—March on Washington

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de-escalation of the arms race.'"

The march in 1963, in which more than 240,000 participated, was staged shortly before a presidential election. Coretta Scott King played a major role. But now, even without her husband, Mrs. King feels compelled to keep the torch going, she said.

"This year was the 20th anniversary since my husband and Bobby Kennedy were assassinated. That was a political election year and it's very critical that people be involved and express their concerns through this mobilization to write the agenda for whoever will be in the White House."

The New Coalition of Conscience which represents more than 700 national organizations include Con. Walter E. Fauntroy, Cong. John Conyers, Mayors Andrew Young and Marion Barry, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dick Gregory, Dr. Dorothy Height and Mrs. Rosa Parks.

March coordinators said getting the leaders of "the new coalition of conscience" to be part of the march was easy, but the real task for the march organizers will be to get the everyday man on the street out to support the cause.

A.C. Byrd, a veteran civil rights organizer, said "the black community is one of the most politically conscious communities in the country. Once they get the word they will come out anyway, the same as they did in 1963."

For further information, call the March on Washington headquarters (610 Fourth Pl SW), at 202-484-2660; Ofield Dukes, 202-488-4948 or Kevin Douglass, 202-735-2058.

—Family Day

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the societal behaviors of the youth of today.

"The family should teach children discipline, how to respect others, and by all means, try to teach them about the drug situation," he said.

The resolution declared the erosion of the family as the direct cause of many of the social problems today. ". . . We strongly believe that the citizens of Maryland should take time to reflect upon the importance of a strong family to a healthy and vigorous society.

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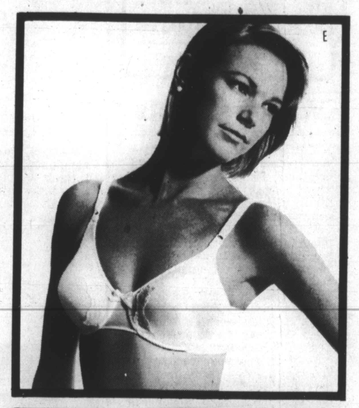

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Warren N. Weaver:

A product of private schools, he helps chart public schools future

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

When he was growing up, a student at Friends School, Warren N. Weaver's interest in education extended only as far as the boundaries on the basketball court.

At 30, as the second youngest member in history to serve on Baltimore City's School Board, Weaver's interest in the game has evolved into the kind of teamwork which serves his community.

Appointed to the school board in January, 1987, he was only 29-years old, and closer to the ages of the student commissioners than to his adult counterparts.

"They were looking for some young blood and I was recommended," Weaver said. "Youth brings a different perspective, and in a lot of ways, I still think like a kid. When I was in high school, I would listen to someone closer to my own age — it's less threatening."

Although he is young, he believes he has something to offer.

"I don't get intimidated, but sometimes I wonder if people respect my opinions as much as they would those of someone older, but I believe there can be no right or wrong if you really believe in something, you shouldn't be afraid to say it," Weaver said.

"I've never been in love with the sound of my own voice, if I don't have something to say, I don't say anything at all," he added. "When you talk all the time people stop listening to you."

"All the problems get dumped in the lap of the school system, when the school system is not the entity that created them," he said. "It would take a miracle to be able to solve them all and we don't have the resources to do miracle work."

As a product of private schools, Weaver also offers a different outlook on public versus private education, believing that private schools are not necessarily the pillars of perfection they are thought to be.

"Private school education is not all it's cracked up to be," he said. "I don't think any private school has any better math program than Poly's A course."

Weaver continued, "There are good public schools on every level. "I don't have kids so it's hard to say where I would send them, but there are certain public schools that I would be comfortable sending them to," he added. "I would not say in general that I would put my kids in any private school."

Serving on the school board takes up a lot of his time, but it is not his only job. When he is not working to advance public education, Weaver is also an attorney for Whiteford, Taylor, and Preston.

He is grateful to the firm for allotting him time to participate in school board activities as well as a number of other civic groups, and activities.

He is also on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid and the American Red Cross, as well as the Executive Board of the Maryland Association of Defense Trial Council.

Keeping busy with community work, he has not yet made time for marriage and family and says he is in no rush.

"It's only been recently that I've been able to contemplate marriage and kids," he said. That is the ultimate responsibility. I've had to be responsible in so many areas, it's been nice to come home and not have responsibility."

Not yet having a wife and children, much of Weaver's inspiration has come from his parents. His father, Warren M. Weaver, retired from a long career as Director of the Relocating Division in the City Department of Housing.

His mother, Ada Weaver is a retired elementary school principal. Warren M. Weaver was president of The Urban League and well-known as a committed community activist.

There was a time when Warren could not understand why his father worked so hard at services that did not pay him, now he not only understands but practices the same lifestyle.

"I do what I do because I enjoy it," he said. "It doesn't bother me when someone is mad at me or mad at the board because these people don't pay me."

"We have to worry about educating the kids in a system that is underfunded. Not every problem can be solved by throwing money at it, but often, you get what you pay for," he added.

Combining his interests in law and education, Weaver, along with board member, Edward Gutman, is working to expand a law program in the schools.

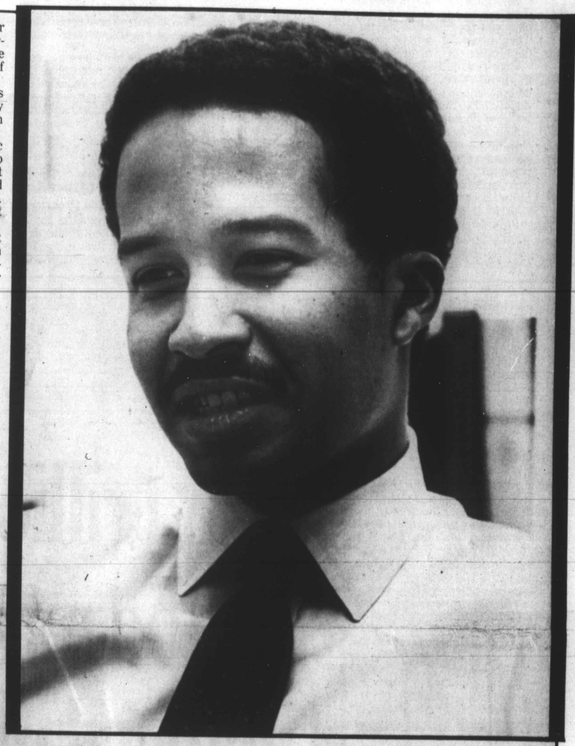
Interest in the program was sparked when Baltimore City students won a statewide mock-trial competition last school year. The Baltimore City kids clearly worked harder than any of the others, according to Weaver.

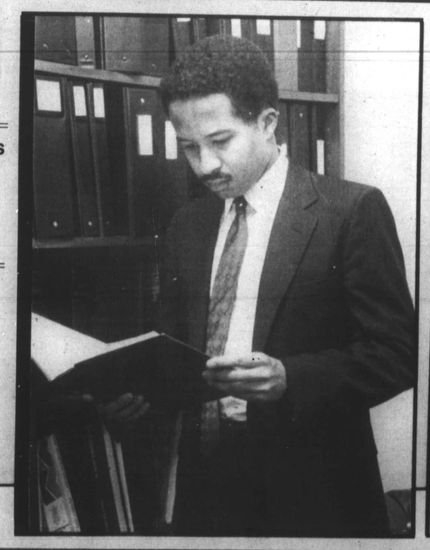
Weaver also hopes to be a role model for the kids he meets and talks to. "They can do anything that I can do if they work hard enough," he said.

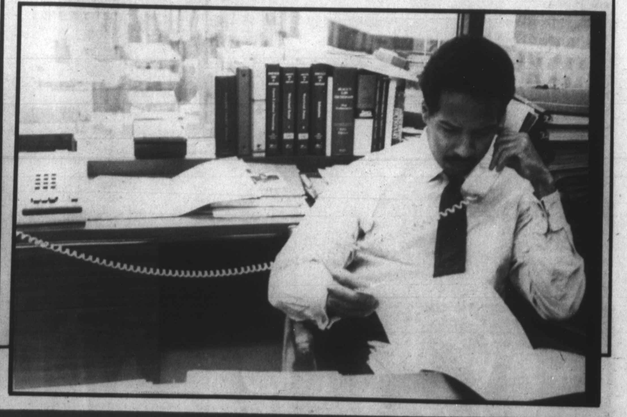
While he managed to go straight from high school to Georgetown University and later Georgetown University Law Center, Weaver admits that it wasn't until his first semester of law school that he worked hard.

"I didn't become serious until later on, as a kid I knew how to stay out of trouble." With no compelling aspirations to pursue a future in politics, Weaver is open to future possibilities.

"At this point in life, I would not rule out anything," he said. "I don't know what I want to do in 20 years. I'm not married to the idea of being a lawyer until I retire, but I'm not opposed to it either," he added. "Down the road, I just want to do something that I enjoy."







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