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Five local authors to have books published

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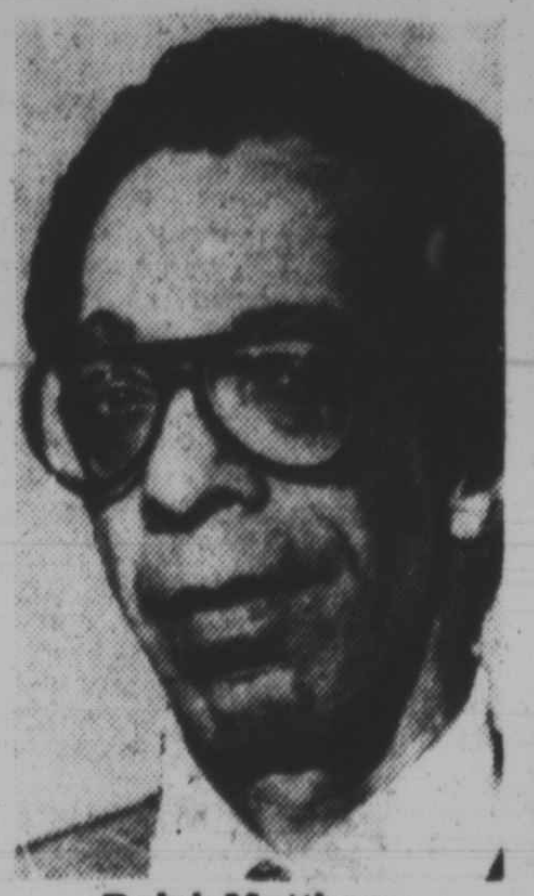

Ralph Matthews

Madeline Murphy

Mary Carter Smith

Calvin Williams

Manuscripts written by five local authors will comprise the line of books to be published in 1982-83 by C.H. Fairfax Company, Inc., the Columbia-based book and journal publishing firm, which is the region's only black book and journal publishing house.

The company was founded in 1979 and published one book in 1980 and 1981.

According to company owner and publisher, Paul F. Evans, the following authors and their works have been accepted for publication:

The Education of Black Children and Youth: Strategies for Excellence by Samuel L. Banks, Ed.D., coordinator of Social Studies for the Baltimore City Public Schools.

The book will emphasize pragmatic, urgent, and creative strategies to enhance and sustain learning opportunities for black children and youths.

"My book will capitalize richly on the educational strengths and peculiar experiences of black children and youths in an often hostile large society," Dr. Banks said.

Madeline Murphy Speaks about A Few Things That Have Been On Her Mind For A Long Time, by Madeline, local columnist, writer, and radio and television personality.

"For a long time, I have written about the goings - on of the black community, peppering them with my own 'humble opinions.' It is surprising to see that as one collects more and more information about the world: deeds and misdeeds, the famous and the infamous, that the old refrain, 'the more things change, the more they remain the same,' weaves in and out of these commentaries," Mrs. Murphy said.

Black Tales, by Mary Carter Smith, internationally acclaimed griot, poet, actress, activist, traveler and lecturer.

"The book is a wonderful collection of tales within the background of the black community. Some are a re-telling of old favorites as 'Cindy Ellie' and 'Rock Soup.' Others are new as 'Feathers for Worms,'" Mrs. Smith explained.

The company published Mrs. Smith's first book, Heart to Heart, in 1980. It now is in its second printing, with nearly 2,000 copies in circulation," Evans said.

Crabs in a Basket, by Cavin Williams-el, a 1982 summa cum laude graduate of Coppin State College, who is a sociology student in the Graduate School at Morgan State.

Williams-el has written a novel about the life of a former prisoner, who returns to society and faces the struggles of building a new life in Baltimore.

"The one word I would use in describing the book is electrifying. The main character Marco Bartee, is the archetype of the classical hero struggling against untold odds for a brighter day and justice for himself and his loved ones," Evans said.

Tell Me, What is News, by Paul Evans.

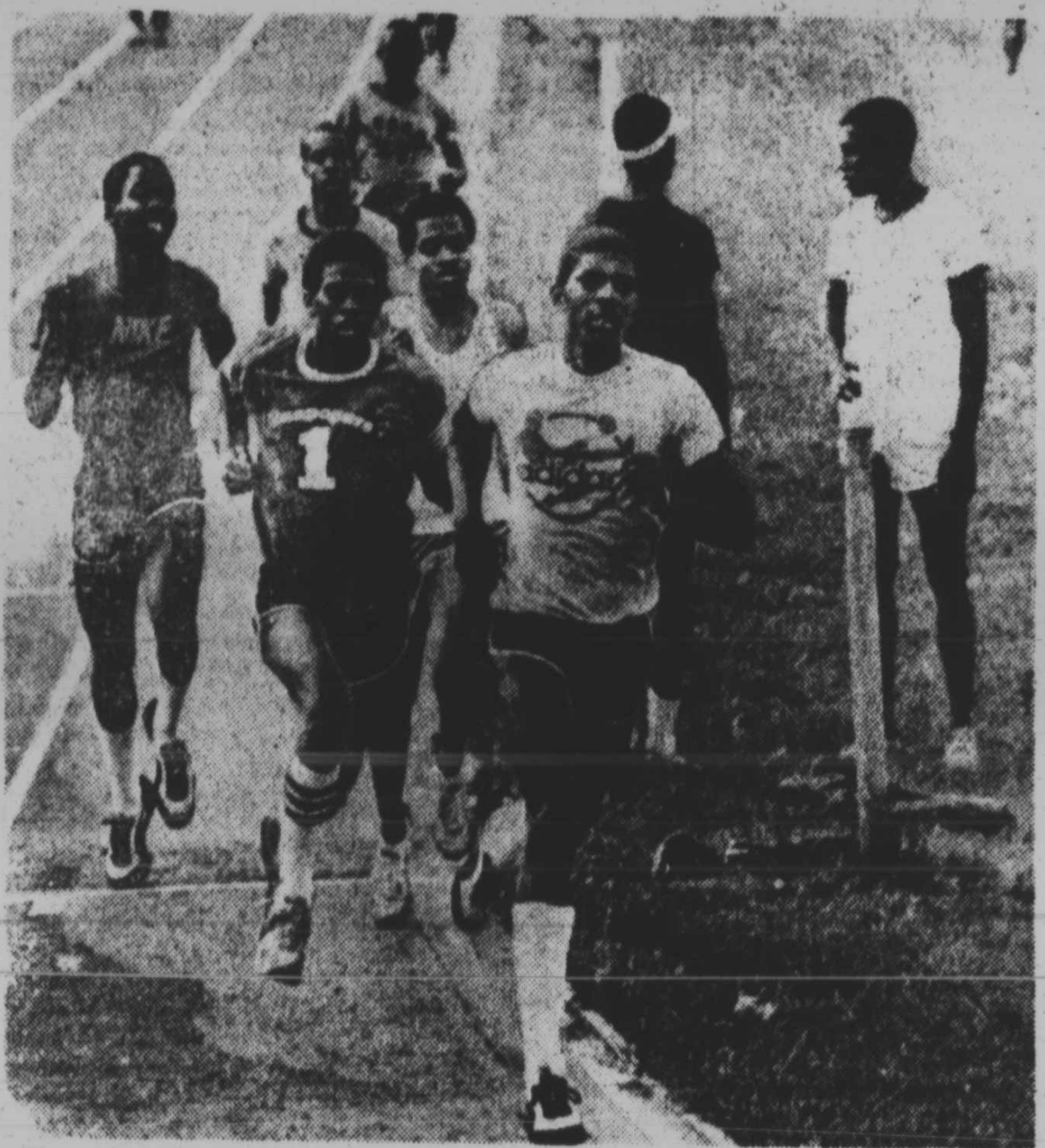
"My book is an illustrated children's book, with drawings by Ronald Xavier Roberson, which is a teaching book. The other book I wrote, City Life: A Perspective from Baltimore, 1968-1978, was published last year," Evans said.

Negotiations also are currently underway vith AFRO Managing Editor Ralph Matthews Jr., for a fiction book and nonfiction work, both will illuminate the black experience in terms of writing and newspaper work for posterity," Evans said.

"The biggest problems to overcome will be financing and marketing. In order for such a business to be successful over the long haul, it must have adequate funding and the company must be able to distrbute its manufactured products," Evans said.

"There is a need for companies as this: it is long overdue, in act," he said. "The principal objectives will be to strengthen the business into a sound and profitable economic base that will provde employment opportunities for those interested in such work; to heighen black people's appreciation for and use of books as a key factor in economic and social advancement; to publish authors who have something to say; to give others — black and white — who would never have the opportunity, to get published; and to make a cultural contribution to this region. The public will be hearing more about this as time goes on and each book is released. Those interested in further information should contact, C.H. Fairfax Company, Inc., P.O. Box 502, Columbia, Md. 21045.

Scholastic Sports Scene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XTRA SPEED DRILLS — Not iting for an invitation from their ech, Northwestern runners luntarily ran extra 300 meter sprints in preparation for the recently-held MSA track championship.

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A SURPRISINGLY STRONG TEAM — The Northern girls had a fine outing at the citywide track meet, placing second behind Western, and showing promise for a good season next year.

Likeable Wildcat coach commands 'peers' respect

Some teams just always seem to be winners.

It does not matter what year it is, or who is playing. When it comes time to tally up the wins and losses, some teams somehow always manage to be near the top.

Baltimore is laiden with scholastic talent, with boys and girls who have the physical abilities and the intelligence required of superlative athletes.

But the well of talent would go untapped were it not for coaches who take raw athletes and make winners of them, blending individual strengths into a greater whole.

Most coaches recognize this as their reason for being. Few are able to excell at it, however.

"I try to have my runners get the most out of themselves, to play to their strengths and to avoid their weaknesses," Jim Ward said of his approach to coaching.

Ward, who also pilots the Wildcat football team, has the credentials of a winning bench boss. For the last five consecutive years, as a group, his runners have outpointed all others in the annual MSA competitions, held at the end of the outdoor track season.

As the coach of the MSA champion Northwestern team, Ward's approach is not markedly different than that of his peers.

But other 'A' conference coaches acknowledge he is very good at what he does.

"I don't know all of the reasons for his success, but he is always the one we are shooting for," Mervo's track coach Freddie Hendricks said of Ward earlier this week.

"Even though we had Mt. St. Joe and Poly in the 'A' conference, (his) has always been the team to beat," Hendricks continued.

When asked to dig a little further to find an explanation for the success of Ward's teams, Hendricks pointed out the Wildcat coach is able to motivate his charges to give the little extra that pushes them ahead of the pack.

In fact, one of Hendricks runners fell victim to just such an effort during the recent MSA championship meet, when Wildcat Fabian Boyd out-leaned Mervo's Paul Brown to take the 200 meter dash by less than a whisker.

Boyd had managed to get the nod in a race many felt was too close to call.

"Most of his kids are the die-hard type. They are always in there scratching," Hendricks said, adding "You can tell when a kid is giving it that extra effort."

Hendricks, who is a proven track instructor himself, pointed out that one needs more than a booming voice and a stopwatch to be a winning coach.

People are sensitive beings, Hendricks noted. Often a student benefits from attention aside from track-related matters.

James Land, a Wildcat who excelled in the MSA competition, said although Ward is demanding, there is a side to him that puts one at ease.

Workouts are hard enough without having personal tensions further tax one's energy, runners say, and Ward's athletes seem to appreciate his approachability.

"Mr Ward is a fun kind of guy," Land said.

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POLY, GIBBONS NINES CHEATED BY WET — The MSA 'A' conference playoff was to be held at Memorial Stadium Tuesday afternoon, but wet grounds denied the contenders a one-day trip to the big leagues.

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Candidate wins lawsuit brought by ex-student

A 26-year-old Laurel, Md. woman, who sued 7th District Congressional candidate Elizabeth C. Gray for alleged backpay of $2,100 and who claimed she was fired from Gray's campaign because she was "a Parren J. Mitchell spy," said she would appeal a District Court decision ruling in Gray's favor.

After a two-hour trial Thursday, District Court Judge Harold Lewis said, "I find for the defendant (Gray)," but the plaintiff Leslie Dorsey, has the right to appeal the decision.

Judge rules for Elizabeth Gray

Dorsey claimed she was fired from Gray's campaign on April 11, Easter Sunday because she was a spy and was never paid money promised to her as a campaign worker.

Gray is challenging Mitchell for the seat he has occupied in the House of Representatives for more than 10 years.

Dorsey said during the trial she worked as Gray's campaign assistant and office manager for about six weeks. She said she was a former student of Gray's, who teaches criminal justice at Coppin State College.

On the witness stand, Gray denied Dorsey was ever a member of her campaign staff and said she, not Dorsey is the office manager. Gray also said no one on her staff, including her attorney, Blaine Gilbert, is paid.

With Gray, were three of her staffers, including her treasurer and campaign manager, who also testified Dorsey never worked for the Gray campaign.

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EAGER FOR WORK but no jobs in sight — Harvey McKnight, Joe Mayo and Mark Hicks, three East Baltimore youths, are eager for a chance to find work. Job prospects among teenaged blacks are grim nationally as well as in Baltimore.

Cuts imperil CCB's future

The Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore is considering a proposal to eliminate 22 college programs and reduce another five programs over the next year.

The reductions being considered by the board were proposed by CCB's president, Dr. Rafael Cortada, in response to the college's budget deficits. Cortada recently resigned as CCB president to assume a similar position in Southern California.

The cuts, if approved, would see 28 of CCB's faculty laid off and eight probationary faculty positions would become nonrenewable.

According to figures supplied by Cortada's administration, an operating deficit for fiscal year 1983 originally was projected at $966,000. The deficity reflected a budget that estimated $8.5 million in costs against $7.9 million in revenues.

If the deficit stands, the figure was reduced further as CCB officials slashed away at operational costs, programs such as commercial art, engineering, legal assistance and medical services, will be eliminated.

As of Aug. 15, 18 of the programs are scheduled to end. Others will be suspended Jan. 1, 1983. Faculty layoffs are staggered for August and January. Ten of those positures are tenured faculty.

CCB now offers more than 100 programs and if the proposed reductions become an actuality about 600 students of the college's 6,000 enrollment will be affected.

What happens when 40,000 teens need jobs?

They say idle hands make the Devil's workshop. If this axiom proves true it could get as hot as hell in Baltimore this summer.

There are about 90,000 city youths in the 14-19 year-old work force, about half of them unemployed and a majority of them black, according to Steve Kaiser, a spokesperson for the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

The Reagan cutbacks in funding for Comprehensive Education and Training Act program and other public sector job sources radically reduces the number of positions which have been open to youths in the city of Baltimore, Kaiser said.

CETA offerings, which have employed teen-agers in planting and maintaining parks, building benches and assisting with recreational programs, have been gutted by budget cuts.

CETA, which offered 17,000 summer positions in 1980, has been slashed by almost 70 percent, and now provides only 5,000 jobs, Kaiser said.

With the economy crushed beneath the worst recession since the Great Depression business apparently is reluctant to pick up the slack. Although the Mayor's office trumpeted an effort to encourage the business community to provide more jobs for city youths, the four-month-old Blue Chip In program has managed to secure but an additional 1,500 six-week, 30 hour, minimum wage jobs, leaving tens of thousands to search for work on their own.

Efforts are being mounted by various churches to hire teenagers for secretarial and custodial work. The Police Department is involved in providing recreational opportunities for youngsters.

But these and similar efforts are on a relatively small scale, and are not expected to seriously impact the problem.

And many teen-agers are beginning to see all efforts as futile ones.

"I've given up for this summer," Melissa Higgs, a 17-year-old City College junior said recently. Higgs, an articulate youngster and the product of a stable, working family, said she has filed applications with several business, but so far has gotten no positive response.

"You get tired of looking," Higgs said, her brow creased by apprehension. "Either there are too many (applicants) or they are already laying people off."

Higgs said she recognizes the value a job has in teaching initiative, responsibility, and other attitudes and skills which make an individual attractive to potential employees.

She said she realizes because so many youngsters are being shut out of the job market, the development of those skills may be chilled in her generation as it has been in previous ones.

Higgs said she is reluctant to turn to volunteerism as a source of such skills, however.

"I need the money," she said.

Jobs are important for a sense of self-esteem, for both adults and youths. Work defines a sense of purpose and money allows for a sense of power and achievement.

Without a job one may be left with a feeling of impotence, and with the temptation to reach for a sense of power and achievement in less positive activities. Like crime or violence.

Some city residents have expressed apprehension over the possibility of urban unrest during the summer months.

"If they don't come up with some jobs for the youth, it'll be a very long, hot summer. The same holds true for adults," one man, who asked not to be identified, said.

By denying the black community both the money and skills summer jobholders would bring back with them, youth unemployment will cost society dearly in the long run.

But the city's youth could ask for an early and costly installment on that debt.

Promoter sentenced

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — High-rolling boxing promoter Harold Rossfields Smith was sentenced to 10 years in prison for embezzling $21 million in the nation's biggest bank embezzlement to become an

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