—Black Catholics

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your Bibles with you?"

In response to the question, about 20 hands out of 1,000 went up. Conwill jokingly stated, "See, that's why we black Catholics don't know the word of God."

"Amen, praise the Lord," responded the audience.

Rev. Conwill's animated preaching style, brought repeated rounds of applause from the capacity-filled balconies to the main floor, as well as, "Hallelujah" and many "Praise the Lords."

The theme of the sermon was spiritual blindness. Rev. Conwill illustrated his point with the story of Jesus leaving the city of Jericho through the south gate. Bartameus, a blind man, sat by the gate and heard the frenzy of people around Jesus and wanted to know what all the commotion was about.

"Bartameus was blind physically, but there are a lot of people, who are blind spiritually, Rev. Conwill said, and the only cure for spiritual blindness is spiritual healing."

"Yes, Lord," chorused the congregation.

"Have you ever felt a tingle up and down your spine? That's Jesus of Nazareth passing by. The reason that we are here tonight is because Jesus of Nazareth is passing by," declared Conwill.

Father Donald Sterling, pastor of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, said, "The revival is long overdue. It opened up the possibility for us as black people to celebrate black culture and religious traditions. We have a tradition of tent meetings, camp meetings and the revival carries on in that tradition . . ."

Some people believe that Catholics are getting away from their traditions and are beginning to act like Protestants, but the revival is a healthy expression of interaction that was powerful."

Out of 14 parishes citywide, Fr. Sterling is one out of three black priests, who are pastors. The three parishes are St. Cecelia's, St. Francis Xavier, where Rev. Carl Fisher presides and St. Edwards Church, where Rev. Maurice Blackwell is the pastor.

"Rev. Conwill is indeed a true prophet, evangelist and spirit-filled man. Not only has he filled us spiritually, he filled us mentally through his storytelling. He put his point across in a way that everyone could understand," commented Rev. Blackwell.

According to Sister Pat Hartnett, director of religious education, at All Saints Church, among some people there is a feeling that black Catholics are just blacks that belong to a white church. The revival certainly brought home the idea that black catholics are at home in the church. She added that the revival was also an exercise in evangelization.

Bishop John Ricard, whom many cite as the vision behind the revival, invited each person to pray that the results of the revival would be a renewed spirit, deeper understanding and a more determined witness to the Catholic faith.

—Patuxent inmate

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prison yard during recreation hours. The suspect was playing baseball on a nearby baseball diamond when Neal left the basketball court and wandered over into the baseball diamond's home plate area and exchanged words with the suspect who was also at bat, prison officials said.

Sources inside the facility said that upon acknowledging Neal's presence, the bat welding suspect turned and began swinging, striking Neal in the head at first crack.

When guards saw one inmate striking another with a baseball bat they rushed over to see what was going on. But when they reached the two, Neal's head was badly cut and full of blood, sources said.

The victim was rushed to University Hospital's Shock-Trauma Unit where he is listed in critical but stable condition.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Smith reported that her nephew was beaten beyond recognition.

"You could hardly tell who it was. How can someone get beaten almost to death in a correctional facility. The way my nephew looks, you would think that there's no guards in there with the inmates," Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Smith was contacted by a Patuxent Institution social worker Wednesday afternoon, but by that time the news about her nephew was well-circulated around town.

"Yea, they called me just a few minutes ago," reported Mrs. Smith, "but he could have been dead and I would have just been getting the news," an upset Mrs. Smith told the AFRO.

Sandra Spencer, Patuxent Institution spokesperson said that no report of the incident was received at her office. When asked why the victim's guardian was not contacted immediately after the beating, her reply was "I don't know, I haven't attempted to find any information on the beating. All I know is that it is still being investigated."

Ms. Spencer would not release the name of the man responsible for the batbeating and at AFRO presstime correctional spokesperson Beverly Marable was unavailable for comment.

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—Politics '86

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Seventh Congressional District.

Why do you want to complicate matters even more by entering an already confusing field of candidates? "To call for order and greater people participation. It wasn't my intention but I feel called to run for the same reason I felt called to the ministry," he responded.

The 34-year-old activist made an unsuccessful bid for the Baltimore City Council in 1983. He ran in the Fourth Councilmanic district where he received over three thousand votes.

SCHMOKE ON THE RECORD — Every day now for months Baltimore City State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke has dispatched a member of his staff to check to see if any candidate has filed to oppose him when he runs for re-election this year.

During one of those conversations with the Board of Election Supervisors, somebody must have reminded Schmoke that he had a little filing business of his own to attend to before the June 30 filing deadline.

"Technically, I felt I should clear that up so that people won't get the impression that I won't be seeking re-election," he explained on Wednesday. By the time you read this he should have already taken care of business.

Schmoke also confirmed that he will run for mayor saying "My intention assuming I'm re-elected is to run for mayor in 1987." And that's the truth.

HEATING UP IN THE 42ND — Long time community activist Helena Hicks says she is joining Shirley Pulliam in the race for one of three seats in Maryland's 42nd Legislative District.

Ms. Hicks says she'll make the announcement official on May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Seton Business Park in northwest Baltimore. She said she chose that location "because I spent nine years helping to develop it" and wanted it to be the scene of her major announcement address.

Mayor Schaefer is expected to officially enter the race for governor on Monday, May 12.

State Sen. Troy Brailey says he will announce his candidacy for re-election in the 40th Legislative District next week.

CONAWAY ISSUES CHALLENGE — Frank M. Conaway, Sr., a candidate for the House of Delegates in the 40th Legislative District, is issuing a challenge to all legislators, judges and executive of city, state and federal government to submit to voluntary testing.

Conaway says that the call for various employees working at "various jobs to be tested for drugs" is one-sided and that all persons at all levels of employment in this country should follow suit in order to "qualify for their offices."

It is doubtful that many of his colleagues will join with him in calling for full scale drug testing but such an idea should not be fully discounted or ignored and in facts has been proposed by private citizens and other public officials throughout the country.

—Provident-Lutheran

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tity. "I can not see the value of changing the name of the hospital," said Dr. Ernest O. Brown, former president of the medical staff at Provident and leader of the boycott that lasted several months in 1985.

"The hospital has suffered from very bad publicity in the last few months, but for historical reasons and others I see no need for changing the name. I would object to a name change because I would perceive that as a first step toward closing."

Del. Elijah Cummings, the outgoing president of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus which negotiated a state loan for Provident, echoed the sentiment that the hospital should maintain its identity.

"We worked very hard in the caucus to see that Provident was saved and we expect to see the merger agreement before it is finalized. We want to see Provident remain a predominately black hospital with black chiefs, a predominately black board. We do not want to see Provident lose its historical identity. Before they come up with any final agreement it will be reviewed by the caucus to see if it is something we can live with."

"We did not work as hard as we did to save Provident Hospital to see it lose its identity in a merger," Cummings added.

Provident has until the end of the month to come up with a merger or it will lose state loan monies.

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—City wants

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maining three floors to other tenants, she says.

"I had originally grown up in the area and I saw the building being boarded up and I began to question various city agencies about the property to try and find out who owned it and if they were interested in selling it.

"I was told that the city periodically would take abandoned buildings that needed too much work and place them on the auction sheet. I was told that I would be notified when the city put it up for auction," she recalls some four years later.

Later notified by the local housing authority — The Neighborhood Progress Administration — that she had submitted the highest bid on the property she paid the due sum, plus an outstanding water bill and some back taxes, and was handed the building.

Tutt seemed to have a natural flair for spotting sound property investments, having purchased a house at 424 W. Mulberry St. in 1978 and at least one or two others in between that time. The Mulberry Street property is considered prime real estate since it is located in one of the hottest redevelopment areas of the city in the Market Center development corridor.

The city has offered her $13,500 for the land, but she is holding out for more money, claiming, she says, that she should be compensated for the actual property because she has invested $10,000 in renovation work, including adding a new roof and prime-a-sash windows.

A 1972 graduate of Eastern High School, she attended Morgan State University where she majored in education and received her bachelor's of science degree in 1976. Next, she decided to enter graduate school to pursue a career in Urban Planning and began to accrue credits towards a master's degree.

She was soon forced to postpone her studies to find employment and took several odd jobs, (Tutt was a liquor distributor (she claims to have been the first woman in the state to wholesale alcoholic beverages), then as account executive with the News American and as a community out-reach counselor.

Gambling once again she decided, according to her version of the story, to devote all of her energies and what little funds she had to investing in vacant and unwanted properties which she would rehabilitate through loans and rent out.

When she purchased the house at 327 E. North Avenue, she says she had no idea that it was soon to be included as part of a major urban renewal project which has since been awarded to a local developer, Stuart Matz.

That project has since been named the North Avenue Corridor Development project.

She says her suspicions that something was in the wind first were aroused in May of 1984 when she received a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust informing her that an application nominating her property and several others in the block for consideration as historic residential sites to the National Register of Historic Places had been forwarded to them.

The letter, signed by National Register Administrator Ronald L. Andrews, goes on to state that the Governor's Consulting Committee on the National Register would be taking the nomination under advisement at a July 17 meeting. The letter does not identify who initially submitted the nominating application.

A second letter this time addressed to The Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore, and dated October 5, 1984, confirmed that the nomination had been approved.

It reads, "It is a pleasure to inform you that the above referenced property (303-327 E. North Ave.) has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places" and adds that a certificate "stating that the property (has) been listed in the National Register" was available at the mayor's request.

The National Register of Historic Places is a division of the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, according to the letter which was signed by Andrews.

Tutt believes that it was Matz, who himself owned property in the block of condemned houses, according to her, who submitted the request in order to enhance the value of the properties and to make them more attractive to future tenants once the residential renovation project was completed.

Nonetheless, she says soon thereafter Matz approached her with an offer to purchase her house, an offer she says she quickly refused.

When his overtures failed, she says the city housing agency entered the picture to institute some buying persuasions of its own. (To be continued)

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6,000 seniors poised for graduation
13,000 absentees may never finish

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The Baltimore school system, the 11th largest in the nation, is winding down to the end of the year. Nearly 6,000 seniors are poised for June graduation from the 26 high schools.

However, over 13,000 students are reported absent from school daily.

Although the future looks bright for some seniors who will go on to jobs, college or the Armed Forces, other seniors are under disciplinary suspension, removed from classes because of behavior problems.

According to Dr. Samuel L. Banks, head of the Department of Social Studies for the public schools, most of the students who are on suspension may never return to school.

They are in certain classifications, Banks state.

THE LOSERS

Some of them are without parents or guardians who are required to come to school and special for them before the students can return.

Others are expectant mothers who drop out and never return.

Dr. Banks deplores the fact that the school system has no provision to take care of such as the above suspended or absent-by-choice students.

He states that what is needed is a strong alternative program to get each one back in school and provide for his or her education.

Looked upon with special sorrow are the young people who have neither parents nor guardian and as Banks stated, "Must make-do on their own."

These "by-themselves-pupils", alone in this world, are of primary concern since they often fall victim to drugs, alcohol and crime.

These are the children who have no motivation, no resources to support them at home and no role models. Consequently they suffer poor self esteem. (Craig Cutter, specialist in pupil attendance, reports the total of 13,000 daily absentees).

Unfortunately, Banks notes, we have lost a generation of youngsters who are geared to failure and-academically unprepared for any sort of career, are doomed to the unemployment lines.

NEW KIND OF DISCRIMINATION

A form of a new kind of discrimination is also noted by Dr. Banks as he points out that there are (1) schools that are "dumping grounds" for the less able students, mostly from poor homes and of poor motivation. Another characterization is "shoddy instruction."

On the other hand (2) there are schools which have specialized clientel and are run as private schools although they are classed as public schools.

An example is the Baltimore School for the Arts which has enrolled a number of pupils from outside the city and keeps a waiting line.

A special audition is necessary to get into this school.

The School for the Arts also has a "Board of Overseers" aside from the regular school board which serves other public schools.

5,200 SENIORS

Despite all the present public schools' shortcomings there are many high ranking seniors who will graduate with honors and receive scholarships.

Those who have made it through are excitedly preparing for June graduation exercises, proms and farewell assemblies.

Final candidates for graduation will be determined following submission of final grades May 23.

Seniors' report cards will be mailed to parents and students on June 2.

Students with unpaid fines or lost textbooks will not receive grades until obligations have been satisfied.

RETIRING SUPERINTENDENTS

Associate superintendents and school administrators who, up to this date, are listed as retiring, are in the $50,000 to $70,000 a year salary category.

DR. CHARLES R. HANCOCK, Associate Superintendent of Secondary, Vocational, Adult and Community Education, has resigned from the city schools to take a position as Associate Professor of Foreign Languages at Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Hancock's resignation will take effect in August of this year.

His replacement has not been selected.

DR. IRVING MCPHAIL left the school system in June, 1985 and is now vice-president at University of Delaware.

WALTER ROBBINS, who was a recent Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Personnel, has indicated retirement plans. However, he has not filed official papers at this time.

Wesley Evans Baynes director of the Equitable Human Resources Division for 16 years, will replace Mr. Robbins.

ADMINISTRATORS WHO WILL RETIRE

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John Daniels, No. 130, 7/1/86.
Terry Biller, No. 049, 6/1/86.
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Samuel Adams, No. 225, 7/1/86.
Lillian Alston, No. 412, 7/1/86.

SPECIALISTS

Myrna Pugh, No. 518, 7/1/86.

1986 COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

SCHOOLS, DATE, TIME, PLACE, AND NUMBER OF SENIORS

Carroll Park School No. 009, 6/06, 7:30 p.m. Auditorium.
Lake Clifton Sr. High School No. 040, 6/08, 2 p.m.. Stadium /Auditorium, 270.
Southern High School No. 070, 6/09, 7 p.m., Auditorium, 210.
Nathaniel Ramsay School, No. 096, 6/06, 10:30 a.m., 10.
Venable High School No. 115, 6/06, 10:30 a.m. Chinquapinn Middle School, 30.
George McMechen School, No. 177 ,6/06, 10 a.m., Auditorium, 25.
Francis M. Wood School, No. 178, 6/09, 7 p.m., Carroll Park High School, 30.
William S. Baer School, No. 301, 6/06, 10:30 a.m., 2001 N. Warwick Avenue.
Claremont School, No. 307, 6/06, 10:30 a.m., 25.
Edmondson High School, No. 400, 6/08, 2 p.m. Auditorium, 265.
Northwestern High School, No. 401, 6/09, 7 p.m. Auditorium, 250.
Northern Senior High School, No. 402, 6/07, 3 p.m. Auditorium. 275.
Polytechnic Senior High School, No. 403, 6/08, 5 p.m. Lumsden Stadium, 420.
Eastern High School, No. 404, 6/07, 2 p.m., Auditorium, 275.
Patterson High School, No. 405, 6/08, 4 p.m., Auditorium, 360.
Forest Park High School, No. 406, 6/08, 4 p.m., Auditorium, 265.
Western High School, No. 407, 6/07, 5 p.m., School Stadium, 410.
Mergenthaler High School, No. 410, 6/07, 11 p.m., Auditorium, 335.
Walbrook High School, No.411, 6/06, 7 p.m., Auditorium, 385.
Southwestern High School, No. 412, 6/08, 3 p.m., Auditorium, 165.
Dunbar High School, No. 414, 6/06, 6:30 p.m., Stadium (Madison & Central), 190.
School For the Arts, No. 415, 6/08, 5 p.m., Auditorium, 40.
Douglass High School, No. 450, 6/08, 3 p.m., Auditorium, 210.
Joseph Briscoe School, No. 451, 6/06, 7 p.m., Auditorium, 20.
Fairmount Hill School, No. 453, 6/06, 8 p.m., Auditorium, 60.
Carver Vocational School, No. 454, 6/08, 3 p.m., Carver Campus, 190.
City College High School, No. 480, 6/07, 3 p.m., Auditorium, 240.
Harbor City Learning Center, No. 413, 1 p.m., School, No. 406
Harford Institute, No. 456, 6/08, 3 p.m., Auditorium.
External Diploma Program, No. 456A, 6/22, 3 p.m. Auditorium — Harford Institute.
Laurence g. Pacquin High School, No. 457, 6/09, 7 p.m., Auditorium, 50.

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