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himself be a credible fundraiser.

To date the Academy is working from a $500,000 budget, $250,000 of which is a block grant awarded from the city. An additional $100,000 is picked up from tuition, and the remaining $150,000 is dependent on fundraising, sources said.

Along with a massive fundraiser, several small campaigns, such as the collecting of change (coins) and an auction, are being planned. An Academy teacher said parents are working along with administration to save the street academy which opened in 1978.

In addition, Admissions Director, Daryl Kennon, said he will appeal to local black organizations, such as church groups, fraternities and sororities and other social groups to grant yearly scholarships for Academy students.

Most of them are receiving financial aid to pay for the $2,750 tuition.

The $1,000 cost for running the Shirley Avenue building is not included in the current budget. Academy personnel said the building pays for itself with funds generated from the renting of meeting space to various community organizations after school hours.

Currently, Sojourner-Douglass College's History Club, the Republic of New Afrika, the Moorish Science Temple and the Nation of Islam are among groups that house weekly to monthly meetings on the premises.

Academy personnel told the AFRO that this was an example of the school's commitment to the community.

Following the installment of the new headmaster, the Board plans to hire a development officer, a full-time staff person who will be responsible for generating outside funds to aid and expand the school resources.

Meanwhile, the Academy is boasting what Kennon calls "one of the best senior classes," in the school's eight-year history. Twelve seniors are expected to graduate in the class of '87, about 10 will go on to college, Kennon said.

Senior, John Pride was a recent recipient of a $1,000 Northwest Scholarship to the college of his choice. Eligibility was based on grades, character and community involvement. The scholarship was awarded by the Pimlico Race Course.

The Park Heights Street Academy is also planning a six-day festivity in celebration of Kwanzaa, which will begin Dec. 26 and is open to the public.

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They are Larry Gray, 44, a claims and investments manager for the Maryland State Lottery and Victor Clark, 42, an accountant. Gray and Clark have tried their hands at running for office. Their most recent attempts were last month in the general election. Gray was a candidate for the House of Delegates in the 42nd Legislative District. Clark ran for the State Senate in the 39th.

They lost but said they will continue to run for public office and in doing so hope to continue educating the public about their brand of Republicanism and how it can work well for black people.

Is the Republican Party a suitable and compatible party for blacks.? Democratic politicians, of course, say no and oppose blacks leaving their ranks to join the Grand Old Party.

West Baltimore Del. Ralph Hughes, D-40th, comments are typical. He told the AFRO why he thought the Republican Party was bad for blacks.

"The philosophy and ideals of the Reagan Administration are detrimental to blacks and the poor," he said. "Baltimore City is suffering under President Ronald Reagan's policies. They don't help the city," Hughes said.

For blacks, the Republican Party has virtually nothing to offer, he said. Hughes cited the past 50 years and said there have been periods when poor people and black people have been better off.

"But then you come back to Republican control; the cycle begins again of give and take away, which never allows people to reach the stage of self-sufficiency," Hughes said.

Gray and Clark said they both were Democrats but changed parties during the late 1970s because they did not buy into the "socialistic view of the Democratic Party."

"When I decided to change, I assessed myself and then I assessed both parties," Clark said. "I thought I was better off as a Republican. My personal life goals match up better as a Republican."

Gray said he ran for the House of Delegates in 1978 as a Democrat and was often accused of sounding like a Republican.

"I switched immediately after the election was over," he said, adding that if he were to be accused of being a Republican he might as well be one.

Self-sufficiency, the work ethic and doing for self and community are what Gray and Clark said is the message they are trying to impart to the black public about the Republican Party.

Social programs, welfare and give-aways have not helped black people. Instead, they said, such programs have created a dependency or what Gray called a "welfare and poverty mentality."

"Social programs have not proved to be the catalyst for the black community like some (Democratic) leaders say they are," Gray said. "I grew up in South Carolina when there were no food stamps or welfare programs . . . no give-aways. We survived and prospered . . . even acquired businesses, and these things are ours."

Gray said to achieve true civil rights and parity in society, the black community has to have a strong economic power base. "We must employ our people and turn money over in our communities," he said.

He and Clark maintain that the Democratic Party, to which blacks are overwhelmingly identified, "is not the sole saviour of black folks."

"If that's so, why haven't all the problems relating to us been solved by now," Gray asked. "I fail to see improvement. I think we have retrogressed."

Clark said he began his political career inadvertently by helping others in his West Baltimore neighborhood, deal with the system of city government. As his interests in politics grew, others noticed his potential and urged him to run.

He said he has participated in Democratic campaigns in the past and has worked for Clarence Mitchell, III, Parren J. Mitchell and Milton Allen.

Clark said he believes in a two-party system, and in the long run he hopes that system will grow stronger in the city. "I'm results-oriented," he said. "I don't play politics for me. I play for the community. I try to bring home the best of the Republican Party (to the black community) by running."

He and Gray pointed to the leadership of the state Republican Party as an example of where opportunities exist for blacks. The Democratic Party leadership in the state only has one black member. At recent elections for statewide party offices, five of the six people elected were in the minority category. One of which was Clark who is now serving a full four-year term as third vice chairman of the state Republican Party. He was elected with 94% of the vote cast, Gray said.

Gray and Clark also have another reason for being so active and vocal as Republicans. "I'm on a mission to keep black Democrats honest," Clark said.

Scholarship Ball At Morgan

Morgan State University's 2nd Annual Presidential Scholarship Ball has been scheduled to be held on Jan. 30, 1987 at the Palladium. Music for the elegant buffet dinner/dance will be provided by Bobby Felder, one of Washington, D.C.'s most popular entertainers. Contributions to Morgan's Presidential Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. Please call 444-3022 for ticket information.

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Born and raised in Baltimore, he attended Baltimore City Schools and graduated from Baltimore City College. Haskins' educational attainments encompass an M.L.A. degree in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, an M.B.A. in Finance from New York University and a B.A. in Economics from Morgan State University, where for six years he was part-time Associate Professor in the Graduate Business School.

For many years, Haskins served as National Financial Consultant for the Office of Education, counseling colleges on the management of student financial aid.

He has also rendered financial consultation services to many local business organizations and churches.

He resides in Baltimore with his wife, Cassandra, and son Sean Thomas.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Aberdeen Proving Grounds

Adiaha Essien

Adiaha Essien of Baltimore has overcome the barriers to complete her final year as an accounting intern with the U.S. Materiel Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Essien was born and raised as a member of the Efik tribe in Nigeria. Besides having to learn the American language, she had to learn the American way of communicating, since her early schooling was Nigerian.

She is now permanently stationed at APG as an operating accountant in the stock fund branch of the general accounting division. She and her husband have three children, and live in Baltimore.

Navy communications expert

David L. Woods

David L. Woods, son of Marvin and Alma Woods of Baltimore, is a 1983 graduate of Lake Clifton Senior High School, and serves as a visual communications expert aboard the USS Mt. Whitney.

Woods, who joined the Navy in 1984, served aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Eisenhower before reporting to his present command last May. He recently participated in NATO exercises which took place in the Atlantic Ocean and the North, Norwegian and Baltic Seas.

As a communications expert, Woods uses flags and flashing lights to communicate with other ships. The NATO exercises involved more than 35,000 people, 150 ships from 10 NATO nations.

Project installation supervisor

James E. Gibson

Project supervisor for the APV Crepaco, Inc. is James E. Gibson, originally from Baltimore, who now makes his home in Buffalo, N.Y. Educated in Baltimore, he is the son of Mrs. Agnes K. Gibson.

The APV Company specializes in the formulation and installation of major projects such as the recent state-of-the-art condenser/evaporator system put in place at an Allentown, PA plant.

Supervising the project for the APV company was Jim Gibson who misses Baltimore, according to his mother, but is making a great life for his family in the cold reaches of upstate New York.

Kwanzaa celebration begins Dec. 20

The celebration of Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday, consists of seven days beginning on Dec. 26 and ending Jan. 1.

Each day of Kwanzaa is a tribute to the Seven Principles known as Nguzo Saba. The principles convey opportunities to rejoice and give praise for the blessings received throughout the year.

The seven are: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Pre-Kwanzaa celebrations at branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library begin Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Edmondson Village Branch, 4330 Edmondson Ave.

Friday, Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m. at the library branch at Broadway and Orleans Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Walbrook branch, North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road.

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Kwanzaa celebrations will be held at: New Era Child Development Center, 4516 Manordene Road on Dec. 26 beginning at 6 p.m.

The Park Heights Street Academy, 2716 Shirley Ave., 8 p.m. on Dec. 26.

Dec. 29, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Pratt Library branch at North and Pennsylvania Avenues. Also on Dec. 29, Kwanzaa will be celebrated at the New Era Child Development Center, 4516 Manordene Road, beginning at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30 celebrations will be held at the Northwood branch of the Pratt, 4420 Loch Raven Blvd. Call 323-2122 for time.

And on Dec. 31 at the Park Heights Street Academy from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Real estate brokers elect new president

Saundra Northington Wilson

Saundra Northington-Wilson was installed as the 1987 President of the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore, Inc. last week during the Association's Annual Banquet at the Palladium.

Mrs. Wilson is a loan officer with Maryland National Mortgage Corporation. Prior to joining Maryland National Mortgage Corp., she was million dollar sales agent and manager of a local real estate firm.

Ted Coates was installed as Chairman of the Board of Directors H. Bernie Jackson is Regional Vice President.

Fund set to aid in housing

By Manotti L. Jenkins
AFRO Staff Writer

Will there be a viable program to solve the housing dilemma for low-income families in Baltimore and throughout the country?

If you ask members of the Enterprise Foundation, a national group concerned with the construction of low-cost housing, surely they would answer yes.

The non-profit, charitable foundation, which has a local headquarters in Columbia, announced this week, a new plan to raise "private funds at low interest rates to finance housing for very low-income people."

"We are here to celebrate an enormously important event . . . it is an important step to make housing available for very poor families in this country," said James Rouse, chairman of the organization.

ELF, which is to be done partially in conjunction with Baltimore Federal Financial (BFF) is a two-prong plan that involves the loaning of money to non-profit housing groups.

One aspect of the plan reserves an account in BFF that will receive deposits from individuals, corporations and charitable organizations.

The deposits, which have to be a minimum of $500 and a maximum of $100,000, must stay in the account for at least one year and will pay three percent interest annually.

These funds would in turn be made available to non-profit housing groups at six percent interest, to be paid back in a period of 15 years.

The second part of ELF comes under the Enterprise Loan Fund, Inc., a subsidiary of the foundation, and involves the receiving of funds in excess of $10,000 for a minimum of three years. The interest rates will be set by the lender between zero and six percent.

The funds collected in this venture "will be loaned at matched interest rates and terms of the funds received and can be used for acquisition loans, construction financing . . . and other short-term uses" by non-profit housing groups, according to foundation officials.

Orioles party

The Orioles held their 6th annual Christmas party for special Baltimore City public school children on Tuesday in Memorial Stadium's Hit-N-Run Club.

A number of Orioles, including manager Cal Ripken, Sr., were present to hand out gifts and serve lunch to the children. Orioles' coach Elrod Hendricks served as Santa Claus. The event is held each year in conjunction with Santa Claus Anonymous.

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