NEWLYWEDS MR. AND MRS. FLOYD K. SANDIFER pose lovingly following their recent wedding at New York's Salem United Methodist Church. The bride is the former Rae C. Ross, of New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ross, Sr. (Pinnie) of Columbia, MD. The groom is the son of New York Supreme Court Judge and Mrs. Jawn A. Sandifer (Laurel) of New York City.

BRIDE, GROOM AND FAMILY MEMBERS (from L) are: Mrs. Laura Sandifer, mother of the groom; groom Floyd Sandifer; Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross, mother of the bride; bride Rae C Sandifer and William A. Ross, Sr., father of the bride.

RaeRoss weds Floyd Sandifer

The most unusual evangelican wedding of the winter season was the one which united in holy matrimony Rae C. Ross of New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ross, Sr. (Pinnie) of Columbia, MD and Floyd K. Sandifer, son of New York Supreme Court Judge and Mrs. Jawn A. Sandifer (Laurel) of New York City.

Songs of praise and an acappella chorus of "He Is Worthy" led by Susan Beaubian, lead singer in the former Broadway hit Dream Girls, preceeded the bridal processional. Internationally known jazz musician Noel Pointer also participated in the preprocessional inspirational music with a solo, "Who Can Separate Us From The Love Of God?"

The double-ring ceremony took place in New York's Salem United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ernest Cameron officiating. Rev. Cameron pastors the Harlem Tabernacle.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore an elegant cream silk organza gown with a high empire waist. The bodice was adorned with pearls and rhinestones. From the bodice flowed tiny knife pleats. The cathedral train and headpiece were also adorned with pearls and rhinestones. Adding a touch to the headpiece were tiny cream flowers.

The bride's gown was designed by Leslie Coombs' Bridal and evening Couture of New York City.

The bridal bouquet was a design of white orchids and tiny pink roses accented with seed pearls surrounding a small white Bible.

Singer, actress Susan Beaubian of New York served as Matron-of-Honor. She was attired in a light pink, silk taffeta, v-necked fitted gown with a train.

The bride's maid, Darlene Harley, was atired similarly to the Maid-of Honor, but in a color of mauve pink.

The bride's godchild, Nicole Harley, served as the Junior Bride's maid. Nicole's gown was designed with a full skirt that draped to the right side. The gown's rosebud pink complemented other gowns in the wedding party. She carried a bouquet of nosegays and pink and white roses accented with lace and seed pearls.

The Maid-of-Honor, Bride's Maid and Junior bridesmaid wore an arrangement of baby's breath in their hair.

Master Bryant Walker, cousin of the bride, was the Ring Bearer. Bryant is a Brooklyn, N.Y. resident. Hersey Coles was best man and Don Petrie' the groomsman. Coles and Petrie are from Philadelphia, PA. Rae's brothers, William A. Ross, Jr. and Dion A. Ross were ushers, and her sisters-in-law Deborah and Vicki were hostesses. The Rosses reside in Columbia, MD.

After the inspiritional service, Marcella Jennings, accompanied by husband Clayton, sang "To God Be The Glory' followed by the newlyweds' singing their own composition as an expression of their continued and lasting love. They also sang a composition by Hersey Coles entitled, "Household of Faith."

Communion was administered to the newlyweds by the Rev. Cameron; then Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jennings sang, "More Than Wonderful."

More than 250 guests patiently waited in the receiving line to embrace the bride and groom and greet the members of the wedding party.

A buffet reception was held in the beautifully decorated lower level of the church using the wedding colors of pink and white. The reception was catered by Jennifer Baker-Segelle, Assistant Banquet Manager at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Cisco Drayton, actor, dancer and former lead star in the Broadway hit, "Sophisticated Lady," was the emcee at the reception.

After announcing the wedding party, Best Man Hersey Coles rendered an inspiritational song dedicated to the newlyweds.

Also participating in the reception program was a group known as, 'The Chosen," a contemporary gospel group with whom the groom was previously affiliated.

Regina Joiner, Christine Jones and Salema Kahn, the bride's dance students at the Ruth Williams School of Dance, then performed, followed by more music by The Chosen, Clayton and Marcella Jennings and a song written by Hersey Coles, entitled, "From A Friend To A Friend." Then the groom sang his song titled, "Friends."

One of the very unusual highlights of the reception occured when the bride announced that the bridal bouquet would not be given the traditional manner. Instead she chose a person from among the guests to receive the bouquet. The recipient was Severa Baker, one of New York's most noted hair designers and a very close friend of the bride.

Another non-traditional occurrence during the reception was the explanation of the garter by the groom. He then quoted the Scripture, Proverbs, as his basis for deviating from the tradition.

At the close of the reception, the newlyweds thanked their guests for participating in their wedding. Everyone then rose and sang, "God Be With You Til We Meet Again,' led by the bride and groom.

Guests journeyed from California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Georgia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia to witness the uniting of the Sandifer and Ross families.

The bride is a graduate of Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y., with a degree in Fine Arts. She also studied at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore. She is a dancer, choreographer, singer and dance instructor.

The groom attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. and is a contemporary gospel singer and spiritual counselor in New York.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer are at home in Manhattan, N.Y.

JAZZ MUSICIAN NOEL POINTER, New York, chats with singer Mrs. Marcella Jennings, Philadelphia, PA.

Wendy C. Spencer to wed Dr. Frank A. Suprynowicz

The Engagement of Wendy Carol Spencer of Baltimore City to Dr. Frank Anthony Suprynowicz of Portland, CN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Surprynowicz, Sr. has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Jeanette Spencer of Baltimore. The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 9, 1988. Miss Spencer is the daughter of the late James A. Spencer.

The Bride-to-be, who completed her residency in Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is presently one of the doctors on staff at Springfield State Hospital located in Sykesville, MD.

Prospecting groom, Dr. Suprynowicz received his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley. He is employed as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Molecular Biology at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in San Diego, CA. The couple will be at home in San Diego, CA. following the nuptials.

Wendy Carol Spencer Engaged

Dorothy Stewart weds James White

Dorothy Stevenson Stewart and James Edward White were wed at the bride's home in Rognel Hgts. recently. The Rev. Kevin A. Rogers of New Fellowship C.C. Church officiated the ceremony.

Dorothy Stewart, bride, resides in Baltimore, MD. James E. White, bridegroom, is originally from Columbia, SC.

The Matron-Of-Honor was Mrs. Ruthalene Payne of Baltimore, MD. Best Man was Alan Mitchell of Roslyn, PA.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Stevenson, Sr., of Blythewood, SC and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Columbia, SC, parents of the bride and groom respectively. Immediate family members and close friends also witnessed the occasion.

A reception followed the wedding at the Omega Fraternity House. The guests included family and friends from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and South Carolina.

The bride is employed as a Certification Technician at SSA, Metro West. The groom is a Quality Assurance Representative at DCASMA in Baltimore, MD.

Attention: Teenaged Girls

Registration is now open for the Miss Talented Teen Maryland International Pageant. The State of two National Winners.

The Pageant is open to qualified entrants of 13 to 16 years of age with performing talents in dramatic, reading, dancing, acting, singing, proficiency with a musical instrument, magic or acrobatics.

She must have a C plus average and must be involved in school and community activities.

The Pageant is open to all teenaged girls regardless of race, color or creed.

Deadline for entrance is March 26.

For further information contact Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross, State Director, 730-9545 or 730-8689.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

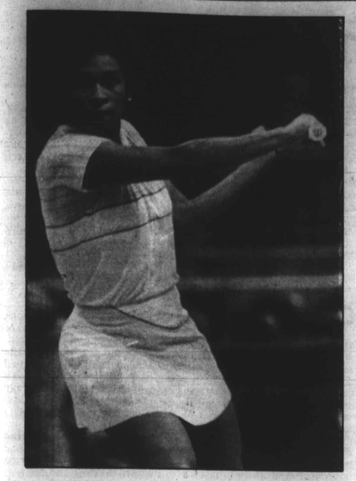
Shake those winter blahs! Join the Maryland Committee for Children, Inc., in a creative celebration of Spring on Saturday, March 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Chocolate Factory, 608 Water St.

They'll provide all kinds of colorful and unusual materials for children and their parents to create symbols of Spring such as flowers, butterflies, kites, unique little gifts, cards for Mother's or Father's Day, and a host of creative things that lurk in one's imagination.

This Spring Fun Festival is part of MCC's regular "Saturday Fun Festival" series. The workshop takes place on the third floor of The Chocolate Factory.

The cost per child is $3.50 and $3.00 each for groups of four or more children. Adults can share the creative fun as MCC's guests. Come join us! They say, the event promises unique opportunity for parent child creative fun.

For more information, please call, Prema Coulbourn at 752-7588.



QUICK ADVANCE—A backhand return here and a forehand smash there, and Zina Garrison was a 6-2, 5-0 opening round winner Tuesday over Isabelle Demongeot in the $300,000 Virginia Slims tennis tournament at Patriot Center. The young French woman had to retire under the effects of flu as the match was nearing and Zina's next opponent is local hopeful Jeri Ingram.

AFRO Sports

Nap rescues Debi from poor start

CALGARY, Alberta (UPI) — American Debi Thomas slept away her bad nerves after a subpar first figure Wednesday and returned refreshed to pull into second place in the compulsory segment of the women's Olympic figure skating competition.

Thomas trailed Soviet Kira Ivanova, but led her chief rival Katarina Witt of East Germany, who finished third in the compulsories.

Canadian Elizabeth Manley finished behind Witt, defending Olympic and three-time world champion. Jill Trenary and Caryn Kadavy, the United States' No. 2 and 3 skaters, were fifth and seventh respectively in the compulsories, which count 30 percent of the overall score that will decide the gold medal.

Because she usually performs so well in compulsories, Thomas as surprised when what she considered a fairly strong tracing of the mandatory "inside counter" was judged fourth best Wednesday. Witt, who led off the event, was second behind Ivanova and Kadavy was third.

"Basically, I just thought to myself, 'This is a long competition,'" said Thomas, 20, of San Jose, Calif.

Then the two-time U.S. champion returned to the nearby Olympic Village to sleep until it was time for her to skate the second figure, a "backward paragraph bracket." She took another nap before the third figure, a "forward paragraph loop."

Not coincidentally, she scored first in both tracings.

"I always do that," Thomas said of her naps. "I don't like to deal with nerves. Ever since I was a little kid, if I had butterflies, I went to sleep.

Basketball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE
THURSDAY
Men's Games
St. Augustine's at J.C. Smith
Ky. State at Ala. A&M
Mobile College at Xavier
Women's Games
Norfolk State at St. Paul's
Va. State at Randolph Macon
Shaw at Winston-Salem
Mobile College at Xavier
MONDAY
Men's Games
Morgan at A and T
Ark-Pine Bluff at Ala. A&M
Women's Games
Morgan at A and T
Ark-Pine Bluff at Ala. A&M
MIDWEEK RESULTS
Coppin State 86, Md., E. Shore 55
Md. E. Shore 86, Coppin St. 79 (women)
S.C. State 78, Morgan 60
A and T 89, Howard 80
Talladega 80, Morris Brown 79
Ala. A&M 86, Ark-Pine Bluff 73
Fla. A&M 107, Edw. Waters 80
Miss Valley 100, Ala. State 95
SC-Spartanburg 92, Allen 46
Paine 53, Fort Valley 50
Jackson State 72, Grambling 63

MEAC STANDINGS

A&T	14	0	1.000
Fla. A&M	10	5	.667
S.C. State	9	5	.643
Howard	8	5	.615
Coppin State	7	6	.538
Morgan State	5	7	.417
Md. E. Shore	5	10	.333
Bethune	4	11	.267
Delaware St.	1	14	.067

Va. Tech stands by coach in drunk-driving episode

BLACKSBURG, Va. (UPI) — Virginia Tech Athletic Director David Braine says he'll stand by interim basketball coach Frankie Allen, who was arrested last week on a drunken-driving charge.

Allen, whose arraignment on the driving while intoxicated charge was scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday in Salem General District Court, apologized for the incident and said he did not have a problem with drinking.

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Braine, at a news conference Monday to comment on the charges, said Tech officials "do not condone what has happened.

"Everyone here at the university is totally against drinking and driving," Braine said. "But the university and the athletic department will stand behind him. There's no way we are going to turn our backs on him. He has done too much for us."

Braine cited Allen's 12 years of work in the Tech athletic department and said that in the past 5½ months as interim basketball coach, Allen has put in 16- and 18-hour days.

"He's tired and he pushed himself to the limit," Braine said in explaining the circumstances that led to Allen's arrest by Salem police Friday. "The fatigue factor set in and he fell asleep had an accident."

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Allen, who is going over the university's offer of a four-year contract, said he "made a mistake, and I regret deeply the embarrassment this has caused the university, the team and most importantly, my family."

He added, "I do not have a drinking problem."

Frank Allen

MEAC title game on TV

GREENSBORO, NC — Commissioner Ken Free announced Monday that the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Tournament champion game, scheduled for Saturday, March 5, will be regionally televised by Focus Marketing, Incorporated of Greensboro.

The game will be tape-delayed at 11:30 p.m. the night of the championship, giving the league full same-day coverage for the first time since 1981.

"The telecast and the MEAC's new final-four tournament format are exciting innovations, and proves that interest in our championships continue to escalate," said Free.

Phillip McAlpin, president of Focus Marketing, said eleven stations are lined up to televise the game. They are: WBFF-TV 45 (Baltimore, MD), WBOC-TV 16 (Salisbury, MD), WCIV-TV 4 (Charleston, SC), WCTV-TV 6 (Tallahassee, FL), WESH-TV 2 (Orlando/Daytona Beach, FL), WFCT-TV 62 (Fayetteville, NC), WFMY-TV 2 (Greensboro), WFTY-TV 50 (Washington, DC), WIS-TV 10 (Columbia, SC), WTVT-TV 13 (Tampa, FL), and WVEU-TV 69 (Atlanta, GA).

Miller Brewing Company, a premier corporate contributor to MEAC activities, is the major sponsor for this television venture.

ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO? — Debi Thomas (l) is embraced and wished good luck in her quest of the second USA gold in figure skating at the Calgary Olympics. Doing the embracing and the wishing is Brian Boitana who won the men's gold last weekend. Debi's task is a difficult one in that she is attempting to unseat the world champion Katarina Witt of East Germany. She also must contend with her American teammates Jill Trenary and Caryn Kadavy.

Hoya-Pittsburgh fight brings Big East action

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI)— Big East officials, three days after a brawl in the Pittsburgh-Georgetown Basketball game, Tuesday announced new rules providing for the suspension of players involved in fights.

(AFRO reaction to the incident will appear on Tuesday)

Members of the Big East Executive Committee met via conference call Tuesday "regarding unsportsmanlike conduct in league basketball games," the conference said in a statement.

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David Gavitt, the conference commissioner, spoke with athletic directors Todd Turner of Connecticut, Frank Rienzo of Georgetown and Larry Keating of Seton Hall. The Executive Committee drafted five proposals, all of which were unanimously approved by all nine conference athletic directors.

The conference, one of the nation's most competitive and physical, adopted the new rules in the wake of a Pitt-Georgetown fight Saturday that brought security guards into the court and forced the game to be stopped four seconds early.

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Under the new rules, players and assistant coaches who go into the court while not in a game are subject to automatic suspension from the next conference game. Players ejected for fighting will be subject to suspension with the conference commissioner's approval.

"The Big East Conference views its high visibility, which tends to magnify any problem areas, as an opportunity to be an innovative leader in addressing national trends," Davitt said. One of those trends is the deterioration of conduct and good sportsmanship as it relates to coaches, players and fans of college basketball.

Trump gets Tyson-Spinks

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. (UPI) — Developer Donald Trump said Wednesday he had outmaneuvered Las Vegas casinos and will sponsor the coveted heavyweight title fight between Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks June 27 in Atlantic City.

"I have a commitment on the fight and we anticipate having the fight in Atlantic City at Trump Plaza (Hotel and Casino) on June 27," Trump told reporters after an unrelated appearance at the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

Trump Plaza is adjacent to Convention Hall, where the match is expected to take place.

The heavyweight battle, for which Nevada casinos had also vied, is expected to generate more than $100 million in economic benefits for Atlantic City.

Hampton, Norfolk advance in CIAA

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — Peltrie Williams scored 33 points to lead the Hampton Pirates to a 107-90 victory over Fayetteville State and advance in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament Wednesday.

In other tourney contests, Norfolk State, Johnson C. Smith, Elizabeth City and St. Augustine's advanced with victories.

The Pirates improved to 13-12 overall as Stacey Clark added 24 points, Derrick Dunson 12 and Raymond Lee 10.

The Broncos, 8-18, were led by Robert Stone's 20 points. Derrell Harris added 18 points, Rodney Davis 17 and Kenny Sumblin 15.

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Norfolk's Lee Johnson scored 20 points and pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds to lead the Spartans to a 80-73 victory over Livingstone.

Jerome Coles added 17 points and James Walker 16 for the Spartans, 21-5 overall.

The Bears, 3-22, were led by Jarrett Robinson, who scored 25 points. Sylvester Bowens added 16 points and Drexter Randale 12.

After the teams were tied 12-12, Norfolk went on a 12-0 run to go up 24-12 at 11:55 on a 3-point play by Johnson and take control of the game.

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Johnson C. Smith's Vince Brown poured in 37 points to lead the Bulls to a 90-84 victory over St. Paul's, but not before the Tigers gave the Bulls a scare.

Walter Hurd and Jerome McCoy added 15 points apiece for the Bulls, 14-13.

The Tigers, 8-19, were led by Lindy Pickett and Lawrence Walden, who scored 23 each.

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Ernie Griffin scored 19 points to lead Elizabeth City to an 81-78 victory over Winston-Salem.

Reginald Joe added 12 points for the Vikings, 9-17 overall.

The Rams, 15-13, were led by Steve Hood's 20 points. Kevin Reid added 16 and Gar Cormartie 11.

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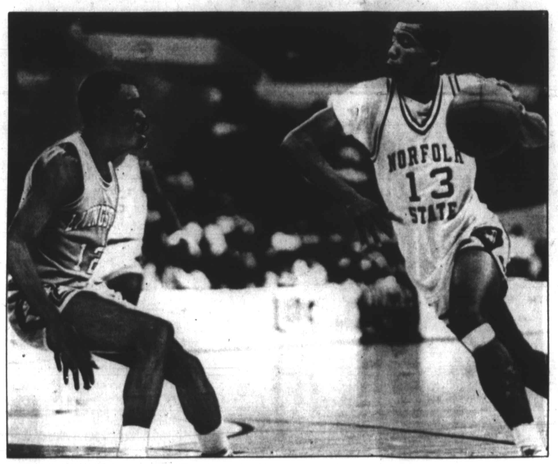
Lashan McDaniel scored 23 points for St. Augustine's in their 76-60 victory over Bowie.

Clarence Leggett added 21 points and Darryl Johnson 14 for the Falcons, who improved to 14-9 overall.

The Bulldogs, 4-24, were paced by Keith Anderson, who scored 24 points. Michael Sinclair added 15 points and Charles Pearson 12.

Tournament play resumed Thursday and continues through Saturday.



ENROUTE TO GOAL — The ultimate goal, of course, is victory in Saturday's finale of the CIAA Basketball Tournament at Norfolk. But, Antonio Stith takes a step in that direction Wednesday leading Norfolk State to a first-round win over Abe Williams and Livingstone.

Metro Classic

Help Turn On The Heat. Hot Hoops Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at the Baltimore Arena/Sixth Annual Metro Classic/Girls' Public League Champions vs. Girls' Catholic League Champions, 6:00 PM/Boys' Public Tournament Champs vs. Catholic League Tournament Champs, 8:00 PM/All seats $3 in advance ($5 day of game)/Tickets are now available at the Baltimore Arena Box Office and all Ticket Center outlets including Baltimore/D.C. area Hecht's/Charley Rudo Sports/Charge by phone on 347-2010 or 481-6000. Proceeds Go To The Fuel Fund Of Central Maryland, Inc.

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