—$100,000 state scholarship

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students enrolled in the State's graduate and professional schools and, in turn, to increase the number of blacks teaching at the State's graduate and professional schools.

While, in 1975, blacks constituted 10.2 percent of full-time graduate and professional school enrollment at the State's public universities, by the fall of 1980 the percentage of black graduate and professional school students had dropped to 8.9 percent.

The $100,000 program, funded by the State, will provide fellowship grants not to exceed $15,000 to black doctoral candidates in the biological or physical sciences, mathematics, computer information science, architecture, engineering, or in a scientific or technical program in which blacks are underrepresented.

The grants will be for one academic year with the possibility of renewal for an additional academic year or a portion thereof. Fellowship recipients will be selected by a panel of persons appointed by the State Board for Higher Education.

To be eligible, a prospective fellow should be either on sabbatical leave from a teaching position at a public college or university in Maryland in order to pursue a doctorate degree, or plan to embark upon a college or university teaching career in Maryland following the receipt of the doctorate.

Operating Guidelines

1. Students to be considered for a Fellowship must meet Maryland residency requirements.

2. Applications for a Fellowship must be submitted to the State Board for Higher Education, on forms to be provided, by Jan. 30. Prospective Fellows will receive a letter of recommendation from the Selection Committee by March 15. Final notification of the Selection Committee's decision will be given not later than April 15 for award to begin July 1.

3. Fellowships may be used to pursue graduate education at any fully accredited graduate institution in the United States.

4. Each Fellowship recipient must be studying full-time.

5. Each Fellowship recipient must sign a statement of intent to return to his-her former teaching position or to assume a teaching position on a Maryland institution or a minimum of one year on a full-time basis.

—Schmoke's 'get tough on dope'

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leadership, have extensive outside law practices even though they are paid full time salaries."

Schmoke, who is a graduate of Baltimore City College, and currently an associate with the Baltimore City law firm of Piper and Marbury, concluded his statement by observing that "We cannot win the war against crime unless we begin a major battle against the major manufacturers and distributors of illegal drugs. The time for such an effort is long overdue."

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agency [...] department [...] project.

Arnold J[...] of the contractors [...], said his group had made contact with several city officials involved in the $11 million project, but his group was unable to have its concerns addressed.

"We were not able to get any kind of cooperation. The city officials who are supposed to be there to serve the people have been totally uncooperative," Jolivet said.

Jolivet said the officials had conspired to ignore city procedures for including minority contractors, and had actually sought and gained waivers of city Minority Business Enterprise provisions.

The alleged exclusion of minorities from the construction project by the city resulted in an all-white contractor coup, and continues a pattern the black community can ill afford, Jolivet said.

"This (the lawsuit) is [...] time [...] such a suit, this is the time. Because this is deliberate discrimination," Jolivet said.

Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-7th), in whose Bloomington Rd. offices the suit was announced Thursday, said he supports the legal action.

"Of course I'm fully in support of the suit although I am not one of the complainants," Mitchell said.

"I take the position that when we find ourselves in a bad situation such as the one we find ourselves in we use all of the tools of the game. We do battle in the courts and we battle in the halls of the legislature," Mitchell said.

Charged in the suit are Charles L. Benton, the city's finance director; Frank Baker Jr., the city's treasury manager; Arthur McHugh, a consultant to Benton and Baker; the Market Center Development Corp. and C. William Pacy, its president; M. Jay Brodie, commissioner of the city's Housing and Community Development department; and Malcolm Balridge, Secretary of the U.S. Commerce department.

C. William Pacy, whose agency oversees the expansion project, refused to respond to the lawsuit's filing.

"After seeing this morning's paper, I have no comment, absolutely no comment at all," Pacy said.

In addition to the $7 million in compensatory and punitive damages, the suit seeks to enjoin all Commerce department spending until the alleged discrimination is corrected.

—State Sen. Murphy

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"I intend to continue in my chosen profession of education, to be available for public service commitments as needed by the mayor and the governor, and perhaps remain a member of the Democratic State Central Committee in order to work for the political party which meant so much to my late husband Howard and which means so much to me today.

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Saving Mt. Auburn

By Denise Tann
AFRO Staff Writer

William A. Green, president of the Westport Cemetery Corporation, who leased the Mt. Auburn Cemetery from Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church for a 30-year period, is renovating the historic gravesite.

Green formed the corporation specifically to lease the 110-year old cemetery from the church.

"The cemetery had fallen, over the years, into a state of disrepair. It had gotten a bad reputation. I thought I could do something to help the church and the cemetery," Green told the AFRO.

The 30-year old businessman has been working with gravesites since the age of 14, beginning with a private burial ground owned by his family.

At present, Green is owner and operator of three other cemeteries; Blackston, Bonheur and Green Meadows, the latter two are burial grounds for pets.

"I saw it as a challenge," Green said referring to his reasons for undertaking the project which he said will cost thousands of dollars to complete.

Already, Green has spent some $30,000 on the project out of his own pocket but said he is looking to secure state grants and have the cemetery declared as a historical site.

"There's a lot of history there. There are quite a few prominent black folks there. It has close to 80 to 85 percent of the black burials in Baltimore City," Green said citing Joe Gans, a famous boxer as one well-known resident buried there.

Since the May 10 leasing, Mt. Auburn renovations include cutting and regrading the grounds, and reseeding, Green said speaking of the first phase of the restoration process.

The project, a two-year venture, is expected to cost approximately $300,000 and should be 95 percent completed within two years, he said.

Founded in 1872, the South Baltimore cemetery was one of the first commercial black gravesites in the city. Its founding was in a time when blacks were only buried in church yards or family plots.

One of the biggest problems with the project, Green said, is the fallen image of the cemetery which suffers from neglect and disrespect from community residents. "The community needs to start respecting the cemetery (again). It's not a flam-bam hole someplace in a field," Green said referring to recent acts of vandalism to equipment, littering and disruptions in burial services.

"It will be a viable institution in the area," he said expressing his desire to regain the respect the cemetery once enjoyed during its long history.

An added attraction to the gravesite will be the restoration of a 1872 building for a musuem so "visitors can get an idea of its history," he said.

The museum, a storehouse for historical records and photographs of persons buried there, will be part of the last stages in the renovation process.

Other features include the construction of three crosses visible from the roadway representing the three crosses of Calvary.

Mt. Auburn is the second cemetery founded by Sharp Street Church. Green said church members have been giving him "100 percent" support. He also has received donations from "a lot of people."

"I'm very pleased with the project. It's moving fairly smoothly," Green said encouraging city residents to visit the gravesite and take an interest in the restoration process.

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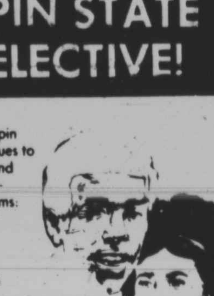

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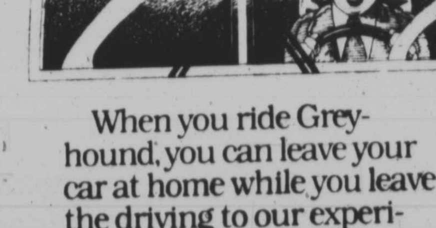

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Homeowners borrow $727,000 for energy conservation

Maryland homeowners have borrowed more than $700,000 for energy conservation improvements in the first five months of a state loan program, a spokesman said July 7.

The Energy Conservation Program, run by the Community Development Administration and Baltimore Gas and Electric, has loaned $727,000 applicants, spokesman Dave Malinak said.

He said the agency is "routinely approving" an additional $193,000 in loans. The program makes loans at 13 percent to any homeowner to buy and install solar energy devices and materials used to conserve energy.

"The progress is a success and we learned what is possible with the involvement of public utilities in a public private sector partnership," Community Development Administration Trudy McFall said.

Malinak said Loans are made for caulking, weatherstripping, insulating and buying thermal doors and windows, clocks thermostats and solar heating equipment.

Residents can borrow up to $5,000 at 13 percent for eight years. Malinak said the average loan has been about $3,000.

The Gas and Electric company provides information and application packages to its customers.

The Maryland legislature passed a bill in 1981 creating the program. Community development administration officials hope to expand the program next year by selling revenue bonds.

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Keith A. Dorsey seeks Democratic committee seat

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Keith A. Dorsey, a political activist and community leader from the Liberty Road area of Baltimore County, if elected, may become the first of his race to hold office in the county.

Dorsey, who announced his candidacy for the Maryland Democratic State Central Committee, May 1, is vying for one of the five seats on the central committee.

Dorsey said to his knowledge he is the only black contender for the Democratic seat.

Presently, 17 persons have filed for five seats. The deadline for filing ended earlier this week.

The 27-year old candidate who is seeking a seat from the 11th legislative district said his campaign is going well.

This is his second bid. Dorsey ran in 1978, unsuccessfully, for a committee seat. But, he said, his chances for election have increased since 1978.

Citing greater recognition in both the black and white communities, an increase in the black population in the district he is running in and better organization of campaign activities, Dorsey said he expects enough support to win.

"The greatest challenge of my campaign is making the electorate aware of the central committee position. Inactive past representatives are at fault," he said citing one of his reasons for running.

"What is needed are central committee members who will aggressively support the Democratic Party through voter education, registration activities and constituent services," he said.

Expecting a large voter turnout, Dorsey said he has received, unofficially, the support of community associations and organizations.

Dorsey, who serves on the board of directors of the Liberty Road Community Council, an umbrella group for 40 neighborhood associations and the Woodmoor Estates Community Association, was recently appointed to the Democratic Party's Operation Fair Share Committee.

The native Baltimorean and 10-year resident of Baltimore County was a graduate of Northwestern High School and received an Economics degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

He pursued graduate studies at Morgan State University in finance.

Dorsey is currently employed as the vice president of the Center for Urban Environmental Studies in Washington, D.C.

An active community member, Dorsey also is a member of the Baltimore County branch of the NAACP and serves as a trustee and an usher at Wayland Baptist Church.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

PARK HEIGHTS 7 ELEVEN — Morris Illes, president of the Park Heights Development Corporation recently presented Southland Corporation with an award for their contribution to the economic development in Park Heights. Illes specifically noted Southland s dedication to the revitalization of abandoned gas stations and vacant buildings, transforming the eyesore into a 7-Eleven, which in turn, generates and attracts additional businesses and improvements in the area. Shown from left are Thornton McIver, field representative for 7-Eleven, Morris Illes, Henry Brown, real estate manager for 7-Eleven and Thomas Langston, field representative.

'Peanut' King pleads not guilty

The suspected leader of a $75 million a year drug ring who pleaded innocent to narcotic possession and distribution charges has been ordered held without bond.

Criminal Court Judge Edgar Silver refused Maurice "Peanut" King's request for bail after his lawyer's entered a plea of innocent to the drug charges. Judge Silver ordered King held in City Jail.

King and 10 others were indicted June 4. The heroin ring, which police called the larges in the city, allegedly used two East Baltimore supermarkets as distribution points and paid teenagers up to $500 a week to deliver drugs on mopeds.

Two suspects in the ring were arrested Father's Day when they left a movie theater. An off duty police officer who also was watching the movie spotted the suspects inside the theater.

Judge Silver set King's trial date for Sept. 21.

Protesters await Reagan's visit

A demonstration has been called to protest the speaking of President Ronald Reagan at the convention of the National Association of Counties. This demonstjation will take place on Tuesday, July 13, starting at 10:00 am and will be held at the Baltimore City Convention Center, located 1 West Pratt Street, in downtown Baltimore City. The call for this protest was initiated by the All-People Congress and has been cosponsored by many community organizations and individuals.

According to a statement released by the All-Peoples Congress, " while Reagan will be telling about how is he going to further cut needed social programs under the guise of the "New Federalism", we will be on the outside demanding jobs, jobs, and more jobs! We will be saying NO To Reagan policies of Racism. We will be demanding a stop to the support of Israel's invasion of Lebanon."

Sunday, July 11, there will be a membership meeting for likely participants. The meeting will take place at 433 East 25th Street at 7:30 pm.

Medicaid cuts death rates

Medicaid has been instrumental in cutting the death rate, improving health care, and has been unfairly targeted for federal budget cuts, three private foundation executives have charged.

The $65 billion program pays medical costs for one in five Americans, costs no more than private insurance coverage and is primarily used by people otherwise unable to afford proper medical care, they said in a medical journal article.

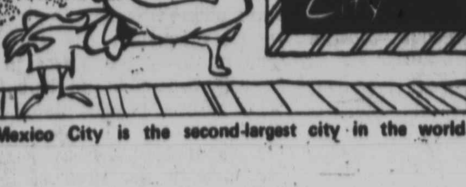
Between 1968 and 1980, the authors note a sharp drop in deaths directly affected by proper health care: 53 percent fewer deaths from influenza and pneumonia, 72 percent decrease in childbirth related deaths, and a 52 percent drop in tuberculosis deaths.

Age adjusted death rates also decreased — by 20 percent overall.

Simultaneously, the number of people applying for Medicaid nearly doubled — up from 11.5 million to 21.5 million.

The authors suggest the Reagan Administration which wants to cut the cost of Medicaid from 23 percent of the national budget down to 19 percent in the next two years, should make cuts where they will do the least damage, instead of using the "ax" technique.

The article which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine was written by Dr. David E. Rogers, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Robert J. Blendon, Johnson's senior vice president; and Thomas W. Moloney, senior vice president of the Commonwealth Fund of New York City.



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