People in the News

Morgan student raises funds in behalf of slain coed

Chris Heidelberg, a junior telecommunications major attending Morgan State University and living in Baltimore, held a gospel concert to establish a scholarship in memory of Alysai Curtis. Ms. Curtis was a student at Morgan when she was slained last month trying to help her mother who was being robbed. Mr. Heidelberg is an intern at WBGR gospel radio station (860 AM). WBGR sponsored the benefit that netted over $1000. Mr. Heidelberg comments on the success of the event by saying, "I thank God that I was placed in a position that I could help such a cause."

Chris Heidelberg

He adds, "I planned the event because I really did not hear of anyone else trying to raise money for an Alysai Curtis fund, except the telecommunications students on campus and Dr. Kennedy. I knew that alone they would not be able to raise that much money, but that WBGR was a spiritual station that was active in the community.

"So I wrote a proposal, a commercial, a press release, letters to businesses, and submitted them to WBGR's program director, Mrs. Naomi Durant and the station's general manager, Maurice Holbert. They were impressed with the project and immediately approved it."

Chris says he was amazed at the amount of leadway he was given to conduct this project. It has given him a lot of confidence and an opportunity to get some invaluable hands-on fundraising experience and he gives credits Mount St. Joseph High School for the education he gained there, one that gave him the ability to talk intelligently on many different topics.

The gospel concert turned out to be successful, both artistically and financially. It was an uplifting experience that featured several Baltimore based performers including: the Majestics, Julia Mar Price Williams, The Joint Heirs, the Chancells, Julius Brockington, and the Baltimore Community Ensemble.

Chris continues to be active as he works toward his degree at Morgan. He is now holding a 3.82 grade point average and has been on the Dean's List for the last four semesters. He says, "I am trying my best to show that a person can obtain a quality education at Morgan."

He wants to work in public relations on the management level and wants to have his own public relations business in 10 to 15 years. Chris summed it up by saying, "I would like to issue a challenge to all young blacks, especially males. Do your best at everything you do. Never settle for less in life because you only get one chance, and if you keep on trying despite the odds in this world you can make it. Believe that you can do the impossible, and you will find it can be done.

DR. LILLIE HALL OF FAME HONOR a silver bowl, presented to the great civil rights leader's children was a highlight of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the State Capitol in Annapolis March 4. (L to R) Mrs. Patricia Hughes, wife of Gov. Harry Hughes, makes the presentation to Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, daughter of the late honoree Dr. Lillie Carroll Jackson; Mrs. Marion Jackson Downs Smith, Los Angeles, also daughter of Dr. Lillie and Bowen Keiffer Jackson, the only son of the late civil rights fighter. Gov. Hughes who was due to make the award was ill with the flu. The first black Marylander who went on the Hall of Fame roll in 1985 was Harriet Tubman, the Moses of Her People, who helped slaves escape on her Underground Railroad.

Romance in early Spring is not always sweet and mild

The season when men and the ladies too turn to thoughts of love can result in some mighty encounters which prove "Spring romance is seldom mild."

Here are two cases of sweetness turned sour.

It was on March 4 about 4 a.m. when a gentleman age 26, shapped a lady, also age 26, in the face when they were in the 1300 block N. Spring Street.

Police report as unable to take the gesture, the lady, Ms. Ellen Nichols of the 200 block N. Aisquith Street, produced a box cutter and slashed the gentleman (who resides in the 1300 block N. Spring Street) several times.

Suffering wounds of the face, throat, legs and arms, the gentleman, Wayne Wilson was taken to Hopkins Hospital by ambulance in critical condition.

Ms. Nichols has been charged with assault with intent to murder.

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Also on March 4, Kenneth Burton, 17, is reported by police as out for a walk on Fayette Street about 10:10 a.m. when he saw an ex-girlfriend and her boyfriend coming down the street.

Burton who resides in the 1600 block E. Monument Street and the girl's new boyfriend clashed and Burton, unfortunately, was shot at five times. Police say only one bullet caught him (in the rear end) and he was transported to Hopkins Hospital.

The "other man" who is known as "Hickey" is being sought by police so that the shooting can be accounted for.

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Mrs. Pinderhughes hopes to prevent kids bus fares from going up Apr. 1

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, superintendent of schools, is searching for another way to cut the school budget other than taking away the subsidy which supplies money for bus fares for school children.

On Thursday she is quoted as saying that she is looking again to hopefully find a way before the April 1 deadline when the children's bus fares go up to $1 round trip per day or $5 for the 5-day week.

The fares now are 30 cents each way per day, a total of 60 cents. If the school subsidy of 20 cents each way is taken away, the fare for each child to school and back home will rise to 50 cents each way or a total of $1 per day.

Mrs. Pinderhughes told the AFRO she realizes that the $1 per day car fare is critical to getting the children to attending school.

The date for the rise in school transportation fares to 50 cents each way was originally set for April 1.

Alarmed that the rise in bus fare to $1 per day was Senator Troy Brailey who wrote Robert C. Embry on March 4.

In the letter Brailey said that the proposed rise in fare affects the needy children whom he says always seem to become the scape - goats of budget cuts.

He also said that if the increased bus far goes into effect April 1, some 95 percent of the school population will be unable to attend school.

When the AFRO talked with Mr. Embry Wednesday, he revealed that Mrs. Pinderhughes, had been asked to cut back the budget to overcome $2,500,000 deficit.

He said, "Mrs. Pinderhughes said the cut off of the 20 cents from the school transportation sum was the least stringent. To lay off teachers or cut back on school supplies, for example, would prove to be more harmful.,

He said, "It was left up to her and she cut out bus fares."

At that point Mr. Embry added, "Really, the MTA could afford to let the children ride free but of course that is another matter."

Judson Porter, the chief financial officer for the city schools told the AFRO the actual number of youngsters affected is 27,400 who now pay a total of $3 a week to ride the MTA to school and return each day of the five-day week.

As he states it, the School Board picks up 20 cents each way for each child each day or $2 a week. That money will be cut off as of April 1. That leaves each student to pay a cost of 50 cents each way each day or $5 a week.

The legally mandated fund for transportation of the Special Education children is $7 million a year. That cannot be dropped or altered.

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AFRO SPORTS

THEY'RE FIGHTING, TOO — There's been so much hoopla about the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-John "The Beast" Mugabi fight that the co-feature has been virtually ignored. This is a scheduled 12-rounder between Thomas Hearns and James Shuler (here l-r) for the latter's North American Boxing Federation title, and it also goes at Las Vegas Monday (10th) night.

Bruno stops Coetzee in first round

LONDON (UPI) — Britain's Frank Bruno knocked out South African Gerrie Coetzee after one minute 50 seconds of the first round of their scheduled 12-round bout in a final eliminator Tuesday for the World Boxing Association heavyweight title.

Bruno, the 24-year-old European champion, began the scheduled 12-round bout in explosive fashion. He dropped Coetzee with a big right within seconds of the opening bell.

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The 30-year-old South African rose from the canvas with a cut in his left cheekbone and Bruno moved in for the kill.

He crashed in another left and right which sent the massive Coetzee through the ropes. The referee, not bothering to finish the count, stopped the fight after just 1 minute 50 seconds.

The prize for the winner should be a shot some time this summer at the WBA title held by American Tim Witherspoon. Preliminary arrangements have already been made for Bruno to fight Witherspoon in London in June.

Coetzee weighed in 6¼ pounds heavier than Bruno, at 233¼ pounds.

Globetrotters to be sold

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Metromedia Inc. announced Tuesday it had agreed to sell the Harlem Globetrotters, the Ice Capades and 15 ice-skating rinks for $30 million to International Broadcasting Corp.

Thomas Scallen of Minneapolis, president of International Broadcasting, said the two entertainment companies would continue to be based in their present locations — Hollywood for the Ice Capades and Sherman Oaks, Calif., for the Harlem Globetrotters.

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The Globetrotters, a world renowned touring basketball team and entertainment troupe, is in their 60th season. This year's Globetrotters team features the first woman player in its history — Lynette Woodard, the 1984 U.S. women's basketball team captain and former University of Kansas star.

The transaction also includes Metromedia's 15 Ice Chalets, ice-skating recreation centers, located across the country.

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The Globetrotters were founded in 1927 by Abe Saperstein and has been part of Metromedia since 1976.

UMES 'doubles' on Morgan 5's

Maryland, Eastern Shore basketball dropped a twin shocker on Morgan State as both closed out their 1985-86 seasons Tuesday night at Princess Anne.

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The Hawks who had won only two games in their previous 13 outings, defeated the Morgan men, 78-66. And the women's team took a 7-point decision from the Lady Bears, 94-87.

The host teams led in each game for most of the games, UMES holding a 32-27 advantage over the Bears at halftime. The Lady were ahead, 44-31, at their intermission, despite a 33-point surge by Project Survival (Baltimore) Scholarship winner Rose Willis.

The MEAC tournament begins Friday at the Philadelphia (Pa.) Civic Center with finals on Saturday.

Bear wrestlers win, Coppin 3rd

Morgan State captured the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference wrestling championship held in Greensboro, with Coppin State finishing third.

Both schools were competing in the conference tournament for the first time—Morgan in the last four years and Coppin as a new entry.

The Bears racked up 90 points. Delaware State was second with 53¾ points, and the Eagles next with 44.

Then followed S.C. State, A and T. Howard, Maryland, Eastern Shore and Bethune-Cookman in that order.

Kenya worries with drugs among pro soccer players

EX-BULLET HONORED—Earl "The Pearl" Monroe who carried his Bullets basketball wizardry to New York in 1972, had his uniform number retired Sunday by the New York Knicks.

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — The Kenya Football Federation, worried that drug use is heavy among pro soccer players, has introduced mandatory random drug testing for the country's 20-team first division, Kenya's three national daily newspapers reported Friday.

The plan will go into effect with the new seasoning that starts Saturday.

KFF chairman Job Omino said the use of illegal drugs, especially marijuana, was rampant among players and something had to be done.

Omino told the three English language daily newspapers, the Nation, the Standard and the Kenya Times, that drug abuse had affected the standard of the game in Kenya.

"The situation is bad. Three doctors have told me that 90 percent of Kenyan soccer players are drug addicts," Omino said.

"The (drug) habit is fast spreading among players and it has reached an alarming stage. We have no alternative but to clamp down on this pathetic situation. It is a matter of national concern."

NCAA hits Ala. A&M soccer

MISSION, Kan. (UPI) — The NCAA Wednesday placed the Alabama A&M University men's soccer team on probation until June 30, 1987, for violating grant-in-aid regulations.

The NCAA said the university, from 1982-83 through 1984-85, awarded more financial aid to soccer student-athletes than allowed by NCAA rules. The NCAA also said the university's administration — prior to 1982-83, arranged for the admissions office to waive a $100 foreign student fee for 22 prospective student-athletes in the program.

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The NCAA will also bar the school from future NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships until the university "demonstrates to the satisfaction" of the NCAA Committee on Infractions that the men's soccer program is in full compliance with NCAA rules and regulations regarding financial aid.

Action also was taken to ensure that regular-season eligibility is limited to a total number of student-athletes whose financial aid awards do not exceed the value of 11 full grants-in-aid.

The record of the university's performance in the 1982, 1983 and 1984 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships will be deleted from NCAA records, and the university will be required to return any team awards earned in those events.

Title boxing double bill at local sites

The screens at the Civic Center and Pikesville Armory will show what promises to be the most exciting boxing double-header in recent years Monday night.

Primary interest among local fans will probably focus on the world middleweight championship bout when defender marvelous Marvin Hagler and unbeaten John "The Beast" Mugabi.

But the under-feature also will attract widespread attention when former welterweight champion Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns and unbeaten James Shula of Philadelphia.

The closed-circuit telecast will be beamed from Las Vegas beginning at 9 p.m.

Week in boxing

March 4 at London — Gerrie Coetzee vs. Frank Bruno, 12, heavyweights.

March 4 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Henry Tillman vs. Reggie Gross, 10, cruiserweights.

March 8 at undetermined site — Davey Moore vs. Buster Drayton, 15, vacant IBF junior middleweight title.

March 9 at Fort Worth, Texas — c-Donald Curry vs. Edurado Rodrignez, 15, world welterweight title.

March 9 at Hampton, Va. — Pernell Whitaker vs. John Montes, 10, lightweights.

March 9 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-John Collins vs. Robbie Sims, 12, USBA middleweight title.

March 10 at uniondale, N.Y. — Mike Tyson vs. Steve Zouski, 10, heavyweights.

March 10 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Marvin Hagler vs. John "The Beast" Mugabi, 12, world middleweight title; c-James Shuler vs. Thomas Hearns, 12, NABF middleweight title; c-Richard Sandoval vs. Gaby Canizales, 15, WBA bantamweight title; c-Willie Edwards vs. David Sears, 12, NABF lightheavyweight title.

Dunbar bows, Western wins in Fuel Fund

Dunbar's long dominating high school basketball team dropped a close and surprising decision to Catholic League champion St. Maria Goretti, 66-64, Wednesday night at the Civic Center.

Earlier, equally dominant girls Western High Five defeated Institute of Notre Dame. But this was no surprise, nor was it close, the margin being 57-35.

Both contests were played for the benefit of the Fuel Fund, a reservoir designed to provide heat for the homes of the underprivileged.

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In their game, the Poets led 29-24 at the half but were outscored, 42-35 in the second period.

Goretti's Rod Monroe topped all scorers with 33 points. Dunbar was paced by Sean Tyson with 21. Monroe was chosen MVP.

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For unbeaten Western, which jumped in front early and stayed there, Devita Smith caging 14 points as top individual scorer.

The MVP award, however, went to Angela Cann who turned in 10 rebounds and four steals in addition to 13 points.

A crowd of 3,200 was on hand.

5 CIAA teams here in NCAA tourney play

Five Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association teams are in town this weekend to compete in the regional tournament of the NCAA Division II basketball.

Three of the five are men's quints, the other two are women's units.

Mt. St. Mary's is the host school at Emmitsburg, Md.

The Mounts will meet Winston-Salem (NC) State in a first-round contest tonight (Friday).

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The second game will be a rematch between Norfolk State and Virginia Union, the two finalists at Richmond last weekend when the Spartans downed Virginia Union, 75-71, for the CIAA title.

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Norfolk is also represented in the women's playoff.

The Lady Spartans with an 18-9 record, take on Hampton University (24-5) in a Friday clash, with the winner opposing Mt. St. Mary's women in the Saturday final.

Rites held for W.W. Lawson

PETERSBURG, Va. — Funeral services were held here Friday for W. W. Lawson, one-time coach at Virginia State and a longtime figure in college football.

A native of Camden, S.C., Lawson died last Monday at the age of 71.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbia, S.C., and a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University.

He coached football, baseball and track at Allen for 14 years, then came to Virginia State, where he compiled a 75-65-10 record. He taught physical education after he left coaching, then retired in 1972.

HACKERS' CORNER by Don Haskins

Driving the ball for distance is fine, but it is the "short game" that provides insight to a golfer's level of play.

The "short game" is what its name implies. It is a facet of golf that necessitates feel — the intuitive ability to gauge short distance by the application of force. The short game possesses its own vocabulary. "Lob shot" "Bump and run" and "Drag cut shot," to name but a few.

I contend that if golfers were truly honest concerning how well they play the resulting conclusion would require them to visit the practice green far more regularly than the driving range. It is indeed very curious strategy for the majority of golfers to pursue the swatting of countless balls on the practice range when, depending on skill level, sixty to eighty percent of golf is played around the green.

Here are a few golf shots you should consider having in your golf bag.

Bump and run

This shot should be played with a five to nine iron when there is some distance remaining to the flag and there is no obstacle over or around which the ball must travel.

The technique is for you to align yourself slightly open to your target with the weight placed almost exclusively on the left side of your narrowed stance. You choke down on the grip almost to the end. Your hands are positioned slightly ahead of the club and the ball is played opposite the right instep.

The motion is a stiff wrist downward action with the left hand in command and at no time does your right hand pass the left hand in the execution of the shot. To develop feel for this high percentage shot, attempt to carry the ball to a certain spot and watch very carefully the reaction of the ball after it lands. The object here is to cause the ball to act as much like a putt as possible.

Lob shot

This shot should be played with either a pitching or a sand wedge from heavier grass with a sand trap or small tree-like structure between you and the flag.

The technique is for you to open both your stance and the club face placing the weight almost exclusively on the left side. The ball is played in the middle of your narrowed stance and your hands are positioned slightly ahead of the club. Choke down on the grip a bit and be a little firmer in your left hand than usual so that the grass will not cause the club face to close upon impact.

The motion is for your left hand to cock almost immediately upon the take-away and the right hand slices under the grass and ball simultaneously. At no time does your right hand pass the left hand in the thru-swing. The swing — though shorter than full — is taken leisurely. This is not a high percentage shot unless you have spent considerable time practicing it. The ball will exit the grass softly — settling down quickly — with little or no run resulting.

Drag cut shot

This is a feel shot which should be played when further away from the flag when there is a requirement that the ball stop quickly. The ball will — if hit properly — stop on or after the third bounce.

The technique is to use either a pitching or sand wedge while playing the ball toward the right foot with most of the weight on the left side. For this shot you have to "feel" how much swing to take while hitting down sharply on the ball with your left hand in control. The ball should carry a low trajectory accompanied by a good deal of back spin. This is not a high percentage shot but one you should have in your arsenal.

For lefthanders, of course, the opposite of the preceding is true.

Lightning plans discount promotions for final games

The Baltimore Lightning returns from an eight-game road trip to play their final six games of the regular season at the Towson Center, beginning Thursday.

In an effort to attract support for the final games, the Lightning announces ticket discounts for all remaining home games, all at Towson Center on the campus of Towson State University. Ample parking there is assured.

The series of discounts follows:

SUNDAY—VS. BAY STATE "Health and Fitness Night"

Present any health club ID or hospital ID at the Towson Center ticket office and receive a ticket for one dollar. All health club members, employees, doctors, nurses, hospital employees are welcome. Just present an ID and you are in for a buck.

THURSDAY—VS. FLORIDA "College Night"

In case you can't make the 6th, we will repeat the discount for this game. And if you came out on the 6th, we are sure we will see you again as the playoffs rapidly approach!

FRIDAY—VS. FLORIDA "Health and Fitness Night"

Present your health club or hospital ID and join us for this all important battle with the Stingers for just a dollar!

SUN., MARCH 16—VS. TAMPA BAY "Public Service Employee Night"

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