IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile orchids to 13-year-old **Lanaya Williams**. She's the talented seventh grader who plays the violin well — did so recently at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, where proud grandparents, the **Joseph Feltons**, are members; also proud parents — **Woody** and **Beverly Williams**.

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Plenty of sunshine in the voices of these good neighbors with whom we shared a table at the DuBois Circle's 83rd annual dinner meeting on Tuesday at Martin's West: — **Mrs. Elizabeth F. Diggs**, the retired educator and member of Heritage United Church of Christ and **Mrs. Audrey B. Pinkney**, the St. James' P.E. Church member, also retired educator.

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And, sunshine aplenty with the **Elizabeth Day** combo which provided the most relaxing music during the evening — **Aaron Gross** on sax, and **Marty Poulson** on bass, with **Mrs. Day** at the piano.

Smile orchids to the evening's speaker, Morgan U. prexy, **Dr. Earl Richardson**. He had the audience in the palm of his hand as he described problems and plans for education at Morgan in the 90's.

Orchids to **Mrs. Janyce Brown Maith**. She's the Greenspring Middle School teacher who has a delightful manner.

And, to **Mrs. Ada Weaver**, the retired educator, whose engaging smile attracts many friends.

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Mailbag: **Wilson Givens**, McCulloh St., writes: "I like your smiles. Please mention **Mrs. Louise Kelley**. She's a member of our church who is just so nice to everybody, makes you feel good being around her. And, she's 86 years old."

Editor's note: Our reader failed to mention the church. Did someone's smile make your day? Tell this column. Please write, If You Ask Me, Smile, Baltimore AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Grad notes

The **Bob Thompsons** (**Queen**), jetted in from Stuttgart, Germany on Wednesday. They're here for Morgan U. graduation on Sunday. Their daughter, **Michele**, 21, is among the 522 undergrads who'll receive diplomas.

On Thursday, Michele was commissioned second lieutenant in U.S. Army, after graduation goes to Ft. Lee, Va. for 17 weeks training. In the fall, she pursues graduate studies-business management at the U. of Md.

Cuff note: Mom is teacher at Patch American Elementary School. Dad is a caterer — they've lived in west Germany for past seven years.

More cuff — Some 145 students get master's degrees at Morgan graduation. Honorary degrees will go to Seventh District Md. **Congressman Kweisi Mfume**, the speaker and to **Hughlyn Fierce**, a 1961 grad who is senior vice-president of the Asian Pacific Division for Chase Manhattan Bank. He flies in from Hong Kong for the ceremonies.

Particularly happy about the citation to **Mr. Fierce** is **Dr. W. O. Bryson, Jr.** He was the head of the department of economics and business when **Fierce** was enrolled and remembers him as "a very good student," an economics major who went on to win an honors scholarship.

Reunion

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (UMES), graduates 189 students during exercises on its Princess Anne campus, also on Sunday afternoon.

Fisk University president, **Dr. Henry Ponder**, is speaker, gets honorary degree. Others to be cited, **Richard Bernstein**, CEO of K and L Microwave in Salisbury, and Baltimore's **A. Paul Moss**, former treasurer, UM board of regents.

Our Moss family from far and near have gathered here this weekend to witness the graduation honors to a fine guy. Son, **Michael Moss**, the assistant athletic director at the U. of Calif., is here with his wife, **Betty**.

His only living brother, **Robert Moss**, is in from Springfield, Ohio with wife, **Minnie**, and childhood friends, **Dot** and **James Minor**.

Daughter, **Rachael Murphy Humphrey**; hubby, **Vernon**; daughter, **Giana** and son, **Carl**, are here from Atlanta. From Portsmouth, now pastoring Waters AME Church here in the city, son-in-law, **Rev. Ronald E. Braxton** and wife, **Rev. Marie Murphy Braxton**, and children, Shannon and Derek.

Baltimore area kin here — son, Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV; foster daughter, **Faye Fallowfield**; her hubby, **Father William Fallowfield**, and her son, **Michael Lowry**.

City grads

Baltimore City residents among UMES grads getting bachelor degrees are: — **Eric L. Bell, David C. Barringer, Ralph Bond, Jr., Brian C. Boone, William D. Deas, Wendora Dorsey, Michele Fawkes, Twanda Garrett, Reginald M. Grier, Andrea L. Hill, Mark E. Hunt, David E. Kanney, Lenae Leach, Lori A. Maynard, Rosalyn R. McGinnis, Bryan D. Miller, Danita G. Peters, Kimberly L. Richburg, Vaughn D. Robinson, Edith K. Smith, Janice L. Smith, Allen B. Taylor, Lisha M. Terry, Tammy M. Whitney, Karen Wilborne, Spencer A. Wingate.**

Cuff note: This is 102nd commencement for UMES. President is **Dr. William P. Hytche.**

About people

Fitting testimonial to a deserving public servant — the Monday, May 22 salute to 41st District Delegate **Margaret (Peggy) Murphy**. She's also chair of the Baltimore City delegation in the legislature. Event is 6 p.m., at the Forum.

Another treat in store — the Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert this Sunday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m., at the Meyerhoff, features famed coloratura soprano, **Mattiwilda Dobbs**, and Metropolitan Opera baritone, **Ben Holt**.

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Tuesday, May 23, is date for installation of **William Henry Keeler**, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, named recently by **Pope John Paul, II** to succeed **Archbishop William Borders** who retired. Ceremony is at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

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Community Calendar

Howard Alumni Club

The Howard University Alumni Club of Baltimore will present an Art Show and Sale on Monday, May 22 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the 32nd St. Plahza, 411 East 32nd St.

Proceeds will benefit the Mamie Carroll Woodford Scholarship Fund. Call 655-3790 or 744-7081.

Baltimore Public Works Museum

The Baltimore Public Works Museum will celebrate National Public Works Week with an open house on Sunday, May 21 by offering free admission, free parking and refreshments to all visitors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located in the Eastern Avenue Pumping Station, 751 Eastern Ave., and is the only museum of its kind in the world. Call 396-5565.

Boys Scout Craft Show

The 16th annual Boy Scout craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 20 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. More than 200 Packs, Troops, and Posts are expected to participate in the show, which will feature Karate demonstrations, a bicycle rodeo, an archery range, baseball pitching timed by radar, live animal displays, crafts and activities booths. Call 338-1700.

Hanlon Improvement Association

A meeting of the Hanlon Improvement Association Inc., will take place at 8 p.m., May 19 at the New Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2504 North Hilton St. Ms. Brenda Sewell, principal, Hilton Elementary School, is speaker.

Head Start Parent Conference

The Baltimore City Head Start Program will sponsor a Parenting Conference, Wednesday, May 24 at the St. Francis Xavier Head Start Center, 1427 N. Caroline St. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Author and educator Jawanza Kunjufu will be the featured speaker for the luncheon scheduled for 12 noon. Call 685-7288 or 233-4500.

Win Tickets To The Baltimore Blasts Play-offs

Find the names of the Blast Team players pictured and win two tickets to attend the Play-Offs at the Baltimore Arena. Winning puzzles must be clipped from the AFRO (no photo-copies). Bring completed puzzles to the AFRO at 628 N. Eutaw St. to redeem your tickets. Tickets available for May 24th and 25th games. Completed puzzles must be turned in to the AFRO by May 22, 1989.

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Middle Schools' Lacrosse

On May 25th at the Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Field, the Lacrosse Foundation will end its inaugural season with a championship game.

The six - team Baltimore City Middle School Lacrosse League was established by the Lacrosse Foundation, with a three year grant from the Abell Foundation, with the idea of motivating students to take a greater interest in their school.

While players adhere to specific academic, attendance and behavioral criterias to be eligible to play, school officials monitor the progress of each participating student-athlete.

"The program has made a tremendous impact on some students," said Richard Holley, principal of Calverton Middle School. "It has help change the behavior of students whom we felt had problems. The league generally has generated a real sense of pride in both the individual and how he relates to his school."

The Calverton Cougars gained their first victory against Harlem Park Middle School last week and will play Winston and Greenspring Middle Schools to close their season on May 23rd.

The league divided into an East/West Division has Lombard leading the East with Greenspring and Winston closing the ranks.

'Lacrosse for Leukemia'

The Eighth annual "Lacrosse For Leukemia" All-Star Tournament will be held on Firday, May 26th at Johns Hopkins Homewood Field with the finest senior high school players anxiously awaiting to display their talents.

This year's contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. matching the East-West Senior All-Star Girls (5 Metropolitan Counties and A.I.M.S. Senior Girls). The M.S.A. All-Stars vs. The Metro All-Stars Boys will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are $5.00 at the gate. All proceeds will be used to continue the Leukemia Society's program of providing the most up-to-date treatment available to leukemia victims.

State Delegate Clarence "Tiger" Davis greets marathon runner, Jennifer Lowery Payne at a kick-off rally for sickle cell anemia. Dr. Rebecca Carroll, president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., looks on.

Sickle cell kick-off rally held

Jennifer Lowery Payne, a marathon runner from Washington, D.C. has embarked on a run that will span 72 cities and 19 states. Ms. Payne's marathon started in Miami, Florida on April 1, 1989 and will end in Portland Maine on June 10, 1989.

Ms. Payne arrived in Baltimore on May 16.

The run is designed to acquaint people with the sickle cell disease, create a greater awareness of the disease and help to raise funds to provide assistance for sickle cell clients.

May 16 also kicked off the local Annual Walk-A-Thon to be held September 24, 1989 and the banquet on September 30, 1989.

Leonard Jackson is the executive director of the Maryland chapter.

Lois Wright memorial concert series Sunday

The Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series will be held Sunday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m., at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.

Mattiwilda Dobbs, coloratura soprano, and Robert McFerrin, baritone, the first black female and male to perform as members of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will present a joint recital.

The recital will benefit the Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series, a community based and community involved organization created in 1976 in memory of Lois J. Wright, a vocal music teacher in the Baltimore City School System. Mrs. Wright was a dedicated and devoted lover of the Fine Arts and an inspiring community figure.

Coast Guard open house

In celebration of Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1989, the U.S. Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay will hold Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend and tour the Coast Guard's only shipyard.

The Coast Guard Cutter RED BIRCH, a 157 foot buoy tender home ported at the Yard, will be open for visitors. In addition, Curtis Bay Station invites the public to view its new facilities and search and rescue operations. The small boat station is on the Yard's property.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Yard is located on Hawkins Point Road, just off Pennington Avenue or Exit 1 of the Baltimore Beltway.

A WALK FOR ALL OF US—AFRO president, Frances Draper, presents a check to Sandra Stafford, chairperson Aidswalk '89. The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, along with Blue Cross, Blue Shield, WJZ 13 and the Patuxent Publishing Company, is co-sponsoring the June 18 event.

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WEAA hires new manager

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

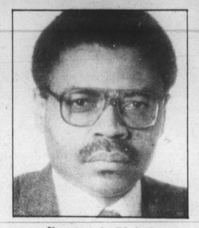
Morgan State University has put a new "face" on WEAA radio by hiring Preston A. Blakely to replace outgoing station manager Barry Young.

Blakely was lured away from his position as general manager of the Clark-Atlanta University radio station WCKL-FM in Atlanta. (WCKL broadcasts Jazz 24 hours-a-day)

Blakely has held various positions in the field of communications including, marketing representative, public relations director for the Urban League, and television producer and writer.

Blakely holds both a Bachelors degree in English/speech and a Masters degree in communications from Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

Commenting on the need for restructuring WEAA Blakely said, "Right now it's too early to say what needs to be changed here, if anything. I have only been here since Monday, so I'm just getting to know the station and personnel."



Preston A. Blakely

Blakely says, "I would like to say that all those persons who now hold positions here are secure in their jobs, but it's also too early to make that kind of decision."

For the moment Blakely is just getting to know the station and the city. He said, "I have a temporary home in the York Road area, so I have to concentrate on a few personal things as well as my work."

Deadline May 23 for Summit Papers

Dr. Ramona Edelin, Coordinator of the African-American Summit which was held recently in New Orleans has reminded delegates and other interested groups that May 23 is the deadline for all position papers to be sent to Dr. Ron Walters, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059.

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