Mayor nears decision

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Stadium Authority, Grant was appointed as an interim director.

"I've enjoyed it. It's been an interesting experience," Grant said.

When asked if he believes he will be appointed director, he said, "I'm interested in doing what is best for the city...The decision will be made by the mayor as to who will become the director."

Since Grant's leadership, the Department of Recreation and Parks has implemented a program that enables youngsters to attend the Baltimore Blast soccer games, free of charge.

Two hundred tickets were distributed throughout the city's recreation center for 13 Blast games, Grant said.

Friday, youngsters will attend the first Blast game under the program.

"It has created a lot of excitement. I plan to be there this Friday," Grant said.

Soccer is really a growing activity. And I look forward to having more soccer involvement in our rec centers," he said.

Last year, Hollander, Cohen Associates, Inc; a marketing firm, conducted a study on the city's parks and recreation centers, to determine safety and conditions.

The group concluded that there was an overabundance of youngsters playing basketball in the city and there was concern about how to deter that overabundance.

Subsequently, department officials have tried to provide alternatives to basketball in the parks and recreation centers.

Soccer, ice skating, bowling and other games have been introduced.

"We're offering a variety of activities," Grant said. "I don't know if we need to curtail the interest in basketball...just make sure youngsters are exposed to new activities."

The survey, which was conducted over a nine month period said teenagers used the recreation centers more often than any other members of the population. Three-fourths of the males aged 13-59 played basketball. The survey was conducted via the telephone.

Before being appointed acting director, Grant was the superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation, an office with a budget of $10.2 million. He held that position for five years.

Schmoke, who will be leaving this weekend to attend a mayoral meeting with General Motors officials in New York, said he is considering Grant for the position.

Various mayors of the nation that govern cities with General Motors plants, are meeting with GM's chairman to discuss the automobile manufacturer's future.

Grant, who holds a B.A. in health and physical education from Morgan State University, said he will reassume his superintendent duties, if he is not selected as the director.

For each game, 200 tickets will be distributed throughout the city's recreation centers, Grant said. Anyone interested in attending one of the 12 games can call their local recreation centers for more information.

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Part-time can keep cornrows

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the decision, but still believes the policy — which restricts "extreme" or "faddish" personal appearance — is unfair.

"Hopefully, it started companies thinking that you can't have policies such as these," she said.

Mitchell filed a complaint Tuesday with the city's Office of Human Rights, saying the policy was applied to her in a racially discriminatory manner because cornrows are primarily worn by black women.

Sauers said Marriott would "study the policy to determine whether or not any modifications are in order so it's clear enough for our managers out in the field."

Mitchell's struggle drew a pledge of support Tuesday from Democratic presidential candidate Jackson, who said through a senior aide he would do whatever was necessary to protect her civil rights.

Derek, who gave worldwide fame to cornrows when she wore the tiny braids in the 1970 movie "10," called the hotel's policy "strange."

Meeting set to fill post held by Paige

John Jeffries, chairman of the 39th Legislative District State Central Committee announces a public meeting to receive nominations for the vacant committeeman seat created by the death of former City Councilman Sterling Paige on December 31.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14, 1988, 8:00 p.m. at 516 North Charles Street (Hamilton Street Entrance).

Mr. Jeffries stated that the public meeting will take place to interview candidates for the purpose of promptly recommending a replacement to carry on the work and the commitment of Councilman Paige.

Candidates must be Democratic voters registered in the 39th Legislative District of Baltimore City. A recommendation must then be forwarded to Governor Schaefer for selection to the Democratic Committee in Maryland.

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Stadium Authority steps up hiring

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land appraisal work.

Belgrad said the stadium commission was required by the MBE to have at least 10 percent minority participation in all areas.

In the architect/engineering contract, the largest contract, involved, Belgrad said, minorities will act as a team with the firms that are chosen. The contract will be awarded later this month.

"This is a model program for MBE participation . . . . There can be and should be a much larger minority participation when there are minorities who qualify," he said.

Belgrad said the new $235 million stadium, to be built in the Camden area, should be completed by 1990. He also said he is optimistic that the city will obtain the St. Louis Cardinals.

"There's every good reason why the Cardinals should come to Baltimore."

During the 1987 General Assembly Session the Stadium Authority and the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus agreed that minorities should participate in all phases of the stadium's construction and operation.

The agreement specifies that 10 to 20 percent of the contracts for design and professional services be awarded to minorities and 10 percent of that, going to blacks. Also in the construction phase, minorities are to receive 15 to 25 percent of the demolition, excavation, and construction contracts.

When the operational phase begins, minorities are to receive 10 to 20 percent of the professional and management jobs and 15 to 25 percent of the service contracts.

Belgrad said 4,055 new jobs will be available during construction and 948 jobs will be available once the stadium is completed. Minorities will comprise 50 to 60 percent of the nonprofessional work force, the agreement stipulated.

Belgrad pointed out that not all minorities will be hired to fulfill a requirement, but they will be hired on their qualifications.

For example, the Stadium Authority's counselor, Parker, was hired on his credentials and experience, Belgrad said.

"He was chosen to be counselor because he was the most qualified in terms of education, background, experience and expertise," Belgrad said.

"He wasn't selected because we had to select a minority. He was chosen based on his merits," he said.

The Black Caucus and the Stadium Authority continue to discuss methods for meeting the agreement, a Stadium Authority official said.

Belgrad said eight people will be chosen to serve on an advisory committee that will recommend modifications of the MBE's objectives and monitor the program's minority participation. One-third of the group will be appointed by the Black Caucus.

How to stay warm during bitter cold

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The best protection against the cold, says Dr. Marco, is the use of protective clothing such as "long underwear, gloves, boots, hats and dressing in layers of clothing."

The winter cold wave across much of the nation sent thousands of homeless people searching for shelters and prompted public and private officials to open up their doors to those who live on the streets of America.

Despite the declaration of cold weather emergencies and the warnings of public health officials, in many cities homeless men and women still huddled on broken cardboard boxes, using subways, bus depots and train stations for refuge.

The temperature plunged to 18 degrees Tuesday in both New York City and Boston and to 28 in Atlanta. In Washington, where the temperature also fell to 18 degrees, Mayor Marion Barry acceded to pleas from homeless advocates and announced street people could escape sub-zero windchills by sleeping in the ground-floor hallway at City Hall.

Only southern Florida, southern California and the desert Southwest escaped the bitter cold Tuesday as temperatures plunged to around 30 below zero in parts of the upper Midwest, with gusty winds making it feel like 80 below.

Temperatures in the nation's capital Tuesday night fell into the teens, with gusting winds. The temporary shelters opened immediately after City Council members passed emergency legislation granting authority to the mayor to open city buildings when temperatures dip below 25 degrees.

"This is like disaster legislation," Councilmember Jim Nathanson said.

The homeless will have access to restrooms and to floor space in the long, tile-floor halls, a city spokesman said.

"It's a humane, reasonable, responsible and probably overdue response to the problem of homelessness," said Mitch Snyder, champion for the homeless and leader of the Community for Creative Non-Violence, which runs the largest shelter in the city.

New York City officials said they were prepared to help anyone trying to find shelter early today as the temperature fell below to 11 degrees in Central Park, but wind chills made it feel like minus 12 degrees, according to the weather service.

For the 18,000 homeless people in Baltimore City, the shelters provide only 9,000 beds. So far, most shelters report this winter there are no increases in the number of homeless people seeking shelter.

Connie Y. Wise, the director of the Salvation Army Emergency Residence shelter, 1114 North Calvert Street and Mary Swain Howard, counselor of the YWCA Corner House Shelter program, 128 West Franklin Street, both said that their shelters are usually full year round, and this winter is no different.

The Salvation Army shelter provides temporary shelter for homeless families and single women. The YWCA shelter provides temporary emergency shelter for homeless women and families. Men admitted only as part of the family.

Charles McKight of Christopher's Place said that their applicants have doubled.

The director of My Sister's Place, Mary Ellen Vanni, stated that she also noticed increased attendance this week. Christopher's Place, 709 East Eager Street, is a shelter for men 18 years and older.

My Sister's Place, 123 West Mulberry Street, is a day shelter for women and their children.

At the Union Baptist Church Coffee House Ministry, 1201 Druid Hill Ave., Milton Chambers said that more people have come to the Coffee House this month.

AFRO intern Yvonne R. Keith is a student at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y.

Stranded traveler tells what it's like on streets

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on what happens to the women and children.

Does Baltimore have a serious problem with the homeless? Who knows, but in three nights that I have been in Baltimore in the homeless shelters, my reception has been great.

I came to Baltimore to collect some overdue funds and found myself with one dollar in my pocket, in a strange city with no place to go. Being an experienced traveler I went straight to City Hall and asked for help.

I was totally surprised that within one hour of leaving the mayor's office I had made arrangements for a place to eat and sleep.

After a year of working with homeless people I felt relieved that the people of Baltimore displayed compassion for a group which more or less has been shut out of the mainstream of society.

The American Dream is based on owning the proverbial house and believe it or not the most talked about topic during idle hours in shelters involved getting a job and buying a house.

The treatment in the shelters is often a serious problem for those who are homeless because they usually get abused on the streets.

The major problem with being homeless is upset when the house is gone so are the family jewels.

In other words the appearance and hygiene of homeless people suffer because you can only take what you can carry and if you are not in excellent health all you can carry is the clothes on your back.

That means many days with the same clothes and many days at times of not taking a bath or brushing teeth and also combing hair.

Looking at people who frequent Baltimore's homeless shelters creates the image of failure for the individuals involved but that is not the case.

The homeless individual of today is in some cases well educated, asset rich and cash poor.

Some feel as if this a temporary situation but having to share facilities with ex-cons, real life derelicts, mental patients and street hustlers, creates serious problems.

I have not considered my homeless experience in Baltimore to be traumatic and I don't feel that the program is a failure. The Mayor's Office, Traveler's Aid and some of the local churches provide meals, transportation, lodging and clothing for those people in the shelters. The one unknown factor is how many people are turned away and what do they do to survive?

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Officials agree on college plans

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coordination and planning.

The idea to consolidate the 13 schools under one board was advocated by University of Maryland President John S. Toll and the presidents and chancellors of 10 other public schools with the intent of restructuring the state's system of higher education.

Del. Rawlings' concern is that black schools will be placed at the bottom of the list if there is only one board to give all consideration.

"When you have 13 institutions all in line to get funding, all of them given consideration by one board, historically, blacks have been the last to be given consideration for development and enhancement," he said.

According to Rawlings, the main priority of the Black Caucus is to increase the enrollment of black students in institutions of higher learning in the state of Maryland.

"We attribute the decline in black enrollment of a grossly inadequate student financial aid system which does not support our interests," he said.

He said the Caucus's first proposal is a $10 million lead base finncial aid for students from low and moderate income families.

"Over a three year period, the state ought to enhance public education with $130 million dollars, he continued.

"We believe the current structure of higher education does not need drastic changes, but requires only fine tuning by strengthening the coordinating board," the delegate said.

Rawlings is also concerned that a superboard would culminate in a loss of identity.

"When you have a superboard, there is a tendency to homogenize and make little allowance for diversity. A superboard threatens the unique autonomy that Morgan State University has with its board of regents and that St. Mary's College has with its trustees," he concluded.

City School Board President Meldon Hollis agrees that the system could benefit from reorganization.

"However, we think the state would benefit more from providing financial aid for low income students instead of investing in reorganizing the system," he said.

Nominee runs into opposition

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Greene said that when she asked Curran for support in her quest to join the zoning board, he asked her what had she done to support him in the past.

He also told her she did not qualify for the position, Green said. She said Curran told her she knew little about zoning or land use.

"I told him I can read, write, have common sense and a willingness to learn," she said.

Green said she does not believe the mayor would have nominated her for the position if she was unqualified.

Green said the meeting grew petty at times, with Cunningham accusing her of snubbing his wife once.

But Green and Cunningham have worked in the Third District for eight years.

She said she is optimistic about her appointment and that she plans to ask other councilmembers for their support.

When she asked Landers for his support, he said he had a problem with her because he was a friend and colleague of Cunningham, Green said.

"I don't start a fight, but I know how to survive," she said. "We as blacks have had to learn to fight."

Green has been a member of the Northeast Community.

Cunningham was reluctant to discuss the matter with the AFRO, saying that he did not want to discuss it any further because he did not want the flap portrayed as a personality conflict.

". . . we just don't think she is qualified," he said. "It's a very sensitive position and there are important decisions being made affecting neighborhoods and people for a long time."

Anthony J. Ambridge, chairman of the Executive Appointments Committee, said he doubted the disagreement was a personal matter.

"I'm reserving judgement . . . my concerns are not political ones," he said. "I don't want politics to play a role in any decision. I just want to know the persons abilities.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gant named Student of Week

Gwen Gant, of Cherryhill Road, has been awarded Student of the Week after 13 weeks of classes at the Broadcasting Institute of Maryland. Gant, an employee of Parks Sausage Company, was given the award for outstanding work interning at WJZ-TV. Gant is an evening student majoring in newscasting.

Dr. Ezell gets Towson post

Dr. Annette Ezell former dean and professor of business administration at the University of Southern Colorado, has been named assistant to the president at Towson State University.

Dr. Ezell will monitor Towson State's compliance with state and federal non-discrimination, affirmative action and desegregation requirements, coordinate reports and work on special projects for Dr. Hoke L. Smith, the university president.

$100,000 training grant

A grant of $100,000 to the University of Maryland Center on Aging for Joint Training of Workers in Aging and Developmental Disabilities Programs was announced by Gov. Schaefer. This is a special program to educate 350 workers in adult day care centers and developmental disability sites in Maryland.

The project also will include the Maryland office on Aging and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The project will begin in March and will train over 200 workers in adult day care centers, senior centers, and developmental disabilities day program sites.

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Applications are being accepted through Monday, Jan. 11. Call the "Baltimore is Best" Program at 396-5785.

Howard County lists meeting

The Howard County Association of Community Services will hold its January general membership meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 27 at the Howard County Department of Education building Board Room A, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City.

Dr. Maurice Kalin, assistant superintendent of Planning and Support Services for the Howard County Public School System, will give a presentation on the future challenges and opportunities facing the Howard County School System.

BSA schedules auditions

The Baltimore School for the Arts will hold auditions for prospective students Feb. 16-19 at The School, located at 712 Cathedral St. in the Mt. Vernon area of Baltimore City.

The application deadline is Jan. 19 and all students to audition must submit an application. Students presently attending Baltimore City public schools wishing to apply, can obtain application information from the counselor of the school they now attend. County and private school students can obtain information through the Office of Student Placement, 200 E. North Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21202 or by calling 396-8600. For more information about The School or audition process, please call 396-1185.

Community board schedules policy hearing

On Monday, Jan. 11, the Howard County Housing and Community Development Board will hold a special meeting to hear local suggestions about housing and community development needs and priorities.

This meeting is a part of the County Executive's commitment to establish a new housing policy for Howard County.

This hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyson Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City.

Call Mr. Rochell Brown, Jr., or Mr. Ronald Davis at 992-2320.

Compiled by AFRO Intern, Yvonne Keith, a student at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y.

AREA OBITUARIES

Althea Dawkins

Funeral services for Althea B. Dawkins were held on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Payne Memorial Church, Laurens and Madison Streets.

She died on Christmas day.

A graduate of Edmondson High School, she was born in Baltimore, Feb. 3, 1949. She continued her education at Morgan State University where she received her BA degree.

Mrs. Dawkins was employed as rental agent at the Cross Creek Apartments in Woodlawn and was a devoted member of Payne Memorial Church.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; five children, Dwayne, Jason, Doris, Donna, and Damien; three grandchildren, Dwayne Jr., Dante, and Aaron; her mother, Maelo Wilson; mother-in-law, Minnie Dawkins; grandmother, Naomi Stanley.

Also a sister, Mrs. Katrina Barnes; five brothers; Tyrone, De Hayward, Ronald, Donald and Mark; one sister-in-law, Margaret Stanley; one brother-in-law, Charles Barnes; five aunts, Valerie Dean, Rella Pinder, Ineas Wade, Gladys Baugh and Ruth Smith; two uncles, Allen Baugh and David Henry; and a host of other relatives and friends.

John McNair

"He served Macedonia long and well. He was a dedicated, punctual, dependable and faithful member for over 60 years."

This was the tribute paid John Garrison McNair, Sr., at funeral services on Jan. 3 at Macedonia Baptist Church in West Baltimore. Mr. McNair, 73, died Dec. 29, at his West Baltimore home.

The Rev. Leander Brown, Mount Carmel Baptist, Macedonia pastor-emeritus Rev. W. L. Clayton and the Revs. Albert Gwynn, Henry Turner and George DeFord joined in tributes to Mr. McNair.

They remembered he was a real jack-of-all-trades, using his skills as an interior decorator and helped defray church expenses by painting and plastering and doing woodwork repairs.

He was described as "a diligent and loyal supporter" of the church school, where he served as teacher, assistant superintendent and treasurer.

He was also a member of the Ways and mens Committee, I. C. Reddie Bible Class, Men's Club, the Usher Board and the Trustee Board. He served as Macedonia's Treasurer for many years.

Also, he drove the Church Bus and after his retirement served as church sexton. He also served on the Food Bank Committee.

He was honored by the Ladies Guild for his dedicated service, and in June 1977 at an Appreciation Banquet sponsored by the Church School and Macedonia, John was given the 1977 Distinguished Service Award.

In addition, he attended the annual session of the Baptist Congress of Christian Education Church-wide Institute and other workshops around the city.

Survivors: Son, John G. McNair, Jr.; daughters, Mrs. Audrey Baker, Mrs. Hannah Johnson, Mrs. Phyllis Rheubottom and Misses Deborah and Jacqueline McNair; sixteen grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie M. Taylor and Mrs. Gladys L. Augustus, also survive. — E. M. MOSS

Samuel Quomoney

Funeral serivces for Samuel Quomoney were held on Saturday, Dec. 26, at Lewis T. Gwynn Funeral Home, 4517 Park Heights Ave. He died Dec. 19, 1987.

Mr. Quomoney was born Oct. 10, 1966 in Baltimore the son of Mary Stringfield and the late Roland Quomoney.

He attended the Baltimore City Public Schools and had worked for Caplan Poultry, Inc. for a while until his death.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Stringfield; one sister, Elsie; one uncle, George Stringfield; one aunt, Mary Quomoney; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary Pool

Mrs. Mary Katherine Pool, 81, retired Baltimore City school principal and community volunteer, was eulogized on Dec. 28, at St. James' Episcopal Church, where she was a long-time member.

Mrs. Pool, who lived on Powhatan Avenue, died Dec. 23, at Sinai Hospital after a short illness.

She was known as "a very giving person who always sent gifts to the sick and shut-in neighbors, friends and family members. Always, when she heard of achievements of others, she was on the phone with a cheery word.

For many years, she chaired the courtesy committee of the Baltimore chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority — making sure cards, flowers and gifts went to members and their families on special occasions. She had an excellent memory for dates — and often could recall friends' birthdays without reference to calendars.

At one time, she chaired the sorority's Ebony Fashion Show Committee.

Born in Baltimore, Mrs. Pool was the daughter of Charles H.A. and Della Pinkney Scott. In the sixties, Mrs. Pool's mother was one of the honorees in the AFRO Ideal Mother Contest.

Mrs. Pool was a product of the city public schools, and earned degrees at Coppin State College, New York University and Syracuse University, where she received a master's in special education.

For 30 years, she was a special education teacher and later principal of School No. 306. She was known as an innovative and dedicated teacher.

Her husband was the late Clinton D. Pool of N.Y., where the couple lived until 1944 when she returned to her native Baltimore.

She was a member of the Annie S. Banks Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Survivors: Son, Ronald D. Scott, grand treasurer of Prince Hall Masons; granddaughter, Mrs. Candace Simms, wife of State's Attorney Stewart Simms; grandsons, Marcus and Paul Simms; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Scott and a brother, Clifton U. Scott, retired Indianapolis architect. — E. M. MOSS

Roy Woodyard

Roy Woodyard, retired federal government employee and honorable discharged member of the U. S. Army, was buried from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 8th and N Sts., NW, on Thursday, Dec. 31 at the age of 86.

Roy was born in the state of West Virginia on Sept. 22, 1901 and died in the Washington Nursing Home Hospital on December 27 after a long lingering illness. He came to D. C. in the mid 1920's and was employed by the department of labor from which he retired in 1971.

He remained a bachelor for many years until he met and married Ms. Annie D. Harris in January of 1977. Mass was celebrated by Father Joshua Mundell with Rosary Prayers by Father David Braud, of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and condolences by the Reverend Henry B. Hubt.

Roy is survived by his wife, Annie D. Woodyard; two stepchildren, Alfreda and Anthony Harris; one daughter-in-law, Lorraine Harris; three grandchildren, Lauren, Carmen and Kenneth Harris; five sisters-in-law, Edna Buster, of Beards Forks, W. Va., Christine Wood, Alene Dickerson and Dorothy Dickerson, all of Baltimore, MD, and one brother-in-law, Thornton Dickerson.

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