IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile Orchids

Smile orchids to these very pleasant students at the U. of Md. School of Social Work and Community Planning — Ann Favorite, **Lillie Cottingham, Hazel Maddox, Marie Byrd** and **Ira W. Thomas.**

Our paths crossed at the early Friday morning convocation called by the school's new dean, **Dr. Ralph Dolgoff.** At his post since September, he explained to students he wanted an opportunity to meet them in person-hence the gathering at the downtown Baltimore school.

Smile orchids, also, **Dr. Dolgoff** , who has an unassuming manner and makes others feel at home.

And to the morning's speaker—one of our area's grand ladies, **Ruth Massinga,** the state's Human Resources chief.

She challenged listeners to take advantage of numerous opportunities and make a difference ("success is dependent on your efforts wherever you are . . . ").

Cuff note: **Ira Thomas,** mentioned above is president of the school's Black Student Union, says there are now 110 blacks enrolled — school has 800.

More people met here with smiles in their voices: **Margo Okayawa-Ray,** advisor to the Black Student Union; **Dr. Iona Hagland,** vice president of student affairs.

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Plenty of sunshine in the voice of **Cherly Black Marshall.** She's the young and pretty Baltimore County Circuit Court secretary.

We spied her at the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Founder's day luncheon on Saturday. She accompanied her mother-in-law, Mrs. **Dorothy Marshall,** the retired city teacher whom many of her Delta sorors admire for her friendly manner.

Orchids to another Delta soror **Robin Q. Quarles,** whom we had not seen since she was a child. She has grown into an attractive young woman, keeps busy as customer service rep for Piedmont Airlines.

Smile Verse

Rev. Ellwood Foster sends this column several smile verses and observes: "I am a regular reader of your column, in particular the smile section I find very interesting.

"I was reading to a patient from the book by **James G. Lawson.** Some of the poems reminded me of your column — the section on smiles. I thought you'd like to share some with your readers.

We certainly would. Here are excerpts from the poem,

"Try Smiling" —
When the weather suits you not,
Try smiling.
When your coffee isn't hot
Try smiling.
When your neighbors don't do right,
Or your relatives all fight,
Sure "tis hard, but then you might
Try smiling.
Doesn't change the things, of course,
Just smiling.
But it cannot make them worse,
Just smiling
And it seems to help your case,
Brightens up a gloomy place.
Then it sort o' rests your face—
Just Smiling.
— Anon.

Editor's note: Did someone's smile make your day. Tell us the name so we can slaute them. Write Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile please.

This and That

Space limitations often require cuts or deletions from this column, and often important items never get printed like this, we rescued from the scrap heap:

Nice guesture Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, assistant nurse supervisor at Sinai Hospital gave a moving tribute to **Alphonso Cottman,** a former patient, during his funeral services at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

She remembered him as a courageous man and recalled how they prayed together.

Also there, a contingent of nurses who cared for Mr. Cottman during his long illness. Mrs. Mitchell explained, "we are here to celebrate the life of a great man . . . "

Mr. Cottman, educator, postal employee, church and community worker and No. 1 booster of Morgan State University where he starred as an athlete and was elected to the Hall of Fame, died on Nov. 18 at the age of 78.

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Another nice gesture: Morgan State University Women's monthly newsletter takes note of death of two former faculty giants, **J. Walter Fisher,** former Soper Library director and history professor; and **Dr. Luna I. Mishoe** former Morgan physics prof. before he became president of Delaware State College.

Cuff note: **Mrs. Alyce Downs** hosts this Sunday meeting of Md. University Women.

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It's a boy for **Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Welch,** the attorneys Mom is the former **Patricia Davidson.**

Marvin P. Welch, Jr., weighed in at 8lbs., 14 oz., at 11:45 p.m. on Jan. 31, at University Hospital. He's no. 2 for the Madison Ave. residents. Oldest child is Laura, 3½. Proud grandma is **Mrs. Edith Howard Henry.**

Infant is grandson of late **Dr. Walter Davidson** and the late **Harry Welches** of Catonsville.

(Photos by Bettye Moss)

PREXY of Black Student Union at U. of Md. School of Social work is Ira W. Thomas, right, pictured here with student union advisor, Margo Okayawa-Ray,

(Photo by Bettye Moss)

SMILING STUDENTS at U. of Md. School of Social Work, left to right, Ann Favorite, Lillie Cottingham and Hazel Maddox.

31,000 voters dropped from DC rolls

The District Board of Elections and Ethics this week notified 31,833 District voters they were in danger of losing their eligibility due to failure to participate in recent local and federal elections.

Cancellation notices were sent to registered voters who have not voted in any District election during the past four years.

Ward 8, according to the board, has the highest number of registered voters who have failed to meet the requirements to maintain their eligibility status. The 4,857 voters who are in danger of being declared ineligible are from one of the city's most economically deprived section.

The cancellation notices include a provision that allows voters who have received notification the opportunity to keep their eligibility provided they sign a statement and return it to the Board of Election by February 27th.

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Urban League Equal Opportunity award

The Baltimore Urban League will hold its 1989 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Richard Hunter, superintendent of the Baltimore City Public Schools. Dr. Hunter comes to Baltimore from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was Professor of Educational Administration.

The 1989 award recipients are Senator Paul Sarbanes and Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, founder of the Baltimore Fuel Fund, Inc.

The Honorary Chairmen for the '89 Awards Dinner are Governor William Donald Schaefer, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, and Baltimore County Executive Dennis Rassmussen.

Paul Sarbanes **Victorine Adams**

The Honorary Co-chairpersons are Joy Bramble, publisher, the *Baltimore times;* David Glenn, president, Board of Commissioners, Baltimore City Fire Department; and Rabbi Murray Saltzman, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

For additional information please contact Marie Givens, director of Communications, at 523-8150.

NCNW membership fundraising drive

The "National Council of Negro Women" will hold its Annual Membership Fundraiser Drive during the "African American History Month" in February.

In talking with Verna Day, the club's newest President, she stated that everyone involved on the Steering Committee is so excited and enthused with this special project coming up.

A Big Surprise is in store for a lot of us. The fundraiser will be hosted by our very own "Baltimore's Best" Arena Players.

The big treat and evening performance will be—In Splendid Error.

A very exciting drama about Frederick Douglass and John Brown, as they make a decision which as much of us recall, moved this country through a great Civil Rights struggle ultimately to the Civil War and beyond.

What a delightful fundraiser because it parallels what has happened to us in the 1950's and 1980's.

This special project will not only help the National Council of Negro Women in its fundraiser, but also the Arena Players in its very own survival.

The Fundraiser will be held February 17, 1989 at the Arena Players Playhouse. Well planned refreshments are included and will take place at 7:00 p.m. sharp before curtain call which will start at 8:30 p.m.

For more information and details, simply call after 6:00 p.m. for tickets for the drama (433-1047 — 383-8370).

Crime Stoppers

Do you know this man? Joseph Stokes, Jr. was shot to death on May 20, 1988 in the 1100 block of Smithson Street. He was chased by five black males, one of which shot him to death. The shooter is 5'7" to 5'9" tall; in his mid 20's, has a light complexion, and was wearing a green jogging suit.

If you have any information about this murder, please call the Metro Crime Stoppers Hotline at 276-8888. You could be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000. No names are taken and phone calls are NOT recorded.

Druid Hill YMCA campaign

With a campaign chaired by former School Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes, the Druid Hill Branch of the YMCA is taking aim on raising $30,000 in annual giving for youth-oriented programs.

The campaign by over 100 volunteers will kick off Monday, February 6, and continue until the end of March, according to general fundraising chairman Warren Weaver.

Assisting toward the goal this year will be former Congressman Parren Mitchell and contractor Robert Clay, who together will direct the major gifts solicitation.

The annual giving funds help extend the Y's program to youngsters who otherwise would not be able to participate in activities at the branch at 1609 Druid Hill Avenue.

New thrusts for 1989 include teen projects, expansion of the Model Adolescent Before and After School Program and continuation of a Senior Fun, Food and Fitness Program.

The Druid Hill Family Branch YMCA serves over 1,500 young people and adults through a wide variety of athletic programs and services. It has been a vital part of the community for 103 years and operates through a small professional staff and over 45 volunteers.

Community teams for the campaign will be organized by Fred Mason with the assistance of Maurice L. Horsey, III. Branch Director, Kacy Conley, will be campaign director.

This year a special youth segment, "Students for the Y," will be incorporated to train youngsters for future leadership roles.

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