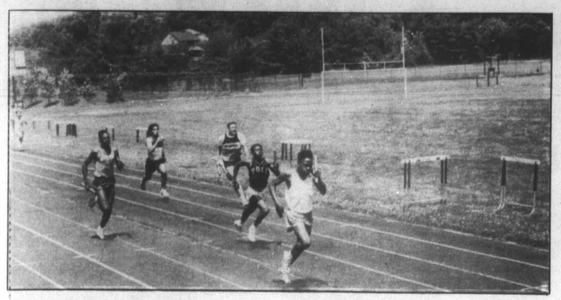
# MSA track and field finals at Poly



Coming down the home stretch, the Poly team was able to capture first place in the 800 meter relay.

L-R: Wairmu Githara (soph), Angelique Cary (senior), Anita Manning (soph), Tawanda Kess (soph), and Jacqueline Johnson (fresh) watching their Poly teammate win first place in the 800 meter run.

Northwestern Coach Art Milburn (L), helps Ysaha Wilson, along with her mother Ina Banks (after she suffered a sprained ankle).

By Will Marshall
AFRO Staff Writer

Though many people spent Saturday, May 20 at Pimlico Race Course enjoying the festivities of the Preakness, and a day at the horse races, there were other races to watch in Baltimore that day.

The Maryland Athletic Association (MSA) held its 73rd Annual Track & Field Championships, and the Girls City-Wide Track championships at Poly High School's R.W. Lumsden Stadium.

Poly won the MSA Championship with a team score of 154, which was 52 points more than Curley, the second place team.

The Girls City-Wide Championship was won by Dunbar, who had a record-breaking performance from senior Yolanda Little. She established a new high jump record with her 5-foot, 8-1/4-inch leap.

There were feelings of anxiety felt by members of the Poly Girls Team because their top runner, Anita Manning, and three other members of the team were unable to run due to injuries.

There was also the frustration of missed opportunity felt by a member of the Walbrook High School team who was unable to qualify for the MSA Finals due to injuries sustained in the semi-finals.

There were also the inevitable injuries which seem to be an integral part of athletic competition; however two student-athletes in particular, were able to display outstanding character and determination in the face of the grueling pain caused by their injuries.

Ysaha Wilson of Northwestern, suffered a severe sprained ankle, but was able to hold on to fourth place in the girls 1/4 mile run, while Ronald Keene, Jr. captured third place in the boys 1/4 mile run even though he suffered from a hip pointer the last 100 meters of the race.

Area High Schools participating in the MSA Track Championships included; Northwestern, Carver, City, Douglass, Forest Park, Gilman, Mervo, Mt. St. Joseph, Loyola, Calvert Hall, Walbrook, Arch Bishop Curley, Southern and McDonogh.

Ronald Keene, Sr. (L), and Fred Hendricks (R), assist Ronald Keene, Jr. to the stands after he suffered a hip pointer injury in the 400 meter run. Keene finished the race in third place and only .8 tenths of a second behind the first place winner from Edmondson.

All photos by Will Marshall

Carver High Track Team seated: Clifton Wright (Assistant Coach) first row; Walter Cole (Coach), Richard Ashby (senior), Gregg Davis (senior), Michael Jones (senior), Stacy Ross (senior) second row: Adrian Woodson (soph), Bernard Knight (soph), Eugene Perry (junior) third row: Paul Duke, Jr. (soph), Keisha Smith (soph), Dawn Halsey (soph)

Poly track member (Mitchell (R)) displays third place trophy.

L-R: Wairimu Githara (soph), Nekeeta Miliam (Fresh) and Tawanda Kess (soph) of the Poly track team proudly display team and individual trophies while Coach Helen Shaw looks on.

## SPORTS SHORTS

By Will Marshall

### BNBL starts play 18 June

The Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) will tip off for summer play on Monday, June 18, according to Alma Bell, Director of Public Relations for the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Ms. Bell further stated that, "We will have coaches and officials to cover all the league games, because that money comes from entry fees paid by the participants."

### Maryland State Special Olympics

The 21st Annual Maryland State Special Olympics Summer Games will be held Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, at Towson State University.

The Summer Games offer competition in Aquatics, Duckpin Bowling, Equestrian Sports, Gymnastics Softball and Volleyball to over 1,500 athletes from across the state.

This year's Summer Games will begin with the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers 5th Annual Torch Run, which begins Monday, June 2 and culminates at Minnegan, stadium on Saturday, June 9. Approximately 2,000 law enforcement employees will turn out for the run of over 750 miles.

Time trials and preliminary competition will be held during the day Friday, June 8, and a dance will be held later that evening.

Volunteers are needed as huggers, timers, scorers, runners and for medical services, and anyone who wishes to donate their time to this worthy cause is encouraged to call 931-4109 for additional information.

### GAMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

*Maryland Semi-Pro Baseball League*

Saturday, May 26 - Rebel Warriors at Liberty Knights Catonsville Community College 2 p.m.

*James Mosher Little League Baseball*

**Saturday, May 26:**
- Tigers -vs- Yankees 11:00 a.m.
- Athletics -vs- Orioles 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 29:**
- Cubs -vs- Pirates 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 30:**
- Dodgers -vs- Braves 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 31:**
- Yankees -vs- Mets 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 1:**
- Twins -vs- Athletics 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 2:**
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## SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

### Garrison Middle School:

# A picture of struggling success

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

Constructed in the shadows of its parent building, Garrison Middle School is managing to survive in cramped space that affects the daily operation of school life.

Crunched in its own parking lot, mixed in with a construction site with slabs of concrete, school teachers, administrators, and students have all managed to succeed at the business of learning.

Garrison has the tremendous responsibility of molding and shaping its students' outlook on an educational career with a positive and motivational stance.

Located in an area just blocks from the reputed drug world of the Garrison Boulevard area and its influences, Garrison's family of learning has discovered how to take a positive agenda and make it work for everyone.

One area of concern focused on the school's problem with the disruptive student. Adopt-a-student, a program that was instituted two years ago at Garrison, deals directly with the problem.

Volunteer staff members who participate in the program, select students who fall into the category of disciplinary problems and nurture them until the problems no longer pose a threat to learning.

These days teachers can no longer just focus on book learning, and Garrison allows them to encourage students to do better by supervising homework, monitoring weekly progress reports, and involving parents.

Parental consent is required to participate in the program which utilizes communication sessions with teachers and the adopted student, held daily to check progress, as well as bi-monthly home letters that are sent to advise parents of progress.

Empowering its teachers is another program used to help foster a sense of positive learning. Teachers come together to promote activities on how to improve attendance, behavior problems, and other ways to spark a creative atmosphere.

Garrison also boasts a student/teacher of the month, honor roll, and a tremendous improvement in its attendance program.

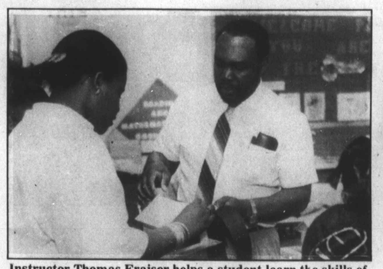
Two programs dealing with more serious problems that students face have proved to be a success.

S.O.S. (Support our Students) is a program for suicide prevention. Student participation has a good response rate, and recently held a poster project where the students depicted people under stress through drawings. From this participation, some "at risk" students were identified.

S.O.S. also informs teachers of the signs of suicidal tendencies, cults in the area, and homosexuality.

Johns Hopkins University and the NAACP participate in a tutorial program with Garrison to receive tutoring in the areas of social studies, science and math, and improving study skills.

Beginning in the next school season, Garrison Middle will be moving back into its newly-renovated building, which is now under construction, and not only will the building be restored, but also school pride.



Instructor Thomas Fraiser helps a student learn the skills of industrial arts.

Garrison's Teacher Advisory Council helps create special programs for students and spur greater parent participation. Pictured (L to R) are: Principal Harvey, Leon Pulley Jr, Beulah Brown, Bonita Blanchard, Pattie Owens, Mrs. Steinberg, Looda Snell, Sheila Davis, and David Humphries.

Principal Andrew Harvey displays the school's adopt-a-student program certificate.

8th grade students use their imagination to create their own special form of art.

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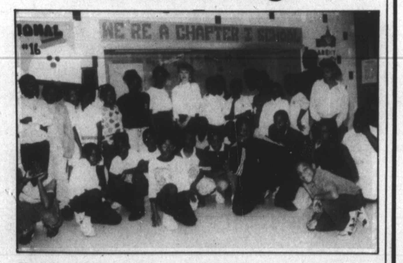


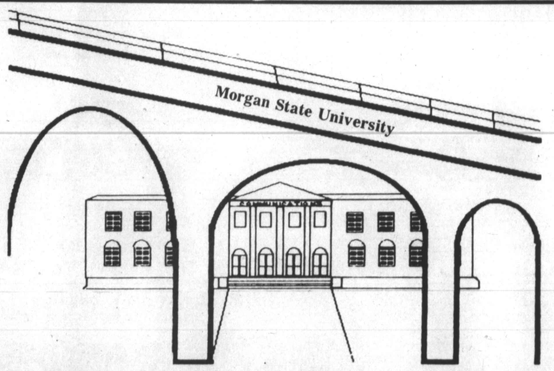
Fourth and fifth graders of Johnston Square Elementary School.

The fourth and fifth graders of Johnston Square Elementary School #16 had a unique experience at Morgan State University on Thursday, May 17, 1990. The Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) shared their philosophy of "Just say no to drugs" with the students.

They sponsored a seminar with guest presenter, Mr. Jonathan Edges. Mr. Edges, a product of the surrounding Johnston Square Community, related valuable experiences with the students. He warned them of the dangers of drug abuse and addiction.

Mr. Edges' charismatic personality captivated the students in a way that they eagerly responded with what they knew about drugs. A vivid slide presentation gave the students actual results of the cruel consequences of drug addiction.

Each student was given a package with books, booklets, pamphlets and balloons to take home to further their knowledge on drug addiction. They were encouraged to share this information with family and friends.

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