Churches to bid for scholarships

By Cheryl-Brown Campbell
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"It's time for corporations to give something back to the black community," according to the pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church, Henry J. Turner.

To that end General Foods Corporation is sponsoring a scholarship project entitled, "Take Me Higher."

The scholarship program will allow students at participating churches to win $1,000 dollars in scholarship money to attend a college or university affiliated with the Naitonal Association for Equal Opportunity in Education.

Interested church groups and organization meet for an 8 a.m. breakfast at the Palladium, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave., Saturday morning to hear representatives from General Foods explain the project.

Participating churches must ask members of their congregations to save proof of purchase labels from Kool-Aid products.

Once the labels have been collected for the Oct. 31st deadline, they will be submitted to General Foods for tabulation and the announcement of contest winners.

The scholarship contest for Baltimore area churches is being managed by Special Market Services, a black owned and operated Chicago based firm which will manage the program for General Foods.

Manager Connie Waiters says, "I think the program is going to very successful in teh Baltimore area," said Manager Connie Waiters. "I don't think the low turnout today is at all indicative of the success rate of the program... Because we had 122 commitments, and all those people didn't turn up, does not mean that they will not participate in our program."

Waiters is expecting that once her team contacts the ministers in follow-up discussions and supplies them with information packets, they will actively participate in the program.

Pastor Turner said the low turnout from area church representatives was a shame because the General Foods Scholarship project is "Free money" for churches to be able to provide gifted students within their congregations a chance at a college education anywhere in the United States.

"If the black community and churches in particular don't get their acts together, big corporations won't offer promotionals in Baltimore anymore," he said.

The Kool-Aid, "Take Me Higher," scholarship program is open to members of participating churches who are sixteen years of age and older, who are planning to attend a NAFEO college or university in the United States.

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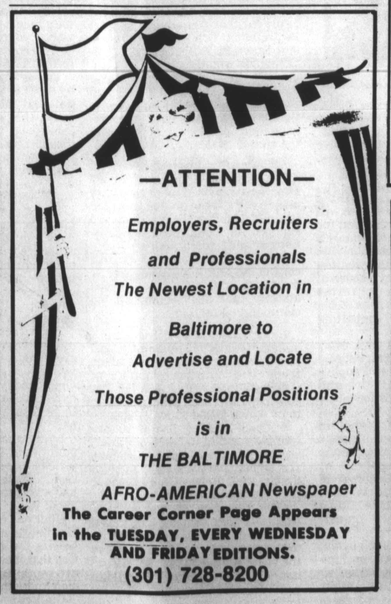

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SAM LACY

Pop

Pop was a gentle man . . . . I think of him at the moment because Father's Day is approaching, and perhaps I shouldn't be simply waiting for tribute from my children . . . . I had a father, too.

The truth is that my father was one of those persons who blend with life . . . . You know they are there, but their demeanor is so quiet and unpretentious that they receive attention only when they're leaving for the office or getting up from the dinner table . . . . And when they die.

Bragging rights

Actually, the loudest noises I remember coming from my father in his life were those I heard when he slammed cards on the kitchen table during the bi-monthly pinochle games he engaged in with his old cronies — Armond Scott, who was the first black judge in the D.C. court system; John Naulle, the head of the first normal school for blacks in Washington, and Garnet Wilkinson, longtime superintendent of the D.C. public schools.

He lived for those games, all of which were played for bragging rights . . . . No money was ever involved . . . . This I know because they were played at our house . . . . and my mother would have killed him and his fellow-conspirators had there been any sign whatsoever that Pop was gambling from the pittance that passed for the Lacy treasury.

Confused loyalty

But those card games were a small part of his life . . . . In a broader sense, Pop lived for all kinds of competition, especially in the sports arena . . . . That is why I have no hesitance in using his memory as a topic at this time, and in a space customarily reserved for sports.

When I played baseball, his face was always the most prominent on the sidelines — whether it be high school, sandlot or semi-pro . . . . When I introduced pro basketball to the ghetto, Pop was the first in line at the ticket-booth — and PAYING, mind you.

'Lily for 'Lily'

And although he loved football — once braving the jostling that accompanied a Howard-Lincoln game — he had little use for the early Redskins . . . . They were too "lily" for him.

Boxing was not his cup of tea, either . . . . That is until Joe Louis invaded the scene in 1936, and he sneaked off to his room to tune in the fight on an antique crystal radio set that only he could fathom.

There was, however, a certain degree of inconsistency in Pop's loyalties . . . . While he despised the all-white Redskins, he worshipped the equally all-white baseball Senators . . . . This was one of the idiosyncrasies the family couldn't understand . . . . The other was his steadfast Republicanism.

Loved medicority

My father thought the sun rose and set in Griffith Stadium where the likes of Jim Shaw, Doc Ayers, George McBride, Howard Shanks, Eddie Foster, John Henry and the rest of the perennial losers were cavorting each afternoon (when at home).

Those names faded into oblivion a long time ago, and justifiably so . . . . They were forever second division — the assortment of rinky-dinks which inspired the slogan: "Washington first in America, last in the American League."

But, despite the putrid performances of those hapless early Senators, Pop could be seen propped against the wall of the "Colored Pavilion" in the old Griffith Stadium every day the team was at home.

He saw 'Walter'

Faithful to the core of his being, my father proudly displayed a little white ribbon with the inscription, "I Saw Walter Pitch His First Game — 1907."

It referred to the debut of Washington's revered Walter Johnson, and Pop had received it in 1926 with a note from Johnson expressing appreciation for his presence . . . . Johnson, of course, didn't know Samuel E. Lacy from one of the bulls back on his family's farm in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Straw that broke...

And evidence of what sort of influence his beloved badge wielded, occurred at a parade when the Senators and the opposing New York Giants were marching triumphantly up U Street toward the stadium where they were to open the 1923 World Series.

Standing at curbside, waving a Washington pennant and flaunting his "I Saw Walter . . ." badge, my father had a dirty, wet towel tossed in his face by the first base coach and heralded clown Nick Altrock . . . . That did it.

Pop went home, stored away his badge (which I have as a keepsake) and never went to another major league baseball game.

Notable quotable

Kansas City Royals' outfielder Willie Wilson, on why he dislikes signing autographs:

"When I was a little kid, teachers used to punish me by making me write my name on the blackboard 100 times."

SPORTS on deck

FATHER'S DAY NOSTALGIA: Sports Editor Sam Lacy recalls his father's assortment of misguided loyalties (Sports column this page).

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BASEBALL 'M MEN': Willie Mays and Eddie Murray defended against charges that they present snobbish tendencies toward public and media (1st Sports).

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FAMILIAR NAME: Cheryl Miller who was undoubtedly "Miss Basketball" during her four years at Southern California, continues in a starring role as the U.S. prepares for the Seoul Olympics this summer (2nd Sports).

LITTLE LEAGUE STRIKE: 12-year-old exercises her version of the ERA; uses sit-in tactic on pitching mound as protest against promotion (2nd Sports).

Zina, Lori halted in semis

Continuing their pattern of losing late, Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil were one match short of meeting for the Dow Classic tennis championship at Birmingham, England, last weekend.

Garrison lost to Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, 6-2, 6-4, and McNeil bowed to fellow American Pam Shriver, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, in semi-final play.

Zina and Lori had reached the advanced round by virtue of victories over Elna Reinach of South Africa and Ann Minter of Australia, respectively.

Sudden death

Charlie Sifford was edged by Gardner Dickinson on the first hole of "sudden death" in the Super Seniors golf championship Saturday, but collected $5,250.

He added $5,433 in the continuing Seniors play won by Billy Casper.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY — Wilmeth "Willie" Stargell who was known as "Pops" during his starring days with baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates, appears in his role of real-life dad. With him are daughters Dawn (left) and Precious.

Hank Aaron Award created

Major League Baseball will present the Hank Aaron Award to the top RBI producer in each league at the conclusion of each season, the Office of the Commissioner has announced.

This is the third year for the annual award, but the first time it has been presented solely by Major League Baseball. The award is named for Aaron, baseball's all-time RBI leader with 2,297 in 23 years with the Braves and Brewers.

Past Recipients of the award include Andre Dawson of the Cubs and George Bell of the Blue Jays last year and Joe Carter of the Indians and Mike Schmidt of the Phillies in 1986.

Thorpe in Open

With Calvin Peete having killed his chances of qualifying for the U.S. Open by withdrawing (with injury) from last week's Westchester Classic, Jim Thorpe is the only black player in the U.S. Open.

Thorpe opens play Thursday at the Brookline (Mass.) Country Club at 2:51 p.m. On Friday, his tee time is 10:22 a.m.

Thorpe's playing partners for the first two rounds will be Danny Edwards and Mark O'Meara.

Willie & Eddie: capitalists in snobbery?

By Sam Lacy

If you believe what you have been reading in the last few weeks, Willie Mays has joined Eddie Murray in major league snobbery.

One snubs little kids, the other snubs grown-ups — like sportswriters, commentators, talk-show hosts, etc.

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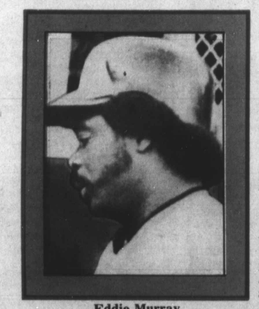
Of course, as far as Murray is concerned, Mays is a Johnny-come-lately.

Eddie has been called sullen and uncooperative for several years by a small, loud-mouthed band of deriders in the stands along the first-base line at Memorial Stadium, most of whom were influenced by controversial post-game discussions on radio.

Murray's problems with the tiny segment of media critics have been described on numerous occasions in the past.

In flagrant disregard of the fact that he has been the most potent offensive weapon in baseball over the past decade, Eddie has been the subject of repeated debates over his worth to the Orioles.



Eddie Murray
ignores grown-ups

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Many observers feel this continuous harassment is caused by a mixture of envy and resentment.

The critics appear to be upset by the fact that Murray commands a huge salary, and they insist that he has no right to privacy.

Mostly, though, it is because this is a black guy who has the guts to say no to them.

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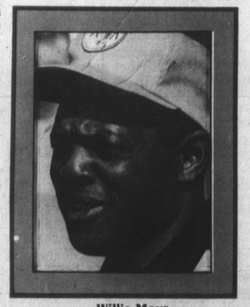
Mays qualified for membership in the snobbery fraternity last week in Washington (DC) when the Hall of Famer was blasted for reportedly demanding a fee for his autograph after a book-signing session.

The session was held at a bookstore where Willie's autobiography was being introduced. The event became soured when several persons in attendance were disenchanted with his assertion that he did not feel obligated to sign after the supply of books ran out.



Willie Mays
he snubs the kids?

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Mays said he agreed to autograph books that were PURCHASED. Non-buyers who brought their vacationing kids to the store (with no intention of giving business to the store-owner) were turned away.

The best way to do this was to charge what he figured to be an exorbitant amount — more as a dissuader than as a money-maker.

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Those sideliners who jumped on the wagon with Mays' critics obviously do not realize that, even if it were an attempt on Willie's part to add to his bountiful bank account, it wouldn't be at $10 a shot for autographs that are free to book-buyers and Old Timer's game fans.

At his lifestyle, ten bucks would barely cover a cup of coffee — unless with cream.