IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile orchids to **Dean Ralph Dolgoff.** He presided with grace at hooding ceremony for graduate from U of Md. School of Social Work and Community Planning.

The impressive Friday morning event at Martin's West featured talks by student leaders, **Patricia D. Molineaux** of the Student Challenge Group, and **Ira Kevin Thomas**, president of the Black Student Organization whose challenging remarks brought standing ovations from the audience.

Orchids, too, to **Dr. Alfred Kuhn**, famed Columbia U. social work professor, who received honorary degree.

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Lots of sunshine in the voices of these Community College of Baltimore staffers — **Mrs. Yvonne West**, cashier in the business and industry division at Harbor campus; and **Mrs. Rose Malony**, the campus bookstore manager.

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Senior citizens with extra pleasant manner are these native Baltimoreans — 87-year-old **Rebecca Murphy Young** of Chicago, and 85-year-old **Sister Constance**, S.S.J. of Toronto, Canada. They were in the city for the May 22 memorial service for their brother, **James H. Murphy**. He was the former AFRO circulation director who died at the age of 81.

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Smile orchids to personable **Mrs. Brenda Wiltbank**. She's the administrative aide in the office of U. of Md. Eastern Shore prexy, **Dr. William Hytche**, where she has been employed 9 years. She is a member of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Salisbury where she has lived for 20 years.

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Mailbag: **Jerome Corles**, Fulton Ave. writes: "Thanks for your smile section. I like it. Please feature **Mrs. Catherine Livingston**. She has lost two members of her immediate family recently but she keeps a very nice manner and is always cheering other people. She deserves a lot of orchids."

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Did someone's smile inspire you? Let this column salute them. Write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, and smile, please.

The **Rev. Dr. Maurice Wilson**, 46, is the new pastor of St. John AME Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave. in Lafayette Square. He preached his first sermon there on Sunday.

He comes to Baltimore from Greensboro, N.C., where he pastored Bethel Church for four years.

Rev. Wilson succeeds **Rev. Benjamin S. Foust** the St. John minister for the past 19 years.

Rev. Dr. Wilson is no stranger to Baltimore. From 1976-83, he was at Morgan State University, as assistant vice president for planning and Title 3, and director of institutional research. He also served as pastor of Mt. Zion AME in Long Green from 1980-83.

Family includes his wife, **Wanda**, a social worker, and children, **Maureen**, 7, and **Maurice, Jr.**10. The new pastor is a Prince Hall Mason and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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Cuff note: Former St. John minister, Rev. Foust, is now assigned the new minister of Bethel Church, Greensboro, the pulpit vacated by Dr. Wilson.

He preached his first sermon there on Sunday, **Mrs. Foust, Gertrude**), is the pharmaceutical librarian. She reports they were well received.

More Cuff: Foust family includes five grown children — **Sharon Brown**, the government employee, and **David Foust, the AT and T employee, both of Baltimore; Priest Foust**, a Macy's manager in Atlanta; and **Benjamin Jr.**, the Durham UPS employee, and **Gregory**, the High Point, N.C. furniture employee.

Remember

The death of **Gobert Wainwright**, the retired merchant seaman, makes no. 4 in this very large Baltimore family in the past month. Mr. Wainwright will be memorialized tonight (Friday) at Morning Star Baptist Church.

Survivors: His wife, **Lillian**; and 8 children, **Michael David, Gobert, Jr., Marvia, Jerina, Simon, Alfred and Button**; and 4 sisters, **Catherine Long, Gertrude Shands, Lillie Hines, and Irma Brown**; and brothers, **Clifton and George Wainwright.**

Another brother, Donald, 73, the pinball machine mechanic, died May 17. A cousin, **Marvin Thomas**, 47, an optometrist, died in Dover, Del., and a nephew, **Marcellus Wainwright Kelly**, 47, the home improvement employee, died May 3.

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Note from Los Angeles tells of the recent death there of Sara Walker Loggins, 73. She was the Baltimore native who was skilled as a labor relations specialist and had a distinguished career here in Maryland and in California, where she worked for the federal government as a grievance hearing officer before she retired in 1981.

She was a product of Baltimore city public schools and then Morgan State College.

Funeral services were April 13, at Albert the Great Catholic Church in Compton. Survivors: her husband of 59 years, **William A. Loggins**, also formerly of Baltimore; two daughters, **Shirley L. Ross**, Alexandria, Va., **Delores Loggins**, Los Angeles; three grandchildren and a great grandchild.

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Thinking-of-you cards to the family of **Eliza Fennell Robinson**. She was the retired city school teacher and principal who died May 7 at the age of 74.

Her career in the city schools spanned 40 years. She began as a home ec teacher, was a specialist and vice-principal when she retired in 1976.

She was a life-time member of Metropolitan Methodist Church where she was active with the Methodist Women. Survivors: Sister, **Mrs. Teresa F. Weaver**, Baltimore and cousins, **Harry Cummings, Louise Dorcas, Richard Cummings, Jeanne Cummings and Charlene Byrd**, all of Baltimore and **Ruth C. Mason**, Chicago and a dear friend, **Irma O. Roye.**

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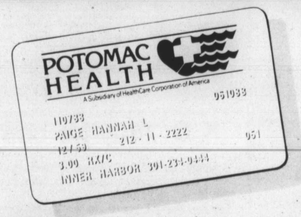

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The CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND will hold a public hearing of their intention to increase the property tax rate for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1989 above the constant yield tax rate. The constant yield rate is designed to produce for a local government the same amount of property tax revenues as in the previous tax year.

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All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing and present their views.

CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Part one of two parts

The unflappable Marion Barry

D.C.'s mayor tells his story to veteran journalist

By Ethel Payne

This exclusive interview with Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. took place on April 6 at his office in the District Building. The conversation ranged over topics on health, family, the criminal justice system, administrative problems, the school system, ambulance and fire services, a list of what he considers his best achievements, drugs, the scandals in his administration, the budget and finances, his relations with the city council, and finally, some candid views on the candicates for Mayor in 1990 and his own candidacy. Since that meeting, more events that may have a significant impact on his future have taken place, chiefly, the highly touted media attention on the possible entry of the Rev. Jesse Jackson in the race. The verbatim discourse follows:

Photo by B. Cotell

Barry appeared jubilant in the eye of the storm at last week's Black Achievers Award gala dinner.

"I don't have any health problems. I've been blessed. No high blood pressure. I just had my physical check-up six weeks ago. I get . . . ı twice a year. I've been to ı hospital twice in my life - once when I was 10 years old and had my appendix removed. The other time was when I got shot in the Districts Building.

"On March 9, 1977, a group of Hanafi Muslims took over the Islamic Center in Washington and then entered the District Building. As Marion Barry, then President of the City Council, and young reporter emerged from the elevator on the first floor, shots rang out fatally wounding the reporter and hitting Barry in the chest. Rushed to a hospital emergency room, the bullet was removed and subsequently, he had a full recovery

"My e.k.g. (heart test) looks good: My cholesterol is low. I average about five hours of sleep a night.

"I don't have as much time with my family as I would like, but we try to make as much time together as possible. We go to church every Sunday - sometimes two churches, and the rest of the day is private time. Effi (Mrs. Barry) is Episcopalian, she attends St. Timothys in Southeast. Christopher (their 8-year old son) plays basketball on Saturdays, so I try to be there as often as possible, but it's difficult. We have breakfast eater, but Christopher fusses with his mother about my eating so little.

"On criticism of the parole board, you say that Gladys Mack (Chairman) gives too much time to technology and equipment and not enough time to personnel. Who are tied down to their desks with paper work and can't get out to work with people on the streets. Well, I agree that there should be more time given to this; but it is a budgetary problem. Gladys is a very efficient administrator, but she needs more dollars and more staff. These parolees should be trained to work on housing needs. We have about 200 parolees who are working on para-menial jobs.

"We need to see if these people have some skills, such as brick laying, welding, etc. Instead of just picking up trash. There's a lot of construction work needed in public housing and repairs. I understand the need for follow-up once these persons get released. They do need counseling and support sessions would be good. When you come out of jail, your family may have discarded you. Your wife may not want to go back with you, so these are things they need help with, and we're looking at this and trying to find ways to improve the system.

"On the other hand, we've got a bloated staff in other areas - too many people not doing a day's work equal to a day's pay. The managers aren't tough enough.

"I was having lunch at a restaurant on H Street Northeast. I looked out the window and saw a truck driver waving to somebody across the street. He crossed the street and had about 45 minutes conversation. I called him in and questioned him. He said that he was doing an errand. That was 45 minutes that he took on city time for personal reasons.

"I suspect that there are a lot of employees who are not giving eight hours a day, I told this man that he was using up or time not his, so I took his name down. Now, in our financial revenue department, it's a different story. These are hard-working personnel. We get more work out of them than we do for those in the field. We can't watch them every hour of the day.

"We have 14,000 employees in the school system. There are too many who are not doing enough, and that's obviously too many.We need more emphasis on teachers and teacher aides, who can focus their energies on the classrooms.

"The administrative structure is too cumbersome and needs overhauling. But you know, the school system is sacrosanct. You're not supposed to raise your voice, but I'm going to start raising mine. Nobody talks about it, but there's a 55 percent increase in the 8th grade dropout rate. But folks act like it's alright.

"You know education doesn't guarantee you a job, but this highly technological society, you got to teach these students the skills, so at least they'll have a chance to succeed and get a fairly decent job..; otherwise their chances are nil.

"You're asking about the criticism of the fire department and the ambulance service. The ambulance service is improving tremendously.

(A recent article in the Washingtonian Magazine graded the Mayor's performance with an A for the Fire Department, and B for the Police Department and a D for the Ambulance Service).

"In comparison with other cities, St. Louis has more calls than we do. What happened is that we got bombarded with complaints about the response time. But there's something that's been overlooked. I'll tell you the way you judge it.'

Always the "people's man took time out to participate in the annual Georgia Avenue Day parade.

"These persons (ambulance paramedics) have been on the scene when all these shooting occur. We have not publicized it, but we have actually saved lives. This is a story within itself. They've gotten them off the streets, the paramedics have fixed them up in the ambulances and actually saved lives.

Underscoring key points in a proposed budget hearing during his first term as mayor.

With D.C. Public Health Commissioner Dr. Reed Tuckson and a representative of the American Heart Association during this year's observance of National Heart Week.

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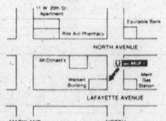

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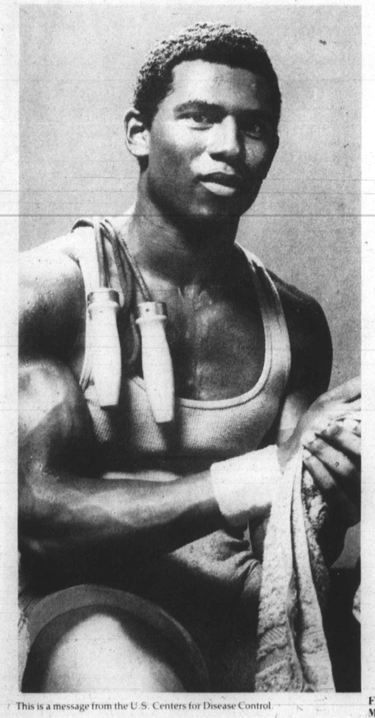

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