Other Historic Events Take The Spotlight

HISTORIC OCCASION — The Awards Presentation of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society on May 22 witnessed honors going to citizens who have made great contributions to the history of the black citizens of America. (L-R) Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, Arctic explor and AFRO war correspondent; Carroll Greene Jr., head of the nation's only state historical commission, the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture; Dr. Roland C. McConnell, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, noted historians and authors; Maryland House of Delegates member, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, founder of the Frisby Society; Mrs. Katheryn Frisby, Dr. Frisby's daughter-in-law; Miss Ruth Russell, Dr. Frisby's sister; Mrs. Mildred A. Williams, Frisby Society president and Mrs. Mamie C. Woodford, mistress of ceremonies.

DEDICATION OF THE PROVIDENT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER included participants (L to R) Robert W. Lee, director, psychiatry, mental health and addictions; Mrs. Rosetta Sands, chairman, board of trustees; Mrs. Kitty Broady, chairman of the Community Health Advisory Board; Thomas W. Chapman, president, Provident Hospital; Dr. Jaque Clermont, chief of Psychiatry, Provident Hospital; Irvin Conway, Mental Health Committee and the Health Center architect; John D. Sulton, Sulton Campbell and Associates, Washington; Mrs. Elnora Lee for whom the Mental Health Center is named and AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver who presented Mrs. Lee on the occasion.

Del. Lee, Drs. McConnell, Quarles get Frisby Historical Society's highest awards at banquet

The state of Maryland has only two historical societies dedicated to recording black history, the Maryland Afro-American Commission on History and Culture and the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society.

In fact, the Maryland Commission is the only one of its kind in the nation. The Frisby Society is ranked high among such groups regardless of race.

The Frisby Society is dedicated to Dr. Herbert M. Frisby as an Arctic explorer who has made over 20 trips to the North Pole and thus has made Matthew Henson immortal as co-discoverer of that place on top of the world. Dr. Frisby was also an AFRO WW II correspondent.

Highlight of the Frisby Society's closing banquet May 22 was the awarding of its highest honors to Dr. Frisby, Dr. Roland C. McConnell and Dr. Benjamin Quarles, noted members of Morgan University's faculty and historians of top rank.

Also honored were Del. Lena K. Lee, the founder and Mrs. Bernice White, president from 1973 to 1977.

Del. Lee, Drs. Frisby, Quarles and McConnell also received the AFRO's awards from Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor and Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture.

Others on the program were, Carroll Greene, head of the State Commission; Mrs. Ruth Rosedom, chaplain, Mrs. Mildred Williams, president; Mrs. Catherine Howard, Mrs. Mary West Griffin, Judge Mary Arabian, Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Miss Phyllis Shelton, TV Channel 13; Mamie Woodford, chairman and mistress of ceremonies.

Also, Mrs. Gladys Jackson soloist who was accompanied on the violin by her husband, Robert M. Jackson; Mrs. Kathryn Frisby, Dr. Frisby's daughter-in-law; representatives of Mayor Schaefer, Mrs. Ernestine Uncles and Miss Ruth Russell, Dr. Frisby's sister.

Del. Lee received an engraved silver tray and Drs. McConnell and Quarles, an engraved plaque for each. Mrs. White was presented a gift for her years of dedication.

THE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thelma Addison, Mrs. Marguerite Carroll, Mrs. Kathryn Frisby, Mrs. Catherine Howard, Mrs. H. Lota Howard, [illegible] Lee, Mrs. [illegible] Newsome, Mrs. Mary C. Spellman, Mrs. Allegra Taylor, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Louise Turks, Mrs. Marguerite Wilkins, Mrs. Mildred Williams and Mrs. Mamie Woodford, chairman

AIMS

Purpose of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society, Inc.:

—To honor Dr. Herbert M. Frisby as a distinguished historian

— To preserve the Frisby museum

— To assure the immortality of Maryland-born Matthew Henson co-discoverer of the North Pole

— To promote works and projects of historical significance to the Maryland community

— To cooperate with other organizations with similar objectives.

Mental Health Center named for Provident Hospital's Mrs. Lee

The Provident Community Mental Health Center, a $1.7 million project dedicated May 23, realizes the dreams of an extremely dedicated community and helps meet the ever-increasing needs of a highly dependent patient population.

The new center is dedicated to and named for Mrs. Elnora Lee of Baltimore who has been helping people all of her life and has been highly active in achieving many goals in the community.

She is a member of many organizations including: The Upton Planning Committee, The Foresight Community Counsel; The Social Service Committee; The Baltimore City Mental Association; The Echo House Foundation Board of Trustees and The Mental Health Committee. Mrs. Lee was also named Woman of the Year for the Palmer Association in 1971.

In addition to dedication ceremonies there was a morning seminar in the Provident Hospital auditorium, on Clinical Depression with Dr. Joseph Talley, Assistant Clinical Professor, University of North Carolina.

The Provident Community Mental Health Center dedication ceremonies mark the beginning of the 85th Anniversary celebration for Provident Hospital, Inc. The institution is one of the nation's oldest, largest black health care establishments.

The new mental health center will integrate the services, treat a greater number of patients within the catchment area and affect incomes on a per capita basis in the treatment of those admitted to Provident Quarterway House, Provident Mental Health Center, In-Patient Psychiatry and Project A.D.A.P.T.

Approximately 22,000 patients are eligible for these services in the Provident Catchment area.

Advisory Board

Mrs. Kitty Broady, chairman; Mr. Floyd Barnes, Mrs. Daisy Bradford, Mr. Irving Conway, Mrs. Ann Dixon, Mr. Del Edwards, Ms. Rosalee Gilbert, Mr. Robert Gilhum;

Mrs. Elnora Lee, Senator Clarence Mitchell, Mr. Balogun Olughala, Mr. Raymond Purvear, Ms. Doris Scott, Ms. India Silver, Ms. Zerita Skates, Mr. Walter Stevenson, Mr. Symar Sussman,

Rev. Millie Swann, Ms. Doris Tuggle, Dr. John F. Richardson, Ms. Esther Vines, Judge Robert Watts, Ms. Rena Whittaker, Ms. Pauline Wilson and Delegate Larry Young.

Others on the program were AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver who along with Irvin Conway of the Mental Health Committee introduced Mrs. Lee who received a standing ovation from the citizens of all walks of life who crowded the main auditorium.

Del. Larry Young introduced Lt. Governor Samuel W. Bogley III who revealed Maryland's official part in the mental health program and its dedication to first class care.

Mrs. Kitty Broady, chairman of the Provident Hospital Mental Health Community Advisory Board, was mistress of ceremonies. Also speaking were Mrs. Rosetta Sands, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Jacque Clermont, chief of Psychiatry; Thomas W. Champan, president of the hospital; Robert W. Lee, director, psychiatry, Mental Health and Addictions and the Rev. Drs. Vernon Dobson and Alfred C.D. Vaughn, members of the board. Rev. Antoinette Phillips's songs brought sustained applause.

ONE LADY'S FAMILY — Mrs. Elnora Lee (C) is surrounded by her family on the auspicious occasion. Her grandchildren, Celestine Turner and Arnell Lee, are beside her. Standing (L to R) are Misses Dorothy, Vestine, Josephine and Denise Lee and Joscha Hill, all beaming with pride, "that a beautiful $1.7 million building bears her name."

Larkins Family Reunion

The Larkins, Fleming and Nelson families held their first reunion on the weekend of April 27, 28, and 29 at the Holiday Inn and S & R Caterers on the Alameda.

Rev. John W. Coleman, pastor of the Sharp Street United Methodist Church, offered the opening prayer at the Banquet at S & R Caterers. William E. Stanley was master of ceremonies at the gala affair.

The Larkins are an old Baltimore family. Their parents, the late George H. and Annie E. Larkins, purchased a home on Druid Hill Avenue in 1906. This home is now owned by a great-grandson Walter Douglas Larkins Jr.

The Larkins are lifelong members of Sharp Street Church. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Larkins Sr. attended the church when it was located on South Sharp Street and moved with it to its present location on Dolphin and Etting Streets.

The Flemings are the family of the late Sallie J. Larkins, wife of the late Henry E. Larkins Sr. The Nelsons are the family of Elizabeth I. Larkins, wife of George W. Larkins Sr.

The out of town guests from New Bedford, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Warley J. Williams Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Almeida Sr., Frederick Williams, Alphonso Williams, Milton Williams, Severn Williams, Miss Cynthia Almeida, Peter Almeida Jr. and Warley J. Williams Jr.

Also Eric Almeida, Miss Veronica Almeida, Miss Desiree Cruz, Mr. Dion Cruz, Mr. Michael Williams, and Mr. Robert Williams.

From New York: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moone Sr., Alvin Moone Jr., Misses Allison and Alicia Moone, Lauren Moone, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sanders, Mrs. Annie Petty, John S. Fleming, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, and Miss Nicole Fleming.

From Washington, D.C.: Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deyo, Dirk Deyo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleming, Miss Dayna Fleming, Geoffrey Fleming, Mrs. Francis Albert and Miss Angela Albert.

From Rhode Island: Mr. and Mrs. Wole Aeveloju and From Pennsylvania: Mrs. Dorothy Porter. From Chicago, Ill.: Rhonda Larkins and Jan Wade.

From Baltimore were: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stanley Sr., Benjamin Carter, Mrs. Marie Carter Toney, Miss Karen Stanley, William E. Stanley Jr., Miss Tracey Toney, Ebony James, Mr. and Mrs. Keith M. Dukes Sr., Keith Dukes Jr., Kevin Dukes, Mrs. Thelma Larkins, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Ann Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Larkins Jr., Branden Larkins, Terri Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. Shri Anandon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larkins Sr., Robert Larkins Jr.

Misses Janet, Teresa, and Robin Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace Larkins Sr., Miss Gloria Larkins, Miss Eloise Larkins, Miss Towanda Larkins, Miss Enid Larkins, Miss Stephanie Larkins, Michael Larkins, Steven Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Larkins, Mr. Kervin Larkins, Kevin Larkins, Miss Donna Larkins, Miss Jerri Larkins, Mrs. Mary Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. Arenzo Larkins, Miss Marsha Larkins, Miss Stephanie Larkins, Miss Nicole Larkins, Mrs. Kathy Davenport, Miss Tiffany Davenport, Miss Towanda Davenport Winfield Larkins, Mrs. Bernice Larkins, Mark Larkins,

Mrs. Lorraine Bailey, Clifton Blagmond, Miss Cheryl Larkins, Mrs. Theodosia Haywood, Mrs. Hilda Nelson, Mrs. Delores Owens, Dewayne Owens, Brian Owens, Jacqueline Harris, Germanie Lemon, Jeffrey Savage, Preston Dorsey, Howard E. Nelson, Howard E. Nelson Jr.; and Joseph Nelson, Shanika Andrews.

Friends attending were: Rev. and Mrs. John W. Coleman, Mrs. Minnie Pitts-New York City, Floyd Adams, Theodore Green, New York City, Mrs. Evelyn Warrell, Tony Young, Maurice Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Toatley, Rodney Toatley and Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Brunson, Washington, D.C.

Rep. Mickey Leland

SURVIVAL PLAN!

Md. black peoples assembly to tackle our crucial problems

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Charge jail guard smuggled dope

Rep. Mitchell organizes 1st peoples assembly

A Maryland Black Peoples Assembly to be held at Morgan State University on June 16 has as its goal design of a five - year agenda help blacks achieve more political, economic and social power.

The assembly, organized by Congressman Parren Mitchell D.-Md., and a staff of volunteers, will fature 11 workshops and two keynote speakers.

The assembly will differ from a conference, its planners explain, because it will be a working session where people who attend will [illegible] workshops instead of listening to a panel of speakers.

The workshops will be in the areas of affirmative action, communications media, community development, criminal justice, cultural arts, economic development, education, health, housing political education and the electoral process, and social insurance.

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83 percent of city's high school seniors graduate

After hours of tutoring during and after school, testing and re - testing, 83 percent of the city's seniors have now successfully passed the proficiency tests required for graduation.

School officials announced Thursday, that only 1100 to 1200 students will not graduate because they either lack the necessary credits stipulated by the Maryland State Department of Education or have not passed one or more of the reading, writing and mathematics proficiency tests.

The announcement made by Superintendent John L. Crew, came just one day before high school graduations begin.

In the middle of May, it was announced by school officials that 74 percent of the seniors had passed the reading, writing and mathematics proficiency tests at a score of 70 or better and the Maryland Functional Reading Test at the 80 percent mastery level.

Subsequently, students who have not reached the required competency levels were offered up to 10 additional hours of tutoring. On May 19, students had a chance to take any test which had not been previously passed.

An additional nine percent of the seniors passed all four tests which brings the total to 83 percent. Nearly 9,000 students are expected to participate in graduation exercises in the city's 26 senior high schools.

Robert W. Armacost, deputy superintendent for planning, research and evaluation, told the AFRO, "I'm glad to see the increase. This is very much the way I expected it to be."

Of the remaining 1200 students, about 400 only need to take and pass one more test which Armacost reports may be done on an individual basis before the school year ends on June 22.

Greased lightning

GEARED UP AND READY TO GO — Franklin Square Elementary School students (in top photo) participated Tuesday in kick - off race which is in preparation for the annual Soap Box Derby to be held Saturday, June 2 outside Mergenthaler High School. In bottom photo, 11 - year - old Charlene Harrod heads for the finish line.

Officer, 23, seized after jail worker's arrest

A 23 - year - old City Jail correctional officer has been accused of possessing heroin in the prison and possession with intent to distribute heroin at City Jail.

Officer Ronnell B. Harrison, was released on his own recognizance and his trial date is set for June 20 in Eastern District.

The officer was arrested one day after a City Jail employee was arrested at the jail and charged with possession of heroin.

Kenneth L. Davis, 31, of the 1600 block Eager St., is employed as a repairman in the engine room of the jail and was arrested when he reported to work on May 23, after jail officials found one bag of heroin in his possession during a routine search of employees.

Police obtained a warrant for Officer Harrison after Davis was taken to Eastern District and questioned.

A spokesman for the narcotics squad of the Baltimore City Police Department stated the department could not comment if an investigation is now being conducted about the allegations of a drug ring operating within City Jail.

Warden Calvin Lightfoot was in a meeting at AFRO presstime and was not available for comment. Warrants were obtained for Officer Harrison after police interviewed Davis.

The drugs seized in City Jail were allegedly for a 28 - year - old man who is confined to jail awaiting trial on charges that he killed a small - time drug dealer.

That homicide has been called the "Chinese Dinner" case. James Reid, 48, was shot to death as he was bringing a Chinese dinner to a friend who lived in the Forest Park Avenue apartment. Reid had been involved in minor drug - related incidents previously.

In a later development, Ms. Theresa Tillman, 24, who had testified before the grand jury regarding Reid's death was slain on March 20, in her boyfriend's apartment at 1824 North Ave. She had been shot twice in the face.

GAS FORECAST

The average price of a gallon of regular gas at stations surveyed at the beginning of this week was 81.5 cents. Unleaded gas averaged 87.4 cents and high test was selling at an average of 89.5 cents.

Gasoline supplies through the coming weekend appear largely unchanged from the past weekend, when no major problems were seen in Maryland. Many gas stations will be open Sunday.

Mrs. Pratt to leave rape crisis board

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

One of the two remaining black members of the board of directors of the Baltimore Center for Victims of Sexual Assault (formerly known as the Rape Crisis Center) is planning to leave.

Mrs. Ruth Pratt, a top official in the city school system, told the AFRO this week she intends to resign from the 20 - member (now 16 member) board in protest of its termination of the center's black volunteer coordinator and 18 of the 21 volunteers who devoted their time to the center.

"I do not intend to be tied to an organization that even has the slightest hint of racism," she said. "I don't like to belong to any group that would not work for its stated purpose and is out for its own personal gain while discriminating against someone."

"I'm too black for that and have suffered too much discrimination myself," she said.

Mrs. Pratt is the fifth black person out of six black board members to leave the board. Mrs. Frances Draper is the remaining member.

Doris Terrell, the volunteer coordinator fired by the agency's president, Natalie Seitz, and who served on the board as the volunteer counselors' representatives was removed from the board after her dismissal, March 21.

Several weeks later three other board members, Aurora Gardner, Douglass Jefferson and Pickette Thomas, were removed allegedly for not attending any board meetings.

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Mrs. Ruth Pratt

Another board member's view

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130 racers set to burn up Hillen Rd.

Baltimore's Soap Box Derby, sponsored by the city school's Office of Industrial Arts, the Mayor's Office and leading area businesses will take place Saturday, June 2 just outside Mergenthaler Vocational - Technical High School on Hillen Road.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer and School Superintendent John L. Crew are expected to kick - off the annual Soap Box Derby with their traditional soap box square off at 9 a.m.

Over 130 youngsters from public, private and parochial schools are entered in the soap races.

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'UMBC 15' charges dropped

By Clarence W. Hunter
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Charges against 15 black students at the University of Maryland Baltimore County for their involvement in the take - over of the school's financial aid office April 9, have been dropped by the university's administration the AFRO has learned.

With four days until the university's commencement ceremonies, the administration and the students — known as the UMBC 15 — signed two letters of agreement Tuesday putting an end to conflicts that erupted in early April. Black students had charged the university was racist and insensitive to their needs.

The students had been indicted May 4 on two counts of violating university regulations, (1) behavior which jeopardized the safety of the university community and (2) actions which disturbed the university's academic process.

The charges had been filed by Dr. Michael Mahoney, head of the academic services department which oversees the financial aid office. Trial before the student campus judicial board was to have begun Tuesday after being postponed two weeks ago.

The agreements, which led to the dropping of the charges, came after a four - hour negotiations held between the UMBC 15, their attorney Levin Garrett, Chancellor Dr. John Dorsey Mahoney and Reginald Lawrence, university's human relations director.

The first agreement, which was a modified document presented to university officials by Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, who had a hand in the negotiations, stated that the university and the students "recognize that steps have been taken at UMBC in implementing the Maryland desegregation plan" and that "problems still remain in attaining a receptive environment for academic development of black students."

The agreement also stated that while both parties "share a mutual responsibility" to show judgement and sensitivity to both sides they both realize that this has not always been done and that they would try to resolve some concerns "in a positive fashion."

The second agreement simply said "based on meaningful dialogue and in the best interests of the university the judicial and disciplinary proceedings brought about by the incident of April 9 have been dismissed."

Quinten Watkins, spokesman for the UMBC 15, pointed out to the AFRO that signing the agreement did not mean that the students apologized or regreted their actions.

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