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HARLEM AVENUE RESIDENTS — These alumni members of the Strip were also about for the Saturday evening reunion. From (L) are: Rebecca Dameron, Inez Chappell, Cecil Little and Jacquelyn Porter.

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STRIP ALUMNI, INC. GUESTS — Alice D. Smith and Robert Johns were among the 700 guests at the Saturday evening reunion of The Strip.

Younger People Giving Younger People a hand

That people should be stricken by chronic diseases which break them, or tie them off from life, tying them down inside of hospitals or houses, is one part of the mystery of things tied to one part of the sadness. We wonder and fear.

That diseases of this nature should strike children, is information of a different sort. This knowledge holds our tongues, while our minds go back: before they kick the rocks and learn the children's songs - before they brushburn the knobs of their knees and their elbows - rub grass stains into their clothes rolling down hills - tumbling over each other, breathless from gulping giggles all the way down, while the adult world moves along, humming like a machine.

Again and again we think in one word: unfair.

Our feelings rub against these things without reducing them, and we are left with living children who could use a hand.

CHIP-SCAP is a hand — many hands of teenagers working in this area through the Baltimore Schools to help children with chronic diseases. CHIP-SCAP stands for Chronic Health-Impaired Program-Sickle Cell Anemia Program, and it provides educational services to children who often miss significant amounts of school because of their special illnesses.

To help these children keep up with their regular class-work the CHIP-SCAP tutors go to the students' homes, and work with them in the areas where they need the most help. And they provide friendship and company.

Baltimore Regional Red Cross Youth works closely with CHIP-SCAP to provide tutors for these children. Red Cross Youth recruits, trains and closely matches tutors to help children with problems in special areas.

Gloria Brown, a junior at Merganthaler High School, is a Red Cross Youth volunteer working as a CHIP-SCAP tutor. Gloria tutors a boy in the fourth grade who suffers from Cystic Fibrosis, a chronic disease of the respiratory tract.

She became involved in CHIP-SCAP last summer when she attended a Red Cross Youth Leadership Development Center as a representative from her school. After hearing a talk about the program, she thought that it would be a way for her to do something for someone else.

Tutoring a person with a chronic disease can present problems, but Gloria says, many of the problems come from other people, people who underestimate the number of regular activities the person with the illness can participate in.

"The attitude of people around him can really be important to how he feels about himself. They should give him more to do. He can do anything anyone else can do, but sometimes he starts coughing, and usually then all he needs is a drink of water and to sit down for awhile. But people around him panic."

Gloria's face becomes animated when she talks about this element of her tutoring relationship. She has plans to meet with his teacher.

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Dental Health program

Two Baltimore city agencies, the Health Department and the Urban Services Agency, have joined forces in the fight against tooth decay by creating a "Dental Health Program" for young children from low-income families.

Through the use of its mobile clinic facilities, the Health Department delivers dental health care services to the Six Urban Services Agency's Head Start Centers.

Head Start is an educational, day care program for children, ages three to six, from low socio - economic families.

The dental program is in accord with Head Start's methods of procuring the services of as many local resources as possible to help remove the social barriers confronting the economieally disadvantaged.

The dental program consist of three stages.

First, a puppet show is used to educate the children on the importance of proper dental care. All the children are given dental kits and taught how to brush.

Second, the children are screened for dental deficiencies.

And last, follow - up services are given to those children needing dental work.

According to Dr. Vincent Rodgers, program director, approximately 450 children are involved in the program. About 60 per cent of these children are found to be in need of dental work.

The program also includes service training for Head Start staff and parents. The parents are an active part of the program. The need for ongoing medical care is stressed and the parents are given lists of dental clinics in the neighborhood.

The Baltimore program, which is staffed by two dental hygienists specifically trained in working with children, is to serve as a model for other cities.

During a 24 - hour period the air people inhale weighs more than the food they eat.

Whalebone has no bone — its a substance attached to the roof of the jaw, that filters water passing through the whales mouth.

Gloria Brown

Divorces filed

Two husbands filed suit in Circuit Court last week to divorce their wives.

Giving grounds that they were separated more than a year, Gordon H. Stills, Route 3, Sheridan Road, asked Circuit Court No. 1 to award him an absolute divorce from his wife, Mrs. Janie Z. Stills, 3000 block Weaver Ave.

In records placed before the court March 9, the husband said he and his wife were married Jan. 7, 1972 and separated Jan. 12, 1977. He states that the marriage is beyond reconciliation.

Parris J. McGhee Sr., 2400 block Winchester St., also told the court that he and his wife, Mrs. Valerie June McGhee, 1700 block Edmondson Ave., were married March 21, 1970 and separated more than a year ago with no hope of reconciliation.

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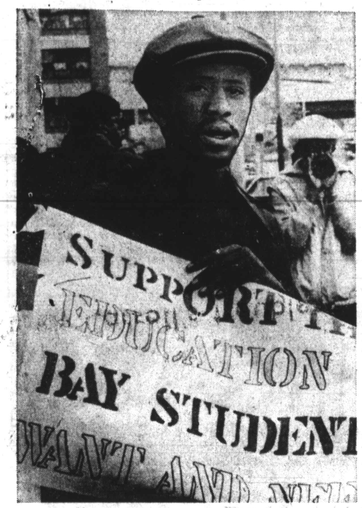
Verda, Willie do it again

Protest Bay closing



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ANGRY — Michael Lyles, 21, a student at Bay College, was one of the 100 protesters who demonstrated in front of City Hall Wednesday to protest the school closing, one week before the term was supposed to end.

...shuts down week before term ends

"Hey, look around, Bay College's fallin' down. Kaplan, Kaplan can't you see; watcha doin' to me." — Student protest chant.

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Bay College is dead.

The nine-year-old, financially troubled junior college closed its doors Friday one week before the regular term was supposed to end — because of lack of money.

The announcement was officially made to the school administration, faculty and student body late Tuesday by Sidney Kaplan, chairman of the board of trustees. Kaplan since then, has been unavailable for comment.

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Cops say no leads in Mount St. murder

Police have no leads in the April 24 homicide of Fred L. Johnson Sr., 54, who was found stabbed to death in his Mount Street apartment.

Mr. Johnson, of the 1800 block Mount St., was found lying on the floor in his bedroom by his son, Fred Johnson Jr.

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Randy Carroll's troubles

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The investigation of alleged mismanagement in the Court of Common Pleas has ended with recommendations that the accounting system and all money be handed over to the state comptroller's office.

The flood of publicity did not come from corruption within the office but rather has been laid to personnel problems and inability of a court employee to cope with the complicated accounting system after the longtime accounting clerk retired.

This briefly is the summary of findings and recommendations of the Supreme Bench Committee composed of Judges James Murphy, Robert Watts, Mary Arabian, James Parrott and Martin Greenfeld.

The court is headed by 36 - year old Chief Clerk J. Randall Carroll, appointed by the Supreme Bench to succeed Paul Chester who was found guilty of malfeasance in 1975. Chester was the first of his race ever elected clerk of any court.

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J. RANDALL CARROLL

Conaway asks him to quit

A candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates has called for the resignation of J. Randolph Carroll as clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

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Disagree on 40th district candidates

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

A political storm is brewing in the 40th Legislative District.

Sen. Verda Welcome and William L. "Little Willie" Adams are at odds once again. The uneasy peace between these two stalwarts has been shattered.

It seems like only yesterday the political factions of the Fourth District Democratic Organization, headed by Sen. Welcome and the Metro Democrats, controlled by Adams, consolidated their efforts to run one strong legislative ticket for the Senate and House of Delegates seats. This was in 1974.

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Morning Star in court

Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 W. Fayette St., is the latest large Baltimore area church to hit the courts over financial problems.

Lawyers familiar with church legal matters say that the Morning Star situation is "indicative of an increasing pattern among many large Baptist churches today that are having financial problems."

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Cop - dope probe jury ends May 5

Will the special grand jury hand down any indictments within the five days they have left?

Since Sept. 14, 1977 this panel has been hearing evidence in a probe of narcotics activities, police allegedly accepting payoffs and dope related killings.

A 15-year-old girl who said she was the girlfriend of Elijah "Ditty Wo" Davis told Rep. Parren J. Mitchell and the deputy attorney general that Davis had been paying off a police officer for protection.

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Woman who died in Grandpa's still not identified

Police report an unidentified woman between 50 and 60 years old was pronounced dead at University Hospital, after she collapsed April 25 at Old Grandpa's Candle Shop, 121 W. Saratoga St.

A spokesman for the store that sells candles, statues and other religious items, told the AFRO the woman was a frequent customer in the store but they did not know her name.

Police quote an employee of the store as saying the woman said she never carried a purse because she was afraid of being robbed.

The unidentified woman who is at the City Morgue at 111 Penn St., had on a black wig, but has mixed gray hair and was wearing a blue print dress, black and white check coat with a solid black trim collar made out of tweed material.

She is 5 feet - 2 inches tall, weighs 223 pounds and has freckles on her face.

Murphy Homes' big parade

MARCHING AND PLAYING—Members of Jerusalem Temple Number Four performed in the Murphy Homes' Beautification Parade. For story and more pictures, see page 24.

Mrs. Maude Williams, ex-DSS emergency services chief, dies

Funeral services were held Thursday at Ames Memorial United Methodist Church for Mrs. Maude Griffin Edemy Williams. She is buried in King Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams, a retired director of emergency services for the Department of Social Services, died April 24 at Mercy Hospital after a short illness. She was 71.

A member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Maryland Conference of Social Concerns, Mrs. Williams was born in Baltimore and graduated from Morgan State. She received her master's degrees from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Pennsylvania.

Early in her career she had taught high school in Hagerstown and worked as a secretary to a doctor and in the Liberian consulate in Baltimore.

She worked as a social service official for 35 years before retiring in 1969.

"Mrs. Williams made a tremendous contribution to social work and the needs of foster children. She was energetic, resourceful and totally committed to human needs. She was absolutely an institution, a giant in the field of social work," said Mrs. Audrey Williams, assistant director for district operations at DSS.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the board of Keswick Nursing Home, the National Society of Literature and the Arts and served as spiritual life secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar M. Williams; a stepson, Bruce Edemy and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Maude Williams

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Dean 'baffled' by Blount

Del. Walter Dean is baffled.

Dean, who is seeking another term in the Maryland House of Delegates in the 41st District, is baffled because he doesn't know if he is running on a ticket with Sen. Clarence Blount and Dels. Pinkney Howell and Arthur Murphy in the September primaries or if Blount plans to drop him for another candidate.

"All this is news to me," Dean told the AFRO late Wednesday. "Back in 1975 Blount, Howell, Murphy and I sat down and discussed the idea of running on the same ticket in 1978 to avoid any conflicts when the campaign came up.

"Right now I'm pretty baffled," Dean went on, "and the funny thing is I've never had a political disagreement with Blount."

Dean's source of concern is speculation that Blount has thrown his entire support behind Nathaniel Oaks, a community leader who has decided to make his bid for a House seat in the 41st legislative district. Another challenger is Douglas Sands, executive director of The Maryland Minority Contractors Association.

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Del. Walter Dean
41st legislative district