APPLICATIONS FOULED UP

Handicapped kids miss beginning of school

Several thousand severely handicapped children will be late attending special private schools because local school systems fouled up applications, a state educator says.

Linda Jacobs, assistant state superintendent for special education, said Tuesday nearly 750 children have not been placed because late requests for private placements are still being received.

She said the delayed placement of a severely handicapped child means anxiety for parents.

As of Sept. 1, only 854 requests had been processed and 716 approved, Mrs. Jacobs said, adding that last year more than 16,000 requests were received and processed by the start of the school year.

The state pays for special placement costs of handicapped children, but the children must be screened each year before they can attend private schools, which could cost up to $20,000 in some cases.

Eligibility depends on the lack of an appropriate program for the child in the local public school system. For the special child at a public school, the budget permits up to 300 per cent of the normal per-pupil cost.

The state required that all requests for special placements be made by June 30, but at that time only 30 of an expected 1,600 were received, Mrs. Jacobs said.

The process called for the parents to apply to the schools on behalf of their children. The school in turn applies to the state for each request.

The state is appointing "case managers" for these disapproved requests, Mrs. Jacobs said.

The parents can appeal the state's disapproval to an appeals board and then to the courts. (UPI)

Minister appointed Bowie's first poet laureate

The Rev. James Caldwell is 73 years old and his age doesn't seem to bother him a bit.

"I swim, ride a bike, play softball, tennis and jog," he said proudly. "I work on several committees at the State College [illegible] counsel students [illegible]ally. I go to the Hospital twice a year and the doctors say I'm in perfect helath."

These activities and his job as assistant pastor of St. James United Methodist Church seem to keep Rev. Caldwell busy, but not busy enough.

Rev. Caldwell is also an author.

He was appointed poet laurate last week by Edmund Mester, Bowie's interim president. There are plans for a prociamation and a formal ceremony but no date has been set.

"My job will be to write about all the formal ceremonies that happen on the campus," said Caldwell.

Rev. Caldwell has been associated with Bowie for more than 50 years. Born June 21, 1904, in Whittman, Md. on the Eastern Shore, Rev. Caldwell attended Bowie from 1923 to 1928.

"The school then was just three buidlings," he said, grinning. "Tuition then was just $12 a month and I worked my way through school by milking cows since I didn't have any money.

"There was only one car then," he went on, "To have a Model T Ford. The head of the school owned one. All the students had to take the train."

After leaving Bowie, Rev. Caldwell taught in the county public schools before moving to Baltimore in 1941. He was Bowie's Dean of Men from 1957 until he retired in 1972.

As a Bowie alumnus, Caldwell is a member of the search committee to find a director for the yet to be built student union building, the mediation committee and the recruitment committee.

In 1974 he was called out of retirement to become director of alumni affairs.

"I retired because I got sick," he said. "But the alumni association came to me and said 'you don't want to retire and we need an alumni affairs director!'"

Besides his other activites, Rev. Caldwell writes poetry and edits a news letter called "Deep are the Roots." He has a new book of poms coming out around the first of the month with same title

Rev. Caldwell is keeping busy because that's what he likes to do.

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Hopkins seminar at World Trade Center opening

A highlight of a week-long series of special events marking the official opening of the World Trade Center Baltimore will be a seminar sponsored jointly by The Johns Hopkins University and the Maryland Port Administration on "The Place of Baltimore in the World Economy."

Arranged by the Policy Committee of the University's Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research, the seminar will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, September 26, in the new 30-story pentagonal tower in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

The public is welcome to attend.

There will also be some 200 invited guests representing port-related businesses as well as individuals with an interest in state and regional economic development. Maryland political leaders concerned with the vitality of the port will also attned.

A panel of experts in a number of fields will discuss world trade and the specific role played by the port of Baltimore. Later in the day, there will be a banquet at the Dundalk Marine Terminal at which Johns Hopkins University president Steven Muller will be the speaker.

Commenting on the University's interest in the new World Trade Center, Jack C. Fisher, director of the Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research, recalled it was Baltimore's port a century ago that helped the University's benefactor to become one of the wealthiest men of his time and subsequently give life to the Johns Hopkins institutions.

"Today," Dr. Fisher said, "the Metro Center's Policy Committee consists of a group of business and civic leaders concerned about many aspects of the well-being of the region. No better example of the committee's interest could be found than the opening of the World Trade Center Baltimore to underscore our support of efforts to assure the continued growth of this region in the future."

Participants on the seminar panel include Karl-Ludwig Monkemeier, director of the port of Hamburg; Herbert P. Bure, president of Ellicott Machine Corporation; W. Griffin Morrel Jr., senior vice president, International Department, Maryland National Bank; David K. Tosic, manager, Maryland Port Administration, Brussel and Tadanobu Watanabe, manager, Maryland Port Administration, Tokyo. The moderator will be W. Gregory Halpin, deputy administrator of the Maryland Port Administration.

In addition to the address by Dr. Muller, a feature of the banquet in the evening will be the presentation by the Policy Committee of a new award to an individual who has made major contributions to the progress of the metropolitan area and the state.

It is named the Abe Schunick Award in honor Administration, Brussels Baltimore catering organization which, in addition to social catering, provided food service aboard Chesapeake Bay passenger steamboats starting in the early 1900's.

Free exams scheduled for City Fair

The American Cancer Society Baltimore City Unit will offer FREE Oral Cancer Screening, Skin Cancer Checks, Breast Self Examination and Colon-Rectal Screenings at its booth at the Baltimore City Fair, on September 16, 17, and 18.

There will be Doctors and Nurses available all three days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to answer any questions and to provide this worthwhile service to the public, FREE.

For additional information contact the American Cancer Society Baltimore City Unit at 889-3800.

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Fire plays havoc with 2 families

Heartbreak on Carey Street

Another family has been left homeless after a fire broke out in the bedroom of their newly rented apartment at 606 N. Carey St.

Wednesday afternoon, Ms. Julia Wilson, mother of four children came to the AFRO to tell her heartbreaking story and to ask for help. The tears streamed down her face and her body shook with nervousness as she told what happened.

"We never even got a chance to sleep in the bedroom. We were in the process of moving all our things into the apartment and instead of cluttering up the entire place, we put everything but what we needed into the bedroom," said Ms. Wilson.

"My daughter came to me and asked for a piece of chicken. I told her to go to the kitchen to get it and before she got there, she came to me and said, "Mommie, something is burning."

Ms. Wilson rushed through the house trying to locate the fire. When she saw it was in the bedroom and saw the flames, she fratically gathered her children and rushed out of the apartment.

"Everything we owned was in the bedroom. Our clothes, furniture, color TV, just everything!"

After the fire. Ms. Wilson contacted her landlord, G.R. Bassin to tell him that a fire had occurred. She reports to the AFRO that Mr. Bassin was very angry and said he would not replace any of her belongings because the fire was not his fault.

Ms. Wilson stated that last week when the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company came to turn on the electricity, the representative gave her a warning notice because of a wiring defect in the bedroom to give to her landlord.

"Mr. Bassin has that notice, because I hand delivered it to him. But he still says that the fire is not his fault.

"The man that lives on the third floor of the apartment, Edward Stress says this is the third fire in the place in three weeks," Ms. Wilson said.

Ms. Wilson also reported that Elizabeth Clement, now residing at 539 N. Carey St. was the previous tenant of the 606 N. Carey St. apartment.

"Mrs. Clement was burned out of this apartment just three weeks ago and all her things were destroyed, too!" Ms. Wilson said.

Seeking help and a new residence for her family, Ms. Wilson asked the landlord for another apartment and help to purchase goods that were burnt.

Ms. Wilson states Mr. Bassin told her he would give her another apartment till the end of the month, but after that time, she would hae to find a new residence.

As for her family's clothing, furniture and other belongings, Ms. Wilson said Mr. Bassin has refused to help replace them, still claiming the fire is not his fault.

Homeless on Calverton Heights

Mrs. Mary Reed doesn't have a place to live . She was forced to leave her home in West Baltimore after it was condemned Thursday.

Mrs. Reed, 41, lives at 2307 Calverton Heights with her four children. She owns the house her parents bought in 1950 when there were just two other black families in the block.

She receives $165 a month in welfare checks from the Social Service department. That's just for herself and her youngest son. She also has a heart condition, owes money to several friends and at the present time is just about stone broke.

But right now that's the least of her worries. Mrs. Reed needs a roof over her head.

Mrs. Reed's home was condemned because, according to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the fire that gutted the entire second floor had made it an unsafe place to live.

The fire took place in Mrs. Reed's bedroom on July 31. Firemen had told Mrs. Reed her smoking in bed caused the blaze.

"I never smoke in bed," she said quietly, her eyes red from crying. "But I had a heart seizure that day and I had taken some medicine so I really don't know what happened."

In order to put the fire out the firemen broke out the three front windows and hacked up part of the floor, destroying the electrical wiring.

"The gas and electric had to be turned off because they were afraid of another fire," she said.

Mrs. Reed sent two of her children to South Carolina to stay with relatives and she and her remaining children moved into the basement.

Then the bad luck started.

After she recovered from her first and second degree burns, Mrs. Reed got an estimate on costs.

The first man told her it would cost almost $2,000. The second one said $1,680. The third said $1,500.

"All I had was the $135 Social Services gave me for furniture," she said in a hollow voice. "And that was gone paying off all the people who loaned me money. I still owe my friend a lot of money for all the gas and electricity I used to wash clothes and cook.

"I went to the Red Cross," Mrs. Reed went on. "They told me they didn't have the money to help me."

Meanwhile, the plaster started to fall in her house and the ceiling in the dining room is beginning to come down. Some of the furniture and a rug are also damaged.
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Then a housing inspector said August 15, if repairs are not made or at least started the house would be condemned.

John McCully, deputy housing commissioner, said the decision to condemn the house came from "the point of view of safety for the occupant."

He added they have a relocation program for "hardship" cases but explained he would have to study Mrs. Reed's case before he could make a determination. When would happen he did not know.
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In the meantime, Mrs. Reed doesn't have a place to live.

TOWANDA AVENUE contestants in the AFRO-in-Your-Home Contest.

Burch joins minority contractors in suit against federal officials

The minority contractors have obtained an ally from an unexpected source.

The AFRO has learned that Maryland's Attorney General Francis Burch has joined the Maryland Minority Contractors Association in a suit against the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

The confirmation of Burch's decision to join the minority contractors came Thursday after Burch and his staff held several meetings with MMCA attorneys.

"We are reviewing the matter and all indications point to our intervention into the case," said Burch.

The MMCA filed the suit several weeks ago asking for a declaratory judgment on whether the FHA should honor the federal and state set aside laws.

They also ask that the FHA follow through on the affirmative action plan for minority contractors in awarding those contracts.

Federal set aside law says all federal agencies must identify the contracts to be set aside for minority businesses.

State set aside law says a business designated as a small business may be awarded a contract if the bid does not go higher than five per cent of the lowest contract bid and that business does not exceed $500,000 in annual sales.

Robert Dashiell, MMCA's general counsel, said in a recent interview the suit was filed because FHA officials told Bernard Evans, head of the State Highway administration (SHA), that the agency was not covered by the set aside laws because all federal funded contracts are awarded on a bid basis.

(Ninty per cent of SHA's highway contracts are federally funded.)

He added rather than seek an opinion on the conflict in the law from Burch, Evans said he would not award any contracts under the set aside law.

Burch said he could not criticize Evan's action because of the complex nature of the law and its manner of interpretation.

Non-voters may not be registered

City residents who have not voted since 1972 may find they are no longer registered when they try to go to the polls in the future.

The city Elections Board is preparing to purge 58,000 persons from the roll of registered voters — more than 14 per cent of the city's 412,000 voters.

Because of the dwindling number of voters, the board also wants to reduce the number of election precincts from 502 to 450.

Gene M. Raynor, assistant chief clerk at the Board of Supervisors of Elections, said wednesday notices will be mailed to each registered voter who is in danger of being taken off the rolls.

He said the names will also be carried in a newspaper advertisement.

Raynor said those who wish to remain on the voter lists will have to re-register in order to vote in the 1978 election.

GOOD LIFE

Classes, Lectures, Workshop

LECTURE — "Being and Doing: Moral Action and the Rational Will," Baltimore Ethical Society, 3800 Gwynn Oak Ave., September 18, 10:30 a.m. Michael S. Franch, speaker.

LECTURE — "Family and Neighborhood Relationships," Thursday, September 22, Edgewood Nursing Home, 6000 Bellona Ave., 1:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Alms, speaker.

DANCE — Classes on Wednesday evenings through December 19, Village of Cross Keys. Instructions include ballet, modern jazz, tap, dance-drama and dance movement. For further information call 396-0014.

"ROOTS OF FAITH" — Courses offered are "Praying The Bible" and "Christian Responsibility and Moral Decisions." Our Lady of Lourdes School, Liberty Heights Ave. and Edgewood Road, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. September 19 through November 14. Call 448-1336 or 225-7010 for more information.

MUSHROOMS — Workshop on edible and inedible mushrooms native to the area, their differentiation from toadstools in their natural habitat and as cultivated. Cylburn Park, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Wednesdays, 10 a.m., from September 21 through October 5. For further information, call 396-5642.

PANEL DISCUSSION — "The Place of Sports in American Life," Sunday, September 18, 11 a.m. Levering Hall, Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus, 34th and Charles Streets.

LECTURE — "Nutrition and Exercise," Monday, September 19, 2 to 4 p.m. Jenkins Hall, Loyola College, Free.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS — The North Area YWCA offers a schedule of programs beginning September 26 at seven different locations. Over 40 classes and group activities are available. Call 252-4230 for complete details. For information on classes offered at the Towson YMCA, call 823-8870.

Community Events

MARKET — The New Baltimore Farmers Market will remain open each Sunday until October 9.

MONTHLY MEETING — Northeastern District Police-community Relations Council, Northeastern District Station, 1900 Argonne Drive, Tuesday, September 20, 8 p.m. Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, speaker.

ROOTS FORUM — Ten sessions including discussions, debates, exhibits and individual projects alternate Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings through November 12, Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave. The public is invited. Call 383-5996 or 383-5908 for further information.

BALTIMORE CITY FAIR — Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16, 17,18. The "Pride of Baltimore" will be open for public boarding, Friday, 1 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7:30 p.m. Fireworks Sunday evening.

Crab feast each day, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday will feature Billy Eckstine on the main stage, 7:30 p.m. The Platters will appear the final night, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

The Social Security Chorus, composed of 60 members of SSA, under the direction of Patsy Cornelius, with accompanists Deane Kiratli and William Harris, Sunday, September 18, 6 p.m.

Health

SIGN LANGUAGE — Courses for high school students and adults, Red Cross, 2701 N. Charles St., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

PHYSICAL FITNESS — Fall walking, calisthenics and jogging classes for men and women, 12 weeks of classes, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday each week, Gilman School, begin Tuesday, September 13, 7 a.m.

Libraries

URBAN POETICS — "Blackbone Reading Series," Pratt Central Library, 400 Cathedral St. third floor, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Through December 13.

FILM — The Six Wives of Henry VIII, "Jane Seymour," Part III, Wheeler Auditorium, Pratt Central Library, Tuesday, Sept.20, 2 p.m.

LECTURE — "Arthritis", Northwood branch, 4420 Loch Raven Blvd., Tuesday, September 20, 2 p.m.; "Legacy of H. L. Mencken," Central Library, Saturday, September 24, 3 p.m.

EXHIBIT — "Four Hundred Years of Book Illustration," various techniques used in printing pictures, Central Library, second floor, through September 30.

Theatre

MAN WITH BAGS — Main stage, Fine Arts Building, Towson State University, through October 1. 8:30 p.m. Mondays are dark. For further information call 321-2244 or 321-2787.

GOLDA — Morris Mechanic Theatre, Hopkins Plaza, through October 8. For more information call 752-1407.

MUSIC

Jazz

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM — Gaskins, 889 N. Howard St., Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 p.m.

HEATH BROTHERS — Left Bank Jazz Society, Famous Ballroom, 1717 N. Charles St., Sunday, September 18, 5 to 9.

BILLY COLE TRIO — Center Forum, Old St. Paul's at Charles Center, Thursday, September 22, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Contemporary

ANDREA C. FLOYD — Center Forum, also Mark Goldman and Claire Rozier, Tuesday, September 20, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Social Affairs

REUNION Class of 62, February and June, Friday, September 16, 6:30 to 1 a.m., Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd. For more information call 646-2032.

BULL ROAST — Reisterstown Kiwanis, Martins Westminister, 140 Village Shopping Center, Saturday, September 17, 1 to 5 p.m.

MID-DAY MOVIES — "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case" and "City Slicker," The Forum, Old St. Paul's at Charles Center, Wednesday, September 21, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Arts

ARTIC ARTIFACTS — Collected by Baltimorean Dr. Herbert Frisby, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St., through the end of September.

ARTS AND CRAFTS — By members of the Maryland Art League, the Art Wing at Villa Julie College, Green Spring Valley Road, between Park Heights and Falls Road.

EXHIBITS — "Retrospective: Robert McGill Mackall; "Restored Maritime Paintings;" "Miniature Reproductions of 18th Century Furniture"; "Bonaparte Selections," The Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St. through September. Tuesdays to Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 t 5 p.m.

DANISH EXPRESSIONS — Decker Gallery of the Maryland insititute, College of Arts, 1300 W. Mount Royal Ave., Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. nesdays, Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m.

NASA PHOTOGRAPHS OF EARTH — Taken by satelites and manned space flights, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 5401 Wilkens Ave., Main Gallery through October 6.

METAPHORS — One show in colored-pencil, lithography, oil and low relief sand-painting. Baltimore Women's Art Community Gallery, 610 N. Howard St. Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through October 14.

FACULTY EXHIBIT — Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave., Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m., through October 16.

PHOTOGRAPHS — By William Eggleston, University of Maryland College Park Art Gallery, through October 23.

FEDERAL HILL — "A History of Baltimore in Prints," The Peale Museum, 225 Holliday St., Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STUDENT EXHIBIT — Works of Summer Corps students, Art Tower Gallery, 21 S. Eutaw St., Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ORIENTAL ART — The Alan and Mark Schecter collection consisting of more than 600 objects d'art, Towson State University, Albert S. Cook Library, room 300; Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. On display indefinitely.

EXHIBITS — Baltimore Museum of Art, Art Museum Drive, "Eaglemania," examining the varied symbolism of the eagle, through October 2.

"Contemporary American Prints," drawings by modern American and European artists, through October 2.

"Maryland Rural Architecture," photographs by Francis B. Johnson, through October 23.

"Keith Martin Collages, through October 30

"And Eagles Sweep Across the Sky," showing blankets, rugs and baskets, through November 13.

"Despiau and Maillol," sculpture and graphic art, continuous showing. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

"Homage to the Bag," explores the significance of the bag's role in society, downtown gallery, Charles and Redwood Sts., Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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