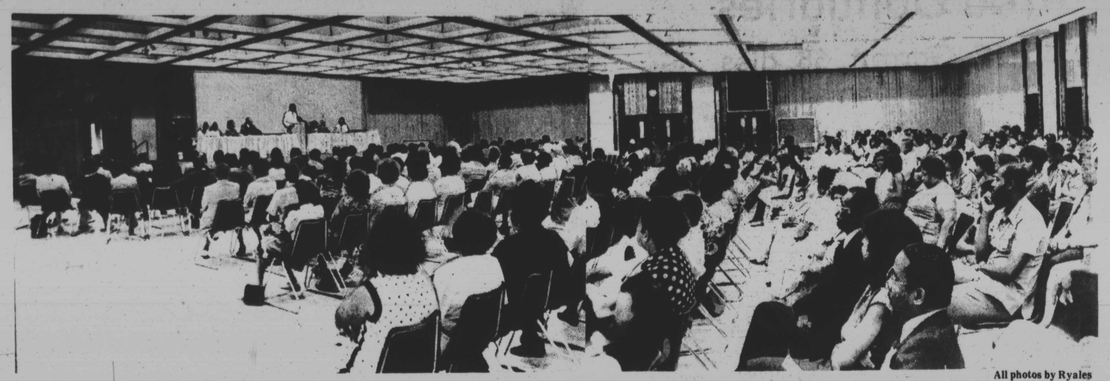
Progressive Baptist confab switched from Princeton U to Morgan University



FROM 14 STATES AND 500 CHURCHES, the Progressive Baptists gathered at Morgan State University campus for the Fourth Annual Workshop of the Eastern Region. The group of over 1,000 delegates will return to MSU from June 29 to July 3, 1983 for the Fifth Annual meeting.

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1,000 delegates convene here for black educational experience

The Progressive Baptist Convention came out of the National Baptist Convention 21 years ago to more effectively relate the church to social issues.

For the past three years the Christian Education Eastern Region Division has met on the Princeton University campus. However, this year the seminars were switched to Morgan State University "to better meet the black experience."

Training sessions are set up to meet the total educational needs of the church.

The Eastern Region has over 1,000 delegates from 14 states and 500 churches from Maine to Virginia to Ohio. Delegates meeting for a week are of all ages and on all levels of church work.

Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn and his Grace Memorial Baptist congregation, the hosts, opened the convention with a musical at the church. All other meetings, meals and lodging were on MSU campus. Some delegates stayed at a nearby inn or in homes.

The 21st national session is slated for Aug. 2 in Cleveland's Convention Center. The National Progressive Baptists have 1½ million members from every state.

Eastern Region officials are Dr. Benny Smith, president, Buffalo; Dr. Raymond Robinson, DC, president elect; Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn, Baltimore, director; Dr. James T. Reeder, Brooklyn, assistant; Mrs. Delores Pierce, DC, dean; Mrs. Mattie James, Baltimore, assistant; Mrs. Susie Moody, DC, registrar; Mrs. Barbara Barnes, Fairfax, VA., secretary; Corragan Vaughn, Baltimore, Youth president.

WELCOMING PROGRAM held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church in East Baltimore featured a musical by various Baltimore choirs and outstanding soloists and heard greetings from (L TO R) John J. Oliver Jr., AFRO vice chairman; Mrs. Mattie James, assistant dean, Dr. A.C. D. Vaughn, host pastor; Mrs. Delores S. Pierce, dean; Del. Troy Brailey, senior member of the General Assembly who is a candidate for the Maryland Senate and Rev. Walter Thomas, New Psalmist pastor.

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH COMMITTEE with Corregan Vaughn, president, includes (L to R) Lisa Lyons, Mr. Vaughn, Eleasa DuBois, Barbara Little.

EASTERN REGION OFFICERS — Dr. B. W. Smith, president; Dr. Ivory Jefferson, first vice - president; Dr. Pauline Reeder, National dean; Dr. A.C.D. VAUGH, director, Dr. James T. Reeder, assistant director; Mrs. Mattie James, assistant dean; Dr. Lorenzo Sheppard, second vice; Mrs. Susie Moody, registrar; Mrs. Barbara Barnes, secretary; Rev. Wesley Wiley, treasurer; Mrs. Delores Pierce, dean; Dr. Charles Green, national director.

ALL RYALES PHOTOS

Authorities say AFRAM '82 could see nearly one million present this weekend

Wayne Queen, AFRAM director says this one will be best in all USA

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

AFRAM now ranks as the No. 1 ethnic festival from the stand point of super attractions, food and entertainment. That's not counting what Director Wayne Queen wagers, "that we will have close to one million persons attending for the three days, July 16-17-18."

Mr. Queen has designed AFRAM City at Rash Field in the inner harbor with hundreds of gala booths on the promenade and the food and beverage booths under beauteous tents in the center of Rash Field.

He has been on the scene seeing to each detail every day of the past week and along with his crew of experts has put together a village such as none other in the United States.

The AFRAM committee, each member special in his field, has come forth with colorful ideas. By Thursday, the eve of the grand opening, the location had blossomed into an unbeliveable city to accommodate at least 250,000 each day, going and coming.

As they say, Queen's AFRAM City is actually the result of proud persons checking every detail, walking the vast field hundreds of times in the broiling sun, "getting ready for Baltimore's and the USA's Best Ethnic Festival."

Everything is visually pleasing, culturally correct and composed of the finest that can be obtained in the nation.

The group which has worked together night and day by phone and on the site at Rash Field under Mr. Queen includes Doris Taylor, Rennie Myles, the Urban Services Agency, and the AFRAM Steering Committee.

Steering Committee members are: Donna Bolyard, Joann Cotton, Daniel Giles, Rocky Armstrong, Arthur Bugg, Norman Ross - chairperson; Ivey Gilliam, Dorothy Miller, Bonnie Butler, Alma T. Bell, Cleveland Brister, Ernest Donaldson and Clayton Tucker.

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NEARLY ONE MILLION TOTAL persons for three days enjoyed the 1981 AFRAM Authorities expect the 1982 total to exceed the 1980 and 1981 mark.

Owner Quinichett and Singing Susan

Top 2-year-old eyes Saturday Laurel stake

Robert Quinichett's (pronounced Ki-knee-che) Singing Susan, the pro-tem leader in the 2-year-old filly division, drilled five furlongs in a minute flat before galloping out six furlongs in 1:14 early today at Laurel.

The Maryland-bred daughter of Rollicking is expected to be the heaviest favorite of the summer meeting at Laurel when she takes on a small field in next Saturday's $25,000-added Toddler Stakes, the final stakes race of the meeting.

Singing Susan's backing will be off a record-setting four and one-half furlong maiden victory at Aqueduct followed by consecutive stakes triumphs in Woodbine's My Dear Stakes and Belmont's Fashion Stakes.

Her three victories have been spaced a month apart.

Quinichett, a Silver Spring resident, who is involved in programming computers, paid $20,000 for Singing Susan against the advice of trainer Bernie Bond, but happily, for both owner and trainer she has earned $79,470.

"We've had several offers for her, in fact one man came by early today after she worked," Quinichett revealed this morning while posing for pictures with the attractive bay filly.

Quinichett did not say whether he was considering any offers for Singing Susan at this time. He will miss the Toddler at Laurel as he will be taking in the Keeneland yearling sales next week.

Interstate gridders set August opening

The Interstate Football League will open its 1982 season Aug. 14.

This year the league, one of the oldest semi - pro leagues in the country, will operate with six teams — the Chambersburg Cardinals, the Carroll County Chargers, the Frederick Falcons, the Baltimore Rams, the Metro (DC) Bucs and the Montgomery County Cardinals.

There will be only one division with teams playing each other twice. Two of last year's teams, the Virginia Chargers and the Baltimore War - Eagles, have dropped out.

The Chambersburg Cardinals are the defending IFL champions and have dominated the league the past five years. They have been ranked among the best semi - pro teams in the country.

The Cardinals were unbeaten in 1981, with a 10 - 0 record while capturing the Northern Division title, then downing DC Metro in the playoff.

Frederick finished second, Carroll County third and the Eagles fourth in the North last year.

In the South (division) Metro was followed by the Rams, Virginia and Montgomery County in that order.

Ex-Terps, Hoya furnish test in Bullets' opener

LANDOVER, MD. — The Washington Bullets will open the 1982 - 83 season with three away games before returning home on Wednesday, Nov. 3 to face Atlantic Division rivals, the New Jersey Nets.

For their season opener, the Bullets will travel to Indiana on Friday, October 29 to meet the Pacers. The Bullets will then journey to Chicago on Saturday, October 30, to take on the Bulls before moving on to tackle the Hawks in Atlanta on Tuesday, November 2.

New Jersey features former Maryland star Buck Williams, the 1981 - 82 NBA Rookie of the Year. The Nets also highlight former area collegian Eric "Sleepy" Floyd, a Georgetown Hoya All - American who was a first round draft selection of the Nets in the 1982 draft.

Moses Malone on February show

During the 1982 - 83 season, Washington will meet each Western Conference opponent twice, once on the road and once at home. In their only Capital Centre appearance of the season the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers will meet the Bullets Friday, March 4.

Moses Malone, the 1981 - 82 MVP, will make his only appearance at Capital Centre when the Bullets host the Houston Rockets on Thursday, Feb. 10.

The Bullets will play three home games against each Eastern Conference team, except Detroit which will visit Capital Centre on two occasions and will travel to every Eastern city three times except Cleveland which the Bullets will visit only twice.

72 on hand for Colts camp

Baltimore Colts head coach Frank Kush and his staff welcomed 72 rookies, free agents and selected veterans today (Friday) for the opening of training camp at Goucher College. The camp roster will increase to 103 players next Friday, when 30 additional veterans report.

The Colts will enter their 30th National Football League campaign with the prospect of rebuilding a team which finished tied for the worst record in the league at 2 - 14 last season.

Kush and his staff of assistants feel prepared to meet the challenge. "We face not only a mental but also a physical rebuilding problem," says Kush. "Every player will start with a clean slate and we'll have an open mind as we evaluate what takes place on the practice field. Every position is open so we'll be looking for players to step forward and stake a claim to these jobs."

Frank Kush ready for challenge?

After the off - season trade or release of several veteran performers, the Colts will have a definite accent on youth in 1982.

Gone are veteran quarterback Bert Jones, strong safety Bruce Laird, middle linebacker Joe Federspiel, punter Mike Garrett and defensive tackle Mike Barnes. The Colts will count on several of their 1982 draft choices to fill these spots, including quarterbacks Art Schlichter and Mike Pagel, linebacker Johnie Cooks, punter Rohn Stark and nose tackle Leo Wisniewski.

For the second consecutive year, the Colts will open all team practice sessions at Goucher College to the public. Practice times on Monday through Friday will be 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Practice times on the weekends will vary. Limited parking is available on the college campus.

The first practice session of the '82 training camp will be on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Practices will remain open only through the conclusion of training at Goucher on Aug. 27. After that date, the team will resume private workouts at its Owings Mills training facility.

Colts hand

The Baltimore Colts Marching Band is now holding auditions for musicians. Men and women who are interested should contact Jack Vaeth, the band's assistant personnel director at (301) 747 - 8821.

Flag football game to Odells

FAIRMONT, WV. — The Odells flag football team of Baltimore captured its first 1982 outing July 4, defeating Smoke, 35 - 14, in the annual Martin Luther King Bowl contest.

Smoke has claimed the West Virginia state flagball title the last three years.

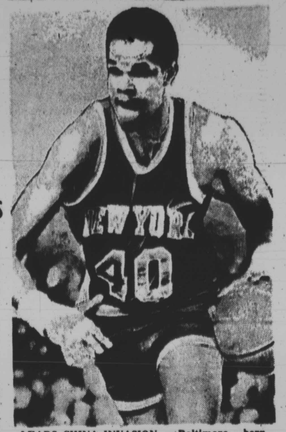
The home club broke on top with two quick touchdowns, the first on a 65 - yard sweep from scrimmage and the second on a long punt return.

Odells reduced the margin by half on the strength of a 75 - yard drive with Billy Douglass accounting for the TD.

The Smoke lead was wiped out immediately the second half was begun, fleet - footed James Dawkins returning the opening kickoff 75 yards to pay dirt.

Thereafter, the visiting defense took charge, limiting Smoke to three downs and a punt each time it got the ball.

Chris Harris, Eugene Scriber and wide receiver Melvin Davis worked flawlessly with quarterback Robert Herndon to add the insurance scores.



LEADS CHINA INVASION — Baltimore - born Marvin Webster of the New York Knicks joined with Kareem Abdul - Jabbar and Maurice Lucas in thrashing a Chinese National All - Star basketball team in Peking Wednesday. The trio, along with 19 other NBA players, took charge of the game in the second half and romped to a 100 - 16 decision. Earlier the touring Americans took a 93 - 66 verdict. Games in Shangai and Hangzhou complete the junket.

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