# Historian Hilliard to speak at conference

Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, an educational psychologist and historian, will be the featured speaker at the Maryland Committee for Children's child care conference in Columbia on April 9.

Hilliard serves as Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University and has also been a teacher, researcher, school administrator and professional writerin the past.

Prior to teaching at Georgia State University, Hilliard served as Dean of Education at San Francisco State University for eight years.

Among the awards he has been honored with are the Outstanding Scholarship Award of the National Association of Black Psychologists and the Distinguished Leadership Award of the National Association of Teacher Educators.

The conference will address issues surrounding developmentally appropriate programming and practices for early childhood educators.

Austin Chukwurah, Alhaji Hamzat Ahmadu and Mayor Schmoke

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

The mayor welcomed two Nigerian natives to Baltimore Tuesday afternoon and ordained than honorary citizens in City Hall.

Alhaji Hamzat Ahmadu, ambassador for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Austin Baby Chukwurah, First Secretary for the Embassy of Nigeria, received certificates and cups from the mayor for their patronage.

"Do not make yourself strangers," Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke told the men.

"We are accepting this on behalf of all Nigerians," Ambassador Ahmadu said.

Both Nigerians thanked the mayor for "looking after" the large numbers of Nigerians in the city.

"He's (the mayor) a young, intelligent, active and very alert man," said the ambassador. "... I believe the city of Baltimore is very lucky to have a man like him at the head of the municipal administration."

Ahmadu and Chukwurah, who live in Washington, D.C., have been in the United States for less than five years and plan to return to their country as soon as their duty assignments are over. Usually a duty assignment is five years, Ahmadu said.

# Arthritis telethon taps Hollerbach

Jack Hollerbach has been named Maryland's Chairman of the 1988 Arthritis Foundation Telethon, according to Matthew Kolb, President of the Foundation's Maryland Chapter.

Hollerbach, a Columbia resident, is Vice President of Citicorp/Choice in Towson.

The eight-hour entertainment event, set for Sunday, April 24, will originate from Nashville, Tennessee and Las Vegas, Nevada, and will be distributed via satellite to over 90 broad-cast stations throughout the U.S.

WBFF-TV 45, will broadcast the Telethon locally beginning at 12 noon. Viewers will see performances by some of the most popular personalities in the field of entertainment. Epic recording artist Mickey Gilley will return as celebrity host for the seventh consecutive year. All entertainers appearing on the national program contribute their talents to help in the fight against arthritis.

Located at 3 Lan Lea Drive in Lutherville, the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation helps local citizens through programs of arthritis research, support, patient services, public awareness and professional education.

Mr. Hollerbach said he will be calling upon community leaders to enroll volunteeers to help with local Telethon activities. Interested individuals and groups are invited to call the Chapter at (301) 561-8090.

# Haskins rises at State

Dana A. Haskins, son of Halliwood and Evelyn Haskins of Baltimore, received a diploma and credentials February 26 as a special agent for the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service in Washington, D.C.

The graduation ceremonies followed five months of extensive training in criminal law enforcement and investigations, firearms, counterintelligence, evasive driving, and personal protection techniques.

The State Department has been actively recruiting men and women to become special agents in the diplomatic corps as part of the U.S. government's fight against international terrorism.

Special agents are needed to ensure the safety of U.S. embassies and foreign service personnel abroad and to protect certain foreign dignitaries in the United States.

Agent Haskins' first assignment is in Washington, D.C.

# Gasque promoted

Damon Gasque

Damon Gasque, CPA, has been appointed assistant secretary of The Baltimore Life Insurance Company, according to Joseph E. Blair, president of the Baltimore-based insurance firm.

Gasque holds responsibility for the accounting and budgeting portion of the ABC system. He joined Baltimore Life in 1982 as a staff assistant and most recently has had responsibility for financial reporting. Prior to joining the insurance industry, Gasque was assistant accounting officer for Equitable Bank.

A certified public accountant, Gasque received a bachelor of science in accounting from the University of Baltimore. He lives in Randallstown with his wife, Mary, and their son. Gasque is currently co-chairman of the board of managers for the New Psalmist Christian School.

The Baltimore Life Insurance Company, founded in 1882, is one of the top mutual companies in the United States in terms of assets and has consistently received the top A+ (superior) rating from the A.M. Best Company, independent financial analyst.

# Tillery to lead MCE

Juanita Tillery

Juanita Tillery was elected as the 1988-89 President-Elect of the Maryland Association of Cooperative Education recently.

By accepting the office, Tillery will serve first as President-Elect, then as President for 1990-91.

She is currently completing her term as the MACE Liaison Officer to the MVA. Her first office in MACE was that of legislative watchdog. Her duty was to keep abreast of the state and federal legislation that affected cooperative education.

A native of Newport News, Va., Tillery received an A.B. degree from Virginia State University in Norfolk, in 1968.

Aftermoving to Baltimore County to become one of the teachers in the county's first middle school, she continued to work toward her master's degree at the University of Maryland, Loyola College, and Towson State University.

Tillery transfered to the Cooperative Education Department under the Dr. Ronald Koontz in June 1984, after teaching English for 17 years.

# Bright sets pace

James E. Bright, sales manager in the Baltimore district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Company, located at 6000 Metro Drive, has marked 5 years with the firm.

American General Life and Accident is the nation's largest insurance company employing the home service distribution system exclusively. It is a subsidiary of American General Corporation, Houston, which had $28.0 billion in assets on December 31, 1988.

Bright has just completed a four-day management school at the Marriott in Harrisburg, PA.

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## WANTED

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Police are searching for 20-year-old William Anthony "Noonie" Hatchett in connection with the March 23 murder of a Northeast Baltimore man who was chased and gunned down as he ran the streets naked.

Hatchett, of the 2600 block of Kent Avenue, is six-feet tall and weighs 200 pounds. He has been known to carry a 9 mm automatic handgun and a .357 Magnum handgun, police said.

He is also known to visit Cherry Hill and the Westport areas. Police said he is considered armed and very dangerous.

On March 23 at approximately 1:55 a.m., John A. Steele, of the 2500 block of Round Road, was shot in the face, shoulders and head by a 9 mm handgun, police said.

Police are seeking this man in connection with a homicide stabbing which occurred December 12, 1987 at approximately 1:20 p.m. in the 3300 block of Liberty Heights Avenue.

He is described as a black male, 27 to 29 years old, with long wavy, greasy hair, light complexion, deep set eyes, large nose, mustache and hair on his chin. He is also short and stocky.

He is wanted only for questioning. Anyone with information regarding this man or the homicide should contact the Baltimore Police Department Homicide Unit at 396-2721.

Metro Crime Stoppers will offer cash rewards up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the perpetrator. All callers will remain anonymous.


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# Airman sent to Idaho

Air Force Airman Ronald J. Hudgins, son of Ronald J. and Jessica M. Hudgins of 8147 Mid Haven Road, Baltimore, has arrived for duty with the 366th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Hudgins, an avionic systems specialist, is a 1987 graduate of Patapsco High School, Baltimore.

## Storytime series begins

Registration begins April 4 for the Howard County Library's next 3 to 5-Year-Old Storytime series. The 6-week series begins the week of April 11 at the Miller Branch Library on Frederick Road. Registration is required and may be made in person or by phone at 461-7980.



## SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

# Students star in 4-H contest

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore City branch of the 4-H Club welcomed fellow 4-H Club members from Barbados on March 25.

The two 4-H Club segments participated in an exchange program which began last year as 13 Baltimore City 4-H'ers visited Barbados last July.

Keith Carter

Tamika Corrington

Robin Hursey

Alicia King

Over two years, the city 4-H'ers raised $6,000 to cover the cost of the exchange. Contributions were made by 4-H parents, Cooperative Extension Homemakers, Giant bods, the Baltimore City Police Department and other organizations.

One of the highlights of the Bajan three week tour of Baltimore was a public speaking contest and Barbados reception at the University of Maryland Medical School Teaching Facility Auditorium.

During the contest three age groups presented speeches on various topics including teen pregnancy, caring for the homeless and staying in school.

The winners for the 8 to 10-year-old group were Jeneba Suma, first place and Tamika Carrington, second place. Tamir Ruffin won first place in the 11 to 13-year-old group and Keisha Hargrove won second place.

In the 14 to 18-year-old group Kimani Stancil took first place and Makeda Scott took second place.

Awards in the temporaneous categories went to Eric Bundy, first place and Dawn Walker, second place. The 60 second radio broadcast winners were Calvin Coates, first place and Johnathan White, second place.

The District competition will be held at Essex Community College on April 8. The finalists will then go on to Chicago in the Fall for the National 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

The Bajan guests were honored with a welcome by Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke later that night.

Other activities planned for the guests include attending a Baltimore Orioles baseball game on April 7, touring the Inner Harbor, agricultural sightseeing tours, two days in Washington, D.C., and a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Melvin A. Steinberg in Annapolis.

# MSU chemistry awards scholarships

Two scholarships in the amounts of $2,000 and $2,500 were established by The Chemistry Family of Morgan State University in honor of two former professors: Professor John A. Herculson and Dr. George H. Spaulding. The two educators are remembered for their work as program builders, excellent teachers, and mentors.

Professor Herculson was the first and only Program Consultant of Morgan's Chemistry Department. As the Program Consultant from 1932-1945, he laid the foundation upon which the chemistry department took form.

Dr. Spaulding, a protege of the late Professor Herculson, was the first Morgan alumnus to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry, and the first person to serve as Chairman of Morgan's Chemistry Department.

Under his leadership from 1945-1966, the American Chemical Society, a national accreditation agency in chemistry, approved Morgan's chemistry program in 1956.

Ten years later in 1966, Dr. Spaulding died of a heart attack in his office in Calloway Hall 208. To this day both educator's are remembered and admired by their peers and former students.


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# Coppin, Morgan forum on politics, religion

The Morgan State University Religious Studies and Coppin State College Philosophical Theology Departments are sponsoring their Fourth Annual Joint Convocation.

The theme is "Politics — 1988 Religious and Ethical Dimensions" Several people are expected to appear and speak about these topics.

Rev. Bob Edgar is expected to speak at the gathering.

Edgar, born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, earned his B.A. degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport.

He also received a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University's Theological School.

For five years Edgar served Methodist churches in Lewisburg, East Falls and Lansdowne.

In 1974 Edgar was elected for congress and was the first Democrat elected for that office since 1858.

He is presently chairman of the Congressional Clearing House, and is married to the former Merle Deaver and the father of three sons.

Also scheduled to appear is Congressman George William Crockett, Jr., 78. Crockett was born in Jacksonville, Florida and earned an A.B. degree from Morehouse in Atlanta, Georgia and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Michigan.

In November 1980, Crockett was elected to the United States House of Representatives from Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Other speakers include Rev. Vernon Dobson, prominent religious leader, State Senator Clarence Blount powerful West Baltimore legislator.

The convocation will be held at the Morgan Christian Center, 4307 Hillen Road, Saturday, April 16, 1988, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited and admission is free.

# Rebirth at Northwestern

Parents, students, and faculty members have joined with community groups and businesses to improve the educational program, overall image, and community presence of Northwestern High School, according to Boyce Mosley, Principal.

According to Diane C. Fitzhugh, Committee Chair, "Our objective is to join with the Mayor to improve the quality of education offered in a community-based comprehensive high school. Our coalition brings to one table the resources necessary to address the issues which impact the quality of education in our community."

At a kickoff meeting held late last week, more than thirty school and community representatives met to develop strategies to promote the 20 year old comprehensive high school. High on the list of priorities is the enhancement of the school's "magnet" programs in Business Sciences and Reserve Officer Training programs, or R.O.T.C.

The Northwestern Renaissance is planning a school - community meeting in the Spring. Persons interested in assisting the committee should call Ms. Margaret A. Hsieh, Assistant Principal for Academic and Business Affairs, at 396-0646.


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