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favorable or favorable rating. Mayor "Du" Burns had a 56% favorable or very favorable rating.

Trends in a political campaign are subject to change, but Schmoke's early strong showing must be cause for alarm to the other candidates. His early strength might be one factor that makes him feel that he can take the high road in the upcoming campaign.

"I intend to campaign on the issue of leadership and vision of the future of this city. I will concentrate on what I plan to do as mayor, not on why someone should not vote for my opponent or opponents," he emphasized.

Schmoke is aware that many people view him as the hope for the future of Baltimore, but he is not playing messianic politics. "I know that black mayors in other cities have suffered from disappointment on the part of their supporters because of elevated unrealistic expectations of what the candidate can do, once in office.

"I feel the key is not to overpromise during the campaign. For example, the minority business policy of this city. You don't have to make a lot of promises, because the policy is in existence, it's just not enforced."

He added, "I will enforce the present laws for minority business setasides. Also, I want to use an equal opportunity rating system to add to the bidding system. This rating will show the company's record in utilizing minority companies. Many contractors say they prefer this system and it cuts down on litigation."

Another idea that Schmoke has for strengthening minority business is to expand the set-aside program for professional services such as lawyers and accountants.

"For example, the city garage can not service all city vehicles, so some are sent to filling stations and private garages to be fixed. Some of that work could be contracted out to minority filling stations," Schmoke said, matter-of-factly.

Concerning the issue of public education in Baltimore, Schmoke said that a major commitment has to be made. "This city needs a major 10-year plan for improvement for the schools. We have to find the money within existing resources to improve the schools. Baltimore ranks 30th of all major cities in this country in the allocation of local funds to education.

"Once we make this commitment to the schools, we won't be able to do business in the same way. We may have to look to privatization of non-essential operations and contracting out some services. We need a major budget review to determine what is essential and non-essential," Schmoke said.

He added that economic development is affected by the school system because that is a factor that businesses look into when deciding what city to move to.

"We have to emphasize the importance of education to the young. We must make them understand that what is in the future for them is a lab coat, not a hard hat," Schmoke emphasized.

In the same vein he began discussing development in Baltimore. "The city has a certain momentum, and we want to keep that going. We must have balanced growth, however. We have to revitalize the city neighborhoods as well as the Inner Harbor area. We must strengthen neighborhood commercial strips.

"The pitch we must make to businessmen is that when they invest in Baltimore they must invest in Baltimoreans as well. They must give something in return, especially in the area of jobs. It is essential that we reverse the trend in this city that the $15,000-plus jobs go to commuters," added Schmoke.

Two things Kurt Schmoke does not want to happen to his administration are corruption and a staleness that comes from staying in office too long.

"The city has hired an auditor, and as mayor I would encourage that office to scrutinize every department in municipal government. The more closely departments are audited, the less the chance that someone will attempt to steal.

"In terms of my tenure, if elected mayor, I would serve more than one term. I have no higher elective aspirations. I would take an appointive position after serving as mayor, perhaps on a local or federal service delivery or policy development body.

"I have wanted to be mayor of Baltimore since I was in high school. I want to serve in that capacity, but I don't want to stay too long. If you do that, you can run out of ideas and become too entrenched. I think that happened with Mayor Schaefer," said Schmoke pensively.

Kurt Schmoke is pursuing his high school dream with the same kind of proficiency that he displayed in his athletic and academic careers. Things seem to come easy for him.

In his first elective campaign for office in 1982 Schmoke surprised the scoffers who said that he hadn't paid any dues and he lacked charisma. They said his cavalier attitude toward the political bosses would result in defeat.

He won so big over incumbent William Swisher that no one even bothered to run against him in 1986. Will Kurt Schmoke win against incumbent Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns?

The early polls and the political pundits say yes, but Mayor "Du" Burns is a veteran politician with patronage powers and a powerful potential ally in Gov. Schaefer.

Still one political observer stated, "Maybe Schmoke is a candidate of destiny. Everything seems to be going his way, following his timetable. The election is in his hands. He can either hold on or drop it."

September will tell the tale, whether perceptions and impressions translate into votes.

—DeFrancis

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thony Dorsey, First Baptist Church of Pimlico, who opened the bible to a verse that detailed the sins of gambling. Dorsey said, "We're not saying no to racing Monday through Sunday, but we need Sunday for the community to worship and as a day for the family."

"If another sports magnate picks up its toys and goes home, the church will still be there, taking care of the poor," he said.

"I'm not going to address moral issues of Sunday racing because the legislature has already discussed that," said DeFrancis.

When asked what he would say to a bereaved family who can not park near the church because of anoverflow of track parking, DeFrancis referred back to his plan to offer an incentive to park within the confines of Pimlico property.

"We'll give you a $3 dollar value which is the Sunday fee grandstand admission and we want to hire kids to encourage racing patrons against parking on the streets of the neighborhoods," said DeFrancis.

John Ward, a resident of the Mt. Washington area and a recently retired history teacher said his neighbors declined to come to Annapolis because they assumed that Sunday racing is already an established fact.

Ward said that DeFrancis' plan amounted to a unilateral statement, which the community has not had time to properly respond and work out a plan that would please both parties.

He also said that the Racetrack Impact Committee has been the only group that has met with DeFrancis on a consistent basis.

The Pimlico Good Neighbor Association supports DeFrancis' plan because representatives said that he responded to their list of concerns with the ten page report.

After DeFrancis' testimony, members of the Black Caucus met with the race track owner behind close doors. Afterwards Sen. Decatur Trotter, president, said he wanted to thank DeFrancis for giving Morgan State a gift of $80,000. When asked whether anything else was discussed, he declined to further comment.

—City officials

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derision, chagrin and embarrassment," said Dr. Banks. "The governor, it appears, has not overcome his propensity for rule by utase or fiat."

Councilwoman, Iris Reeves said she was shocked at Governor Schaefer's proposal. "Timing is bad," Mrs. Reeves continued, "as it relates to having new leadership in the city government, who has only been in office for weeks.

"Let's not be naive . . ." said Schaefer when asked whether he still had faith in Supt. Alice Pinderhughes to administer the city school system during his Thursday morning press conference.

State Senator Troy Brailey, D.-40, Baltimore, alerted the AFRO on Wednesday of Gov. Schaefer's planned "takeover" of Baltimore City School System.

Brailey said "Why now, because education was not one of Mr. Schaefer's top priorities when he was mayor of Baltimore City."

Sen. Brailey further stated that for the past 21 years he has been in the legislature, we have always been able to get the mayor's budget approved, including funds for education, however, the funds for education were not earmarked as such.

Brailey also stated that all funds that come into Baltimore City, including federal funds go directly to the mayor's office and he is the one who distributes the funds to the Department of Education.

"I'm quite certain the citizens of Baltimore City will not stand idly by and see their public school system taken over by the State of Maryland."

Arnette Brown, the head of the Principals Association, said, "We are absolutely flabbergasted." What distressed him most, Brown said, is the suggestion of outsiders coming into solve our problems.

"We know what the problems are," he said, "and most are tied up to budget." Brown said Schaefer' proposal is part of a political ploy. "He (Schaefer) was in charge of the school system during his 15 year tenure," said Brown, "infact he is the father of it.

Irene Dandridge, president of the Baltimore Teacher's Union, said, "the proposal is ridiculous!"

"The only reason why our school system is not run like those of other counties, he said, is because of lack of funding." Mrs. Dandridge said the money that will be spent to hire outsiders to assess our problems should be spent on purchasing adequate textbooks. The decline of the school system began, she said, with the decreasing of adequte funding.

Mrs. Dandridge also said that school superintendent, Alice G. Pinderhughes "most assuredly knows what our problems are." She questions reasons why Baltimore city public schools, the only school system being run by blacks in the state of Maryland, is being singled out as problematic. "We have the same problems of other systems," she said.

—Crosse appointment

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change. Under civil service rules, he cannot be removed from the post unless he is found to be incompetent or guilty of misconduct.

Rep. Helen Bentley, R.-Md., as the ranking Republican in Maryland congressional delegation, said she was aware of concerns about Crosse's selection.

"I have talked to St. George on several occasions, and he has promised me that the office will be run efficiently and non-politically, and I expect him to live up to that promise," Bentley said in a prepared statement, adding "I intend to watch it very carefully."

Crosse, who co-chaired President Reagan's campaign in Baltimore in 1980, holds a law degree from the University of Baltimore. He is pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Baltimore.

—Feds payoff two

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her employment application.

Wayne Ambrose, the federal drug agent involved in the incident, resigned from the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1976 and subsequently pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of drugs with intent to distribute. Detective Larry Clark also resigned from the Baltimore police force.

Ambrose testified before a Baltimore grand jury that the facts on which the search warrant incriminating Lewis and Vereen had been based were "false, perjured, set-up and fabricated by Clark and himself."

—Sunday racing

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of the Racetrack Impact Committee, of which he is a member. Kloze said he had the support of the group when he telephoned the minister.

Kloze said he called the ministers to inform them of the need to set up discussions among themselves." He was working as a "catalysi," he said.

The position of the Mt. Washington Improvement Association is against Sunday races, Kloze said. But they were prepared to begin negotiations with DeFrancis.

The Racetrack Impact Committee is a program set up under the administration of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation. It was created to impact and enhance the community in a 2-mile radius of the track course. Pimlico observers say most of the money is spent on the Mt. Washington community.

Part of the Mt. Washington's planned negotiation is for DeFrancis to implement the Planned Unit Development, a guide created by the City Council in 1976 for developing the race course, and for solving parking and congestion problems in the area.

Kloze said he feels DeFrancis is "obligated to complete PUD of 1976," which had never been implemented by former track owners, Ben and Herman Cohen.

Track community relations official, Andrew Robinson, said, "The PUD is a complicated legal document. "The proposed objective, he said, are similar to PUD, but does not include every aspect of the PUD.

Vincent H. Davis wins dental school award

Vincent H. Davis, a second year student at the University of Maryland Dental School, has been named the first awardee of the William and Howard Reid Hayden Memorial Research Fellowship Fund in dental materials.

The announcement was made by Dr. Van P. Thompson, director of the dental materials and clinical research unit, who described Mr. Davis as "highly qualified and highly motivated," in keeping with standards of the fellowship established in 1984 by Marion Silver Hayden.

Mr. Davis, who graduated in 1981 from Lock Haven University in Loch Haven, Pennsylvania, with a B.S. in biology and secondary education, is the son and nephew of dentists. His father Dr. George A. Davis is in general practice in Capitol Heights, Maryland, and his uncle, Dr. James R. Spann, practices in Porterville, California.

Following his graduation from college, Davis worked for four years as a bioorganic chemist at Life Technologies, Inc., in Gaithersburg, and is presently doing research at the National Bureau of Standard's Paffenberger Research Center under the direction of Dr. Ray Bowen and Dr. Allen D. Johnson. His study involves bonding to dentin and is a project of the American Dental Association's Health Foundation.

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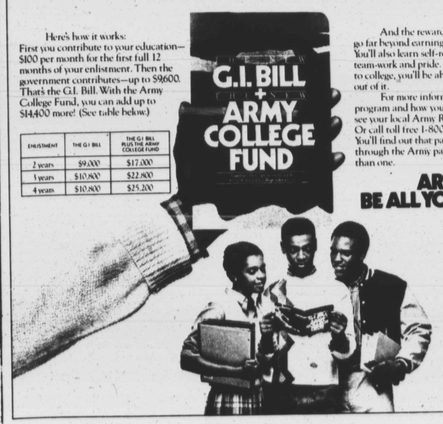

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People in the news

Mother Teresa Shockley celebrates her centennial

Born Helen Shockley, March 3, 1887, the oldest child with five brothers, Mother Teresa was, by her own description "tomboyish, bookish and Methodist."

Her father died when she was seven after contracting tuberculosis from a patient he was nursing. When her mother remarried, Mother Teresa was sent to a Catholic boarding school run by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, founded by the wealthy Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia for Indians and black people. She went on to St. Francis De Sales High School in Virginia also run by the Blessed Sacrament Sisters. It was during these years that she became a Catholic.

Mother Teresa Shockley, OSP

Upon graduating, Mother Teresa moved with her mother and brothers to Chicago, worked for a while, but then decided that God was calling her to be an Oblate Sister of Providence — a Catholic community of black women religious founded in Baltimore in 1829 principally for the Christian education of black children.

As an Oblate Sister of Providence, Mother Teresa became Sister Mary Teresa Shockley, O.S.P. After training, she was sent to teach at St. Augustine School in Washington, D.C. She soon was appointed principal and ministered there in that capacity for nine years. She was recalled to the Baltimore headquarters and elected by her sisters to head the entire community as Mother Superior, a post she held for 18 years. During that time many young women recognized her leadership and her deep love for God. She sent many Oblate Sisters to many cities to teach and bring God's love to the children.

In 1973 Mother Teresa was appointed Mission Procurator for the Oblate Sisters. She is vitally interested in this project and wants to keep informed of all that pertains to it. She engages even more actively in her childhood pleasure — reading. Her taste runs to world news and mystery stories. Another activity that she really enjoys is traveling or just going for a ride. She continues her life long ministry to others through constant prayers on their behalf.

On Sunday, March 1, the Oblate Sisters of Providence are planning a joyous celebration for their centenarian, 73 of those years spent as an Oblate Sister. Plans for her 100th birthday include a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. at their headquarters, 701 Gun Road in Arbutus. A reception in honor of Mother Teresa Shockley will follow the Mass.

Kevin Cuffie is named at Frostburg

Kevin Cuffie, a Baltimore native, has recently been appointed by Frostburg State College as assistant director of admissions for minority recruitment.

Kevin Cuffie

He coordinates activities to increase exposure and availability to major primary minority markets, including Baltimore, Prince George's County, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New Jersey.

His primary objective is to involve the college with outreach programs, both social and educational in order to provide information on quality education and career opportunities, to high school students who will prepare to accept the college commitment.

Cuffie meets with students in their hometowns and schools to discuss with them future career plans leading to individuals establishing an "educational mind - set."

He presents information ranging from admission requirements and financial aid to housing and campus life.

On Frostburg, he observed the "interaction between FSC faculty and students is outstanding."

The classes are sized in a way that a student can obtain a "one-to-one" advisement and relationship with professors, therefore creating a personable learning environment. FSC offers students an excellent educational experiene that will enhance career opportunities beyond college.

The college has many available resources for a student to realistically develop personal goals and growth. For instance, students have access to the college's career and placement center, special student services, programs for student development and student human relations. All of these offices seek to help a student learn how to interact and gain information in a "multi-racial" setting, and aide in forming the individual's leadership. In addition, FSC offers a student a strong community support system, mountain life style, and a fresh-cultural living environment.

"Education is the way out," says Cuffie. "One must be willing to accept the challenge. One can achieve great things, no matter what the odds are or no matter where one comes from. One must be willing to believe he can overcome the obstacles. There is a future out waiting — one must only want it firmly enough."

Prior to joining FSC, Cuffie's endeavors involved the medical field, particularly programs that helped people from disadvantaged backgrounds. He is a recipient of several awards including the Upjohn Corporation Research Fellowship, AUPHA National Fellow in Health Care Administration, Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship, Washington University Scholarship, and the Gilman School Upward Bound Scholarship.

Cuffie is a graduate of the Washington University of St. Louis, MO. where he studied medical care planning and sociology.

HCC appoints counselor

Howard Community College recently appointed Mrs. Julie E. Knox to the position of career counselor.

Mrs. Knox, who received a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati, was formerly assistant director of the Career Development Center at Coppin State College. Named an "Outstanding Young Woman in America" for 1982, the Baltimore resident is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Middle Atlantic Placement Association.

Julie E. Knox

Mitchell won't comment on nephews' role

By Rebecca Kolberg (UPI) — Former Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., said Wednesday he is still exploring legal ways to defend his reputation following reports he was involved in a bribery scandal concerning a New York defense contractor.

Mitchell, a Baltimore Democrat, hinted he is considering filing a libel suit, but said it may be months before he can develop a legal strategy because of the possible "problem of being a public figure."

"I am so upset with the treatment that has been according me, I am perfectly prepared to wait," Mitchell said.

The former Seventh District congressman refused to comment about any involvement a law firm headed by his nephews, State Sen. Michael Mitchell, D-Baltimore, and former State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III, D-Baltimore, had with Wedtech Corp. He repeatedly declined to answer questions if he believed his nephews were innocent in the Wedtech matter.

Earlier this month, Mitchell said he had no knowledge that his nephew's law firm received a $100,000 "consulting" contact from Wedtech until it was revealed in newspaper reports last fall.

Federal prosecutors have subpoened the attendance and expense records of Clarence Mitchell for the years he was in the state Senate. Owden Bowie, secretary of the state Senate, said he did not know why the records were seized.

Earlier this month, reports in the New York Daily News indicated Parren Mitchell, who retired from Congress this year, was a target of an investigation into alleged bribes paid by Wedtech. But Mitchell and federal prosecutors in Baltimore denied the reports.

The former congressman, who headed the Small Business Committee, Wednesday said he has received no subpoenas, telephone calls or correspondence fom prosecutors in Baltimore or New York.

In June, Mitchell asked the Small Business Administration to investigate alleged wronging by Wedtech, a now-bankrupt Bronx, N.Y., contractor. He said he requested the investigation following complaints that Wedtech was using White House influence to get military contracts and was not a bonafide minority firm.

The SBA probe cleared Wedtech of wrongdoing. But Mitchell wrote the SBA director in December saying he had received tips that some SBA staff deliberately withheld or misrepresented information requested by his committee concerning Wedtech.

Earlier this month, retired commander of the New York National Guard and five other people, including four ex-Wedtech officials, have been indicted in an alleged bribery scheme involving federal, state and legal officials.

Interfaith group to develop AIDS victims housing

The Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, in cooperation with the major denominations in the Baltimore area, is developing a much needed housing service for persons suffering from AIDS.

The office for the "Interfaith Residential Service for Persons with AIDS" will be set up immediately to assist persons, displaced by their illness, find appropriate and supportive housing.

Housing will be leased by the Interfaith Residential Service and then be made available to A.I.D.S. patients for small group living.

Residents will prepare their meals and take charge of their daily living arrangements. C.M.E.C. is now in the process of hiring a Program Director to oversee the program.

Judicatories underwriting the initial cost of the housing program and Program Director are: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore; the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland; the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; The Presbytery of Baltimore; and The Baltimore Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Office space for the Interfaith Residential Service for Persons with AIDS is being provided by St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1900 St. Paul St.

Future funding for this program is expected to be shared by individual residents (rents on a sliding scale), government grants, and contributions from judicatories, churches and community groups.

The special Task Force that developed the proposal for the housing program include: The Rev. Dr. Bruce W. Shoemaker, President of C.M.E.C.; Don Miller of the AIDS Interfaith Network; Sr. Karen McNally of Stella Maris; Rev. Canon Edwin G. Bennett of the AID Interfaith Network; and Richard M. Kelly, Executive Director of C.M.E.C.; Frank Lambert of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

This Oversight Advisory Committee is very enthusiastic and encouraged by the positive response from the judicatories and the community. They expect to have their first housing unit open by this Fall.

Pratt Library offers literary prize

When the Enoch Pratt Free Library reopened its renovated Central Children's Department Feb. 1, library officials announced the introduction of a new literary prize to be awarded for "the most significant book for children by a Maryland author."

Established by Baltimore newspaper columnist and author Franklin Mason in honor of the late Mrs. Hedda Seisler Mason, a former children's librarian at Pratt, the $350 prize will be awarded biennially by the Pratt Library for an original work of fiction or nonfiction written in English for childen through age 12.

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