Searching for a summer job easier than some think

by Catrice Greer
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As the school year ends, man teens face the prospect of finding ways to occupy themselves over the summer's three month hiatus.

There is often a decision to be made between paid employment and volunteer services.

The difference between the two is simple. Paid employment offers a monetary reward in exchange for one's services. In contrast, volunteering involved only the giving of one's services in exchange for no monetary reward.

Within Baltimore City there are various employment opportunities available to youth during the summer months.

The Midtown Church Community Association, located at 1900 St. Paul St. is one such organization. It is designed to service the needs of the growing number of homeless people in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

The positions offered are general volunteer oriented. Each volunteer may choose to work in the soup kitchen, thrift shop, church shop, or the shelter.

Esther Reaves, the executive coordinator, said "Volunteering allows people to experience the fact that homeless people are not different than any other people. We are all the same, it's just that some have more than others."

In order to become involved, those who are interested should call Reaves at 752-4618. Anyone who has a specific interest in volunteering: for the soup kitchen may call Steve Staley at 539-3911; or at the shelter, you may call Jack Schaeffer at 576-9170.

Volunteer positions are offered to those persons ages sixteen and over.

The Druid Hill YMCA offers exciting placement opportunities for adolescents interested in working with young children.

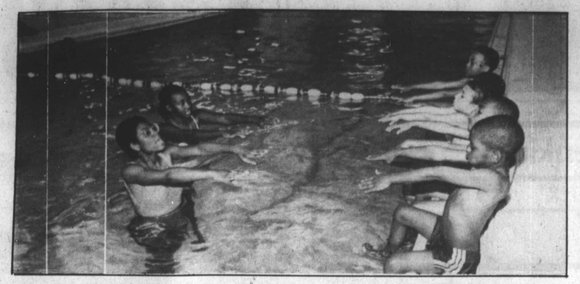
Young adults, ages 12-15 particiapte in the counselor-in-training program. According to William Horsey, program director, here the children will develop leadership skills, develop management skills and have fun while participating in camp events.

Generally, camp counselor positions are paid employment. Each counselor interacts with the children on a 1:10 ratio of staff counselors to children.

Counselors supervise the arts and crafts, games, music and songs, theatre arts, nature studies, and recreational swimtime.

The YMCA also offers wage earning employment opportunities for lifeguarding applicants.

Each applicant must:
be at lest 16 years of age.
possess a Red Cross Advanced Lifesaving certificate.
possess a Multi Media First Aid certificate.



(AFRO Photo by Paul Greene)
SPLASHY JOB—Instructors Kimya Jones of the University of Maryland and Aicha Sy, of the Univesity of Dakar, Senegal, gie swimming tips to Jason Boston, Daniel Gaither, Maurice

possess a current CPR card

Wages for lifeguards vary according to the extent of the applicant's experience in lifeguarding.

For more information contact William Horsey at 1601 Druid Hill Avenue YMCA, 728-1600.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore offers multiple opportunities for summer employment.

Opportunities for college students are unlimited.

The gift shop and admissions booths allow the employee to be where the major contact will be with the visitors.

In addition internship are offered year round to college students who are interested.

An interview is required.

For those students who are considering summer employment for next year, the National Aquarium offers a volunteer program.

In this program, students volunteer on the weekends during the school year.

During this time students will be informed about marine life and marine biology.

When the students return for the summer they qualify to serve as wage earning tour guides.

As tour guides, students will provide overviews of the marine life in the Aquarium and answer any questions the visitors may have.

"It is very busy, fast-paced fun close-knit. It's an exciting place to work. It offers good experience," stated Evelyn Strand, Personnel Department.

Employment in the gift shop or admissions booths requires employees to wear uniforms. In the office area, however employees should dress appropriately. This excludes jeans and sneakers.

For more information call Helen Jones 576-3819, Volunteer Program or Evelyn Strand 576-3819, Personnel Department.

The YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area offers day care programs for those who are interested in the care of young children.

The program is open to male and female volunteers ages sixteen and older.

Volunteers work as assistants to the staff of the day care centers.

Activities include games, stories, arts and crafts, classroom management, field trips and decorating bulletin boards.

Volunteers hve a choice of working with the children of the 2-5 year old age group or the 6-14 year old children.

Interested persons should call the YWCA and inquire about the daycare centers located in their vicinity. Then they should make arrangements with the directors of those centers for employment.

Every interested applicant should be aware that they must undergo a mandatory fingerprinting and background check.

For further information, contact the YWCA of Greater Baltimore Area, 128 W. Franklin, 685-1460.

Summer employment, whether paying or volunteer, is available to those who want it provided they devise a selection process which focuses in on their personal interests.

The demand for paid employment will continue, as well as the great demand for volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities may not reward monetarily, however, through volunteer work a person gives and receives knowledge whose value far surpasses the worth of money.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By Frederick Scott

Some typographical errors changed the meaning of portions of the May 31 column. In the major one, the sentence should read, "Burglary, robbery, and other illegal acts...would be no less criminal."

Treating addiction as a health problem, brings several benefits. First, it broadens our viewpoint allowing us to consider the process with less likelihood that we will become hung up on the specific substance whether alcohol or other drug.

The key factor is that of chemical dependency. Second, it can encourage us to focus on the range of factors influencing behavior without relying mostly on punishment and moral arguments. Third, some concrete steps can be taken even as the questions of policy and decriminalization are being discussed.

As previously noted, researchers strongly suggest that a connection exists between addiction and the biochemical actions taking place in the body. Those findings extend beyond the phenomenon of addiction to include general behavioral considerations, particularly in regard to children and the learning environment.

The research has not received the attention it should. It is unlikely that it will unless you and many other people insist on it.

For one thing, it is hardly worth anybody's time or energy to do the research. The work is difficult and requires the involvement of several different branches of science.

Scientists do not win the respect of other colleagues or prestigious awrds for working with scientists outside their field.

Perhaps more important, there is not a lot of money to be made for successfully putting the results into practice since they generally cannot be patented or sold as an exclusive product or service.

Just as money plays a crucial role in the maintenance and expansion of the drug trade, so too must it play a crucial role in any practical alternatives to the present policies.

Many people will see a call for increased funding as "dumping more taxpayer money down a rat hole" or as "coddling criminals."

Perhaps there are other approaches appropriate for the economic environment in this country.

Instead of seeing the allocation of money simply as an expenditure, perhaps it could be structured as an investment in the same sense that a corporation represents an investment of money with the expectation of a monetary return on that investment.

The vast sums attributed to the cost of law enforcement efforts, drug-related crime victim losses, and other out-of-pocket costs of chemical dependency provide a virtual source for projecting return on the investment.

Readily determined variables such as reduced recidivism (rearrest) rates could serve as concrete measures of performance.

A system of bonuses and valuable awards could be devised to recognize important technical, social, and managerial contributions and to encourage interdisciplinary cooperation.

Obviously, the foregoing is barely a sketch of the tremendous amount of effort entailed in assessing possible changes in dealing with problems of chemical dependency.

It does not depend on decriminalization; a beginning could be made without it. Because government at all levels has an active, major involvement in dealing with addiction, any implementation can and must be sanctioned and supported by the appropriate level.

This nation and particularly our people are hemorrhaging — losing not only our lives, integrity, and money, but our future. And not many others care.

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SAM LACY

Babe & Hank

Some of my downtown colleagues may be shocked when they read this . . . . they shouldn't be . . . . There never has been any question as to where I stand in the seemingly never ending debate over the kinship of Babe Ruth to Baltimore, and on the relative merits of Ruth and Henry Aaron as baseball players.

You may be wondering already, just what is my reason for bringing up this particular issue now . . . . Both men finished their baseball playing years ago — Ruth in 1935 and Aaron in 1976 . . . . So why in the middle of two relatively interesting 1988 pennant races, would I be dwelling in the past?

Not by choice

To answer, I'd say it isn't really by choice . . . . Recent developments in the AFRO hometown have brought it on.

The first was another soliloquy to the memory of Ruth by a fellow-columnist and longtime friend of this writer's . . . . The second was the erection of a wood carving at the entrance to the newly opened Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Question, please

The friend's column was the latest of many he has done singing the praises of the Babe . . . . This one urges naming the proposed new stadium for him.

Why? . . . . Except for being born here and playing briefly with the minor league Orioles before moving on to New York, Ruth had no real impact on Baltimore baseball . . . . He played 19 years in New York where he hit .342 and smashed 699 of his 714 homeruns, but they call it YANKEE STADIUM.

Babe hugging Hank?

With regard to that fictitious embrace which greets visitors to the State Athletic Hall of Fame, I can only view it as a brazen misrepresentation of baseball fact.

Actually, I am certain that Henry Aaron would feel like an impostor were he to submit to such an expression of acceptance . . . . He once refused an invitation (delivered to him by this writer in Atlanta) to attend a Baltimore function honoring Ruth . . . . "I don't recall that he ever did anything for us," he explained.

Moreover, it is unlikely that George Herman Ruth himself would have welcomed the idea . . . . But understand, it is by no means the intention here to imply that Babe may have had racist tendencies . . . . In his day, there was no contact between black players and white in league play.

There was considerable post-season competition, however, between black All-Star teams and mixed teams of white major leaguers . . . . Bob Feller, Dizzy Dean, Art Houtteman, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, "Stuffy" McGinnia, Joe Dugan, Goose Goslin and even Jake Powell (who once boasted about his anti-black stance), played occasionally.

But Ruth didn't.

No thing, no time

Nor did he ever return to Baltimore — except in regular season as a member of the Yankees . . . . No Old Timers games, no dinners honoring him (on one occasion, Chuck Hinton was brought in to accept the "Sultan of Swat" award voted Ruth).

Babe Ruth, born in Baltimore, played in New York (later Boston), married in New York, died in New York and is buried in New York.

Wouldn't "Bird Stadium" be more appropriate?

Notable quotable

The late Branch Rickey who introduced desegregation to organized baseball, discussing the various stages of senility:

"First you forget names; then you forget faces; then you forget to zip up your fly, and then you forget to unzip your fly."

Horse racing progress

Appointment helps ease racist stigma

By Sam Lacy

Ernest Colvin was named early last week by Gov. William Donald Schaefer to chair the Maryland Racing Commission.

Although such recognition was long overdue, Schaefer's action must be looked upon as an extremely bold move.

Colvin, a Park Heights Ave. dentist whose office is within a medium shout of the Pimlico Race Course, is the first black in Maryland's thoroughbred history to hold such a lofty position.

In the mid-seventies former Governor Marvin Mandel appointed him the commissioner of harness racing. But observers, including the AFRO, regarded the harness post as of little consequence in the overall drive for a proportionate share of the thousands of jobs available at Laurel, Pimlico, Bowie and Timonium.

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For more than a decade, between 1976 and 1986, the AFRO carried on a determined campaign ridiculing the Maryland thoroughbred racing industry for its unrelenting policy of job discrimination.

Attention was called repeatedly to the disgraceful imbalance in black patronage and black employment at race tracks on the Maryland circuit.

It was estimated that blacks represented 21-24 percent at the turnstiles but less than 2 percent at the employment window.

Since 1986, measurable progress has been made.

The security force was desegregated. The tellers' windows gradually — though begrudgingly — became populated by an occasional black.

Calvin Myers was placed in charge of the jockeys' quarters, Robert Flournoy was named to a swing post on the patrol judges' roster and "Cocky" Johnson was appointed stable manager.

All these were white positions until the early seventies.

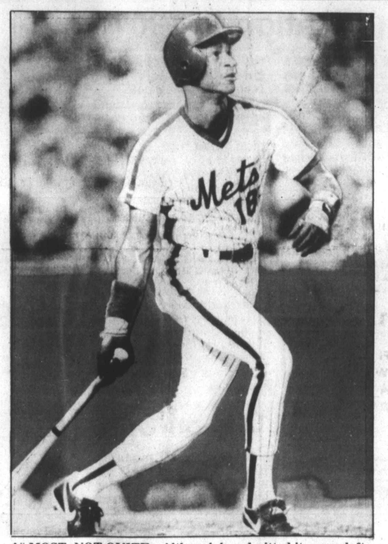
Some areas — starting crews, public relations, front office, even car-parking — remain inviolate.

Family victory

Ron Terry, originally of Aberdeen, Md., captured the Capital City Open golf title Sunday at Langston in Washington, D.C.

Terry's 138 for the 36-hole event bested Fred Gibson of East Potomac by one stroke and Wiley Williams of East Orange, N.J., by two.

Ron is the son of former Maryland State champion Vernon Terry and older brother to 1985 NCAA champion Tony Terry.



ALMOST, NOT QUITE—Although he admitted it was a lofty goal, Darryl Strawberry gave it a good shot anyway. The New York mets rightfielder figured that with Father's Day coming up in three days before his son's third birthday, he could give the kid something to remember by hitting a homerun for each of his years. Darryl clouted two and barely missed the third as he helped beat the Cardinals, 6-4. He did drive in three runs, though.

2nd round flops

Jim Thorpe blows Open

Jim Thorpe skied to an horrendous 81 in the second round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Brookline, Mass., Friday, thus missing the halfway cut by 10 strokes.

Also victimized by an inept 81 was Marylander Al Morton, whose 36-hole card was 155, nine strokes away from the cutoff point of 146.

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Thorpe and Morton, who was making his first appearance in the prestigious event, were the only black qualifiers.

The tough Country Club course took the measure of many top-echelon players as well as Thorpe and Morton.

Joining them on the sidelines were Greg Norman, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love, III, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and T. C. Chen, among others.

Derby winner

Jim's Orbit, thwarted in his effort to become the first black-owned entry to win the Kentucky Derby, gave his stable a measure of satisfication Saturday.

The colt, owned by James Cottrell of Lexington, Ky., won the Ohio Derby, defeating a formidable field of 3-year-olds, including Tsarbaby, co-entered by rivals Woody Stephens and Wayne Lukas.

Appetite whetted by surprise chance

Manager job: Maybe Ellie's time has come

By Richard L. Shook
UPI Sports Writer

The chance to replace Frank Robinson for four games when the Baltimore manager was hospitalized with a bad back surprised Orioles bullpen coach Elrod Hendricks. The job clearly did not overwhelm him.

"Yes, I enjoyed it," Hendricks said. "I was surprised more than anything why I was the chosen one. But after they explained to me why, I accepted. It's something I would eventually like to do."

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Those who know the native of the Virgin Islands (St. Thomas) believe he'd make an excellent manager.

Hendricks is bright, articulate and outgoing. He knows baseball and knows people. He's easygoing and has a good sense of humor.

You'd like to think that race — Hendricks is Black Hispanic — never has been the thing that has held him back. But that would be a naive notion, although hopefully times have begun to change for the better.

Hendricks has his own subtle way of making his point.

"I would like to think that in 31 years I have learned something about the game," the 47-year-old said. "After all, I spent 10 years with Earl Weaver, four to five with Billy Martin, Preston Gomez in Puerto Rico and Frank here.

"When I played, I was always thinking about the next move, and what the managers on the other sides were going to do next."

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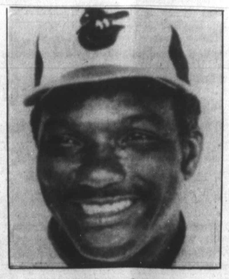
It only seems like Hendricks has been with the organization as long as Orioles have had feathers. Signed by another organization, the long-armed catcher was drafted by Baltimore in 1968. He never hit much but he had some pop in his bat and his throws to second were things of beauty.



Elrod Hendricks
'. . had enough learning . .'

Hendricks played parts of two seasons for Martin with New York and part of one season with the Chicago Cubs before becoming a fixture in the Orioles' bullpen.

"After 12 years out there, it was little different coming back to the dugout," Hendricks said. "Everything looked so much quicker. But it didn't take that long for me to readjust. A lot of the pitchers looked a lot quicker but by the second game, things were fine.

"I had 24 guys who were ready to play and it seemed like we had fun. We had an opportunity to win three of the four games, if not all four."

There isn't as much pressure on a coach or interim manager as there is on the man whose job is on the line with every win and loss.

"I never look at life in general that way," Hendricks said. "I try to take everything as it comes. I'd be a fool to say I'm relaxed all the time. I never got nervous when I played — but I did get excited.

"Of course I took the four games seriously. I didn't know how long I was going to be there. It could have been for a longer time."

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While Hendricks has a longtime desire to manage, he isn't about to jump into a position with a club bad enough to get him fired right away.

"I wouldn't take the first thing. A good situation would be a priority. The talent on the club, the organization, the talent in the minors, I'd take that all into consideration."

It sounds like Hendricks has it all thought out. He's prepared for the day when it comes.

Hendricks, who was honored in January for his community service work in the Baltimore area, goes out of his way to help others. Maybe it's about time somebody went out of the way to help him.