—Feud surfaces

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concerned it is something for them to work out."

Delegate Anderson did confirm Rawlings censure motion, adding, "...no action was taken and it will probably not be brought up for action by the Caucus again."

In response to Anderson's recollection of the meeting, delegate Rawlings said: "That is not even correct."

Refusing further discussion on what he called "an internal Caucus matter," delegate Rawlings added, "I refuse to make any comment about it."

Said to be at the core of the latest outbreak of "Caucus Ruckus" is an approximately 11 page document sent to the state house ethics committee in which Barbara Brown, a past secretary to delegate Fulton at the Black Mental Health Alliance, charges him with sexual harassment.

It has been rumored that delegate Fulton suspects delegate Rawlings of assisting the woman and her attorney in filing with the Ethics Committee.

In response Fulton is said to have lashed out at certain hiring programs administered by delegate Rawlings, going so far as to call in House speaker, delegate Clayton Mitchell (D-Eastern Shore), to complain.

This led delegate Rawlings to call for delegate Fulton's censure before the Caucus on the grounds that he was attempting to embarrass a fellow Caucus member.

"It is so distasteful that I don't even want to talk about," delegate Blount said.

"It is between the two of them," said Caucus chairman, delegate Anderson, "...and if it is something they want to perpetuate by talking to reporters, then that is up to them."

For two days, the AFRO attempted to get a response from Del Fulton. By AFRO presstime, there was no answer.

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—School No. 122

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guideline; a fact that stresses the importance of having educational tools, such as books and films that are in working order.

The population of #122 also contains a large number of emotionally handicapped students as well as others who have been given this label for behavioral problems or other reasons.

Many of the students at Samuel Taylor Coleridge look upon the school and their teachers as a refuge that gives them tools to cope with what would otherwise be a harsh environment.

School is sometimes the only place they can look forward to receiving a hot meal (for some in the form of a free lunch), and the teacher is often the only person who gives them any discipline or nurturing.

When that cycle is broken, by a building without heat or a stove in the cafeteria that will not work (no hot meal), the students must suffer.

School #122 is one of the oldest buildings within the Baltimore Public School System that is still in operation. The school was built in 1927 and has had no major renovation since 1970.

In 1970, the City's schoolboard planners decided to renovate school #122, and house its steam heating system in the same boiler room as the newly built Joseph Briscoe school (#451).

Although both boilers are housed in the same building, they generate steam on separate lines which is directed to the school that particular boiler serves.

Enonia Stewart is the area maintenance supervisor for a district which includes a total of 10 schools. Her duties include supervising 54 employees who are divided among 10 area schools.

Each day she must travel to at least two schools, rotating her list so that she is able to see and ensure that there are no maintenance problems.

Stewart is the person whom teachers and administrators within the school ask for assistance when rooms need painting or have heating problems. She makes the necessary requisitions for these repairs.

Stewart says "The entire school is in need of painting or some kind of repair. I have requisitioned for the school to be painted but was told (by the School Board Administration) that there is not enough money in the repair fund for the whole building to be painted. Next I tried another tactic, requisitioning for several rooms at a time to be painted."

These rooms were painted but there were problems associated with the job. The Department from which the painters are assigned is a small one with only a small cadre of painters to cover a large amount of schools.

When the two painters assigned to paint school #122 reached the job, all went well until one of the painters had a personal emergency which required him to leave his post.

The other painter was left to complete painting the classroom by himself but could not because one person situated on a job alone cannot adequately meet safety regulations, some of which are prescribed by the painter's union.

One example of a safety precaution impossible for one person to follow is the fact that there is no one to assist in holding the ladder, or "watch out" if there is only one person painting a room.

This was just one of the rules and regulations involved in the process of administering needed repairs and renovations to the school.

The teachers were told this summer that the heating problems had been taken care of, and that they would experience a worry free winter without heating problems.

Many of the teachers are used to going into their pockets to promote worthwhile projects for the students; they know how much school means to some of the students. Often bus trips are on the verge of being cancelled because of insufficient funding such as the trip planned last week when Carolyn Hines had to give $60 to the bus company or else cancel the students' trip.

—DuBurns portrait

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the public to see the portrait," Tall said.

The city allows an incumbent mayor to select an artist to do his portrait before he leaves office and the city then awards the artist a commission to do the portrait Tall said.

Du Burns selected Nathaniel Gibbs, a local black artist, to do his portrait.

The Board of Estimates approved of the three-foot-by-four-foot portrait of Mayor "Du" Burns Wednesday morning and agreed to pay Gibbs the remaining $10,000 of his $16,000 commission.

"I'm very pleased that the portrait has been done," said Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke. "It's a great tribute to Mayor Burns and its an important part of the history of Baltimore."

Du Burns will be the first black elected official whose portrait hangs in the Board of Estimates room. The portrait that show "Du" Burns standing tall and looking proud will be the eighteenth to hang in the chamber.

"We (the board) look forward to having this portrait hung in a very prominent place in the Board of Estimates room, because we recognize the significance of the first black mayor of Baltimore," Schmoke said.

The former Baltimore City councilman and council president became mayor in January 1987 when Mayor Schaefer was elected governor of Maryland.

Later on that year, Schmoke became the city's first elected black mayor.

The oil painting of Schaefer that hangs on the left wall of the chamber also cost $16,000 said Tall.

Tall said Du Burns saw the portrait and liked it.

The former mayor could not be reached for comment.

"I thought it looked really good. It captured "Du," said councilman Joseph T. Landers, third district, who saw a photo of the portrait.

Baltimore has 54 mayors, including Mayor Schmoke, and many of the portraits are hung in various rooms in City Hall.

The portrait of the city's first mayor, James Calhoun, for example is hung in City Comptroller Hyman Pressman's office Tall said.

Mayor Schmoke's portrait will be painted in the future.

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For fourteen years "DuMetz" has managed to carve out a successful career as a commercial photographer. She is based in Los Angeles, California.

—The power

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students who were eyewitnesses to the shooting were also aware of Joe's innocence.

Attorney Shawn Alcarese collected evidence, which he felt exonerated Joseph and submitted it to the States Attorney's Office. This led to the investigation clearing Joseph. At the moment Joe was charged with the shooting, he was immediately expelled from Edmondson High School.

Alcarese says, "That is the real tragedy in this case. Joe was expelled on the basis of his arrest as a suspect, there was no hearing or any type of forum for Joe to declare his innocence."

"If it were not for the diligent work of the State's Attorney's office, based on evidence I gave to them, Joe would still be charged with the shooting."

"The State's Attorney's Office is to be commended for doing the work and taking the time to do a job that was really the responsibility of other agencies to do. The police and school did not verify the information they received."

Although the charges against Joe have been dropped, he is still not enrolled at Edmondson High school. He has entered a private school program to receive his high school diploma. Edmondson High still has not contacted Joe about returning to school.

On October 5, the Baltimore Police Department called Doris Green informing her that her son was being held in custody for the shooting. Later she was told of the $10,000 bail she would have to post for the release of Joe until the date of his trial October 5.

Mrs. Green said, "I spent many hours running around trying to see to it that my son had the things he needed, it took me from 12:30 in the afternoon when I found out about Joe's charge until 3 a.m. the next morning, before I could round up the necessary tax statements and deed to my house, before Joe could be released to go home."

In order to raise the bail money Mrs. Green would have to post the deed to her house in place of the actual cash. At those times Mrs. Green said, "I know that my strength came from God because without him and the power of prayer I could not have done it. I thank the Lord for giving my son back to me."

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Hilton mentors introduced

Hilton Elementary School #21 recently held an assembly to introduce 19 community leaders who have committed themselves to a mentorship with the students.

During this school year the mentors, along with the individual teachers and students, will plan unique activities that will take place both within and outside of the classroom environment.

The assembly program consisted of special musical selections from the choir and band; introduction and pinning of mentors;

An acrostic "Magnificent Class Mentor": and rendition of original poetry - "Together, We Can Make a Difference."

Student, Karen Lewis, served as narrator for the assembly.

The Magnificent Mentors are: Mrs. Clarice Brooks, Community Relations, BCPD; Rev. J. Luther Carroll, minister; Mrs.Sarah Daneker, teacher;

Lawrence Bell, Councilman; Rev. Frank Drumwright, minister; Mrs. Jean Gaffney, physician's assistant; Ms. Lisa Gladden, financial advisor;

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Ms. Jill Carter, reporter; Mrs.Christine Webster, teacher; Mrs. Claudine Wood, executive secretary; Dr. Michael Zollicoffer, pediatrician.

—Welfare Rights

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stopped by the 2331 E. Monument St. building to wish the group well.

The welfare rights group has already undergone changes under Conway's new leadership.

Conway has renamed the organization the Maryland Welfare Rights Organization, now servicing people across the state. Before, it only responded to city residents' needs, now it assists people in Baltimore, Carroll and Dorchester counties.

The welfare group acts as an advocate for low-income people and those who receive benefits from the Department of Social Services.

Conway's attempt to rejuvenate the group has led him to seek legislations that would require social services to issue certified cut-off notices before terminating a welfare recipient's services and ask the state to increase the $650 burial allowance for family members to $1000.

Conway said it would be cost-effective for the state to mail notification letters to warn welfare recipients they are in danger of being terminated, rather than cutting people off and then having them reapply.

Many times recipients complain that uncaring DSS workers unfairly discontinued their service without proper notice.

Sue Fitzsimmons, a spokeswoman for the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, said workers do mail "adverse action letters," which warns the client he is in danger of losing his benefits.

After receiving a notice, clients have the right to appeal if they feel they have been terminated unfairly and can retain their benefits during an appeal.

There are 115,000 DSS cases and every month 22,000 eligibility decisions are made Fitzsimmons said.

She said during the last 10 months, 659 cases have been appealled for various reasons and only 25 were overruled or the sheriff," offered his support to the group and even bought two $3 memberships — one for himself and one for his attorney.

The sheriff was recently sentenced to a one year suspended jail term and fined $1000 for obstruction of justice in an investigation in to his campaign funds.

The other measure would ask the state to raise the allotted $600 burial cost for welfare recipients to $1000 or allow welfare recipients to supplement the allowance with other money.

Conway said this issue is a "chronic complaint" among recipients and funeral directors, because they feel $650 is not enough to provide for a "decent burial".

People who accept money from family and friends to supplement the $600 to pay for better funerals for loved ones, risk losing the original $600 said Conway.

"Death is the last part of this life we have on earth and I'd like to see people put away in a decent way."

Sen. Young, D-39, said Conway's suggestions were reasonable and he would offer his support to the organization.

Since Cheeks' death, some close to the organization, including the new president, say the organization has been too passive.

"Welfare Rights has been...close to non-existent," said the senator. And Conway agreed.

"I was disappointed that it had developed a quiet- syndrome," Young said.

People appear to have the wrong perception "when the man falls the plan falls," Young said.

Cheeks was known for fighting effortlessly to improve the conditions of poor people.

Financial woes have probably crippled the organization the most, causing it to become less vibrant.

The volunteer group has "no money" said Conway.

The Maryland Welfare Rights Organization receives no funds from the city, state or federal governments. It accepts private donations and memberships only.

As a result, Conway often finds himself digging in his pants pockets and spending more time with the group than at his full-time urban services job to help keep the welfare organization alive.

"We're stepping on faith," said Conway.

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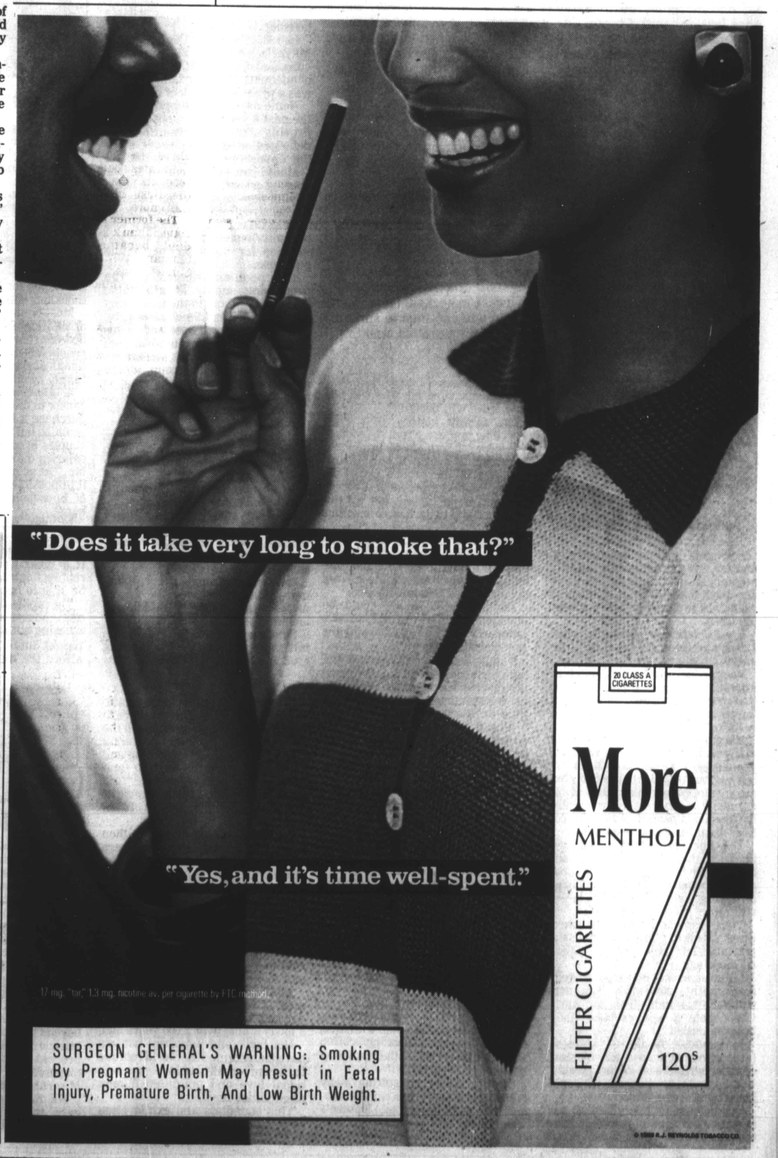
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