Charges dropped against 27 Brock Bridge inmates

Charges have been dropped against 27 escapees who were charged with fleeing the Brock Bridge Correctional Facility in Jessup three years ago as they participated in a work-release program.

State's Attorney Kurt L. Schmoke revealed he has decided not to try the inmates.

At a Wednesday press conference, he said, "With respect to the charges themselves, it is very clear that one of the motivating factors behind the charges was the belief that those persons in charge of corrections system at that time were not operating the work release programs in the best interests of the public and were not ensuring the public safety."

Following the 27 inmates arrest, criticism surfaced that the state's work-release program was not being operated in the public's best interest.

Two of the inmates were cited for narcotics violations. Schmoke said those men, James Cromer and Vernon Collins, have been tried and sentenced.

He also said that the other cases were not "deliberate attempts to flee to avoid incarceration."

Schmoke noted that seven of the inmates named in previous indictments would be returned to work-release status. Eighteen of the inmates who were indicted while on work-release at Brock Bridge Correctional Facility, have been paroled.

The city prosecutor also added that they are "heads of households, enjoying the good life and have become productive members of society."

What the inmates were accused of doing were violations of departmental rules and regulations, he felt.

Schmoke concluded that he has "acted in a fair and just matter. You can't please everybody. you do what you think is right."

BUILD wants to study hiring patterns of 25 major corps.

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (BUILD) has asked the Human Relations Commission to study the hiring practices of 25 major area firms.

The Rev. Douglas Miles, pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist Church and BUILD's jobs chairman, told the AFRO that according to a study released by the Regional Planning Council blacks, women and teenagers are being excluded from certain industries in the Baltimore area.

At a Tuesday afternoon HRC meeting, Miles and the Rev. William C. Calhoun, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, requested the commission ask the corporations in question to voluntarily submit their hiring patterns of the last two years.

Miles said BUILD is concerned that blacks, women and teens are not being hired for jobs with defense companies and the service and trade industries.

If the corporations do not submit the lists to the H R C, Miles said BUILD will go after these companies publicly.

David Glenn, the HRC'S executive director, told the AFRO that before Tuesday's meeting he and BUILD officials had had a preliminary meeting.

He said the commission would like to participate in BUILD's project, but the commission is involved in several long range projects also and that the HRC has "resource problems."

"There's a limit to what we can do, with a limited staff," he said.

But he did say the commission is willing to listen to BUILD's concerns, which in some instances are similar to its own.

Glenn said BUILD's project wants to target businesses which are likely to expand their personnel programs during the next 10 to 12 years to include women and blacks.

The companies BUILD wants studies are the Union Trust Co.; Equitable Bancorp; First National Bank; Maryland National Bank; Savings Bank of Baltimore; Monumental Life Insurance & Property.

Maryland Casualty; U.S.F.&G.; Baltimore Life Insurance; First Federated Life Insurance Co.; AAI: Martin Marietta; Westinghouse; Bendix Gruman Aerospace; Gould Ocean Systems.

Alex Brown & Sons; Alexander and Alexander; Hargert; Fidelity and Deposit; Baltimore Gas and Electric; C&P Telephone; Commericial Credit and the Nozell Corp.

BUILD was established about five years ago and is comprised of 32 city churches and a fraternal organization. The group represents about 32,000 citizens.

Recent campaigns BUILD has been involved with concerned the insurance industry and more recently BG&E.

Miles said BUILD is opposing BG & E's proposed $142 million rate hike increase before the Public Service Commission. He said if the total amount is granted, city residents would likely see their utility bills jump by about $108 a year.

He said BUILD also is concerned that BG & E has requested to form a holding company. That would allow the utility to diversify into other areas and if those areas lose money, he is afraid the rate payers would ultimately have to foot the bill he said.

If a holding company were formed, he said he doubts if the Public Service Commission could ever effectively regulate BG&E again.

A public meeting on the rate hike request occurred during the late part of February at Miles church and drew about 1,200 concerned citizens, Miles said.

State Senate defeats breath test measure

By Ann Sagi

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate Wednesday defeated a bill that would have permitted police officers to determine whether a blood or breath test should be administered to a motorist suspected of drunken driving.

"I oppose this bill. I certainly support the idea that we need to get drunk drivers off the road. But I've seen a steady erosion of civil liberties and I think we're getting closer to a police state," said Sen. Clarence Blount, D-Baltimore.

"I don't think police officers should determine which test is given," he added.

Under current law, motorists can choose whether a blood or breath test is administered to determine the concentration of alcohol in their blood.

If a motorist refuses to take either test, the motor vehicle administration can suspend his license.

The proposed legislation, backed by Gov. Harry Hughes and defeated by a vote of 28-17, would have permitted police officers to select the type of test.

The legislation also said unless equipment was not available for administration of a test, a suspect's failure to take the test selected would constitute a refusal.

Sen. Tommie Broadwater, D-Prince George's argued the bill would have effectively eliminated the blood test because it would be easier for police to administer a breathalyzer test.

Sen. Norman Stone, D-Baltimore County, explained that blood tests are not readily available in some areas of the state. He said police stations are equipped with devices to conduct breath tests.

"Police just prefer to give breathalyzers. And another problem is the time you take the blood test and the time you get the results is between a month and six weeks. You can't have a trial until you get results of the test," he pointed out.

Broadwater asked Stone if blood tests are more accurate than breath tests.

"If it's done correctly, breath tests are as accurate," Stone said, but conceded "If you had to pick the most accurate, it would be the blood test."

Broadwater responded: "The most accurate, complete test is the blood test and you want to take it off the market."

Stone told his colleagues that approximately 24,000 tests were administered last year to drunken driving suspects. Of that number, 3,000 were blood tests, a 180 percent increase over 1980.

"That's a significant increase and that has caused processing delays," he said.

Sen. Howard Denis, R-Montgomery, said he favored the bill because it would "make it tougher on drunk drivers. To defeat this bill after we have supported tougher legislation in the past would send the wrong signal to people.

"It will look as though the crusade is over and we are back to being soft on drunk drivers."

But Sen. Raymond Beck, R-Carroll, warned the legislation would infringe on citizens' rights.

"Let's not run ripshod over the civil rights of the citizens we are trying to protect," he said.

Eleven more indictments handed down in CCB theft case

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Additional indictments were handed down against 11 people accused of being involved with $388,880 stolen from Community College of Baltimore Wednesday.

Ms. Marian E. White, a former assistant supervisor in the accounting department at the Liberty Heights CCB campus pleaded guilty last month to stealing $388,880 from a college tuition reimbursement fund over a period of 2 and one half years.

Ms. White will be sentence on March 31. As part of a plea bargain with prosecutors, they agreed to drop the remaining charges against Ms. White.

According to Assistant State's Attorney Darie J. Broccolino, Ms. White allegedly withdrew the money over a 17 - month - period from a fund used to make refunds to students who registered for CCB courses, but later dropped them.

The college uncovered the fraud in the accounting office and called the City Department of Auditing to investigate on Nov. 8, 1982.

The investigation revealed that at least 22 people who never registered as CCB students received refund checks from the college. All the checks involved in the alleged scam were for more than $900.

At AFRO presstime, Broccolino told the AFRO the 11 who had been indicted were in the process of surrendering.

Those charged and the amount of money they allegedly received are:

Christine Scott, 1700 block Hillenwood Rd., $6,698.

Arlene Heyward, 5900 block Cross Country Blvd. $2,730.

Joan Moore, 4400 block Moravia Rd. $15,351.50.

Priscilla Dickens, 4400 block Moravia Rd., $10,811.50

Beatrice Wilson, 1800 block McKean Ave., $4,320.

Juanita Stokes, 500 block Half Mile Court $23,241.50.

Gloria Jean White, 1020 block Druid Hill Ave., $5,490.

Gloria Bonita Yow, 700 block Pennsylvania Ave., $8,004.

Karen Renae Johnson, 2800 block Seamon Ave., $2,760.

Carolyn Wright, 300 block Bruce St., $6,780.

Sheila Simms, a Community College of Baltimore employee lives in the 6000 block Barstow Rd., and allegedly received $27,083.

Four other individuals pleaded guilty before Judge Edgar P. Silver.

They are: Marsha Mitchell, 3800 block Rogers Ave., She received three years probation and must pay $3,919 restitution plus $100 court cost.

The other three who must also pay court cost and restitution are Zackary Colbert, 9400 block Pine Cone Rd., He received five years probation and must pay $8,000 restitution.

Golda Coles of the 1500 block Ensor St., received two years probation. She was ordered to pay $,639.78 in restitution and David Suggs, of the 600 block Lyndhurst St., was sentenced to five years probation and restitution of $7,811.50.

Broccolino refused to say if additional indictments are to be expected. The investigation started with records from October 1975 when Ms. White first started working at the school. They covered the period from May 1, 1980 through Sept. 30, 1982.

LES FEMMES PRESENTS

Les Femmes Social Club presents "The Collector's Edition" oldies but goodies song and dance night.

The dance will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Holiday Inn (Belmont Ave.) off Security Blvd. from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Donation includes open bar, buffet dinner and door prizes.

Oldies attire is welcome.

Music will be provided by Al Jefferson of V-103 radio station.

For tickets or information, call 298-8530.

SORORITY PRESENTS HAIR SHOW

The Zeta Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority presents "A Night of A Chosen 101 Stars" featuring the World's Greatest International Hair Stylists on Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Hyatt Regency, Inner Harbor.

A trend release of hair color and cut will be judged.

For information call 685-9418.

BMA, HUB to sponsor confab

The Baltimore Marketing Association and HUB, Inc. will have a joint membership meeting on March 16 at Lydell Mitchell's Point After Restaurant, 2231 Mosher St., at 7 p.m.

There will be a panel discussion on "Black Economic Development and the Corporate Professional," which focuses on networking and interfacing at various levels between the minority business community and black corporate decision makers according to Raymond V. Haysbert Sr. president of HUB and Harold D. Young chairman of the Baltimore Marketing Association board.

Dr. Benjamin Whitten, president of the Urban League will be the panel moderator. Though the membership organization structure and strategic thrust are different, there is a mutual goal of both groups to foster and enhance minority economic development in the Baltimore region.

The common objective is being achieved through reinvestment in the educational and economic potential of minority business persons. Additional, both focuses on contributions by the minority business sector toward the development of black educational, civic and cultural activities.

Wilmington College has new VP

The board of trustees of Wilmington College, Delaware, recently named Dr. Ronald C. Watts vice president for academic and student affairs. The private college has programs at its main campus in New Castle and in Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown. It also has a program in Boca Raton, FL.

Dr. Ronald Watts

Watts' educational career has spanned 25 years with experience at the junior high school, high school, undergraduate and graduate levels in several states.

He has held teaching, administrative and consultant positions in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

In higher education, he has had teaching assignments at Morgan State University, Johns Hopkins University and Cheyney State College.

Watts' education had included studies at the Philadelphia College of Art, The Johns Hopkins University and the American University. His doctoral degree was received from the American University.

Watts resides in East Goshen, Pa. and is married to the former Delaphine Faucette of Burlington, N.C. The couple has two sons, David, a pre-medical student at Cheyney State, and Guyron, who is a student in the school system of West Chester, Pa.

Watts, a Baltimore native, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Reginald Watts, who continue to live in Baltimore.

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OUR WORLD

Chi Delta Mu Fraternity hosts annual Founders' Day

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT Alice Pinderhughes, (R) is seen with Henry G. Parks during the Founders' Day hosted by the Chi Chapter, at Blue Crest North, Sunday, Feb. 27.

LOCAL URBAN LEAGUE HEAD Benjamin Whitten, (R), laughs it up with Christine Moore, a former candidate for the House of Delegates and a staff member of CCB.

AFRO Photos by Val Smith-Madden

NEW CHANCELLOR at the University of Maryland, Dr. John Slaughter and his wife, chat during the festivities.

CHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS are Keith Rawlings (second from left) who received the first James Fennimore Cooper Scholarship Award with his wife (far left) and Carolyn Mason (far right) who received the fraternity's annual Scholarship Award with her spouse.

LOCAL CHI PRESIDENT Dr. John Mitchell listens intently as Dr. Roland Smoot, emcee for the Founders' Day, makes a point.

FAMILY SOLIDARITY — Members of the family of the late Dr. James Fennimore Cooper are (from left) David Cooper, son, Raymond Lucas, (husband of Lisa Cooper Lucas) Mrs. Lucas, and daughter of Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Jeanne Cooper, widow of the late Dr. Cooper.

NATIONAL CHI PRESIDENT Dr. Thomas Allen and his wife, Emma, National Chi Wives president (far right) pose with Dr. and Mrs. Luther Mathias, Dr. Mathias was chair for the event.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

The annual Founders' Day of Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, Iota Chapter, held Sunday, Feb. 27 at Blue Crest North began with a festive cocktail hour at 6 p.m. which found Chi members mingling graciously with their guests.

Chi Delta Mu is a fraternity of doctors, dentists and pharmacists which was founded at Howard University in 1913 by students in the schools of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

The objectives of the organization were to weld together men in the allied medical profession so that the common problems might be discussed and solutions sought to promote high ethical standards among its membership.

These objectives now include the thrust toward better standards of health care, the encouragement of students to enter the medical field and financial assistance for those who enter.

Following the cocktail hour the invocation was done by Dr. Bernard Christmas, chaplain, and Chi members and guests enjoyed a delectable sit-down dinner with prime rib as the entree.

Emcee for the evening was Dr. Roland Smoot, who prior to the dinner had everyone observe a moment of silence for the late Drs. James F. Cooper, Jerry Luck and Mrs. Renee Clay, wife of Dr. Earl Clay.

Greetings were forthcoming from Dr. Joshua Mitchell, Chi president. New members welcomed were Drs. Theodore Patterson, Miles Harrison, Grady Grant and Donald Chambers.

Guest speaker was Dr. Edgar E. Roublac, of Chicago, Ill., Associate Dean of Students for Continuing Education at Johns Hopkins University, assistant professor on the faculty of Towson U and Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Johns Hopkins Hospital's School of Public Health and Hygiene.

He spoke of how, in the past only Howard U and Meharry were recognized as producing good black people for the medical profession and stated that there should be established a school of continuing health care for blacks.

He told Chi members "You

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By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

FIVE STUDS PLUS ONE HOST FETE

Friday, Feb. 26, the Five Studs Plus One hosted its fourth Anniversary Fete and Sweetheart's Ball at La Fontaine Rouge, Bel Air Rd.

The Five Studs Plus is a group of men who formed a club four years ago for the purpose of giving social functions and to raise money for worthy causes. The Plus is a young lady, selected annually by the group as the "Sweetheart" for that year.

Nearly 200 guests turned out for the event (which had been postponed due to the blizzard of '83) for an evening of sheer enjoyment which lasted from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The evening's festivities included a buffet dinner, open bar and dancing to the tunes of the Gay Street One Band and entertainment by vocalist William Carman, who sang before the band came on.

Special highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Stud's 1983 "Sweetheart". Garnering the title this year was Miss Jucilla Shorts, who received, in addition to her crown, a bouquet of red roses. She was crowned by Five Studs president, Robert Carter.

Other Five Studs Plus members are Herman Cooper, vice president; Stanley Gregory, secretary-treasurer; John Moore, assistant secretary-treasurer; Eddie Jones, sergeant-at-arms and Purnell Johnson, business manager.

FAMILY OYSTER/BULL ROAST

Who says that you have to be a large club or organization to host a big, fun-filled affair? This was illustrated 'not so' when the Shaw family, originally of Kinley, NC, many of whom now reside in Baltimore, hosted an Oyster-Bull Roast Friday, Feb. 25 at Central Social Hall, East Valley and Eager Sts.

Nearly 600 folks (two thirds of whom were guests) came out to enjoy an evening filled to the brim with zesty fun, delicious food, dancing and entertainment.

Featured were dancing to disco music spun by Sharon Youngblood Boggs, a live performance by Kermit Golden who sang, along with his band (some of whom are family members) and open bar all evening.

And what a menu guests had to select from — oysters on the half shell, fried oysters, clams on the half shell, fried clams, fried shrimp, fried chicken, raw beef and onions, roast beef, hot dogs, assorted lunch meats , cheeses and salads (which included macaroni, potato and cole slaw) assorted breads and munchies.

The partying lasted from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. with guests and family members enjoying it to the hill. At evening's end many guests were seen dancing out the door, asking, "When is the next one?"

The Shaw family hosted the event as a fundraiser in support of their upcoming family reunion to be held in July '83 in Kinley, NC.

On the Executive Board of the Family Reunion committee are Orrester Shaw Jr., president; Mary Ross, vice president; Sarah Hamlin, secretary; Dr. Lawrence Bell Jr., treasurer; Dr. Roosevelt

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GETTING A BUSS from a Five-Stud club member is the 1983 Sweetheart Queen Jucilla Shorts.

BAREFOOTIN' — Getting into the swing of things on the dance floor is this couple during the Fourth Anniversary and Sweethearts Ball hosted Saturday, Feb. 26 at La Fontaine Rouge, Bel Air Rd. by the Five Studs Plus One, a local socio - civic men's club.

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