church School
11:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon

The public is cordially invited to attend.

MEADE — IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONE, REV. EDMOND D. MEADE, WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 29, 1984:

We do not forget you, nor do
we intend,
We think of you often, and
will to the end;
Gone and forgotten by some
you may be,
But dear to our memory you
ever will be.

But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: Wherefore God . . hath prepared for them a city.

HEBREWS 11:16
BERNICE E. MEADE
BERNICE M. WAKER
EDMOND D. MEADE, JR.
ANDREA M. E. WAKER
and THE ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

Flames of Christmas

By Charles E. Cobb

After many years of living, and certainly of preaching, Christmas has become for me a time which, in its maximum essence, means hope. Almost two thousand years ago, when Jesus was born, despair and domination gripped much of the world. It was a time when the back of the world was bowed by the domination and ruthless decadence of the Roman Empire, an empire whose sword and military might held relentless sway.

Then, as now, the poor people of the world kept alive the hope that somehow, sometime, in some way, a change would come...a change whereby the flame of hope that continues ever to burn in the breast of those who are oppressed would not be extinguished, but, rather, would reach its full flower.

As we look at the world today, the flame of hope still burns. Now, however, the peoples of the world are no longer threatened by just one nation, but are in awe and fear of many, particularly those giants, the USSR and the USA.

Unfortunately, some of us are just as fearful of those rebelling all over the globe against their oppression as we are of these looming giants. This should not be. For, though the righteous struggle for justice often brings with it a necessary upheaval, justice must first be established in order for peace to prevail.

This continuing struggle for justice has rekindled the flame of hope and made it burn ever brighter since that first Christmas so many years ago. It is strange, though, that after 2,000 Christmases, we have not yet learned what can truly make that flame of hope an eternal one. The same greed, the same oppression, the same indifference that characterized the first Christmas, now characterizes this Christmas.

Yet, throughout the world today we see God's people giving new life to the flame of hope. We see that flame gaining strength in South Africa, where hundreds of thousands of people are uniting to shake off the yoke of apartheid. The flame is fueled by those who push us to solve the problems of our mushrooming homeless populations.

The flame is renewed by those who fight against the Reagan administration's assault against Black voting rights in the Alabama Black Belt. The flame is rekindled, too, by those assisting the thousands of migrant workers who toil in our fields, yet remain few.

Given God's promises and the manifestation of Him in Jesus Christ, until the hungry are fed, the named are clothed, the lame are enabled to walk, the blind made to see, and the love of God made manifest to the whole of mankind, then that which should be the flame of Christmas will not burn its brightest.

Religious leaders urge quiet prayer celebration for King

Leaders of America's three major religious faiths, this week, asked for celebrations and reflection to mark the first federal legal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Jan 20.

Msgr. Danie Hoye, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, Rev. Arie Brouwer, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, and Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, issued the joint statement, recommending "prayer services in churches and synagogues and interfaith memorial convocations so that we can reflect together on the values Dr. King lived by and died for."

"We urge all of America," said the religious leaders, "to celebrate the memory of this strong but gentle man."

Dr. King, a Baptist clergyman who was a prominent orator and pivotal defender of peace and civil rights, was felled by an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968.

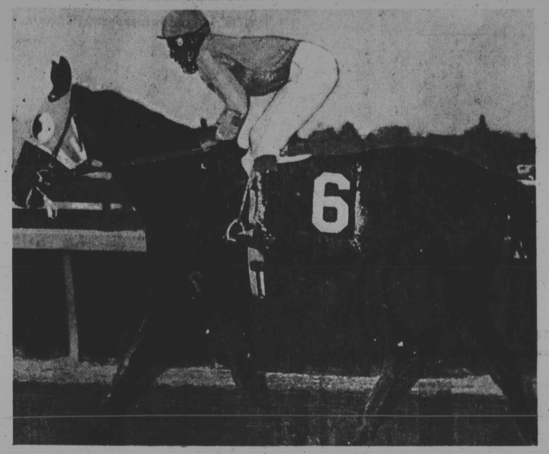
Msgr. Hoye Rev. Brouwer and Rabbi Michelman said in their statement that Dr. King "looked prejudice in the eye and did not flinch, confident that justice could be achieved in a non-violent way, that right would have the final word."

"May we all take the time on Jan 20, " they urged, 'to draw strength from his words and vision, for the work which still needs to be done."

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Lafayette and Madison Ayes.
"The People of the Way"
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music
Juanita Hall Davis
Organist

Sunday, December 30, 1985
10:00 A.M. Services
Marion Curtis Bascom, Sr. Preaching

Watch Night Services Tuesday at 10:45 P.M.



Sparrowvon won $40,000 stakes event for Allen

Early Yule for Laurel trainers

Two black thoroughbred trainers enjoyed an early Christmas at Laurel Race Course Sunday afternoon.

Harold Allen, better known as "Hank" Allen who traded a major league baseball glove for the stopwatch that labels his love, won two events on the card, and Norman Johnson, a 12-year veteran in the business won another.

Sunday was the final day of racing before a 3-day (Monday-Tuesday) break for the Yule holiday.

Allen's double included the feature race of the day, the Laurel Futurity Stakes, in which he saddled the 3-year-old Sparrowvon. Earlier, his mount, Little Diamonds, had captured the fifth race.

Both winners returned handsome payoffs.

Sparrowvon, who ended his campaign a year ago as the top money earner for 3-year-olds, defeated Art and nine other entries. Originally, Sparrowvon put the cap on the largest Pick Six payoff in Maryland racing history.

Harold 'Hank' Allen saddled last day double

Four Virginians pooled a bet that flushed a $38,073 jackpot for the wager that requires picking six consecutive winners from the third through the eighth races.

Diamondsarefriends carried a $16 value at the windows.

Johnson's 2-year-old Pilgrim Prince also gave his backers something to cheer about.

The dark bay gelding by Cabildo out of Grim Face took the lead entering the stretch and withstood the late charge by the highly regarded Swallow to pay $16.80.

It was the second straight win for Pilgrim Prince in only two outings.

Wayne Barnett who normally rides all of Allen's horses, was not aboard either Diamondsarefriends or Sparrowvon.

Barnett, probably deciding he needed the rest, took off until the first of the year to vacation in his Lakster (Mich.) home.

He was replaced in the saddle by Alberto Delgado, one of the meet's leading riders . . . LACY.

Laurel cards $760-G meet

LAUREL, MD. — Headed by the Grade III, $100,000-added Barbara Fritchie Handicap, Laurel Race Course has scheduled a total slate of 16 stakes races for its upcoming winter meet which begins Jan. 1, and continues through Feb. 16.

The combined value of the 16 stakes races is $760,000-added.

The 23rd running of the Barbara Fritchie, which carries an additional $50,000 Breeders' Cup Premium Award, will be contested on the last day of the meeting. The race is for 3-year-old and upward, fillies and mares and will be run at seven furlongs.

Also on the winter stakes schedule are four added-money events for Maryland-breds: the Star De Naskra Stakes (Sun., Jan. 5), the Jameela Stakes (Sun., Jan. 12), the Goss L. Stryker Stakes (Sun., Jan. 19), and the Conniver Stakes (Sun., Feb. 19).

Bird basketers list 23-game schedule

The Orioles basketball team will play a 23 game schedule with games throughout the Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania area. The Birds open their season on Jan. 3 with a 7:30 p.m. game at Joppatowne High School. Cal Ripken, Mike Young, Larry Sheets, Floyd Rayford, and John Shelby are among the players expected to play this year.

The schedule follows:

JANUARY
3—Friday Joppatowne High School, 7:30 p.m.
4 Sat.—National Conference of Synagogue Youth at TBA Montgomery Community College - Rockville, , Md., TBA
6 Mon.—Warwich High School, Lititz, Pa., 8:00 p.m.
8 Wed.—Andover High School, Linthicum Hts., Md. 7:30 p.m.
9 Thu. Hanover (Pa.) Jaycees 7:30 p.m.
11 Sat.—Westminster High School, 7:30 p.m.
13 Mon.—Fairfax (VA.) High School, 7:30 p.m.
15 Wed.—Calvert Hall, Towson, Md., TBA
17 Fri.—Loyola College 7:30 p.m.
18 Sat.—John Carroll High School, Belair, MD. TBA
21 Tue.—Mt. Hebron, Howard County, Md. 8:00 p.m.
22 Wed.—Poly Western, 7:30 p.m.
23 Thu.—Glenelg High School, Eldersburg, Md., 7:30 p.m.
25 Sat.—National Conference of Synagogue Youth, Pikesville Sr. High School, 7:45 p.m.
27 Mon.—Susquehanna High School, Glen Rock, Pa., 7:00 p.m.
28 Tue.—Chambersburg (PA.) Area High School, 7:30 p.m.
30 Thu—Leonardtown (Md.) High School, 7:30 p.m.
31 Fri.—Dundalk (Md.) Community College, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY
1 Sat.—Kenwood Sr. High School, 8:00 p.m.
3 Mon.—Montgomery Community College - Rockville, Md., 7:30 p.m.
5 Wed. York, Pa., TBA
7 Fri.—Frederick (Md.) Community College, 7:30 p.m.
8 Sat.—Chesapeake Bay Middle School, Pasadena, Md., 7:30 p.m.
TBA—To be announced.

Dunbar duo sparking Hoyas

The Dunbar duo of the Baltimore "W" youngsters — Reggie Williams and David Wingate — are combining to create the driving offensive force of the Georgetown basketball team.

The pair of Baltimoreans set the pace as Georgetown romped over eight previous opponents and then rocked DePaul which had been tapped as the team's first serious challenge.

Williams tallied 44 points in two weekend games, and Wingate collected 35 points over the same period.

Both also played impeccable defense in Hoyas' intricate all-court press.

So impressive was the performance of Williams that the 6-foot-7 junior was named Big East Player of the Week, even though no games have been played in the Conference yet.

Booth Reggie and David, incidentally, are products of Dunbar and the summer league conducted by the Project Survival Youth Program. And both were Project Survival's Sam Lacy Scholarship winners.

NFL playoffs

The winner of Sunday's NFC wild-card game either San Francisco or the New York Giants will play in Soldier Field against the Chicago Bears Jan. 5 in a divisional playoff game, the NFL said Monday in announcing the league playoff schedule.

The New York Jets host the New England Patriots at 4 p.m. EST Saturday in the AFC wild-card game. The San Francisco 49ers are at the New York Giants at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games are at Giants Stadium.

The 49ers-Giants winner plays at Chicago against the 15-1 Bears Jan. 5 at 12:30 p.m. At 4 p.m. the same day, the winner of the Jets-Patriots game will be at the AFC West champion Los Angeles Raiders.

On Jan. 4, the AFC Central champion Cleveland Browns will play at Miami against the East champion Dolphins, starting at 12:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., the NFC East champion Dolphins, starting at 12:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., the NFC East champion Dallas Cowboys are at the West Champion Los Angeles Rams.

The conference championship will be played Jan. 12, but the times have not been set yet, and Jan. 26 is Super Bowl XX at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Busy days on tap for Cheyney gals

CHEYNEY, PA — Cheyney University's women's basketball team will be busy during the holidays, playing in a pair of tournaments that has them playing four straight days.

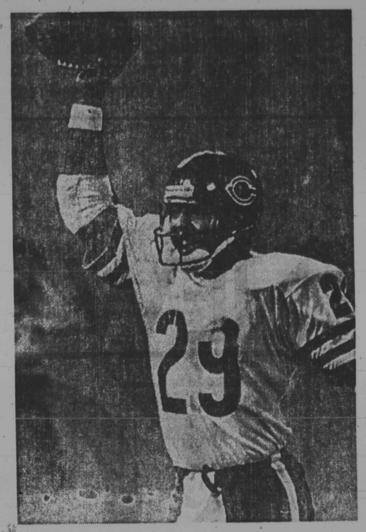
On December 27 and 28th the Lady Wolves will be playing in the Villanova tournament and on the 29th and 30th they'll travel to northern New Jersey to take part in the St. Peter's College tourney

SPORTS AFRO SPORTS

Basketball

WEEKEND GAMES
Saturday
Morgan at Akron
Coppin State at Utica
Sunday
Coppin State at Utica
Monday
Morgan at Youngstown

MIDWEEK RESULTS
Illinois 95, Howard 61
Cleveland St. 90, Md. E. Shore 56
Delaware St. 91, Towson St. 81 (women)
Towson State 63, Coppin St. 48
Delta State 82, U of DC 78
Brooklyn 56, Md. E. Shore 50
Mt. St. Mary's 90, U of DC 89
Tenn. State 49, A and T 46
Southern 95, Tuskegee 92
Jackson St. 85, Oregon Tech 62
La. State. 91, Southern 83
Texas El Paso 76, Alcorn 47
Tabor 90, Langston 66
York 74, Medgar Evers 58
Grambling 61, Wiley 59



COAST-TO-COAST — Chicago's Dennis Gentry holds ball aloft in jubilation after running back the second half kickoff 94 yards to trigger the rally that swept the Bears to a 27-17 victory over the Detroit Lions Sunday. Gentry and the Bears now await the winner of Saturday's game between the Giants and 49ers, whom they'll meet Jan. 5 at Chicago.

Scholastic sports schedules

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
Lake Clifton at Fort Eustis, Va.
Poly at Loch Raven
Walbrook at La Plata, MD.
Southwestern at Woodlawn
City at Gilman

Varsity Wrestling
TOURNAMENT
Patterson at Curley
Walbrook at Curley
Southwestern at Curley

SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
Poly at Loch Raven
City at Gilman

Girls Basketball
Western at Philadelphia

Varsity Wrestling
TOURNAMENT
Walbrook at Curley
Patterson at Curley

Howard, UMES crushed

Area college basketball teams looked in vain Monday for a warming cocktail to take with them into the Christmas break.

Howard was thumped, 95-61, by Illinois in Champaign. And Maryland-Eastern Shore was handled just as roughly by Cleveland (Ohio) State, 90-56, at Princess Anne.

The men's and women's teams of both Morgan and Coppin State were idle—as they will be until Saturday when the Bears visit Akron University and the Eagles travel to Utica, N.Y.

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In their game at Champaign the Bison were hit by the Illinois front line of Ken Norman, Glen Blackwell and Efrem Winters, each of whom had 16 points.

Mike Hampton's 16 points were top for Howard which trailed the nation's 16th ranked team by 16 points, 45-29, at the half.

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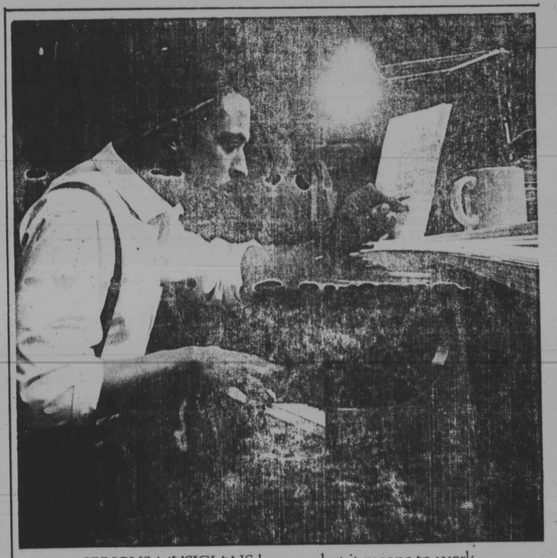
Meanwhile, playing at home did little to help Maryland—Eastern Shore in its confrontation with fast rising Cleveland State.

The visitors, riding the hot shooting of Clinton Smith and four teammates, all in double figures, rushed to a 24-point halftime lead, 45-21.

The Hawks' B-men, Boney and Blye, paced the home scoring with 12 and 10 points, respectively.



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