Student says don't stop City Jail school program

By BLAINE TAYLOR

Ronald A. Willis, 24, 800 block N. Caroline St., is a man with a mission: to save Baltimore City Public School No. 740, in the Baltimore City Jail, from being slashed by President Nixon's budget cuts next fall.

The Morgan State College senior told Seventh District Cong. Parren J. Mitchell's Elementary and Secondary Educational Act (ESEA) Title I hearings recently, "It would be a felony for the President of the United States to drop this program without knowing and fully comprehending all the variables that surround its existence."

Initiated by Superintendent Roland N. Patterson, early last year, the program attempts to motivate jail inmates awaiting trial to resume their education.

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Willis describes his students thus: "There are about 200 juveniles at the jail, J and K sections.

"Ninety-nine per cent are black, poor and have had little exposure to the Baltimore school system.

"The jail program is unique in two ways.

"This is the first time in the history of the jail that an educational program has been implemented for waiver of incarcerated juvenile delinquents, plus the program has never had an on the job supervisor or principal."

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Mr. Willis is an educational assistant at the jail and, besides trying to save the entire program, also wants to bring it to public attention.

As educational assistant, Mr. Willis sees his duties as more than just those of the usual teacher's aide, as he related to the AFRO:

"In addition to my clerical duties, I contact lawyers, act as a character witness, give parents important information and motivate students to come from their cells into the classrooms."

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He has been at the jail on both full-time and part-time shifts for over two years, and is a Morgan senior planning to get his B.A. in sociology later this month.

He attended Dunbar junior and senior high schools and graduated in 1965.

During his academic career, Mr. Willis has held many jobs: salesman, porter, parking lot attendent, bellhop, switch board operator and desk clerk for a Lombard St. hotel.

He was also a Bethlehem Steel Co. worker and a substituting teacher at Thomas G. Hayes Elementary schoolNo. 102.

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His hobbies are building and listening to musical component systems, and reading poetry.

Hoodlums set fire to couple's car

The car of Avon Rawlings and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Rawlings, was set on fire last Friday at about 9 p.m. in their garage behind their home in the 3500 block Lynchester Rd.

A teenaged neighborhood youth told Mrs. Rawlings that he saw a group of teens, about 15 of them roaming the neighborhood. He said he was walking up the alley by the Rawlings garage and saw that the car was on fire.

Mrs. Rawlings said, "I didn't see them but I imagine that they were a group of teen or pre-teens. They are not neighborhood boys because the other boys in the neighborhood who saw them did not know them.

"Fortunately, the car didn't explode but the back aged. We don't know how of the car was badly damaged. It much damage was done because it hasn't been appraised yet."

Northwestern District police told the AFRO they are investigating the vandalism.

According to Mrs. Rawlings the fire was apparently started under the back of the car near the gas tank. She said the arson squad found a melted container which the said could have been used to start the fire.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings are recently retired. Mrs. Rawlings retired last June from her job in the Central Office of the Baltimore Public School system. Mr. Rawlings recently retired from the Post Office.

Both are members of the St. James Episcopal Church.

Baltimore's crime rate decreases

The crime index in the city of Baltimore in the first quarter of this year shows a decrease of 15.6 per cent as compared to that of last year. Within the period the number of crimes last year totalled 22,646 about 3,529 more than this year's 19,117.

The figures, released by the Police Department, show a substantial decrease in criminal assault on women and murder. In the first quarter of this year 84 murders were reported as against 102 of the past year and 131 assaults on women to 159 of last year.

According to the figures there are 533 less robberies, 154 less aggrevated assaults, 1,414 less burglaries and 454 less auto thefts this year as against last year's figures.

Announcing these figures, Commissioner Pomerleau stated the decrease in crime was not accomplished by police alone, but through the combined efforts of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, the Mayor's Street Lighting programs and community based action programs and the police.

Barry Randall deserted wife Family

Mrs. Sandra R. Randall, 29, 1100 block Ellicott Dr. was granted a divorce on May 1, from her husband Barry Lee Randall, 30, a merchant seaman.

Judge Solomon Liss signed the divorce. The couple has two children and was married Feb. 11, 1961. Mrs. Randall is employed as a transit operator at a local bank.

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The couple separated Sept. 9, 1970. Court records state Mrs. Randall had not heard from her husband since Sept. 1970 and he never returned home.

In Dec. 1971, she saw her husband, he stated he did not return home because "He did not feel loved." The wife claims she gave her husband no reason to feel unloved. Mr. Randall was living in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

MAY 18

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Grove Park Elementary School will present the second part of a three part Cultural Art Series May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Grove Park Orchestra will perform at the school located 5545 Kennison Ave. in Baltimore.

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RECEIVING AWARD from Howard University President Dr. James Cheek, left, is Elijah Cummings, named to 1972 "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" recently.

BLACK AND PROUD

Elijah Cummings heads for legal, political careers

By BLAINE TAYLOR

Elijah E. Cummings, 22, is a young man on his way up, heading into a legal and political career.

The tall, handsome man graduates Saturday from Washington's Howard University with a B.A. in political science and plans to head to either Harvard or the University of Maryland Law Schools, both of which have accepted him.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummings, 600 block Lyndhurst St., young, six foot Elijah is a 1969 graduate of Baltimore City College High School and an AFRO Honor Roll honoree for that year, cited as a "brilliant student."

After completion of law school, he told the AFRO, Mr. Cummings wants to practice criminal law in Baltimore and, like an ever-increasing number of young black citizens today, he plans a political candidacy at some future date.

A graduate of Daniel A. Payne Elementary School and Gwynns Falls Park Junior High, Mr. Cummings now resides in the 1400 block Rhode Island Ave., NW, in Washington.

He began his blossoming political career in his freshman year at Howard and was elected sophomore class president for the school year 1970-71.

In his junior year he was elected treasurer of the Liberal Arts Student Council and also served as the chairman of the 1971 Homecoming events.

Last year, he was elected president of the LASC, the largest school in the university, he informed the AFRO.

With a 3.56 average at Howard, Mr. Cummings graduates today Magna Cum Laude and has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

He has won the highest college student service and achievement award in the world, the coveted Royal Silver Arts Medal which is presented annually by the queen of England.

He is also a recent inductee of "Whoes Who in American Universities and Colleges for 1972."

—Judge Young's ruling

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However, he said, there are times when it is felt the best person for a particular job does not reside in the city and any ruling or law on the matter should permit some degree of flexibility.

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At this point, no one seems to know how much change has taken place in the hiring pattern on behalf of city residents under the current flexible arrangement.

Thomas Murphy, personnel director, said his office does not yet know how the current system has worked.

Murphy said 4,677 persons were hired in city classified services in 1972.

Death notice

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explain that the man's death notice had appeared in the two daily papers, so why hadn't it appeared in a no obviously community oriented publication.

At the AFRO we wanted to know the same answer

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A call placed to the funeral home who handled the funeral and burial arrangements results in the statement, "We can not explain why that happened. You will have to contact the deceased's family and ask them."

Spokesmen for the funeral home admitted they knew the AFRO published Tuesdays and Fridays and knew the paper could accept death notices up until noon of the two publishing days.

However, none could say whether or not the deceased's family had been asked if they wanted to put the notice in the AFRO.

The family, answering to the relatives query, said this:

"We wanted to put the notice in the AFRO, but didn't subscribe because we had read about the problems you are having with the funeral directors. We didn't realize that your prices were cheap or cheaper than other newspapers and you can count on us to ask for the AFRO once this problem is solved."

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Because of our readers' concern about the failure of many funeral directors to see that the deaths of black Baltimoreans are reported in the AFRO, this series is also making a survey on the number of notices placed in newspapers by black funeral directors.

Seven black owned funeral homes placed nine death notices in one daily paper last Friday, none subscribed to the other daily and only two used the AFRO.

Last Tuesday, seven black funeral homes placed 12 death notices in one city daily, while only one used the other daily and just one subscribed to the AFRO.

NEXT WEEK the AFRO investigation of practices of this city's funeral directors will answer the question, "Can an individual place a death notice in the AFRO?".

—Hi school students

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Joyce Crown (Forest Park), city solicitor.

At the close of the session, the Women's Civic League presented its annual award for the best piece of legislation to Patterson High.

The winning ordinance was submitted by Robert Bruce. It concerned creating a corps of sanitation environmental inspectors to promote community clean-up campaigns and detect sanitation trouble spots.

The Anna Mack Arthur Award, presented by the City Council, was presented to Seton High School for the best package of bills offered by the four schools.

Finally, the Mayor's award for the school giving the best performance during the Youth Council session went to Forest Park High School.

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Members of the Patterson delegation include: Aggie Alvez, Rodney Gallop, Sue Howard, Barbara Coleman, Mary Duffy, Kenneth Jones, Kevin Kirliey, Nicholas Zampini, Richard Miedzialko, William Saunders, Charles Wagner, Marie Wyatt, Scott Walker, Debbie Suski, John Sroka, Marsha Mangus, Anthony Trotta, William Cordwell, Kenneth Salbeck, Mark Schaub, James Burkman, Venetta Brown, Charles Bitzelberger, William Stoffregen.

Students representing Forest Park were: Naomi Wilson, Linda Denton, Dorothy Jackson, Celeste Harris, Joyce Brown, Denise Brown, Diane Dodson, Arlene Collier, Carol Everett, Harold Davis, Angela D. Lewis, Nadeen Fallin, Carolyn Fair, Brenda Pinkney, Beatrice O'Neal, Erin Tucker, Edward Williams, Bernard Williams, Connie Benton, Denise Howell, Gilda Ayers, Bryant Lindsey, Bernadette Carver's Youth Council Randall, Sheila Roberts.

Students representing Seton High were: Betty Waters, Antonio Dates, Todd Makel, Etta Jones, James Vaughn, Paul Milburn, Gail Pierce, Gwendolyn Fisher, Theresa Sharpe, Sharon Mills, Vanilla Brown, Brenda Bloomfield, Jeanette Moore, Pamela Morris, Jacqueline McCoy, Gwendolyn Walker, Teresa Harris, Rosa Springfield, Mary Porter, Wanda Howard, Rose Carter, B. Nettles, Barbara Jackson, Deborah Lewis.

And, Seton High School's representatives were: Mary Connor, Jane Cyphers, Claire Pula, Audrey McKee, Mary Anne Newkirk, Alison Kimball, Mary Jumbelic, Thelma Mathews, Kim Ward, Jackie Hill, Gina Payne, Mary Dickerson, Cindy Stickline, Karin Lukas, Karen Funari, Cati Ross, Edith Pula, Liz Hewell, Debbie Curbeam, Eve Prietz, Sally Bittner.

Cong. Mitchell speaks May 13

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell will be the guest speaker at the branch meeting of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees Local 202 at 4 p.m. at 2025 E. North Ave. May 13 (Sunday).

The public is invited.

Model Cities job fair opens May 17

The six Model Cities Councils will organize a job fair Thursday, May 17 at 1925 Eutaw Place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The fair is meant to make Baltimoreans aware of employment opportunities in the city area.

DOUBLE MURDER

Western Hi student recovers

Miss Jay B. Powell, 16, 1900 block Kelly Ave., who was seriously wounded when a man allegedly fired on her and her mother, has been released from the Sinai Hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary Yolande Powell, 42, a Department of Social Services worker, was killed in the April 1 shooting. Police claim Leslie John Woods, Jr. 30, 800 block E. 22nd St, who did the shooting later committed suicide.

Miss Powell, a Western High School 10th grader told the AFRO in a telephone conversation. "I'm doing fine." She stated she did not know her mother was dead until after a month later when she regained consciousness.

Shot in the head Miss Powell remained in a coma for a long time.

Police reported an attempt by the dead man to kill a 9 year-old son of the dead woman failed as the gun would not discharge.

The boy told police the man put the trigger to his ear "but the gun did not go off."

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Also a member of the Dukeland Street Boys Scout Troop, relatives told the AFRO, "His major interests were electronics and woodwork. He was a loving son and a cheerful and kind brother."

He leaves to mourn his parents; three sisters, Sharon, Renee and Lucy; a brother Leon; two grandmothers; one grandfather; six aunts and five uncles.

Wilbert Lee Allen last rites held

Funeral services for Wilbert Lee Allen, 13, 4884 Reisterstown Rd. were held Wednesday at the Greater Olivet Baptist church. Burial followed at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore.

Young Wilbert died suddenly on May 15 at Sinai Hospital.

The son of Mr. and Mrs Wilbert Lee (Verna) Davis, Wilbert was a member of the Lutheran Church.

A graduate of Louisa M. Alcott Elementary School No. 59, at the time of death, Wilbert was a student at Gatson Junior High School.

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SSA honors Sylvia Smith, 6 year vet, mother of 4

By CHARLES LUDLOW

Stories in today's newspaper don't have much room for love.

More often, the reports deal with bombings, fires, buggings, break-ins, shootings, court orders and a whole list of other similar incidents marked by death, violence or deceit.

Sometimes justice might find a peephole to shine a ray of hope through, out where can one turn to find a story about love — especially love that is continually being rewarded instead of exploited?

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Meet Mrs. Sylvia Ross Smith, 36, of Baltimore Meet a woman who still believes in the principle "the sky is the limit for success for those who wish to reach for it."

Recently, the Social Security Administration (SSA) where Mrs. Smith has worked for the past six years awarded their intelligent and attractive employee with a promotion to the level of supervisor.

This honor, according to a fellow employee of Mrs. Smith is just one of many that has been conferred on this SSA worker.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross of Baltimore, Mrs. Smith says she has nothing but happy memories as a child.

These memories are outlined by the love and affection of her parents and friends, she states.

The year 1955 marked a milestone in her life as she was sponsored as a contestant in the Miss Cherry Hill contest and she won it.

As a result of this honor she attended her first ball and it was given in her honor, a dream many girls can only wish to happen.

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As a teenager, Mrs. Smith went to Dunbar Junior-Senior High School where she was a consistent honors student as well as being busy in many extra curricular activities. She graduated with honors in 1956.

During this time she was a member of a girl's singing group called the "Wonderlusters," sponsored by Miss Bessie Anderson. She was also a member of other girls and mixed choirs. School organizations she claimed membership to included the exclusive Honor Roll Society, student council, dramatic club and the cheerleading squad.

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Shortly after graduation, Mrs. Smith married. Her husband, Archer Smith, 35, is an interior decorator and they have four children by their marriage — two boys and two girls. They are: Darryl, 16; Wade, 15; Verri, 13; Tara, 3.

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Mrs. Smith's duties at her SSA post do not keep her from being an active participant in her church and community. She is an active member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church where she has taugt Bible class, sung in the choir and helped where needed.

This civic minded mother has also worked with such groups as the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts as well as joining in independent projects for neighborhood children.

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Of her biggest desire, Mrs. Smith says she wants only to succeed in teaching her children to love God and all his creations. She says that God has seen fit to 'show her nothing but love' and she can only thank Him by giving love in return to her fellow man.

MRS. SYLVIA SMITH

Neighbors complain, flim-flam man free

Residents of the 3700 block of Barrington Rd. have been calling the AFRO and sending in letters concerning Hyman S. Yankeloff, 88 (alias Sam Low) who went through a fake marriage to Mrs. Pauline Adams, 3700 block Barrington Rd. and received over $16,000 from her and her brother, the Rev. Henry Gibson.

In January, Criminal Court Judge Marshall Levin gave the flim-flam man a five-year suspended prison term. The court recommended that he be sent to a home provided by the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

However, Mr. Yankeloff was never sent to a home. He is now living at his sister's Barringtoon Rd. home

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In a letter the AFRO received from neighbors in his block, they state "With a record such as this, I find the whole mess deplorable. I truly hope the people that are coming in contact with him will not become another victim."

According to court records, the flim-flam man has been arrested over 77 times on false pretense and served 20 years in prison off and on for flim-flam convictions.

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Sylvester Wilson, probation officer for Mr. Yanefoff told the AFRO, "When he was put in would be safe living with his sister. He told me he has not bothered anyone. As far as him being placed in a home, we knew nothing about it.

"I will talk to Judge Levin. I wish the neighbors would call me. I would like to know what he is doing."

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Judge Levin told the AFRO "When he was put in jail, he was assaulted by black people. He was hid killed in the Baltimore City Jail. If I find out he is violating probation, I will send him to jail. I would like for the neighbors to tell me if he does anything wrong.

"They (the neighbors) are all wet. They don't know what they are talking about. The man spent ten months in jail before he was convicted."

HYMAN S. YANKELOFF
88-year-old flim-flam man

Distressed family needs help

A faulty electric wire which suddenly sparked fire early Tuesday morning in a 1300 block W. North Ave., home rendered a mother and her six children homeless and completely destitute.

The only property Mrs. Beatrice Wiggins, 34, and her children managed to save from the wreckage, were their nightgowns The blazing fire which started at about 12:30 a.m. gutted the inside of the building destroying every single property the family owned.

The distressed family temporarily housed in the Century Hotel by the Division of Social Services, needs the help of sympathetic Baltimoreans.

Help can reach them through Mrs. Anny Johnson, a Department of Social Services supervisor who has, since Tuesday night, been working tirelessly for the helpless family. Donors may call 728-0500 Ext. 78.

Mrs. Johnson told the AFRO Thursday, "I'm doing everything I can for them but greater help must come from sympathetic citizens."

She stated the Department has managed to get some few clothes for the family while efforts are being made to get them an apartment.

Mrs. Johnson noted, "She would need money for deposit and for rent as well as few home items. At the moment we don't have anything."

Mrs. Wiggins was an elementary school teacher's aide until she was laid off Sept. 1972 as a result of cutback in school budget. At present she is unemployed. Four of her children are in school.

Well-liked and active in community service, Mrs. Wiggins is also a secretary of the Parents Advisory Council of Sinai Druid Hill Center. "She is a respected and active citizen," Mrs. Johnson stated.

Mrs. Johnson stated the family is expected to stay in the hotel at the expense of the Department for three days. They are served meals from a nearby restaurant.

MAY 17

The Baltimore City Extension Homemakers Council is sponsoring an educational consumer information program on "Care of Today's Textiles". The program will be held Thursday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Pratt Library Auditorium, 400 Cathedral Street. The topic, "Textiles and Their Care" will be presented at the morning session by Dr. Dorothy Lyle.

Glen Burnie firm to make refunds

A cease and desist agreement has been signed between the Consumer Protection Division of attorney general, Francis Burch and Frank Kalita, who trades as Stitch / Save in Glen Burnie, Maryland, requiring that $8,000 be held in escrow to make refunds to Marvland consumers.

The Attorney General said that Stitch / Save had, on a large number of sewing machines which were imported models, removed the country of origin stickers, attached insignias or logos falsely representing the manufacturer's name, verbally misrepresented the manufacturer and country of origin of the machines, sold sewing machines which were not in fact those shown in advertisements, and used "bait and switch" sales techniques to tempt customers with other well-known machines which he allegedly did not intend to sell.

—435 bags

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would bring the bags of heroin to the house and James would deliver them the next morning. I last saw James at the Department of Correction but he was released in December."

Ray was serving time for violation of probation. He was scheduled to appear in criminal court but was unable to be located.

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