Scholastic Sports Scene

Replay dumps 'cats

After appearing to have won the MSA 'B' conference tennis title, Northwestern High ended a fine season on a discordant note last Thursday, May 27, when they lost a championship rematch to Lutheran.

The rematch was held because an irregularity in the seeding lineup submitted by the Wildcats' coach Crawford Dennard caused the match to be played between unevenly seeded players, giving Northwestern an advantage.

In effect, a weaker player was placed higher in the seedings, matching him against a stronger Lutheran player This pushed the remaiNorthwestern players down in the seedings , allowing them easier matches.

"I was totally oblivious to the fact that I could not move them around," Dennard said Wednesday afternoon. "It is totally my mistake."

Coaching in his second year, Dennard attributed his error to lack of experience.

Despite the discordant ending, the Wildcats have put together fine seasons two years in a row. They finished with an 8-0 season's record this year, and are 15-1 in the last two regular seasons.

Dennard had glowing praise for the all-senior Wildcat team of Alvin Stevenson, Byron Gordon, Lorenzo Bellamy, Steward Adams, Joseph Mance and Clifford Blackstone.

"I think my kids played superbly this year," the coach said.

Dennard added that he felt badly about the mix up, acknowledging it is hard for a team to have to prepare mentally for a victory it thought it had already won.

Gibbons, Patterson sweep A, B titles

The Orioles stole a little of the icing off Cardinal Gibbons' cake last week. Citing wet grounds, the Birds refused to allow a scheduled MSA Gibbons-Poly playoff game to be played in Memorial Stadium, costing the high school athletes a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

But the Crusaders did not let the Orioles' reluctance rain on their parade. They posted a convincing 7-3 win over the Engineers to sweep the 'A' conference playoff series, gaining the game's final out only moments before a thunderstorm scattered spectators from the field.

"When we heard (of the cancellation) all of the guys kind of said 'augggh!'. It was a letdown. But we were shooting for the first Gibbons championship," center fielder Vaughn Paylor said, basking in the afterglow of victory. "You can't get more psyched than that."

In 'B' conference action, Patterson trounced Carver 12-0 to sweep the best-of-three playoff. The Clippers finished the season with a 19-1-1 record.

The Crusaders took their series by doing nothing more than playing good, sound hardball.

They put their own men on base while consistently sending their opponents back to the dugout talking to themself.

They collected timely hits to move runners along while forcing their opponents to reach for pitches that weren't there.

They made clean fielding plays to kill rallies while their opponents booted a few to allow a big inning to continue.

And when the dust cleared they had managed to accomplish the brilliantly simple objective that makes baseball the game it is; they scored more runs than the other guys.

They also removed the albatross which has hung from their necks in recent years. After fielding good teams season after season, the Crusaders finally managed to nail down an MSA 'A' title after coming up short in previous tries.

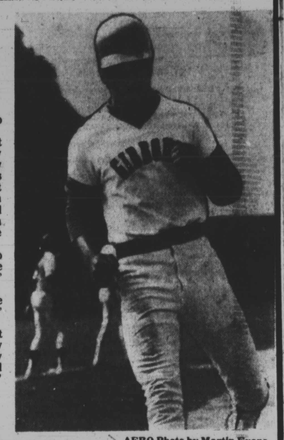
The Engineers acknowledged they would have preferred to have earned a 'W' rather than an 'L', but they really have no reason to hang their head.

"I'm disappointed that we lost, but I'm happy that we got here. They are a great team. It was fun to play against them," Willie Fields, a Poly left fielder said after the game, as storm clouds mounted in the southwestern sky.

"I can't be too disappointed because we played pretty good," Fields continued.

Poly coach Charlie Sullivan added to Fields' positive outlook.

"I was pleased by what I got out of the kids. They gave it everything they had. And no one expected us to be where we were," Sullivan said.



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GETTING THE BALL ROLLING — Leadoff Vaughn Paylor scored the Crusader's first run, advancing on a sacrifice fly.



Black writer Langston Hughes was the most prolific writer of the literary movement called the Harlem Renaissance.

AFRO vacation winners sip champagne at Soul Shack

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers hosted a champagne sip for the winners of its "Vacation You'll Never Forget" contest at the Soul Shack Restaurant in Lexington Market Friday, May 28.

Winners of the contest are Mrs. Edrena Harrison, of Washington, D.C. She won the first place trip to sunny Freeport, Bahamas. Second trip winner is Ms. Betty L. Oglesby, of Northwest Baltimore, who won a trip to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Third trip winner in the "Vacation You'll Never Forget" contest is another Northwest Baltimore resident, Gregory A. Baldwin. His trip will take him to Niagara Falls, Canada.

During the champagne sip, the AFRO also entertained the winners of its employee contest, which ran concurrently with the reader "Vaction You'll Never Forget" contest.

The AFRO employee contest was based on the highest number of subscriptions the employees brought in.

Winners of that contest are Jerome Guest, of the Baltimore AFRO office. He was the winner of a trip to the Bahamas. Mrs. Gertrude Steel, also of the Baltimore office, was second trip winner and she will be going to Walt Disney World The third trip winner hailed from the AFRO's Washington office. Mrs. Lorraine Simms will be travelling to Niagara Falls.

Family members and friends of the winners, along with officers of the AFRO and its circulation staff also were present during the celebration. Champagne flowed and the feast provided by the restaurant's staff was something to talk about.

The winners were greeted by John H. Murphy III, AFRO Chairman of the board; John J. "Jake" Oliver Jr., vice chairman; Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, secretary and George C. Lottier, treasurer.

Arthur Murray, the AFRO's circulation director, presented each guest with a travel diary on behalf of the company. Mrs. Grace Singletary, operations manager and Mrs. Roslyn Fordbey, Home Delivery manager, also made presentations of the corsages and boutonnieres to the winners.

Travel kits were given to each winner by Mrs. Arnetta M. Lottier, circulation promotion manager.

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THE GUESTS are guests of the Soul Shack. From (left to right) is Jerome Guest, who won a trip to the Bahamas as winner of the AFRO employee vacation contest. Seated next to him is his wife Paula Guest. Beside her is sister-in-law and brother, Darnetta and George Guest. Across the table from George Guest are his sisters, Diane Guest and Debbie Bonds. Seated next to Ms. Bonds are her, Jerome and George's parents, Benjamin and Lillian Guest.



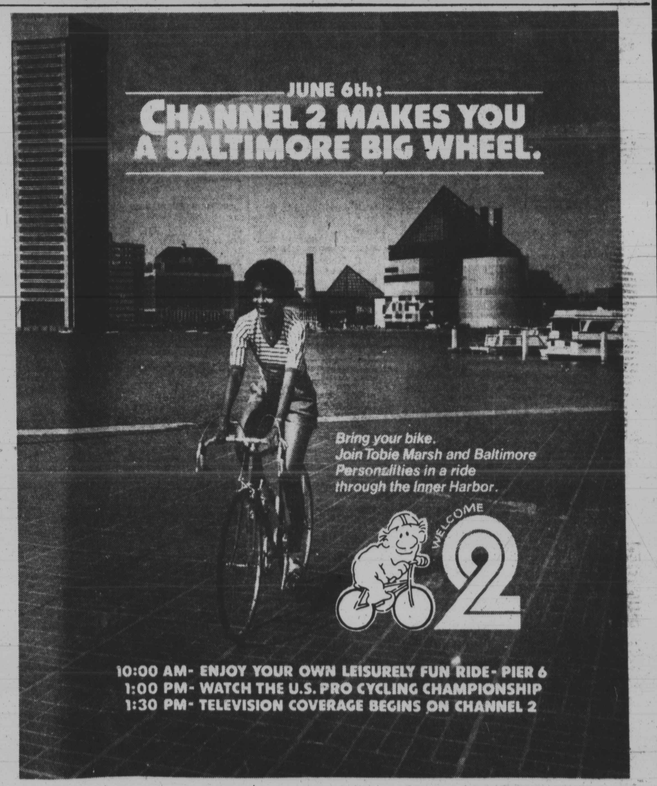
AFRO DC employee, Ms. Lorraine Simms, pins a flower on her friend, Marcellus Wilkerson, at the champagne sip. Ms. Simms also was a trip winner in the AFRO's employee vacation contest.



AFRO EMPLOYEE HONORED — Mrs. Gertrude Steele of the Baltimore AFRO office and her family obviously are having a great time at the Soul Shack's champagne sip in the contest winners honor. Pictured in a toast are Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Mrs. Steele, her husband, Alvin Steele; Richard Simmons and Mrs. Steele's daughter, Mrs. Elaine M. Davis.



SMILES OF ANTICIPATION — Smiling broadly into the AFRO camera is contest trip winner Ms. Betty Oglesby and her family as they attend the champagne sip hosted at the Soul Shack Restaurant last Friday. From (left to right) are Joanne Callaman, Brandon Jones, Melvin Callaman, Ms. Oglesby, Eugene Oglesby and Lilly Oglesby.





SATCHEL PAIGE

Satchel Paige dies at ???

KANSAS CITY, MO (UPI) — Leroy "Satchel" Paige, a legendary Negro League pitcher and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame died Tuesday at his home following a long illness.

Paige, who age is listed in baseball record books as 75 but was open to dispute, had suffered from heart trouble and emphysema.

Many baseball historians insist that Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige was the greatest pitcher who ever lived, but there are few records available to support that claim.

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Accused dope lord 'Peanut' denied bail

1,000 school workers fired, more layoffs due

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

The axe which has hung above the heads of city school personnel as a result of expected layoffs finally fell last week, and more than a thousand were notified they are no longer wanted by the school system.

But teachers learned Monday the axe may fall again, as the Board of Estimates revealed a budget which allots $3.3 million less than the reduced appropriation level suggested by the Department of Finance.

Because of the additional $3.3 million cut the school system may be forced to release even more personnel.

Gerald Abrams, assistant superintendent for fiscal management, said an analysis of the fiscal 1983 budget proposal indicated it is too early to tell if the larger cut would necessitate further staff reductions.

But city budget chief George Piendack estimated as many as 160 more could be dismissed and 807 positions eliminated.

Rather than accepting their situation complacently, teachers and school personnel reacted vigorously to the proposed layoffs. About 700 assembled in front of City Hall Monday evening to protest the dismissals.

But many others appear to have been shell-shocked by the layoffs and by the threat of further reductions which hangs over the head of city school employees.

"(The cuts) will have a disasterous effect on teacher moral," Irene Dandridge, president of the teachers union, said Wednesday.

"You can walk into any classroom and find a teacher who is worried...that...she will lose her job," Dandridge said.

Teachers who manned a snaking picket line in front of City Hall Monday expressed similar concerns, and the opinion that the quaity of education would suffer seemed unanimous.

"I came because I think the cuts are excessive," said Janis Cromwell, an art teacher at Northwestern High School: "The city has misplaced its priorities."

Cromwell said although she was not laid off in the first round of dismissals, she still does not feel secure.

"It makes all of us feel insecure, especially those of us in art, music and physical education," Cromwell said, ad-

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2 sisters top scholars at formerly all-male City



THEY'RE TOPS! Adetayo and Abimbolai Abimbola Sodipo, sisters and members of the first City College High co-ed class in its 143 year history, also make their mark in the annals of time by finishing 1-2 in the senior class.

It did not take long for the decision including women into the program at City College High School to begin bearing fruit.

A pair of sisters distinguished the first co-ed graduating class in City's 143-year history by riding impressive academic credentials to its top rank.

Adentayo and Abimbola Sodipo graduated as City's number one and number two students, and will continue their studies, assisted by a battery of scholarships and grants, at the University of Detroit and at Hofstra University, respectively.

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Dawn West, 23, held on $1 million bond

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore's alleged largest drug dealer, who owned and operated two supermarkets in East Baltimore where heroin was allegedly sold at some points according to police, was denied bail June 10 by Judge James Perrott.

Maurice Davis "Peanut" King, 28, of the 5800 block Clover Rd., appeared before Judge Perrott with his attorney, Howard Cardin for a bail review.

King, was indicted along with 10 other people, June 4 on various narcotics violations.

Police said King's operations were responsible for the majority of the heroin traffic in East Baltimore.

The two-year-old heroin operation had an annual gross income of $75 million, according to police and Assistant State's Attorney Mark S. Cohen.

Judge Perrott set a $1 million bail for Ms. Dawn West, 23, of the 4900 block of Greencrest Rd., who was on bail when she was arrested last week for narcotics violations.

Ms. West was on bail for possession of valium. A pre-trial release investigator told the court during the first four months she was on probation, she did not report to her probation officers.

She was arrested March 2, 1982 and charged with distribution of valium and arrested April 2, 1982 and charged with distribution of heroin. The pre-trial release investigator recommended that bail be set at $1 million.

Assistant State's Attorney Mark S. Cohen told the court police found 73 bags of heroin and $800 cash in Ms. West apartment.

Cohen said, "She has been given ample opportunity and probation to straighten herself out," and that bail should be $1 million.

Police are continuing their investigation and said at least 50 people were working in the operation. The youngest working for the $75 million drug ring were between 11 and 15-years-old and were allegedly paid $500 a week to deliver drugs on mopeds.

According to investigators King's organization was "extensive and was organized with a great deal of sophistication." The 20 juveniles who were given mopeds, have not been arrested and will appear in juvenile court for trial.

King was on probation and was waiting trial for distribution of marijuana and handgun violation. The pre-trial release investigator told Judge Perrott he recommended no bail be set for King.

When Michael Krinskiu was called to testify as King's probation officer, he testified King has been reporting regularly and when ever he checked on him, he was at his place of business.

The assistant state's attorney asked the probation officer, "Did you know that King had left the state while on probation for California?" Krinskiu answered, "no."

No trial date has been set for King. His mother and girlfriend were seated on the front bench directly behind King, who smiled at his girlfriend as he was lead out of the courtroom by officers.

State's Attorney William A. Swisher attended the bail hearing along with his deputy State's attorney Mary Ann Willin and several other prosecutors.

When the AFRO asked Swisher why he decided to attend King's bail hearing he said, "I am anxious to see what happens. It is my responsibility to supervise and see what's going on."

Thomas Calvin Ricks, one of the 10 people named in the indictment charging him with narcotics violations, also was denied bail Thursday morning.

Ricks currently is being held at City Jail without bail for an August 1981 murder charge. Judge Perrott also denied him bail on the narcotics charges.

Patriscya Duncan bows out of election calls for black political unity

Citing community harmony and to increase the chances of a black capturing the clerkship of the newly consolidated six courts of the Supreme Bench, announced candidate for that post, Patriscya E. Duncan, has withdrawn from the race.

Duncan, 35, former chief deputy of the Court of Common Pleas, announced her candidacy for Clerk of the Circuit Court April 1.

That announcement pitted her against Sandra Banks, also a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court; and Duncan's former boss.

At a Friday, June 11, press conference at Douglass Memorial Community Church, Duncan said she is withdrawing from the race because with her and Banks running "it was much less chance for either of us to win."

"My decision is based on the need for unity in our community and among all of our candidates. We need this spirit of the community as we struggle for political parity in proportion to our numbers at the citywide level," Duncan said.

Although she has given up her bid for Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duncan apparently has not given

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Patriscya E. Duncan

Rep. Mitchell, Jesse Jackson to keynote publishers' conference

Among agenda priorities of the National Newspaper Publishers Association during its annual summer convention here June 16-19 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel will be ways of better serving the special needs of its more than 25 million constituents in large and small communities across the nation.

On the eve of the convention NNPA president John Procope, president of the Amsterdam News of New York, announced a schedule of workshops and seminars that emphasized editorial, production, financial management, marketing and advertising.

The publishers and their guests will hear civil rights, political and religious leaders in addition to the media experts.

Maryland and Baltimore City officials will be among the dignitaries welcoming the publishers and their guests to the Monumental City, which is fast trading in its old white-steps fame for a big-city image, largely because of its showcase downtown Inner Harbor renewal area.

The convention theme, "Renaissance of the Black Press," is a pertinent message from the Black Press of America which examines the challenges posed by changing economic and political climates and a fast expanding broadcasting industry.

John H. Murphy, III, chairman of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, and Ms. Catherine Pugh, publisher of the African-American News and World Report, representing the host papers, said this week that everything is in place for a successful and exciting convention in Baltimore.

One of the convention's special events will be the Thursday night (June 17) dinner with the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers kick-off of its 90th anniversary observance.

For that event the speakers will be Baltimore's well-known Mitchell brothers, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., and veteran civil rights leader and journalist, Clarence Mitchell Jr.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of PUSH, the dynamic civil rights personality from Chicago who recently has focused on economic matters and the issue of Haitian refugees, is the Friday (June 18) luncheon speaker.

Friday night's highlight activity will be the merit awards dinner at which time approximately $20,000 in cash and awards are made to 57 newspaper staff members, covering first, second and third prizes in 19 categories.

Among the interesting activities planned for spouses are visits to ethnic areas of Baltimore, the McCormick Co., world's largest maker of spices; the new National Aquarium in Baltimore's Harbor Place and a Champagne Surprise.

Steve Davis, NNPA executive director, who represents the association's more than 100 newspapers, three of them dailies, has worked closely with the host publications in making convention plans.

ELECTED!



ELECTED — Dr. George A. Crawley Jr., pastor of Baltimore's St. Paul Baptist Church, was named Thursday to head the 5,000-member interdenominational Hampton Ministers Conference. The largest black religious organization in the world, the group has met each year for more than 50 years at Hampton Institute, VA. (Full story next week.)