NAACP officials disagree about accusations

(UPI) — Two Maryland NAACP officials disagree about accusations that the campus police chief at the University of Maryland at Baltimore discriminated against his employees.

Complaints by several police and security officers and their families prompted two protests at the downtown campus.

The demonstrations were organized, in part, by Baltimore County NAACP President James Pennington.

But the Rev. John Wright, who became president of the Maryland conference of the NAACP in October, said he had a different interpretation of the situation than Pennington.

Wright said in a letter to UMAB administrators there "is no reasonable basis or cause to believe that these allegations and charges are valid."

The dispute involves John Collins, the UMAB public safety director who supervises about 100 unarmed security guards and armed police officers.

In the past few months, several of Collins' employees have called for his dismissal, saying he forced officers to work overtime, punished employees who complained and rigged the outcome of disciplinary hearings.

The complaints led to rallies Jan. 20 and Feb. 3, which Pennington and several local union officials helped to organize.

Pennington said during the second rally that university administrators had refused to meet with the protestors, But Collins said at the time that Pennington had not replied to an invitation for a meeting.

Wright said in his letter that the day after the second protest, he received a call from Collins asking if he wanted to review the workers concerns.

Wright then met with Collins and the campus' chancellor, Edward Brandt Jr., to review the allegations and the university's response.

Wright, a Howard County minister, concluded in his letter that in each instance, the complaint was unfounded or the university already had begun to try to correct the problem.

"That's my view. I have a different opinion than the president has," he said, referring to Pennington.

"There's always room for improvement in any operation," Wright said. "But you have to go on facts and evidence."

Pennington could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Emma Robinson and Damon Moore

Metro approach asked for school funding

A conference on education titled "Public Education: Problems, Resources, Action" on Monday at Johns Hopkins University was called "successful" by one organizer, Mrs. Tru Ginsburg, who is also legislative chairperson for the District Advisory Council-A.

The purpose of the conference, Ginsburg said, was to bring people from the community together to discuss issues facing public education throughout Maryland and to form a state-wide "Metropolitan for Quality Education," a lobbying force for more state aid for public education.

Discussions presented by State Superintendent, David W. Hornbeck, Baltimore City Superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes and other educators included topics on dropouts, illiteracy, teen pregnancy, drugs, suicide and murder.

Of the 350 or so educators and parents who attended the conference, 200 showed interest in the Metropolitan Coalition for Quality Education. Their first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28, Ginsburg said.

Organizers of the conference are "very Baltimore oriented," said Ginsburg, who admitted the need to be "broader."

"What happens to Baltimore City also impacts upon the countries," she stated. And when an industry is considering relocation they look at the educational status of the entire perspective area and that area's ability to provide quality, literate workers.

Attracting and retaining quality teachers "has to be done across the board," she said. "The only way to make a significant change is to bind together."

The conference's public relations director, Maggie Lane of the Baltimore Urban League, said, too often problems concerning public education are associated with Baltimore city alone. "The problems are not germaine to Baltimore," she said. "They exist in other areas as well."

Establishing a state-wide coalition will benefit Baltimore more, she stated, "rather than trying to go to Annapolis alone."

According to Ginsburg it was significant that the conference was held in the beginning of new Governor William D. Schaefer's four-year term. It was necessary to apply early pressure, she said. "If we, the people are really concerned with education and see education as priority issue," the state will have to comply, she said.

Hornbeck, who began his discussion with greetings from the governor and a message saying that the governor "totally supported efforts," of the conference, agreed that the problems of public education is not just relative to Baltimore city but is statewide.

Hornbeck told his audience, "The time is now," to remedy problems in public schools. "The responsibility is yours and mine," he said. "We know what works... we just have to do it."

The conference was sponsored by the Goldseker Foundation and co-sponsored by 70 local businesses, organizations, professional associations and educational institutions, including the Greater Baltimore Committee and many colleges throughout the state.

Rhodes Scholars to be feted

Three minority students at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will be honored as Rhodes scholars at a reception given by the Hopkins Black Students Organization and the Minority Faculty Association on Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Doctor's Dining Room in the Hospital.

Two first-year students, Damon Moore and Emma Robinsin, will spend the next two years at Oxford University in England. A third Rhodes scholar, James E. Hildreth, Ph.D., recently returned from England and is completing his fourth year of medical education at Hopkins.

"We probably have the highest number of black Rhodes scholars of any medical school in the country," says Levi Watkins, M.D., president of the Minority Faculty Association. "This is unusual given that the number of minority admissions to medical schools nationally is declining, but speaks highly of what can happen when an institution is committed to minority recruitment."

Moore, a straight-A English major from the University of Mississippi, is at 23, one of the youngest ever to receive a Rhodes scholarship and the second Rhodes scholar at Hopkins from "Ole Miss."

Mrs. Robinson, the first female Rhodes scholar from Bermuda, is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. Robinson spent a year in Indonesia as a Rotary exchange student during 1982-1983.

Hildreth received a 1987 Presidential Young Investigator Award from the National Scinece Foundation for his research and teaching accomplishments and his academic potential. The award is designed to attract the highest quality young scientists and engineers to University faculties.

Consider God's Servant, Marion

'Consider God's Servant, Marion' is the title of a recent book by Mrs. Dorothy Brown Bascom. The book sells for $6 and is a biography by his wife of Rev. Dr. Marion C. Bascom, long time pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church. Mrs. Bascom is shown in inset and may be reached at 523-7923.

I AM SOMEBODY I AM ME

A BLACK CHILD'S CREDO

VIVIAN E. WASHINGTON

'I Am Somebody. I Am Me' is the title of a children's book, now into its second printing, and written by Mrs. Vivian E. Washington, former teacher and administrator in the Baltimore Public Schools. Her books retail for $6. Mrs. Washington, shown in the inset, may be reached at P.O. Box 67457, Baltimore, Maryland 21215 or call 542-8163.

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A BANNER YEAR FOR SOROR BEATRICE HURT

1987 will mark triple highpoints in the life of Soror Beatrice Hurt of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Epsilon Omega Chapter. In 1987 Soror Hurt will celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday, her fifty seventh year as an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and her sixty-fifth year of marital bliss.

Referred to as a behind-the-scenes person, Soror Hurt joined Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1930. Since that time she has attended nine Boules including the 1930 Boule in New York.

She has attended seven Regionals including the 1931 Regional in Boston and has served on many committees, including the Nominating Committee, Joint Chapters and Telephone Committee.

Soror Hurt will probably be most fondly remembered for her outstanding work as Graduate Advisor for Alpha Delta, a position she held intermittently from 1931-1949. Alpha Delta was the chapter in which the Follies were started and sponsored. The Alpha Delta Follies became the entry in the annual Jabber Walk which occurred annually until very recently.

Noted for her patience, understanding and sincerity, Soror Hurt encouraged her young sorors to strive for excellence and to achieve the highest standards of performance in the execution of Alpha Kappa Alpha tasks. Many sorors under her mentorship went on to other cities to start new chapters.

It was as a student at Cheyney State College, that Soror Hurt met, and later married, the former Head of Physical Education and Athletic Director at Morgan State University.

Soror Hurt's total commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha, to marriage and to life in general services as an expression of her never waning vibrance.

Soror Hurt, we salute you and proudly hold you up as a shining example of the total Alpha Kappa Alpha Woman.

TAU GAMMA DELTA ENTERTAINS

The residents of Zion Towers were entertained on Monday, February 16 by the sorors of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Pi Chapter, as part of their Black History Month Celebration, using as a theme "We Must Preserve Our Rich Heritage."

The chaplain, Marion Bowman presented inspiring devotional moments. After the singing of the Black National Anthem Ruth Saulesbury, chairperson of the service project, introduced the sorors and briefly related the work of the sorority.

Isabelle Williams, president, extended greetings, Ida Milbourne and Doris Johnson gave highlights of several contributions made by famous Marylanders. Marion Bowman in formed the assemblage of numerous black inventors.

Buena V. Prettyman, in a dramatic way, involved the group in interesting games concerning well-known black achievers of the past and present. Readings were by Isabelle Williams.

Because the Pi Chapter, Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. cares for all mankind they are supportive of many agencies, including the United Negro College Fund, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project, the Salvation Army, the NAACP, the House of Ruth, the adoption of the Kenesaw Nursing Home and other yearly scholarships.

It was an enriching and enjoyable afternoon with the sorors' friends at Zion Towers.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONF. AT D.C. SHERATON

The International Trade Conference at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington D.C. Feb. 26-27 highlights the top American business issue today.

Samuel Tucker, conference chairman, says the thrust of the two-day event is mainly to answer questions U.S. corporations and business executives and the public in general have on investment and trade possibilities.

Tucker, who heads the sponsors, the World Conference of Mayors with headquarters in D.C., notes that representatives will be present from some 75 nations. Included are those from Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, Canada, Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean, China and Japan.

Participating agencies are: U.S. Departmentof Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank, Agency for International Development Overseas Private Investment Corp., Office of U.S. Trade Representatives.

The People's Republic of China and Ambassador Han Xu will host the 6:30 p.m. reception Thursday, Feb. 26.

The conference concludes with the Friday Feb. 27 Congressional Reception and Ambassador's Banquet and Ball also at the Sheraton, 2660 Woodley Rd., N.W. Some 150 ambassadors will attend.

Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister Sweden's Ambassador and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps heads the chairs, Sen. Robert J. Dole, former Rep. Shirley Chisholm; Tuskegee Mayor Johnny Ford who is president of the World Conference of Mayors; D.C. Mayor Marion Barry; Rev. Leon Sullivan, OIC chairman.

The program for the Feb. 26-27 International Trade Conference is as follows:

Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m. - Plenary

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hurt (Beatrice)

1200 attend '87 Omega Mardi Gras

WINNERS in the 'Best Individual' costume category at the Mardi Gras hosted Friday, Feb. 13 at Martin's West by the Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are (L to R): Delhi Thweatt, M.D., who garnered Second Prize as the Grim Reaper; Tamara Brown, who walked away with First Prize as the Queen of Hearts and Ernest C. Bailey, winner of Third Prize as an American Indian.

Photos by Paris Gray

More than 1,200 folks turned out Friday, February 13 at Martin's West for the 1987 Mardi Gras presented by Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

They came in glittery and glamorous formal wear, they came out strong in costumes.

They dined on the sumptuous open buffet, sipped from the continuous open bar and danced to the always - super sounds of the Bobby Felder Band, of Washington, DC.

They made the rounds from table to table, meeting and greeting friends and fellow revelers. They let their hair down and had a ball.

The highlight of the evening was the costume parade during which judges selected first, second and third place winners in the categories of 'Best Individual,' 'Best Couple' and

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BEST COUPLES in their category of competition were (from L) Roland and Joyce Burrell as the Three Bears (she's supposed to be pregnant); first prize; Zachary Grant and Cheryl Mason as Chip and Dale, second prize and Madeline and Roosevelt Hobbs who came as Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE for "Best Group" were these folks who called themselves the Halloween Leftovers.

IN ELABORATE CLOWN GARB and in lively spirits dancing to the tunes of the Bobby Felder Band are Ernestine and Joe Press.

RESPLENDENT IN AUTHENTIC INDIAN TOGS are Fred and Vivian Bailey.

COPPING A PLEA CASE WITH THE GRIM REAPER?—Are Little Lord Fauntleroy and his lady (L) (William and Vanessa Hobbs) pleading their case with Grim Reaper (Dr. Thweatt)?