Public school dancers present talents at annual competition

JOY IN THE MORNING! — was the attitude portrayed by Southwestern dancers as they strutted to "Walking Up the Stairs" from Broadway musical, "Purlie."

DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO — Douglass dancers Felecia Long, Shelly Walker, Carolyn Griffin and Lasette Holmes did their thing to several different selections during competition.

THE DANCE IS IN THE EXPRESSION — as shown in the faces of Mervo dancers Zena Morgan, Phyllis Wigfall and Edith Dickerson, shown dancing to popular ballad from movie "Fame."

TO DANCE IS TO STRETCH, TO REACH — as shown by Edmondson dancers Denise Bowser and Cecelia Williams.

LEAP FOR JOY! — Janulynn Lennon, Terri Joyner and Shanda Welbourne of Western High lift themselves through air in selection called "Hats Off To Dance."

GOSSAMER AND FANTASY — blended into one for City dancers as they moved to selection from "Close Encounters Of the Third King."

Collier named PEPCO head

CHARLES M. COLLIER

Charles M. Collier has been promoted to the post of manager of Potomac Electric Power Co.'s Benning Generating Station.

Collier, who joined PEPCO in 1976, has served as chief plant operator of the Potomac River generating plant since 1979 and as chief plant engineer at the Benning plant.

He served in the Navy from 1973 to 1976. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971. He received the Maury Award for Excellence in Physics.

Collier, his wife, Zenora and four-year-old daughter, Eve, live in Gambrills, Md. He graduated in 1967 from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

PG Library seeking aides

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking volunteers to fill several positions in the nothern and central part of the county. Position available include:

Bowie: working with the circulation department during the day; assisting with children's film programs Monday morning; working in the Novel Endings bookstore Friday or Saturday afternoon; assisting the librarians with periodicals and indexes (typing is hlepful).

New Carrollton: working in the Novel Endings bookstore Tuesday or Saturdays; assisting the librarian in the Adult Services Department Wednesday evenings; helping with the children's program Wednesday mornings.

Hyattsville: working with the circulation department; delivering library materials to nursing home residents.

College Park: bringing library materials to homebound and senior citizen patrons.

Mount Rainer: bringing library materials to homebound and senior citizen patrons.

MAACO holds rights seminar

According to Judge Robert M. Bell, affirmative action programs in the country are in trouble.

Bell, who was the keynote speaker at a recent seminar on affirmative action sponsored by the Maryland Association of Affirmative Action Officers, said that the seriousness of the plight of affirmative action programs may be best guaged by the number of pending court cases challenging the measures.

"We can be lulled into thinking total equality has arrived," Bell said, "but that is really just wishful thinking."

Bell said that MAAAO and other affirmative action agencies and officers have to be "viligant" so that we don't lose the gains that have been made over the years.

"In the 28 years since Brown vs. Board of Education," Bell said, referring to the infamous case which concluded that "separate but equal" was in fact an impossibility," we are probably worse off because of the unwillingness of the nation to deal honestly with the issue."

"It is MAACO's task, and other agencies like it, to see that they are effective advocates. They must use data and strong lobbying and be careful to search out the subtle underminings of discrimination that are still very prevalent."

Bell said that he was not optimistic about the future of affirmative action programs. Nobody knows, he said, what will ultimately happen to the programs, but the matter of interpretation of the law is a crucial one now and one that deserves careful monitoring.

He pointed to the Bakke case, where the high court ruled that a California medical school had violated civil rights of Allan Bakke by denying him admission on the basis that aaffirmative action quotas had to be met.

"We don't have to worry abour repeal of affirmative action laws," Bell said. "Its the interpretaton of the law that's on us now."

MAACO, founded in March of 1975, is an organization which was formed expressly for the promotion of equal opportunity in the state of Maryland. According to Howard F. Lynch, member at large, MAACO is a research organization, geared to help businesses and individuals in touch with the affirmative action policies, as they stand today and as they change.

Bell was the keynote speaker at a recent seminar held at the Quality Inn in Towson, Maryland, to discuss the state of affirmative action as it affects minorities. The seminar addressed not only the state of affirmative action as it affects blacks, but the deaf, the bilingual and the handicapped.

M. Stephens Harris, president of MAACO, said the organization holds seminars as specific need arise.

Women's Fair '81

Women's Fair '81 will be held Sunday and Monday, February 15-16, 1981 at Western High School, Cold Spring Lane and Falls Road.

The Eighth Annual Women's Fair, sponsored by Women Together, is a two-day yearly event, made up of workshops and panel discussions, organizational exhibits, keynote speaker, free health services, films and entertainment.

Exhibits will continue both days. These will be informational.

Times for the fair will be: Sunday, 12:30-6:00 p.m. Monday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tickets will be 3.00 for one day and 5.00 for two days. Senior citizens and students, 1.00.

Limited child care will be provided as well as snacks and beverages and sandwiches.

For further information call: Margaret Galambos, Fair Coordinator, 243-3604.

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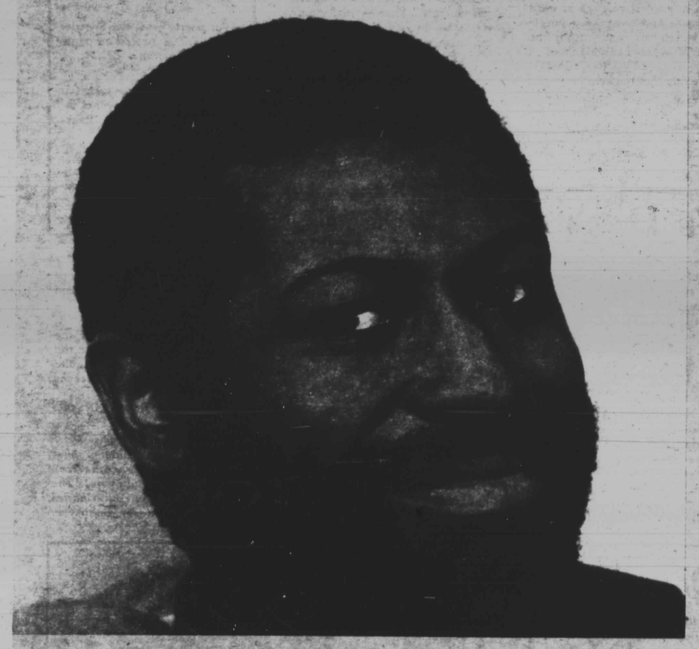

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