—State stifling

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teaches classes in the unfinished building.

The McMechen Building houses the business school which is the fastest growing school in the university, according to Director of State Relations Vera Hall.

The university has attempted to get the funds for completion of McMechen since 1972. "When we ask for additional money the state refuses. They say we don't need additional space yet the business classes are overcrowded," says Harvey. Such conditions do not make Morgan attractive to potential students—according to Senate members.

The Senate also reports that there is only one elevator in the unfinished building which is frequently out of order. Students must use an outdoor stairway when the elevator breaks down. The outdoor stairway was constructed only after the fire department had issued numerous fire hazard citations because of the lack of a stairway.

When a group of consultants hired by the SBHE studied the need of the university, it discovered deterioration in McMechen, the Hurt Gymnasium and the Murphy Fine Arts Building in which a roof had been leaking for ten years, according to Professor Ware.

The consultants also noted that that the faculty had inadequate access to copying machines, projectors and visual aids.

"There were also flaws in the study. The consultants did not address all the areas of Morgan," says Professor Ware.

"They failed to study the arts, social sciences and support services. One of the consultants who was to report on the mission (purpose) of the university never submitted a report," says Ware.

After the board's study, the state's black colleges developed budgets. The state then slashed $400,000 from the operating budgets of the colleges, and then gave that same money to the colleges for the enhancement recommended by the consultants. The enhancement funds were supposed to be additional funding for improvement of the black colleges and universities.

The university is also penalized by the method used to compute funding for the state schools, according to Hammond.

The Full Time Equivalent Formula for computing funding is based on the head count and the number of credit hours generated by all students at the school.

"A lot of our students may not take full course loads and

"We restrict some of them from taking full loads because we're concerned about our students. We don't want them to overload," says Hammond.

Professor Ware points out that this underfunding has existed for the past 50 years and cites a 1935 report from the Commission on the Higher Education of Negroes which states that "in comparison with the provisions for higher education of white people, the state was far in arrears of reasonable and justifiable provisions for the colored people."

In 1949, then Morgan president, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, remarked before the Commissioner to Study the Question of Higher Negro Education in Maryland that "It is an incontrovertible fact that the state has not provided and is not now providing its colored citizens the same educational opportunity it has provided for its white citizens."

After 50 years of neglect, Morgan is now gearing up for a legal confrontation with the state to correct these injustices.

Capital Budget For State Schools 1963 — 1981

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Coppin	26
Morgan	26
Towson	71
UMBC	55

*Capital budget consists of funds used for building construction, renovation and grounds improvement.

Chart prepared by Professor Cynthia Harvey, Morgan State University from state documents.

—Elderly lash out

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understand the phone company's problems. Haven't they received enough money?" said Del. Elijah Cummings (D-39).

"It's funny. These large companies ask for hikes and at the end of the year, you hear of these record-breaking profits and, of course, in Baltimore minorities cannot help but be affected. They are the higher percentage of the poor."

Many of the elderly have expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposal too. Many have held meetings and organized into various groups to fight against the proposal.

Complaining that phones are a necessity for the elderly, spokesmen for several organized elderly groups said that an increase could cause a number of things. Among them service cut-offs, unescorted travel to phone booths, acquirement of limited call services and elimination of access to emergency services.

"It's not so much that I'm opposed to them (phone rates) going up again, but it's just so much, an 80 percent increase. I'd just rather try making it out of the house in time for someone to see me if I need any help," said 68 - year - old William Fletcher.

Richard F. Kirchner, chief of the planning and evaluation division for the office on aging, estimates an 80 percent usage of the flat rate service by the elderly.

Worried very much about the collapse of the volunteer program for the elderly, Kirchner said limited calls would just ruin everything.

The phone company is offering three choices of services to customers:

Flat rate service, where a customer would have to pay $31.30 for non-limited usage.

Message rate service, which would increase less than $1 a month.

Economy service, where there is a base rate of $5.90 and each is nine cents a piece.

The Public Service Commission, consisting of five members, after sitting through nine public hearings, will make its decision of the proposed increase by January 1.

—New Douglass

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superintendent during the time that this extensive celebration is taking place.

"The Douglass alumni have taken their places in the world and continue to provide contributing citizens through the training of young Baltimore students."

Because of a lengthy and extensive $8 million renovation program, the school is presently located at its former most well-known headquarters at Calhoun and Bakers Sts. Next year, the school will move back to the spacious 26-acre campus at Gwynns Falls Parkway and Pulaski St.

"Those of us who have been associated with Douglass are keenly aware of the great contributions made by many, many distinguished alumni. Despite the fact that we have made many achievements, we like Robert Browning believe that a man's reach should exceed his grasp. We feel that at this point, we are in a position to take a look at our august past, take a candid look at our present, and make plans for the future which will enable us to continue to produce the kinds of graduates who will make a positive impact on our community, nation, and world.

When we move back on February 1, our curriculum will take on an added expansion. We will be expanding our music careers program; we will be implementing an applied economics program," Mrs. Owen, the principal, said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"We will have, " she continued, "a personal computer supplied from a grant through Junior Achievement."

"There will be an expansion of the computer math program and the addition of a fully-equipped computer math laboratory. Computer science will be integrated in our science program. And, we anticipate adding some additional higher level science and math courses.

"In Industrial Arts, we have three components: graphics communication, photography, industry and technology, and power and energy. "With the opening of the renovated building, there will be a purchase of $1 million worth of equipment and furniture as well as the influx of ninth graders for the first time. There will be 400-600 ninth graders in September, 1964.

"At one time, Douglass High School was the only black high school in the State of Maryland. And, we had all of the northwest part of the city to draw from. Now, our boundaries are more constricted. Some of our students need a great deal of work in remedial areas, but as has been traditional at Douglass, we also have some really

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Famous Baltimore Crime:

Prominent attorney's death still a mystery

Editor's Note: *The following is a reprint of an article and photos that appeared in the AFRO on James McAllister, a well known attorney who was found dead in June 1979 in Baltimore County.*

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

What was really the cause of James Winfred McAllister's death is a question that will probably never be answered.

Even though Sgt. Paul Waclawski of the Baltimore County police department told the AFRO, "McAllister's death was never listed as homicide, he also said the case is still classified as a suspicious death and the case remains open."

An autopsy performed on the badly decomposed body of a former city assistant state's attorney has still failed to determine the cause of death.

Prominent Baltimore attorney James W. McAllister, 54, left his Pennsylvania Avenue law office on June 15, 1979 after saying good night to his law partner Tucker Dearing. He was never seen alive again.

Rumors regarding McAllister's whereabouts surfaced almost from the moment he disappeared.

After completing an autopsy the medical examiner, Dr. Homez Guard said in 1979 there was "no external evidence pointing to the cause of death."

Dr. Guard described the lawyer's remains this way: "He was a healthy, handsome man, and apparently was in good physical condition."

In the absence of external evidence such as stabbing, gunshot, or beating wounds Dr. Guard assigned a toxicologist to investigate the cause of death.

After several weeks of conducting tests and analysis of the condition of internal vital organs, Dr. Guard said the toxicologist "still has no evidence," pointing to why "a healthy and handsome man was dead."

The medical examiner and county homicide detectives suspected that McAllister was poisoned, to date they have found no evidence to substantiate that suspicion. A Baltimore County detective who was one of the investigators in the case stated they know the lawyer's body was dumped where it was found.

"Who dumped, it, why they dumped it, and how they dumped it?" are questions for which they have found no answers.

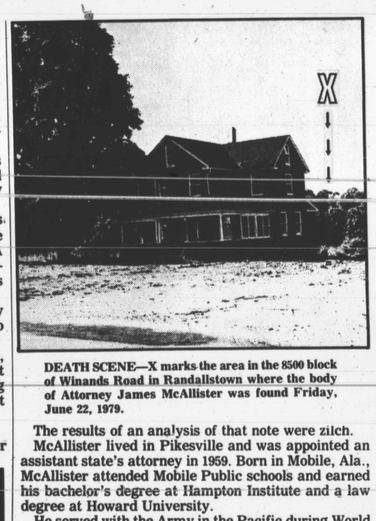
In 1979, police investigating the case told the AFRO, "Whoever dumped the body knew they were putting it where it would not be found for a long time. Considering the weather (it was hot), they apparently figured that decomposition would destroy the evidence."

To date, that rationale has worked to perfection.

Why it has worked is just as mysterious as the murder itself. The same day McAllister disappeared, a caller alerted the AFRO that "something awful has happened to McAllister, he is dead in Baltimore County."

Significantly, that call came eight days before the lawyer's body was found. Four days before the body was discovered an AFRO reader brought a note to the office of this newspaper. It read:

"A prominent lawyer has been murdered." When pressed for the identity of the victim in that grim notice, the note bearer scribbled "McAllister" on the crumpled piece of paper.



DEATH SCENE—X marks the area in the 8500 block of Winands Road in Randallstown where the body of Attorney James McAllister was found Friday, June 22, 1979.

The results of an analysis of that note were zilch.

McAllister lived in Pikesville and was appointed an assistant state's attorney in 1959. Born in Mobile, Ala., McAllister attended Mobile Public schools and earned his bachelor's degree at Hampton Institute and a law degree at Howard University.

He served with the Army in the Pacific during World War II. He was the first of his race to serve as assistant state's attorney from 1959-1966.

McAllister began his private practice on Pennsylvania Avenue, where he gave his practical experience for the benefit of his large clientele.

He ran for public office twice and was very interested in the politics within Maryland. He was a member of the Maryland Bar Association, Monumental Bar Association, YMCA, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Dr. Homer Guard, the medical examiner who performed the autopsy in 1979 told the AFRO in 1979 there "is evidence of hanky panky," in the McAllister murder.

Following the disappearance of McAllister, rumors were rampant that he was scheduled to testify in the trial of an indicted police officer to refute the testimony of a convicted drug dealer.

When police announced that the badly decomposed body found on June 22 was that of the missing lawyer, one underworld figure confided to the AFRO that he (McAllister) was scheduled to testify for the government in the corruption trial of a former state's attorney William Swisher.

His wife, Mrs. Shirley McAllister in 1979 said she last saw her husband on the morning of the 14th, when he left their Slade Avenue home to go to his office.

Mrs. McAllister and Tucker Dearing, McAllister's law partner, became alarmed Friday morning, June 15, when McAllister failed to keep an appointment to represent a client in domestic court.

A missing persons report was filed and speculation as to what happened to the former prosecutor ran wild until his badly decomposed remains were identified.

No evidence released by homicide investigators thus far indicates that the dead attorney could have voluntarily walked to a site 10 miles from his home, taken off some of his clothes and then laid down to die.

Police state his body was hidden at a separate site and according to the state of decomposition of his body, had been dead since the day he disappeared.

His body was found June 22, 1979 in the 8500 block of Winands Road in the Randallstown area of Baltimore County.

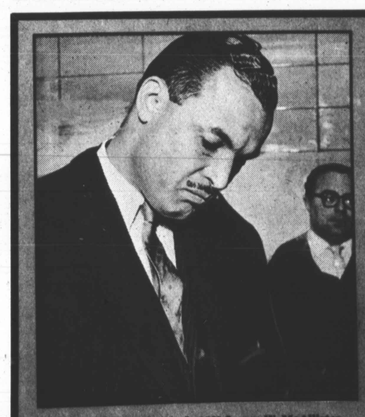
His remains were so badly decomposed that positive identification required three days further investigation.

The mystery death of McAllister has been one of Baltimore's baffling mysteries.

Baltimore county homicide investigators said McAllister was coatless, shoeless and his pants were pulled down around his ankles when his body was found.

RISING STAR—The late James W. McAllister's legal career began to climb rapidly in 1959. He is shown at left flanking J. Harold Grady (center) then the Baltimore City state's attorney, later mayor of this city and presently a circuit court judge and Charles E. Moylan (right). McAllister and Moylan at the time of this AFRO photo had just been sworn in as assistant state's attorneys.

WITH TOMMY—McAllister, in 1963, again unsuccessfully sought elected office. This time he was a candidate for a Democratic nomination to the House of Delegates from the fourth district. He is shown with former Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, who that year was candidate for City Council president, at a campaign party given by McAllister's running mate, Henry Parks.


RESIGNING TO RUN—In 1963 James W. McAllister resigned as an assistant state's attorney after serving four years to seek the Democratic nomination for the City Council in the fourth district. He did not win.

LAST RITES—Mrs. Shirley McAllister, wife of attorney James W. McAllister is shown entering Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church to attend funeral services for her late husband. McAllister was found dead June 22, 1979. Also shown is an aide to the mortician Carlton C. Douglas and relatives and friends.