School Sports Scene

Female hoopsters

AFRO All-City team selected

By Mark Gail

The AFRO's 1981 girls all-star teams combines the best talents and skills of the Baltimore City school into three outstanding teams.

On the first team, city champion Walbrook and runner-up Western placed two players each with Edmondson filling out the all-star roster.

Walbrook, coached by Pete Connally proved to everyone that this was their year running up a perfect record of 20-0. In posting this excellent season Connally's lady Warriors won the city's public school tournament and the girls championship crown also.

Western's Dawn Richards

Edmondson's Lydia Carr

Walbrook's Denise Brockington and Rose Willis are two good reasons for the successful season.

Brockington a senior averaged 11 points for her final season at Walbrook.

"Denise has a lot of hustle, along with good floor sense and pulling down a lot of rebounds (an average of 12 a game) she has help make the different in many games this year," said Connally.

Warrior Rose Willis led the team at both ends of the court. Rose scored 341 points for the season which breaks down to an average of 17 baskets a game. She was also the top rebounder with a game average of 18 over the winning season.

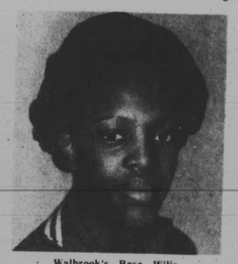
"I'm very proud of Rose, she has smooth movements and superior ball handling ability which helped us win, since Rose is only a junior I'm looking forward to another great year next year also" said the Walbrook coach.

Western's Sauncirae Alexander and Dawn Richards represent their school on the first team.

Sauncirae, a junior is the backbone of Western's offense and defense averaging 17 points along with 16 rebounds per game. She has good quickness for her size 5'11" for making the moves for easy baskets in her third year of varsity play. Sauncirae's ball handling skills help Western on many fast breaks.

"Sauncirae is excellent at man to man defense and in a zone rebounder at both ends of the court" said Western's coach Joe Rosendale.

Western's Saunicrae Alexander



Walbrook's Rose Willis

Newcomer, Dawn Richards has been a great help to Western this year with her great outside shooting. Dawn a senior 5'7" is a transfer from Liberia where she was M.V.P. for three years on her team there. She averaged 11 points per game with her accuracy outside shooting from 15 to 18 feet from the basket along with speed and jumping ability enabled Dawn to get many rebounds each game (9.3 average).

"Dawn is cool under pressure, a delightful personality who never seems to get upset and she is capable of playing any position on the court" said Rosendale.

Edmondson's Lydia Carr is by far one of the best female athletes to past through that school.

In three years of varsity action for the Redskins, she has scored a total of 875 points for an average of 15 baskets per game.

Lydia has led the team in rebounds for the past two years pulling down 240 rebounds for an average of 12 per game.

"She has been great for the past three years. Her speed and height (6' 0") will be missed, I wish I could have her for another three" Edmondson Paul Shuford said.

On the second all-star team are Tia Purvey of Edmondson, Loretta Paschall of Northwestern, Jerriyn Veene of Western, Concetta Marshall of Walbrook and Dana Simms of Southwestern.

While Faith Person, City; Mary Branch, Patterson; Carolyn Allen, Dunbar; Deneen Jones, Western and Grace Green of Northwestern are selected for the third team.

Walbrook's Denise Brockington

GUEST SPEAKER V.A.D.M. WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE Superintendent of the Naval Academy.

Laker star will attend Xavier U.

Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, received a verbal commitment this week from Eddie Johnson, 6-foot, 210 pound forward from Lake Clifton High School.

Johnson averaged 13 points and 17 rebounds per game this year, as he led the Lake Clifton team to a 22-5 record and a league and city championship. At the end of the year, Johnson was named to the all-city team, the Metro team, the Maryland Scholastic League team and the league's all-tournament team.

"I feel rebounding is my best assett," Johnson said. "and during the summer, I feel I have to work on my inside jumper."

"I really liked the coaching staff at Xavier," he continued, "and the quality of the players there. I also saw that the coach is rebuilding and has made the commitment to having a winning program."

Lake Clifton coach, Woody Williams, talks of the 6-foot, 8 inch forward, and is amazed with the improvement he has made over the last few years.

"I classify Eddie, even at this point, as a rapidly improving player who has unlimited potential. He has improved from day one, but even during his first season, he had five blocks and eight rebounds," Williams said.

"His biggest assett is his hustle and his desire to win. Right now, he is one of the premier players in this area."

Just after Christmas in his junior year, Johnson broke his leg and missed the majority of the season. At the time of his injury he was averaging 11 points and 13 rebounds. Even though he missed the better part of the year, he was still recognized as one of the better players in the area and was named an honorable mention selection, all - America, by Street and Smith's Official Basketball Yearbook.

"I am very pleased that we are able to have a commitment from Eddie," Muskie coach Bob Staak said. "He is a very strong, physical player, and he is just the kind of player we need to play the schedule that we play."

Muskie assistant coach Wayne Morgan was a vital cog in the recruiting of Johnson and said that he is "extremely happy that we were able to get Eddie Johnson, although he has barely scratched the level of his potential. I believe that he will give us the type of inside strength and power we need to compete in our conference."

Johnson saw the Muskies play at LaSalle earlier this year and observed that they were a good, strong team.

Johnson was also recruited by Tennessee, Old Donmion, Boston University, Pittsburgh, Virginia Commonwealth, Oregon State, and South Florida. Johnson decided after his visit to Xavier, however, that he would not visit any more schools.

Darren Johnson wins Scholar Athlete Award

DARREN JOHNSON OF DUNBAR WINNER of the Central Region Scholastic Athlete Award poses with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnson after Wednesday's night affair. (AFRO Photos by Mark Gail)

Darren Johnson of Dunbar was the central regional winner in the 18th annual Scholar Athlete Awards dinner at Martins West this week.

Johnson was among 86 football players honored by the greater Baltimore chapter of the National Football Foundation and the Hall of Fame.

A team captain for the Poets, Darren was a two-way starter at linebacker and offensive tackle for the 6-2 MSA "B" Conference power.

In his years at Dunbar, Darren wrestled for the Poets in the 145-pound weight class and in the spring, he ran on the track team. He is a member of the yearbook staff, a senior class representative, and serves as a student coordinator for the intramural sports program.

Darren puts as much effort in his church, St. Ann in Waverly, where he teaches Sunday School and sings on the youth choir.

With his $1500 scholarship award, the Poet standout will attend Howard University in the fall.

Other regional winners were Bob Cardwell of Calvert Hall for the northern region, Bob Dishman of Andover for the southern re gion, and George Navarre of Joppatowne for the eastern region.

The western regional winner, Greg Browse, is a running back from Centennial in Howard, and took the top honors in the five regions, winning a $4,000 scholarship.

Ted Dumbauld won the college scholar Athlete Award and Bob Ward was inducted into the National Football Foundation.

Other scholar athletes from the city were Vinnie Battaglia of Poly; wide-receiver Malcolm Cobbs of Northwestern, offensive guard Jesse Cockrell of Northern, guard Gary Cromwell of Douglass; fullback William Curtis, Lake Clifton; wide-receiver Jimmy Dyson, Southern; tight-end Ed Holmes, City; fullback Michael Hemby, Edmondson; safety Jeffrey Jones, Carver; quarterback Lamont McCrea; tackle Tony Plater, Walbrook and tackle Frank Walden of Forest Park.

TWO OTHER SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINNERS — Jay Wilson of Owings Mills with Frank Walder of Forest Park exchange greetings.

Boost by beer

ASHLAND, Ky. — The 3rd annual National Negro Baseball League Reunion, scheduled for June 22-23, will be supported by a $25,000 gift from Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. and its Erlanger division.

Leon Hern, associate manager of special markets of Schlitz, announced the gift Sunday at a news conference here.

"This reunion," Hern said, "is a tribute to those great black baseball players of

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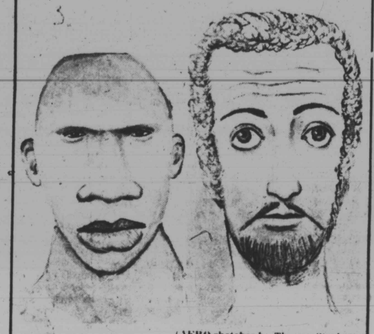
Mass march on Annapolis!

Baltimore woman's visions of Atlanta child killers



(AFRO sketches by Thomas Stockett)

BALTIMORE PSYCHIC says vision of Atlanta child killer was given to her by God. According to Juvena Atkinson, white man on right is controlling two black men, one of whom she was able to give a description to AFRO artist. Atkinson says white man is giving orders, black men are killing.

She'd give up everything to help track them down

Juvena Atkinson, psychic, with AFRO artist Thomas Stockett.

A Baltimore woman who is convinced that God has given her the answer to the identities of the Atlanta child-killers sent composite sketches to that city this week, and says that once the authorities there see the sketches, they will send for her.

Juvena Atkinson, who said she received the identities of the killers last Sunday on a church bus as she prayed for money to pay a gas and electric bill, says that a white man is manipulating two black men to kill the Atlanta children.

Ms. Atkinson described the white man and one of the black men to AFRO artist Thomas Stockett, who drew composite sketches. Those sketches were sent to Atlanta via special delivery mail by Ms. Atkinson.

Ms. Atkinson, who is currently on maternity leave from her job, drew local attention this week when she sold most of her belongings in preparation to make a trip to Atlanta to identify the murderers.

During her visit to the AFRO building this week, however, she said that she was $212 short of the money she needed to go, and opted to send the sketches instead.

Shunning publicity, Ms. Atkinson said that she "just wanted to do what the Lord wanted her to do." She said that her actions have drawn sharp criticism from members of her church who have questioned the validity of her vision, she said.

Despite the opposition, however the quiet-spoken woman said that she is determined to "do the Lord's will."

"I don't care too much what the people say to me or against me," she said. "I have to do what God told me to do."

Coalition asks all to join protest against state budget cuts

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Appalled by what they call "crazy games" being played with the state budget by the Maryland legislature, a group of concerned black Baltimoreans will stage a march in Annapolis Tuesday to protest the most recent budget cuts passed by the House.

Sam Daniels, chairman of the newly-organized Committee on Legislative Concerns, told the AFRO that the march, which is expected to draw upwards of 2,000 people, will be held to "influence Senate action" and possibly force the budget to a special conference committee, so that a suitable compromise might be found to allay the effects on the budget on the state's poor and elderly.

Buses will leave from the Mondawmin Shopping Center on Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. and will return later the same afternoon. There will be no charge for those people who ride the buses, Daniels said. And, he said, there will be a special rally this Saturday at the Masonic Temple on Eutaw Street to draw support for the march. That rally will begin at 2 p.m.

Explaining the reason behind the march, Daniels said that with the $38 million budget cut passed by the House this week, it is felt that unless the black community takes a stance, the budget will pass as it is when it goes to the Senate on Tuesday.

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NAACP launches letter campaign to politicos against budget slashes

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimoreans are being urged by the local chapter of the NAACP to participate in a massive letter-writing campaign to state and Congressional leaders to prevent several of the proposed Reagan budget cuts.

NAACP officials, at a press conference this week, announced plans for a "mobilization and education program to take place over the next two weeks, to inform citizens of the impact of the scheduled cuts and what they will mean to the black community.

"We oppose the unwise and untimely cuts that will impact primarily on the poor," said Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore NAACP.

"We also oppose the speed with which these proposals are being implemented through job freezes and executive orders that impound funds approved for current fiscal 81.

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Superstar 'Niecy' from MSU to mink

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

RECORDING ARTIST DENIECE WILLIAMS visited AFRO offices this week during visit to Baltimore. See Showtime to find out what the former MSU student had to say.

ONLY 4 BLACKS VOTE AGAINST CUTS

Budget action stirs statehouse squabble

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

When the House of Delegates passed its version of Governor Harry Hughes' $8.7 billion budget, minus $57 million in cuts, the stage was set for a feud between the House and the state Senate which may result in a gubernatorial veto, an extended session in Annapolis, or bitter floor fights in both chambers.

Monday the House approved a budget which had been cut by $57 million, and which either axed or stripped down a host of social services and educational institutions throughout the state.

Tuesday, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee approved the entire budget package, which means that unless the full Senate amends it, one of the most austere state budgets in history will be enacted.

All except four black delegates voted for the House budget, a fact which provoked harsh criticism from Del. Frank Conaway, D-City, who heads the Black Legislative Caucus.

"If we had done what we were supposed to do," he said, "we wouldn't have this problem. The committee system is too strict here. It should be up to the individual to examine each issue before voting, but some legislators put their committee before their constituency when they vote."

Delegates Wendell Phillips, D-City and Nathaniel Exum and Sylvania Woods of Prince Georges County were the only other blacks who voted against the budget.

"The budget had the votes, but I didn't like what came out of the committees, so I didn't vote for it," said Woods. "We're here to defend black institutions and social programs, so when they start making drastic cuts like they did in the budget, I couldn't support it.

Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40, who along with Del. Joe Chester, D-43, are the only blacks on the House Appropriations Committee, which developed the contested budget Rawlings defended his decision to vote for the budget.

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Monumental seeks $$$ to stay in business

By Portia E. Badham

The troubled Monumental Health Plan may be able to keep its doors open if it can pull a financial rabbit out of its hat by the March 31 deadline set by the state.

The state has given the health plan until March 31 to clear up its financial problems or face closing.

Monumental officials who say they have a $1.3 million commitment from an Atlanta-based investment firm have not received the funds and are hopeful the money will come in by the end of the month.

But, according to the state insurance commissioner, even if Monumental wins a current court battle, it won't prevent the plan from going out of business unless it raises the additional capital.

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Over 2,000 mourners

New clues in death of little mystery girl

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

No one knew her name or where she came from, but more than 2,000 people from all walks of life attended her funeral.

She was buried in a beige dress with a blue flowered vest, white socks and held a bouquet of flowers in her hand. The message on the card said, "To an angel from someone who cares."

From 10 a.m. Wednesday until 7:15 p.m. when the casket was closed, mothers with babies in their arms, children, teachers and spectators filed pass the gold and white casket.

All the police could say is the unidentified girl who they believe is 12 years-old was found hanging from a chain link fence along U. S. Route 70 on Nov. 8, 1981 in Howard County by two hunters.

Her body had been in a freezer in the City Morgue for 125 days because no one could tell police who she was.

A Howard County homicide detective stood in the back of the church during the funeral services to observe the mourners. He was hoping someone would identify the girl or could give him additional information.

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AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

MOURNERS filed past the casket of an unidentified girl for nearly 10 hours Tuesday at St. Pius Catholic Church, where funeral services were held at 7 p.m. The unidentified girl is buried in New Cathedral Cemetery. Her body was claimed by Charles L. Glover, a mortician.