Girl Scouts taking root on area campuses

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

The development of campus Girl Scouts is a new addition to the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

Field director for the Metro West Team, Muriel Gates said the idea came from a need for some women to work with the Girl Scouts.

Basically, in the city there are a great number of girls ages 5 to 17 who need adults to help them develop values, interests, and talents and somebody to guide them and give them some time," she said.

"We have a lack of adult leadership," said Gates.

Gates cited two city campuses where the organization has already been instituted.

One is Morgan State University, and the other Goucher College.

Morgan's was started when Gates learned of a college fraternity sweetheart group of pledgees who needed a community service to engage.

"The Iota sweethearts group needed some service work to do and I needed some women to work with some girls" she said.

Gates enlisted their service to take the girls to the zoo one day this summer and also to assist in Sports Day, which will be sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland on May 14 at Western High School.

Gates said the college women accepted the challenge and are also interested in having a campus Girl Scouts organization.

Gates said she would like to start a Campus Girl Scout group on every campus.

"Litte girls would relate well to young adults," she said.

"We need more adult involvement."

Gates said her response from the women of Goucher stemmed from a flyer she sent describing what Campus Girl Scouts do.

Campus Girl Scouts are young people attending a college, university, or higher learning, who believe in the principles of the Girl Scout movement and who want to help girls grow.

Their service and participation is broken down into four categories: on the campus, in the community, in the Girl Scout council, and with the girls.

A Morgan student who responded to Gates inquiry of the women pledging to be sweethearts of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity said she enjoys working with the girls.

"It gives me a sense of well-being," she said.

The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was started March 12, 1912.

Under its umbrella is the 26-year-old Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. The Girl Scouts have set four goals: for the girls to relate to others; develop self-potential; develop values; contribute to society.

There are currently 21,000 girls and 6,000 adults participating in the Central Maryland chapters.

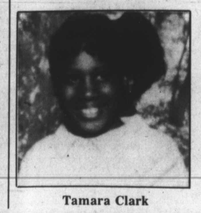
Girl Scouts include girls ages 5 to 17.

9-year-old thrives on reading program

Tamara Clark, a student at Belmont Elementary School, had a grand time at the "old ball game," Friday, as she threw out the first ball and was recognized for her outstanding reading achievement.

As part of the Read Like A Pro Program, the Baltimore Orioles's response to Mayor Schmokes' objective to make Baltimore "a city that reads," Clark answered the challenge to fifth graders to read six books between the period of Jan. 18 to April 18 by doubling the six-book goal.

"I like reading," Clark said, "because it makes you smart and it gives me ideas."



Tamara Clark

Rewarded with tickets for herself and her family, an Oriole batting helmet and other prizes, nine year old said she read twelve books because "I wanted extra credit."

The Read Like A Pro, in its first year, attracted nearly 1,600 students to the Orioles game against the Oakland Athletics, but the biggest delight was not the Oriole victory, but that so many students would reach the six-book goal.

"The Read Like A Pro Project was ideal for us," said Oriole publicist, Julie Wagner. "We gave $10,000 to combat adult illiteracy as part of our community commitment, but we wanted to take the major's proposal to another level."

School officials provide the Orioles with a suggested reading list, but many of the students had the option of choosing such titles such as "Old Yellar," "The Enormous Egg" and "The Case of the Elevator Duck."



Calvin Hill

Hill lauds Birds' outreach efforts

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

Working hard is the way we remember Calvin Hill when he was a star running back with the Dallas Cowboys and later with the Washington Redskins. He always worked for the extra yard.

Today, Hill is still working hard in his new capacity as vice president of administrative personnel for the Baltimore Orioles.

Heeding Mayor Schmoke's challenge to make the Baltimore community "a city that reads," Hill supported the Real Like A Pro Program, targeted at both the City's fifth grade students and adult illiteracy with enormous enthusiasm.

Last Friday, the program reaped its first reward as an estimated 1,600 fifth graders invaded Memorial Stadium having met the basic requirement of reading six books in a designated three month period.

"Somehow the attitude that learning isn't cool has crept in the minds of some kids," Hill said. "It's peer pressure working in the reverse. Its OK to get a C or B, but not an A in school. That's not the way I think. My atttude is that your best is the only decernable thing to do and we want to highlight that feeling with the Read like A Pro Program."

Amid the reports that illiteracy is growing, some experts have said that many high school students are graduating without the ability to read and write. Hill wants education and the learning process to be fruitful for Baltimore City youth and starting early is the key.

"We want to change priorities. Everybody can learn to read and write," Hill said. We want to present the program as something desirable . . . like a gold chain. Young people in Baltimore have the same potential as other kids. They should also have the same goals of becoming doctors, lawyers and school teachers.

While the Baltimore Orioles is making a serious commitment to community outreach and in addition to giving $10,000 to the adult illiteracy program, it has also expanded its summer internship program and increased their efforts in minority hiring.

"We have made a serious decision to be a part of the entire community," Hill said. "The Read Like A Pro Program came as a result of a partnership with the Baltimore City Public Schools and the relationship that kids have to sports, but we are increasing our network to all available resources. We are working hard to keep the Oriole organization first class."

As a native of Baltimore, Hill has seen both the good times and the bad and he is convinced that changes are being made for the better and that includes the City of Baltimore, as well as the Oriole organization.

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TAURUS (April 21-May 20): For the most part of this very favorable period, this is your week. Pay attention to details, join forces with others of like mind and lay the groundwork to any long-range plans. The especially favorable days are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Act with confidence. It's the right week to catch up on correspondence, make phone calls and perform other tasks that depend on communication skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is a good week for forging ahead, but it should be done in stages rather than one big sweep. Thursday and Friday suggest minor annoyances or delays that could get in the way of things. As for Saturday and Sunday, conditions are far more favorable. Restrictions with a partner or through responsibilities could seem overwhelming if you focus on them only.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): As we enter the water sign of Pisces this week, you should find your affairs going along pretty smoothly. There's likely to be rough weather ahead for Saturday. It may have to do with flair-ups or domestic spats. Plan a financial strategy for Monday and Tuesday. Comparison shopping saves you from overspending.

LEO (July 22-August 20): It's important to pay special attention to the little things this early part of the week. Be on guard against possible deception. Saturday and Sunday has its rewards concerning improved conditions as well as relationships. As for Monday and Tuesday, it's best not to expect much. You are likely to be involved in intrigue and secrets now.

VIRGO (August 21-September 21): The utmost care has to be exercised Thursday and Friday to avoid needless hassles and stress. Try not to make serious and long-term commitments during this time. On the other hand, you should have a chance to rebound by Sunday evening and lasting the next 48 hours. A problem with a landlord will be worked through.

LIBRA (September 22-October 20): The only decent days you have this week is Wednesday and maybe Thursday. Afterwards things may move slowly over the next 48 to 72 hours. And Saturday and Sunday won't be your best, to say the least. Your best bet is not to expect anything at all then, and just rest easy. Don't let an aggresive friend back you into a corner. Be firm.

SCORPIO (October 21-November 21): This is the week that's likely to test your patience and pocketbook. Being generous to a fault in this regard could be the problem. If you must do anything of consequence or of long-range importance, your only favorable days are Thursday and Friday. Even then it's minor. News from afar is likely to be misleading.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): This is a week of mixed reviews. Some days are favorable and others not. Thursday and Friday may find you at a slight disadvantage as far as plans to. Wednesday as well as Saturday and Sunday is more to your liking as far as relationships and career goes. Money matters remain confusing and would best be handled by seeking the advice of someone you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): There is a positive carry-over of the planetary forecast of last week. And although they're not as strong, they're favorable nonetheless. Thursday and Friday suggest your name and reputation can be enhanced. Exercise caution over the weekend. Monday and Tuesday are good You gain from closeness and it will reawaken your ability to laugh and relax.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Your week should start off like a rocket. You're in a good position to light the way for others by demonstrating a sense of understanding and fairness. By the weekend, an influential female could assist you in some way. As for Monday and Tuesday, however, just the reverse is the case.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): According to your personal aspects, "Best Sign of the Week" belongs to you. You now have a chance to make definite inroads as far as personal plans and resolutions go. The days to take special note on your calendar are Thursday and Friday followed by next Monday and Tuesday. No excuses.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Once you get past Wednesday you should notice some immediate changes and all of it for the best. If you map out your week carefully, you'll find that Thursday, Friday and especially next Monday and Tuesday are your best bet. These are your days to meet the movers and shakers. Chores that have gotten out of hand will weigh on you unless you catch up with them now.

Lonesome Hearts

Divorced black female would like to meet gentlemen who are financially secure and believe in sharing. Nationality and education not important. Send photo with first letter, if possible. For more, write to CC 22.

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Handsome North Carolina black male, 30, slim, 6'1", 182 pounds, living near Greensboro, medium brown complexion, brown eyes, considerate, varied interests, would like to meet Christian female, not overweight for friendship, romantic outings. Please send photo and phone number. For more, write to CC 23.

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Single, black male, full-figured, honest, sincere, doesn't smoke, drink, use drugs or gamble, would like to meet full-figured lady, 38-60. CC 24.

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Handsome gentleman with business mind, sincere and honest would like to meet lady with same qualities who is interested in traveling. Send phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 25.

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Attractive, middle-aged lady with nice personality would like to meet tall, middle-aged gentleman with car for companionship. For more, write to CC 26.

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Sincere and honest male would like to meet sincere, considerate lady for long relationship who is willing to relocate. Non-smoker and no-drugs. Photo and phone number, if possible. For more, write to CC 17.

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Black male, 37, 5'4", 150 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, would like to correspond with ladies, 25-40 who are thoughtful, understanding, caring and honest. Women who like being treated like ladies. My hobbies fishing, cooking, music and I love dancing. If possible, send phone number and photo with first letter. For more, write to CC 18.

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Employed black female, 40, would like to meet black male, 35-50, sense of humor, enjoys outdoors and cultural events. No drug users or smokers. Write to CC 19.

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Lonely Virginia widow, 47, an honest, "down-to-earth" person, would like to meet Christian gentleman who is nice and sincere. Must like church. CC 20.

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Although I live in California, don't let that stop you from contacting me. We can get together. I'm a Christian lady, slightly queen-size, in 30's, 5'7", honest, sincere, intelligent, good cook and homemaker. If you're a gentleman, 30-50 seeking a wife, I'm your lady. Can relocate. Write to CC 21.



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Tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:
A few months ago, I met a gentleman by the name of J.B.B. Our friendship was brief due to the fact that I would not consent to become his wife.

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Jan, I have written him several times about the phone bill and also concerning returning my photograph.

He seems to take my kindness for weakness. I was wondering whether or not I should pay him a visit since he ignores my correspondence. I would like to have the money for the phone bill as well as my photographs.

However, I don't want any trouble from him.

SWN

Dear SWN:
He is certainly not the type of guy I'd want for a friend. I would not waste my time paying him a visit. Forget about the photograph; pay the phone bill and chalk the whole thing up as experience.

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Dear Jan:
The father of my baby gives me money sometimes. I met another man who will marry me and take care of the baby.

What should I do?

Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M:
To quickly overcome a dreadful mistake you made with the first person, accept the proposal of the second and settle down.
Good luck.

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Dear Jan:
I am a senior in high school. A college fellow I have known for a year still cares for me. Presently he is away now and from his letters, too few of them, he has grown on me.

Your comment.

Anxious

Dear Anxious:
College atmosphere makes a difference in associations students choose. To keep him from out-growing you, improve in outlook, sincerity, but your study to graduate is more important.

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Dear Jan:
I am 27 and my so-called boyfriend is 20. We have been dating for four years.

The problem is he is a loner and I like to be around people. For one thing, he doesn't like to take his hat off in the house. I wasn't raised that way. My mother says a man is always supposed to take his hat off when he comes inside a building or house.

We argue a lot about this all the time. He doesn't want to go any where.

I really want to find someone else who is not a loner and more like me.

Confused

Dear Confused:
You two are not very compatible. If I were you, I'd give up the guy. He doesn't sound worth the effort.

Pen Pals

Incarcerated black male, 24 would like to correspond with honest and sincere person for friendship. Willie Evans, 194529, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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27-year-old incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. James Jordan, 180-500, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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33-year-old black male, confined, seeks friendship through correspondence. Bradley Mercy, Y-4040, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

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Single black male, 28, would like to correspond with sincere, honest females. Age not important. Donald Pitts, Y-5638, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.

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Incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. William Botton, 189-581, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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Incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. Jerry Brooks, 148-232, Post Office Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001.

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30-year-old black female, incarcerated, would like to correspond with interested male for friendship. Hobbies are tennis, chess, swimming, etc. Elizabeth Hunt, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Incarcerated male, 31, would like to correspond with sincere females. 28-35. Russell Williams, Jr., K-8258, Drawer R, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

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26-year-old male, confined, would like to correspond with interested females. Troyvon McClellan, 180911, Post Office Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001.

Searching

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Dear Jan:
When can I wear heels, have dates and go out without my parents? I am 12 years old.

Disgusted

Dear Disgusted:
When your parents say it's okay and not until. They know best!

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