

GREATER BALTIMORE'S exciting History Fair will take place on Saturday, April 23 at Towson State. Students from all over the metropolitan area are participating by making projects of all kinds for submission. For further information on this exciting Baltimore event, call William Britt (shown describing an exhibit from last year) at 539-7964 or 367-7975. Mr. Britt is the fair's director. The affair is being held in cooperation with metro area and Catholic Archdiocese school officials.

Use of marijuana on the way down

A survey released April 13 by the State Drug Abuse Administration taken in Maryland public schools last fall shows the use of marijuana and cigarettes by Maryland public school students declined last year.

According to the survey the drug most frequently used by the students is alcohol. The survey was the fifth in a series taken by the Drug Abuse Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in cooperation with local school systems.

Approximately 36,000 students reported their use of cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, hashish, cocaine, amphetamines and other drugs.

Questionnaires were distributed to about 13,000 eighth graders, 12,000 tenth graders and 11,000 twelth graders. Findings divide these three groups into young adolescents, middle adolescents and late adolescents.

Dr. Richard L. Hamilton, director of the Drug Abuse Administration said, we're happy to see the use of marijuana decreased significantly, by as much as 20 percent in a four year period."

Dr. Hamilton said there were 13 parts to the survey and "We ask students to report general information about themselves, such as basic demographics, the amount of spending money they have, how well they do in school, and whether or not they plan to attend college.

Fewer students admitted to using hashish in 1982 than compared to a 1978 survey. About 11.9 percent of the eighth graders said they used one or more drugs frequently, compared to 20.5 percent for tenth graders and 28.7 percent for high school seniors.

Dr. Hamilton said that 14 percent of the students surveyed said that the use of drugs was the cause of health, school, family and crime problems.

He said the department spends $500,000 in drug prevention programs, and the survey revealed that about 75 percent of the students had participated in a drug or alcohol education program last year.

The report said male adolescents reported greater percentages of current use of any drug, excluding cigarettes, than female adolescents.

Adolescents not planning to attend college reported greater percentages of current drug use than those planning to attend.

According to the survey, adolescents reporting a failing grade average in school reported greater percentages of current drug use than those reporting excellent grades.

Red Cross providing facts on AIDS disease

Consistent with recent recommendations issued by the Department of Health and Human services, the American Red Cross is providing printed information to all blood donors about Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), and about other diseases known to be transmitted by blood.

The Red Cross is also asking donors about signs and symptoms of Aids, and about possible exposure to Aids.

Aids is a newly identified illness of unknown cause which is believed to be spread by intimate personal contact and possibly by blood transfusion. Persons with Aids have reduced defenses against disease, and as a result, may develop infections and certain types of cancer.

Individuals at increased risk of Aids are being asked to refrain from donating blood. Such individuals are defined as those with signs and symptoms suggestive of Aids; sexual partners of Aids patients sexually active homosexual or bisexual men with multiple partners; recent Haitian entrants to the U. S.,; present or past abusers of intravenous drugs; and sexual partners of individuals at increased risk of Aids.

There is no screening test presently available to detect all Aids carriers. It is therefore imperative that those at increased risk of Aids exclude themselves from giving blood.

For further information, contact the American Red Cross at 9905.

Conscientious objector wins honorable discharge

A federal judge April 12 ordered the U. S. Navy to Grant a conscientious objector discharge to a petty officer who was court-martialed for refusing to wear a uniform or obey orders.

U. S. District Judge Walter E. Black ruled in favor of Leslie A. Cole, 28, who had submitted a request for conscientious objector status in August.

Ms. Cole, of Bethlehem, Pa. was released from Fort Meade where she had been handcuffed and confined to a solitary cell since her court-martial in February. At the court-martial she was sentenced to 60 days at hard labor at Fort Meade, the only military prison on the East Coast with facilities to house women.

Ms. Cole wore only a sheet for several days while in prison. She appeared in court Tuesday wearing blue jeans and a sweatshirt and kissed her parents upon hearing the ruling.

"Something above told me something was wrong to be in the military," Ms. Cole said.

Ms. Cole said she plans to return to her hometown and attend Moravia College to study psychology.

A spokesman said the Navy would request a stay of Black's order.

"The Navy will be asking for the judge to postpone the ruling for a few days so we can look at the decision in greater depth," spokesman Dennis Sawyer said.

Ms. Cole joined the Navy for a four-year stint in March 1981. She refused to wear her Navy uniform or perform any military duties in January and was court-martialed in Norfolk, Va. in February.

"I must believe in (the military) if I wear a unifom, and I do not. It's just a contradiction to my nature," she was quoted as saying before the court-martial trial.

Last summer, she began having "thinking seriously" about interviews and the members of a Navy administrative hearing in December did not contest her sincerity as a conscientious objector, her attorney Harold Buchman said.

While awaiting action on her discharge request, Ms. Cole refused to wear a uniform and obey orders and was promptly court-martialed, Buchman said.

Navy regulations forbid consideration of a conscientious objector discharge pending the outcome of disciplinary actions. "She just wasn't patient enough," Buchman said.

Frank Corker found dead

Frank Corker, a former employee of the AFRO -AMERICAN, died suddenly on Tuesday.

He was an A.F.R.O. employee who was always known for his good nature and kind words to share with colleagues and AFRO neighbors. "He will be missed very much," was said of him when news of his passing spread through the company's Eutaw St. headquarters this week.

Mr. Corker, who after his 1975 retirement from the 91-year old publishing company, lived next door to the paper at 622 N. Eutaw St., served as a custodian for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 18, 10 a.m. at the March Funeral Home.

The body will be on view Saturday after 6 p.m.



Frank Corker

Retirement pamphlet distributed

"Retirement Planning Personal Financial Planning Guide Number Nine" is a brochure offered free to the public by the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

The 12-page booklet prepared by CPAs, explains how to plan now for the kind of retirement you want later. It includes a formula for determining how inflation will affect your future finances, what to expect from Social Security and what you need to know about your company's pension plan.

This brochure is part of a series of personal financial planning pamphlets produced by MACPA.

Others include Budgeting, College Expenses, mortgage Financing, Investments, Estate Planning and Tax Planning. For your free copy of any in the series, write the Maryland Association of CPAs, 1205 York Rd.



ITS GEORGETOWN! Dunbar's Reggie "Russ" Williams, flanked by his mother, Gloria Williams, and Poet coach Bob Wade, announced he will be studying — and playing basketball — at Georgetown University. (See page 15).

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