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Coppin State students get grants

Three Coppin State College students, Reginald Ray, Marcella Valentine and Joseph Yirenkyi, has each received a scholarship award from the Commercial Credit Management Corporation of Baltimore, according to Dr. George Taylor, chairman of the Awards and Citation Committee.

The grants, $667.00 each were made available through Commercial Credit's Disadvantaged Student Scholarship Plan.

A total of 26 students from eight participating institutions were given awards this year. The partial assistance given is expected to help students reduce their educational costs.

JOSEPH K. YIRENKYI

Reginald Ray, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., is a Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice major. He is expected to graduate with the class of 1977. He hopes to work with children in the law enforcement area.

Marcella Valentine, of Baltimore, is majoring in Special Education. She plans to teach trainable children with special handicaps to move into the mainstream of education as rapidly as ability will permit. Miss Valentine will graduate with the class of 1978.

Joseph Kofi Yirenkyi, of Ghana, West Africa, is an English major. He is preparing to enter the field of teaching or counseling on the college level. Mr. Yirenkyi is a sophomore.

Vernon Sims, manager of the Equal Opportunity Planning Division at Commercial Credit, presented the check to the college. This is the third successive year Coppin has received funds for disbursement to eligible students.

Mr. Sims stated that prior recipients "were serious about their preparation for future careers, which confirms the fact that these scholarship funds are being utilized wisely."

CUTTING THE RIBBON to declare open the Youth Diversion program on 1137 W. Baltimore St. Wednesday is young Anthony Brown, 12, first friend of the program. Others are from left Kenneth Strong, director; Dr. Henry Youmatz, chairman of COIL; and Del. Charles Avera.

Youth diversion program opens on W. Baltimore St.

The ribbon cutting ceremony of the Youth Diversion Project in the 1137 West Baltimore St. was performed last Wednesday.

The program is designed for children, 10-14 years old, arrested on felony type charges like burglary, assault, purse-snatching, car theft etc.

Present at the ceremony Wednesday were State Delegate Charlie Avera, Juvenile Services head Robert Hilson, Dr. Henry Youmatz, chairman of COIL Inc. and Anthony Brown, the project's first young friend who did the ribbon cutting.

The problem in the rehabilitation of youthful offenders, in the past, has been that treatment plans are enforced on unwilling clients.

The special people who staff Youth Diversion Projects extend their service through home visits and family counselling. A wide variety of educational and recreational activities complement the clinical work with individuals, groups, families.

COIL's YDP is the fourth in Baltimore City; the others are operated by SECO, EBCC, BUL, Communities Organized to Improve Life, Incorporated is an umbrella association of older but smaller groups which are banding together to bring attention to the often neglected problems of the city's southwest quadrant.

COIL, Inc. through its individual and group members comprise a healthy network of helping agencies, citizen action groups, and talented volunteers.

COIL's first annual congress is Dec. 6 at Bon Secours Hospital; their systematic plan is to apply more direct services on neighborhood problems.

The COIL Youth Diversion Project costs the taxpayer approximately 85,000 dollars. It expects to report progress on over 100 troubled children in its first nine months.

Woman found slain

The unidentified half nude body of a 20-year-old woman was found last Monday evening in the 100 block Oak Rd. by a resident in the Edgemere area after hearing a noise in his backyard, according to Baltimore County police.

The victim had died of a deep wound on the head, according to John Metzger, county police information director.

Quoting Pharnell C. Bower, 54, 100 block Oak Rd., police said the victim was dumped shortly after 7 p.m. when Mr. Bower heard a loud noise, and upon investigation found the woman's body propped against a hedge about 30 feet from his house.

She was wearing a multi-colored coat, a blue sweater, a black bra, half slip, blue panties, panty hose but no skirt. Autopsy on the body is not complete, however, police state they suspect the victim was sexually assaulted.

According to police the identity of another badly decomposed body found last Saturday in the same area, has been established. A tatoo containing the letters USMC led police to identify Steven R. Schaffer, 18, who had been absent without leave from Marines since May.

The body had been shot several times and placed in a sleeping bag and dumped in the wooded area.

According to police they have no suspects nor motives in both murders. The woman's body still remains at the city morgue.

GAS STATION FIRE at W. FRANKLIN St. and Franklintown Rd. resulted from an auto crash according to fire officials, a car exiting the station was struck by another car that went plunging into the gas pumps. There were five cars and two pumps involved in the fire, which resulted in one injury to Roland Harris, 21, of 1000 Poplar Grove St., who was treated at Lutheran Hospital for a leg injury. AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.

Prisoners to be freed for Christmas holidays

Prisoners being held in Baltimore City Jail pending trials may be released for the holidays under an Operation Santa Claus program initiated by court, jail, and pre-trial release officials.

It is being implemented for the sixth year with the approval of Judge Joseph Howard, chairman of the Criminal Court Committee of the Supreme Bench, Judge Edward Borgerding, administrative judge of the District Court, Richard Friedman, director of Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, Gordon Kamka, warden, Baltimore City Jail, and Richard O. Motsay, director of Pre-Trial Release.

Mr. Motsay has assigned a team of investigators, headed by John Camou, supervisor of Operation Santa Claus, to interview some 500 persons during the holiday season. Forty per cent are expected to get favorable recommendations, according to Director Motsay.

Most of those recommended for outright release or reduction of bail are prisoners charged with non-violent crimes who simply lack bail funds. Thus, the public is protected against those charged with more serious or repetition of crimes. A list of the names of 36 prisoners has already been submitted by Mr. Motsay for early release.

These holiday recommendations for release will begin on November 28 and will continue through Dec. 31. The recommendations will be made to the judges of both the District Court and Supreme Bench.

Tax exemption sought for Fair

Sen. Verda F. Welcome (Balto. City, 40th) has prefiled legislation to exempt sales made by non-profit organizations at annual fairs, craft shows, art shows, flea markets and bazaars from the state sales tax.

"The exemption would cover only organizations which are not regularly engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property," Sen. Welcome said.

The senator indicated that she was distressed to find sales tax charged on items sold at the City Fair by community and civic associations and began investigating the matter.

"I found a definition for casual vendor under the state sales tax exemption section, but Comptroller Goldstein advised me that because there were "no specific standards or conditions to determine at what point a person is considered to be regularly engaged in business' the tax is levied across the board."

Sen. Welcome's bill will restrict the exemption from sales tax to events held only once a year.

"In addition to my feeling that it is inappropriate for the state to charge sales tax on products sold by civic associations for civic purposes.

Bill seeks degrees for non-academics

Sen. Clarence W. Blount (Balto. City, 41st) has prefiled legislation calling on the Maryland Council of Higher Education to recommend a program for individuals to earn college credit for non-academic learning pursuits.

"There are thousands of people who may not have the opportunity to complete college, but who have acquired knowledge through independent study, employment or other means and could demonstrate the extent of such learning and be entitled to build upon it," said Sen. Blount.

Senator Blount indicated that this will be helpful to people who cannot devote a full time to attending college but who would like to earn a degree. It provides a less expensive approach and allows individuals to work at their own convenience without being bound by rigid class schedules.

Of particular concern are veterans who have acquired training in service. "Those who do not like formal education may also be attracted to this less structured alternative."

Sen. Blount emphasized that he is not seeking to lower standards. "It is important that the same level of academic achievement be demonstrated," he stressed.

Work to start soon on CCB nursing facility

The Community College of Baltimore has broken ground to launch construction of its $2 million nurse training facility, scheduled to open to students September, 1976.

Mayor Schaefer joined other dignitaries and officials of the college at ground-breaking ceremonies held at CCB's Liberty Campus, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave.

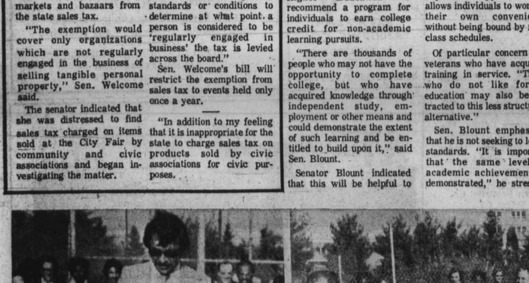
Mayor Schaefer praised CCB for its "dynamic growth" which this year is completing work on both the nursing facility and the new Harbor Campus.

Among those participating in the groundbreaking were Dr. Harry Bard CCB president; Dr. Calvin B. T. Lee, chairman of CCB's Board of Trustees; James Dorsey, chairman of the committee overseeing construction of this building and member of CCB's Board; Charles Tilden, CCB Board member; Edward H. Crouse, CCB Board member; Sister Mary Damian, former director of the nursing department at CCB; Mrs. Gertrude Hodges, chairperson of CCB's nursing department; Dr. Martin S. Reff, dean of faculty at CCB; John Frey, CCB plant manager, and Edward Oppel, head of Baltimore City's Bureau of Construction.

In his remarks, Dr. Bard cited these and other individuals for "being instrumental in making the nursing facility a reality and bringing this much needed service to the citizens of Baltimore."

The new facility will enable CCB to train an additional 100 nurses each year and graduate 50 nurses annually. CCB is presently the principal source in the Baltimore metropolitan area for health manpower in many para-professional and professional fields, particularly nursing.

Since launching of its nursing program in 1965, the College has graduated 292 nurses, many of whom are working in local hospitals and other health care facilities.



BREAKING THE GROUND for the new $2 million CCB nursing facility during a recent ceremony at the Liberty Heights campus is (left panel) James Dorsey, chairman of the committee overseeing the construction of the building, while plant manager, John Frey, looks on. Attentively listening to Mayor Schaefer address the gathering are from left Dr. Calvin Lee, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Harry Bard, CCB president; Dr. Charles Tildon, board member; Sister Mary Damian, former director of the CCB nursing department; Dr. Marlin Reff, dean of faculty at CCB; and Sen. Clarence Blount, special assistant to President Bard.

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Leroy Dyett arrested, found not guilty, plans suit

$100 TO MRS. SANTA — The AFRO's Mrs. Santa is urging readers to be generous so that she can make needy families happy at Christmas. Leroy Dyett, the mortician, gives his $100 check to Mrs. Santa's helper, Michelle Jones. See Mrs. Santa's page inside which tells how you can make your tax deductible contribution.
Photo by Norma Spencer

Leroy O. Dyett, a well-known city funeral director, is threatening to sue two Southwestern District police officers for arresting him last Sunday "without probable cause."

He told the AFRO the officers, Michael Kisner and Michael Streebig, handcuffed him "like a common criminal" and threw him into a police paddy wagon.

According to Mr. Dyett the incident occurred at 2 p.m. over a parking ticket in front of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in the 2100 block Garrison Blvd., of which he is a member.

His account of the incident and a report filed by Officer Kisner differ considerably. However, Mr. Dyett was found not guilty of the disorderly charge placed against him by the arresting officer during a trial in the Southwestern District Court last Monday.

Mr. Dyett told the AFRO the whole incident began when he and five other cars double-parked in front of the church.

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When service was over and the congregation was waiting for senior citizens and their families to go out, the ushers ran to Mr. Dyett to tell him two police officers were giving him a ticket for double-parking.

After pleading with the

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Burch picks woman lawyer

MISS. LYNDA V. MATHIS
New assistant attorney general

Twenty seven - year - old Miss Lynda V. Mathis is the new assistant attorney general for the State of Maryland.

Her appointment to serve in the Consumer Protection Division of his office was announced Wednesday by Maryland's attorney general, Francis B. Burch.

She is the first black woman assigned to this office. She begins her new assignment January 1.

Her appointment came one day after an AFRO story on Tuesday exposed the fact that Mr. Burch's office has only 3 blacks out of 83 on his staff.

It also followed on the heels of a complaint by Dr. Patrick A. V. Opara that he applied repeatedly to the attorney general's office for employment and had been turned down.

Dr. Opara charged that it appeared that there was racial discrimination in the Burch office, which stated in a newspaper article last week it had been unable to find black lawyers to work.

However, Mr. Burch's office told the AFRO that Dr. Opara was among the many fine applicants who has "enormous qualifications and a proven record in many fields, but we are looking for particular skills here more narrow than many of the applicants demonstrate."

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Miss Mathis, a 1973 graduate of Howard University Law School, has been a staff attorney in the Domestic Law Unit of the Legal Aid Bureau for the past two years.

Asked to comment on the

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700 cheer new councilmen

Members of the City Council were sworn in by Mayor Schaefer in colorful ceremonies at the War Memorial building Thursday.

Over 700 citizens including relatives and friends exploded into cheers as the procession of the councilpersons filed past them to the flower decked rostrum.

After a credential committee reviewed the qualifications of the members which included four new faces, the mayor administered the oath to City Council President Walter Orlinsky and then to the councilmen.

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In the enthusiastic crowd were Clarence Mitchell, father of City Councilman Michael Mitchell. (The senior Mitchell head of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP and currently a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations) and his wife, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell.

Councilman Mitchell's relatives are on every level of government. His uncle, Parren J. Mitchell is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; his brother, Clarence Mitchell III is a state senator and his mother, Mrs. Mitchell, a brilliant city lawyer.

His late grandmother, Dr. Lillie Jackson, was the founder of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP and was known as one of the greatest civil rights activists in the annals of U.S. history.

At a reception later given at the City Council hall by councilmen, Councilman Mitchell served chitterlings, greens and champagne.

Swearing in the members, Mayor Schaefer said he looked forward to working cooperatively with them. He said the past council was excellent and expressed hope the present one would be better.

The ceremonies were followed by a reception in the lower level of the building.

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At 4 p.m. the new council held the first meeting of its four-year term electing committees and heads of various committees.

The councilmen are: First District: Dominic DiPietro, Barbara A. Mikulski and John A. Schaefer; Second District: Clarence Burns, Nathan Irby Jr. and Ms. Mary Pat Clark; Third District: J. Joseph Curran Sr., Carroll J. Fitzgerald and Frank X. Gallagher; Fourth District: Michael E. Mitchell, Victorine Q. Adams and Dr. Emerson R. Julian; Fifth District: Rueben Caplan, Allen Spector and Thomas J.S. Waxter, Jr.; Sixth District: Dominic M. Leone, William J. Myers and Joseph P. Murphy.

INSIDE

Today (Friday) more than 200,000 property owners will be notified that their property has been reassessed in value by from two to 100 per cent. See AFRO story which outlines appeal procedure.

PRECEDENT SETTER — Archie Griffin, Ohio State's scintillating running back, accomplished what no other college football player has been able to do in 41 years. Griffin won the Heisman Trophy, symbolic of individual superiority for the year, a second time. He led a vanguard of black nominees which finished first, second, third, fourth and fifth. Detailed story on Sports Page.

Mother says male teacher kicked teenaged daughter

Mrs. Shirley Elizabeth Boulware, parent of a teenaged girl who attends Walbrook Senior High School, is asking a sum of $100,000 for injuries she says her daughter received in school last October.

In documents filed in November in Superior Court, Mrs. Boulware declares through her attorney William H. Murphy Jr., that a teacher, Edward B. Mierzwicki Jr., kicked her daughter.

Stating that her child was kicked as she left the English classroom, Mrs. Boulware told the court the teenager sustained injuries about her rectum, buttocks and limbs causing her to suffer painful, permanent injury.

The mother testifies that the daughter also sustained permanent shock to her nerves and was caused mental anguish.

A subsequent operation said medical expenses for care and treatment have also resulted "by reason of the wrongful assault," the mother states.

The suit is not only directed to the English teacher but also the Baltimore school system, the mayor and City Council and Mrs. Amy Emery, principal of Walbrook, all of whom Mrs. Boulware holds responsible for the actions of the teacher employed by them.

The mother says she will continue to have medical expenses since her daughter will be caused to suffer from the injuries indefinitely.

Requesting a jury trial, Mrs. Boulware asks $80,000 damages on behalf of her daughter and $20,000 for her own loss of her daughter's services, society and companionship.

When the AFRO talked with Mrs. Emory, the Walbrook principal, she was reluctant to answer any questions. However, she admitted that the teacher had been taken from the classroom and was awaiting reassignment to another post and perhaps another school.

She said she could not legally allow Mr. Mierzwiki

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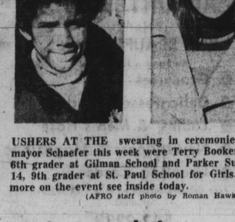

USHERS AT THE swearing in ceremonies for mayor Schaefer this week were Terry Booker, 11, 6th grader at Gilman School and Parker Sutton, 14, 9th grader at St. Paul School for Girls. For more on the event see inside today.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hawkewycz)

Mug shots place Mandel in exclusive club

The Race Track Six: Mandel, Kovens, Hess, Rodgers, Rodgers and Cory were cool and composed on the short walk to the Federal Marshall's office yesterday (Thursday) where they joined an exclusive club of other highly placed Maryland figures by entering their mug-shots and finger prints on police files.

Shortly before, when the governor arrived at the Federal Court House, he indicated to swarms of reporters that he had every confidence he would be exonerated. A soft spoken, attractive lady dressed in red stood among the spectators and said aloud what many thought quietly: "That's the same thing Agnew said."

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However, inside U.S. District Judge Herbert Murray's court room Mandell played a scenario much different from Agnew's. When Judge Murray asked the governor for his plea he answered "Not Guilty."

Mandel's lawyers and those of his co-defendants W. Dale Hess, Ernest Cory, Irvin Kovens, William and Harry Rodgers sat with their clients at two tables butted and 12 chairs, two rows deep.

The defense attorneys alerted the prosecutors and the judge that they will "seek a change of venue" but the government's response was that it would oppose any change.

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The jurist told the battery of attorneys that they would have 60 days in which to file motions.

Judge Murray also told the defense that he would hear arguments from the government for the "imposition of a gag rule" on the trial proceedings but that he would "make no decision on it today."

Judge Murray set May 3, 1976 as the tentative trial date.

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The court action came as a result of the November 24, multi-count indictment which the "Special Corruption Grand Jury" handed down against the six.

Mandel is charged in 22 counts including mail fraud and racketeering while his friend share 20 charges of mail fraud and four additional charges of "Prohibited Activities."

At the crux of the government's case is the allegation that the governor received secret interest in a venture that leased property to the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn.

He is also accused of helping the owners (Hess, Koven and the two Rodgers brothers) obtain extended racing dates at the Marlboro Race Track.

Social Security employee charged in $133,000 robbery

Her brother also charged

A Columbia, Md., woman, Mrs. Amy Everston Jones, has been arrested and charged with involvement in a robbery which netted a sum of $133,000.

The 25-year-old Social Security employee was taken into custody Dec. 2 at her home at 6075-2 Majors Lane, Columbia, and on Dec. 3 appeared before U.S. Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz in Baltimore She has been released on $5,000 bail.

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Mrs. Jones has been advised by FBI agents that the warrant for her arrest is based upon a warrant issued Nov. 28 by Baltimore Magistrate Paul M. Rosenberg sitting in Federal Court here.

The warrant charges that Mrs. Jones received "in excess of $5,000" which traveled interstate.

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FBI reports show the warrant was issued as a result of investigation by FBI law enforcement authorities in Toronto, Canada.

A theft of some $133,000 cash was discovered by a Toronto firm, the report states and on Dec. 1 the Toronto Police Department took into custody Michael A. Everston, Mrs. Jones' brother, who resides in Toronto.

The brother, Mr. Everston, is also charged with the theft of the large sum of money.

FBI agents note that upon conviction, a suspect could receive under federal law a total of ten years in prison or $5,000 fine or both.

Cooperating with the FBI investigating and arresting agents were the local agents and members of the Howard County Police Department.

Baltimorean named

MS. EVON L. THOMPSON
CETA administrator

Ms. Evon L. Thompson of Baltimore has been named Assistant Comprehensive Employment and Training (CETA) administrator for the city of Berkeley, Calif.

She is the daughter of AFRO teletype operator Mrs. Altia Lee. With 16 years at the AFRO, Mrs. Lee has also been employed at the U.S. Department of Defense, Fort Meade, 20 years.

Ms. Thompson has an MBA degree from Atlanta University and for the past four years has served as public employment coordinator for the city of Oakland and was responsible for all Title II and Title VI programs which totaled 26 million. She also served as a management consultant with Payne Maxie Consultants in San Francisco.

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She assumed the CETA administration post, Nov. 10 and was cited by John L. Taylor city manager, as highly capable to strengthen the management of CETA administration.

AFRO Lucky Bucks

The AFRO Lucky Buck contest gives you a chance to share in the weekly $230 prize bonanza. The lucky bucks are free and the contest is open to anyone over the age of 16.

Remember, each lucky buck is good for the duration of the contest. Don't

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Christmas at the Lyric

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra with conductor Andrew Schenck, the combined choruses of 15 Baltimore City and Baltimore County high schools and guest Ethel Ennis provide a merry Christmas evening for young and old on Sat., Dec. 13 at the Lyric Theatre.

Presented under auspices of Baltimore City and Baltimore County, the free concert is open to all on a first come basis.

Baltimore County Executive Venetoulis and Baltimore City Mayor Schaefer will greet the concert goers as the event celebrates City-County cooperation at this time of seasonal goodwill.

The coordinators of Music are Prentis Nolson, Baltimore City and Warren Sprouse, Balto. County.

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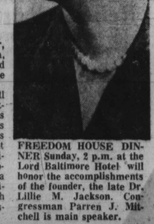
The combined chorus of 225 comes from the choirs of Kenwood and Dulaney High Schools in the county, and Southern, Edmondson, Northwestern, Eastern, Patterson, Forest Park, Western, Mergenthaler, Walbrook, Southwestern, Dunbar, Douglass, and Carver High Schools in the city.

Christmas music will feature Tchaikowsky's Nutcracker Suite, Waldteufel's Skaters' Waltz, Anderson's Sleigh Ride, selections from Amahl and the Night Visitors, and other traditional favorites. The program will end with a Christmas Carol sing-in climaxing in the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.



FREEDOM HOUSE DINNER Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel will honor the accomplishments of the founder, the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell is main speaker.