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## First African American Graduate from City A Course to Address 2008 Commencement

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a milestone in the 169-year history of the Baltimore City College, **Leon Armour, BCC'58**, Hall of Fame member, and first African American to graduate from the highly regarded A Course, will deliver a commencement address for the Class of 2008.



The Class of 1958 was the first to graduate with African American students who attended Baltimore College from the freshman through senior year. "The Green Bag", the school yearbook, indicated a total of 35 among the 569 mid-year and year-end graduating seniors in 1958.

The commemoration at the commencement and the invitation to Armour to speak resulted from an alumni suggestion to the administration at Baltimore City College. Rarely in the past has there been a guest speaker at commencement for the nation's third oldest continuously functioning public high school. Traditionally the focus of events has been on the graduating senior class.

As a member of the historic Baltimore City College Class of 1958, Armour has brought abundant honor to his high school alma

mater. He had an outstanding 24-year career in the U.S. Air Force after his undergraduate education at Howard University. A jet fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, he retired from the U.S.A.F. with the rank of Lt. Colonel having proficiently served in a variety of demanding assignments. His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Force medal with two oak-leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters. In civilian life, he made his mark in the telecommunications business. Armour and his wife reside in a Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C.

Other Baltimore City College alumni with significant achievements in the military include the late commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, the late adjutant general of the 175<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Maryland National Guard, and a recently retired commanding officer of the Patuxent River (MD) Naval Air Station. What's more three posthumous Medal of Honor recipients have been recognized with membership in the high school's Hall of Fame, one from WWI and two from WWII.

The 191<sup>st</sup> commencement of the Baltimore City College will occur on Saturday May 31, 2008, 9:00 a.m., at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. The cultural focal point for Baltimore carries the name of a graduate in the Class of 1916 and Hall of Fame member, whose

initiative, leadership, and multi-million dollar contribution made the venue possible.

## BCC Hall of Fame Member Purchases Historic Document Copy

**David M. Rubenstein BCC '66** and Hall of Fame member recently purchased the only known copy in existence of the Magna Carta that had been on loan to the National Archives. As you may recall from your history classes at City, the Magna Carta was signed by England's King John in 1215 and guaranteed certain privileges to nobles and the church in disputes with the monarchy. It also granted the rights to trial by jury. Published reports indicate Rubenstein paid an estimated \$21.3 million for the document and donated it to the National Archives permanent collection.

Rubenstein also underwrote a project that led to the location, recovery, and restoration of a Torah buried at the start of the Holocaust near a synagogue in Auschwitz, Poland. The Torah was recently installed in the ark at Central Synagogue in New York City.

The 2007 edition of the Forbes 400 listed Rubenstein as tied for #165 on the list with a personal fortune estimated at \$2.5 billion.

## **BCC Hall of Fame Member Aids Our Poor**

**Gov. William Donald Schaefer BCC'39** and Hall of Fame member has agreed to use his resources and persuasive powers to assist the Baltimore Community Foundation to help those who need it most. Contributions from unused campaign funds and the remainder of an old mayor's neighborhood fund are to be supplemented by donations from friends and political allies to bring the value of the William Donald Schaefer Civic Fund endowment to \$5 million. Organizers project the fund will make as much as \$250,000 available each year to fight poverty and spur economic development.

## **Sandler Speech and Debate Endowment Created**

**Gilbert "Gil" Sandler BCC'41** and Hall of Fame member was honored for his life's work in writing at a banquet at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on March 30, 2008. It was Sandler, with initial and continuing support of The Abell Foundation, who spearheaded the reorganization of the Speech and Debate program after City reopened in 1979 and continues to both administer and raise funds for the program. At the banquet Tom Wilcox, president of the Baltimore Community Foundation, announced a "surprise" for Sandler. His many friends at the Foundation have created "The Gilbert Sandler Fund for Speech and Debate at City College. Its current endowment is \$250,000 pledged with an ultimate goal of \$400,000. Sandler is confident the Fund will support the program into perpetuity and added: "This is historic. I am grateful to my many friends who with their generous and long term commitment to the program made it all happen."

## **Introducing BCC Hall of Fame 2007 Inductees**

As reported in our last edition, BCC's Hall of Fame celebrated the passage of 50 years since its inception by inducting six alumni on October 26, 2007. The newest members are:

**Robert D. Hormats BCC'61** (introduced by **Ciera Butts**, president of BCC 2008 Class) was a Baltimore County resident whose parents paid to allow him to attend City. Mr. Hormats matriculated to Tufts University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree and added MA and Ph.D. degrees in international economics. Over a fourteen-year period Mr. Hormats served as senior foreign affairs adviser to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan. These days Mr. Hormats is a major player on the world financial scene as vice chairman of Goldman, Sachs Intl. and managing director of Goldman Sachs & Co. and author of "The Price of Liberty: Paying for America's Wars" that made the New York Times best-seller list.

**Jacob D. Howard, III BCC'74** (introduced by **Octavia Davis**) attended U of MD-Baltimore County, pledged to Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and is a communicant and vestry member at St. James Episcopal Church at Lafayette Square. Mr. Howard - as a facilities, property, and assets manager - has responsibility for 96 Bank of American banking campuses in the Baltimore area along with other properties. If this were not enough for consideration, Mr. Howard has a history of twenty years of stellar service to Baltimore City College and its alumni association. At present he is in the midst of yet another term as BCCAA president and is secretary to the Trustees of the Scholarship Funds of the Baltimore City College. Mr. Howard and his wife Michele are

also parents of two BCC graduates – **Christopher and Brittany**.

**Julian Lee "Jake" Lapides BCC'49** (introduced by **J.D. Merrill**, president BCC 2009 Class) attended Johns Hopkins University, earned a B.S. degree from what's now Towson University, and a law degree from U of MD School of Law. Once a key member of the Maryland General Assembly, Mr. Lapides won a reputation as a frugal budgeter, sage, defender of Baltimore City, and the "conscience" of the State Senate. Mr. Lapides's list of affiliations include Baltimore Heritage, life membership in the NAACP, and board positions with various cultural and service organizations and foundations. Today Mr. Lapides continues to fight for what he believes in and isn't afraid to tackle controversial subjects head-on.

**Webster Samuel Lewis, Jr. BCC'61** (posthumously, represented by his widow Monica, and introduced by **Celia Neustadt**, president SGA) earned a degree from what's now known as Morgan State University where he helped found Iota Phi Theta fraternity. Mr. Lewis went on earn masters degrees at Boston College and New England Conservatory of Music and teach at the Conservatory and Howard University. California beckoned and Mr. Lewis moved to Los Angeles to join Epic Records as an arranger, composer, conductor, and producer. The talent he worked with reads like a "Who's Who of the Music World" – Lola Falana, Herbie Hancock, Thelma Houston, Michael Jackson, The Jacksons, Tom Jones, Gwen McCrae, Barry White, Michael Wycoff, etc. Mr. Lewis is also survived by his daughter Yana.

**Herbert "Hunky" Matz BCC '32** (introduced by **Jasmine Nance**) at 5'6" was captain on the basketball team at City and also excelled in baseball, football, and soccer. Mr. Matz also captained the basketball team at University of

Baltimore where he earned a law degree. A member of the Baltimore City Solicitor's staff before serving during WWII as a military legal counsel at Wendover AFB, Mr. Matz went into private practice after the War and served on the state parole commission. When the BCCAA was reactivated it was Mr. Matz who did the legal paperwork to restore corporate and tax-exempt status. These days – in his 94<sup>th</sup> year – Mr. Matz works out daily at a Pikesville gym. Herbert Matz is the father of **Ronald L. "Ron" Matz BCC'64** – a veteran WJZ-TV news reporter.

**George Howard "Jerry" Phipps** (introduced by **Sean Morant**, president BCC 2010 Class) went to high school on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore and attended U of MD-College Park before transferring to Western Maryland College (now named McDaniel College). He excelled in three sports and graduated with honors, started a teaching career, served a short military hitch at the end of the Korean conflict, and then returned to the classroom. Coach Phipps' days as a sports mentor started at Forest Park High School and blossomed in 1960 when he was transferred to City as head basketball coach. Over the next 8 years the Knights won 133 (or 83% of their) games, four MSA championships, and forty straight games over two seasons. Coach Phipps then coached at Community College of Baltimore where his teams won 360 games and 12 state titles in 14 years.

### **BCCAA Slate of Officers for 2008 Elected**

A slate of officers to lead the BCCAA during 2008 was elected at the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday November 8, 2007:  
**President – Jacob D. Howard, III BCC'74** and Hall of Fame member,

**President Elect – Carla Hopkins BCC'83, Immediate Past President – Michael Hamilton BCC'69, Vice President – Leo Sirota BCC'47** and Hall of Fame member, **Corresponding Secretary – Robert Ford'70, Recording Secretary – Michael Wells BCC'69, and Treasurer – Calvin Anderson, Jr. BCC'63** and Hall of Fame member. Elected to new full 3-year Board of Governors terms were **Phillip Bass BCC'71, Donald Garner BCC'70, Keven Gray BCC'71, and Albert R. Robinson BCC'69. Roosevelt Alston BCC'70** was elected to fill the remainder of a 2-year Board of Governors term. The membership also approved Permanent Emeritus Board of Governors status for **Rev. Kenneth S. Jones BCC'37.**

### **Recognition of "1839" Members**

With "1839" acknowledgement, the Baltimore City College Alumni association perpetually recognizes the alumni and friends of the Baltimore City College who have contributed an outright gift of \$50,000 or more or have committed a planned gift of \$150,000 to benefit the school. Members as of December 31, 2007:

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### **Calendar Year 2007 Donor Recognition**

In the Spring edition of the Newsletter, the Alumni Association acknowledges with appreciation the contributions made to the Annual Fund between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year to benefit the Baltimore City College. In the past calendar year, the Alumni Association Annual Fund received over \$66,000 from over 370 alumni and friends of BCC:

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 Eugene Witherspoon BCC'74  
 Robert P. Wolfe BCC'46  
 Dr. Edward J. Zirkle BCC'44

### **Planned Gifts**

Frank C. Knaack BCC'51, a testamentary commitment for the endowment of a scholarship.

The Alumni Association makes every effort to provide accurate acknowledgement for contributions. Occasionally, however, errors occur. The patience and assistance of alumni and friends in keeping the list current is appreciated. To advise the Alumni Association of a correction, please call 410-366-4099 or toll free 1-866-355-1839, the BCC Alumni Line.

In addition to the response to the Alumni Association Annual Fund solicitation, general support has come through payroll deductions for charitable contributions made by City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and U.S. Government employees. (Over \$4,700 in 2007 Annual Fund contributions were made by this method.)

In one-way or another, all contributions to the Annual Fund – designated and undesignated – directly support the school.

As required by the Internal Revenue Service, the Alumni Association Treasurer provides the donor with confirmation of a tax-deductible contribution of \$250 or more to the non-profit organization's Annual Fund.

The operating expenses of the Alumni Association are met partially with a mandated percentage of the life membership fees received each year and the annual income from the life membership endowment which is administered by the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Fund, Inc. The endowment principal of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association Life Membership Fund has a current value of approximately \$60,000.

### **A Reminder**

*If you work for the city, state, or federal government it is now possible to contribute to benefit the students and staff at City directly through your employer's combined charity campaign. The BCCAA identification numbers are as follows:*

**Baltimore City Combined Charity Campaign – 5228**  
**Maryland Charity Campaign – 1019**

**Combined Federal Campaign – 43901**

**Thanks in advance for your support!**

## Robert W. Schaefer Endows Scholarship

In providing for a \$120,000 endowment, the contribution of **Robert W. Schaefer BCC'51** has established a scholarship to benefit students of the Baltimore City College. Beginning with the commencement for the Class of 2008, the Robert W. Schaefer Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior, preferably a young woman, deserving of financial assistance, and a resident of Baltimore City who will attend the Merrick School of Business at the University of Baltimore. With the establishment of the scholarship, Schaefer recognized the enduring tradition of the Baltimore City College as exemplified in his time by the guidance and encouragement of Norris "Pop" Harris, a faculty member in the Commercial Department from 1917 through 1958.

The recipient in the Class of 2008 of the award from the Robert W. Schaefer Scholarship Fund will receive \$5,000. The same amount has been guaranteed for the Classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011. For graduating seniors in the classes after 2011, the annual award will be no less than \$5,000. Depending on the available annual income resulting from the investment of the principal, the annual award might be increased to partially offset an increase of tuition and fees.

After graduating from Baltimore City College, Schaefer went to work in Baltimore for First National Bank. At the same time, he furthered his education as an evening student. His undergraduate degree was earned at the University of Baltimore and later he obtained an MBA from Loyola College of Maryland. After a 45-year career at First National Bank that had led to a senior financial officer position, he

retired. In the non-profit area for a number of years he has been executive director of the France-Merrick Foundation.

Schaefer serves as Chair of the Investment Committee for the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System for Maryland. For a number of years he had served as a board member for the Baltimore City Fire & Police Retirement System.

Investment and disbursement accountability for the Robert W. Schaefer Scholarship Fund has been assigned to the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. The organization now manages endowments for 29 scholarships benefiting students of the nation's third oldest continuously functioning public high school.

Because of the level of Robert W. Schaefer's contribution, he will receive "1839" perpetual donor recognition from Baltimore City College alumni organizations.



## Gwaltney Scholarship Endowment Increased

The BCCAA has received a check for \$50,000 to be applied to the endowment for the **Corbin Gwaltney (BCC'39)** Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian and will lead to an increase in the amount awarded each year.

## Trustees and BCCAA Newsletter at Twenty-Five

To succeed the Trustees of the Endowment Funds of the Alumni Association of the Baltimore City College that had been established in

1924, the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds were established and incorporated by the Baltimore City College Alumni Association in 1983. The TBCCSF exists to enable the students of the Baltimore City College to make the best use of their education at the Baltimore City College or an institution of higher education after graduation from the Baltimore City College.

In 1983, TBCCSF began with five endowments valued at approximately \$85,000 that had been transferred to it by the dormant alumni corporations. Three of the five endowments came from the Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the Alumni Association of the Baltimore City College. Instrumental in the transfer were two members of the TEFAABC board, **G. Robert Howell BCC 1906** and **John E. Motz BCC'30 & Hall of Fame**. One of the three endowments moved to TBCCSF with their endowment, the first scholarship to be endowed for Baltimore City College, had originated in 1911 with a bequest of three thousand dollars from the estate of **Judge Douglas H. Rose BCC 1880**. The awarding of alumni generated scholarships and grants to BCC students began with the Rose bequest. Since 1911 the scholarship bearing Rose's name has been given every year "to enable students outstanding in scholarship and leadership to attend college."

Currently endowments held by the TBCCSF include 28 scholarships, one for co-curricular activity support, and one for Alumni Association life membership. *[Editor's note: The current value of endowments managed by the TBCCSF is approaching \$1.7 million!]* During its 25 year tenure, the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarships Funds has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars, complying with the terms

and conditions under which the endowments were established.

Your BCCAA Newsletter also marks 25-years of service this year. Published for the first time in 1983, the publication was edited from 1983 through 1993 by **Leo R. Sirota BCC '47** and Hall of Fame member and from 1994 until 2001 by **Thomas L. Vondersmith, Jr. BCC'58**. Over the years the Newsletter has been printed twice annually and distributed to all BCCAA life members and the faculty, staff, students, and friends of City College. **Theodore J. Lingelbach BCC'58** has edited the Newsletter since 2001.

### Gifts From Class of 1957 Continue to Appreciate

At their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion last year, the **BCC Class of 1957** started the Class of 1957 Ring Award to each year purchase a City College ring for the sophomore class member certified as being most improved academically. Contributions continue to arrive and thus far nearly 50 class members have contributed over \$5,800.

### BCC Choir put their Best Foot Forward at Carnegie Hall

BCC's highly entertaining Choir solidified their nationwide reputation when they were one of only four high school groups selected to share the Carnegie Hall stage during the Fifth Annual National Choral Festival with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in March 2008. Our singers impressed as they entertained at the annual ceremony at Mt. Vernon Square to light the Washington Monument for the holidays. The Choir, directed by



**Professor Linda Hall**, also publicized a drive to raise funds for their trip by appearing before members of the media in the lobby of BCPSS headquarters on North Avenue. Then came the joyful tidings that the City of Baltimore would appropriate funds to make their trip a reality. **Principal Timothy Dawson** says their performance was spectacular as they even sang a song in German and were the only high school group to win a standing ovation from an impressed audience.

When the Baltimore City College Choir appeared in New York City, the robes many of the BCC singers wore were provided by the BCCAA. The purchase of 50 new robes was the result of the performance opportunity. The robes were obtained when the purchase was requested after the BCCAA decided to support the Choir's Carnegie Hall appearance with \$2,500 from unrestricted contributions to the Alumni Association Annual Fund. In the past, the BCCAA has participated in other uniform purchases for the Choir and the BCC Marching Knights Band

### Alumni Nota Bene

**Alexander M. "Alex" Borinsky, BCC'2004** and a senior at Yale University, recently had a play performed at Upstream Theater in the St. Louis (MO) suburbs. "The Polish Egg Man" won previous plaudits at the Yale Playwrights Festival in 2006 and after an initial reading in New Haven CT. Borinsky won the Corbin Gwaltney Scholarship Prize at his City commencement as class valedictorian.

**Candido Brown BCC'2004** was named Student Employee of the Year by both Johns Hopkins University and the State of Maryland. Brown, who works in the University's Office of

Undergraduate Admissions, is in his senior year there as a sociology major.

**Scott Calvert BCC '90** and a *Sun* newspaper reporter is back writing in the Baltimore area after the Sun closed its bureau in South Africa at the end of 2007. Calvert's last articles from that post, that ran during the holidays, dealt with problems that have cropped up in South Africa that resemble the ills of urban America.

**David S. Cordish's BCC'56** and Hall of Fame member Cordish Co. continues to expand its role as a major player in sports entertainment. Cordish recently entered into partnership with Comcast-Spectator to develop a sports-anchored project in Philadelphia between Wachovia Center (home of the NHL Flyers and NBA 76'ers) and Wachovia Spectrum and in close proximity to Lincoln Financial Field (home of the NFL Eagles) and Citizens Bank Park (where the NL Phillies play)...The Cordish Co. has also expressed interest in establishing casino gambling in the state of Maryland.

**Capt. Donald K. "Don" Covington, III (USN Ret.) BCC'62** took mandatory retirement in 1995 after a 30-year career during which he flew missions over Vietnam from carrier decks. With prospects of jobs with commercial airlines and defense contractors looming, Capt. Covington and Janice – his wife of 36 years – followed his heart and joined the circus! These days the Covingtons spend 45 weeks per year living out of a trailer as they travel the East Coast with the Big Apple Circus – he as company manager and she as wardrobe supervisor. *[Editor's note: We'll have more details on Capt. Covington two careers in a future Newsletter edition.]*

**Rep. Elijah E. Cummings BCC'69** and Hall of Fame member has been an ardent baseball fan for

48 years and now finds himself playing a key role in an investigation of a situation that is staining the game's reputation. Rep. Cummings has won plaudits from many corners for his penetrating questions during House committee hearings on steroid and human growth hormone usage directed at superstars such as Roger Clemens and Mark McGwire.

**Milton A. Dugger, Jr. BCC'60** was honored by an agency of the Baltimore Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Dugger was presented with a 2008 Mother Mary Lange Award for Leadership by the Office of African American Catholic Ministries at a banquet at Martin's West in Woodlawn.

**Jerome H. "Jerry" Fader BCC'52** and his wife Rheda will be the 2008 honorees at Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School's annual scholarship event featuring actor/comedian Martin Short. Fader owns the Heritage/Mile One auto group

**Donald Garner** (also known as **Abdumushsiy Abdurrahman**) **BCC'70** and BCCAA Board of Governors member was honored recently at a gathering held at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic parish for his many years of dedication to the martial arts in Baltimore. Garner/Abdurrahman has a masters rating in several disciplines.

**Walter A. Gill's Ph.D.– BCC'55**, Hall of Fame member, and BCC's first African-American graduate – latest book "Teaching in Urban America" has been published.

**Leonard D. Hamm BCC '67** and Hall of Fame member is the new campus police chief at Coppin State College. Hamm resigned in 2007 after two years as Baltimore City Police Commissioner. Educational facilities and their security are nothing new to Chief Hamm who previously served as city public schools police chief and directed the security force on the

Morgan State University campus... Chief Hamm also had a chance to do a bit of acting in the final season of The Wire HBO television series. However, he was typecast as he had a cameo role as a police officer.

**A.J. Leo Lemay BCC'53** in an article in the January 28, 2008 issue of "The New Yorker" magazine receives credit as the most exhaustive biographer of Benjamin Franklin. Lemay is the author of the critically acclaimed first two volumes of a planned seven-volume biography entitled "The Life of Ben Franklin" published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Since 1977, Lemay has been Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Professor of English at the University of Delaware. His field is American literature.

**Larry H. Levy BCC'64** owns Biddle Street Caterers – the firm that has handled food and refreshments for many BCCAA affairs.

**Maurice "Mo" Martick BCC'40** – at age 85 – claims he still cooks at his Restaurant Francais in Baltimore because he needs the money. Martick claims his thirty-eight years in the restaurant business haven't made him either a rich or happy man. That's what Martick told an interviewer from The City Paper newspaper, but then he is reputed to say some unusual or comical "tongue in cheek" things at times.

**Delegate Patrick L. "Pat" McDonough BCC'60** (?) is yet another City College graduate serving in the Maryland General Assembly. Currently in his second stint in the legislature, Del. McDonough is a Republican representing Baltimore County's 7<sup>th</sup> legislative district. Noted as a sometime radio talk show host, Del. McDonough is very outspoken on many issues up for action in Annapolis.

**Delegate B. Daniel Riley BCC'63** (?) is currently in the midst

of his second stint in the Maryland General Assembly. Del. Riley, a Democrat, currently represents legislative district 34A (Cecil and Harford counties) in the House of Delegates.

**W. Brooks Riley BCC'62** has been honored for 25 years of service to the United States Power Squadron. The USPS, which advocates boating safety through education, presented Riley with life membership and an outstanding service award. Riley, who is a long-time member and former commander of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, currently conducts a USPS Basic Boating Safety Course for new boaters.

**Jefferson Russell's BCC'84** resume includes a degree from Hampton University, four years as a city policeman, time as a state juvenile counselor, and appearances on HBO television series "Homicide – Life on the Streets" and "The Wire". But Russell really has made a name for himself over the last ten years on the stage. His varied roles have been with the Arena Players, Washington Shakespeare Theatre, African Continuum Theatre, Rep Stage, Kennedy Center, and Baltimore's Everyman Theatre.

**Dr. Michael Smith BCC'94** currently practices as a podiatrist on staff at Baltimore's Union Memorial Hospital. A graduate of Howard University and Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Dr. Smith served his surgical residency at Washington Hospital Center.

**Craig E. Spilman BCC'60** serves as executive director of the College Bound Foundation in Baltimore. The organization enables high-risk students and those from low-income families to attend college. Spilman's career with the Baltimore City Public School System concluded with a stint as Associate Superintendent after a total of 27 years as a principal at

three schools, Chinquapin, Pimlico, and Canton.

**Judge Alexander Wright, Jr. BCC'67** was named by Gov. Martin O'Malley to fill a vacancy on Maryland's second highest court – the Court of Special Appeals. Gov. William Donald Schaefer BCC'39 and Hall of Fame member named Judge Wright to the District Court in 1993 and he was appointed to Baltimore County's Circuit Court in 1998 and 2001 by Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Judge Wright lost both elections to full Circuit Court terms presumably because his name appeared last on the alphabetic ballot. For the past five year Judge Wright was in private practice with the Miles and Stockbridge law firm.

### Wanted

*Emmanuel T. Turner BCC'66 would like to purchase a copy of the 1966 edition of the Green Bag yearbook to replace his copy that was misplaced. If you can help, contact him at [canman4@verizon.net](mailto:canman4@verizon.net).*

### FORE!!!!!!!

**Please mark your calendar: the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual City-Poly Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday August 4, 2008 at Rolling Road Country Club. The fee is \$150 per golfer that may be paid by a check made out to the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association. Lunch, dinner, drinks, and prizes are included. For information contact J.C. Weiss, III BCC'66 at [jcweiss@ubalt.edu](mailto:jcweiss@ubalt.edu) or 410-837-4998. Foursomes are preferred but singles, doubles, or threesomes may participate. Important: Proceeds will be distributed between City and Poly**



**on a pro rata basis and City golfers are urgently needed!**  
*[Editor's note: We are happy to welcome back information about the Annual City-Poly Golf Outing back to the BCCAA Newsletter as a regular feature. We assure you that its absence was as a result of a communications gap and not a deliberate slight.]*

### Reunion Corner



**BCC'98** will hold its reunion on Saturday June 7, 2008 from 8pm until Midnight at The Eubie Blake Center-847 N. Howard Street-Baltimore MD 21201. Tickets are \$40 each. For information contact **Ms. Monique Armstrong** at 443-829-9964.



**BCC'83** will celebrate a quarter of a century from June 27 through June 29, 2008. For information, contact **Ms. Shontrea Bazemore** at 443-845-5386.



**BCC'58** will get together on Saturday October 18, 2008 at Martin's Valley Mansion-594 Cranbrook Road in Hunt Valley MD. For information, visit their website at [www.bcc58.com](http://www.bcc58.com) or contact **Marty Scheinberg** at [martyscheinberg@verizon.net](mailto:martyscheinberg@verizon.net), 301-933-1106, or 301-437-9655 (cell).

### Oops! Is Our Face Red Again!

In our Fall/Winter Edition December 2007/January 2008 we reported that **Dr. Norman Levin BCC'49** had passed away. This came as a complete surprise to members of the Class of '49 and especially to their classmate Norman Levin. This Norman Levin is quite alive, a member of the Class Reunion Board, and still working as a pharmacist at the family-owned Fibus Drug Store on Garrison Boulevard in Walbrook Junction. We're sorry for our error, Norman! We also had a call from **Bob Fleishman, D.D.S. BCC'56** who told us he had just spoken to his classmate **Harry Friedman** who was reported as deceased in our last edition. We also apologize to Harry! Steps have been taken to make sure these errors are not duplicated in future editions.

### An Accepted Method to Contribute Appreciated Securities

What follows is a recommended process for contributing appreciated securities to benefit Baltimore City College through the Alumni Association Fund:

The donor should instruct his or her stockbroker to open an account in the name of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association and transfer ownership of the securities to the organization's account. The stockbroker will want to know that the BCCAA is incorporated by the State of Maryland as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation, IRS Employer Identification Number 52-1034509. At the same time, the donor's stockbroker should be instructed to sell the appreciated securities at market immediately following transfer of ownership and to forward the proceeds to the BCCAA. To obtain additional

information, please call the BCCAA Treasurer at 410-366-4099 or toll free at 1-866-355-1839 and leave a message on the voice mail.

## **BCC Hall of Fame New York Yankee Pitcher Dead at 87**

**Thomas C. “Tommy” Byrne BCC ’37** died on December 20, 2007 in his adopted hometown of Wake Forest NC. Byrne, a left-hander, pitched the Knights to two state titles and played at Wake Forest University for three years before signing with the New York Yankees. During WWII Byrne served aboard the USS Ordranax and organized a nine-team baseball league among his crewmates on the destroyer. After the War Byrne returned to the Major Leagues to pitch for the Yankees, Browns, White Sox, and Senators. After a brief stay in the minor leagues to regain his control, Byrne returned to the Yankees in 1954 and pitched in four World Series before retiring and being enshrined in the BCC Hall of Fame in 1958. Returning to Wake Forest NC to make his home, Byrne served as mayor of that city from 1973 until 1987.

## **Alumni Deaths**

### **BCC’23**

**Morris L. Perman** became principal at Beth Tfiloh Day School in Baltimore at age 21. Perman went on to a career as a teacher and/or director of education during which he served at Anshel Emet Day School in Chicago IL, Temple Emanuel B’nai Jeshuran in Milwaukee WI, and Talmud Torah in Minneapolis MN. Perman was 101 when he died at a nursing home in Minnesota.

### **BCC’27**

**Rev. Augustus Hackman** attended the old Maryland State Normal School (now Towson University), taught in city elementary schools, and studied violin under Gustav Strube – founder of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. In the 1930s Pastor Hackman entered Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary to start 70-years of service to his church. His assignments as a pastor included Epiphany Lutheran Church in Northeast Baltimore, St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Charleston SC, and Second English Lutheran Church in Catonsville from which he retired from in 1974 with the title of “pastor-emeritus”. Pastor Hackman, who was age 97 at his death, was also active as a mission speaker and official of church organizations.

### **BCC’28**

**Harry S. Gimbel, M.D.** earned his doctorate from U of MD Medical School, interned at the old West Baltimore General Hospital, and completed residency at the old Sydenham TB Hospital near Lake Montebello. For 55 years Dr. Gimbel practiced from offices on Edmondson Avenue and Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville before retiring in 1993. Dr. Gimbel saw patients without appointments days and evenings seven days per week and made thousands of house calls. On his retirement, hundreds of his patients turned out to pay tribute to him. At his death Dr. Gimbel was 96.

**William A. “Doc” Layden** went to work to the old Read Drug and Chemical Co. as a store manager in 1933 after earning his degree at U of MD School of Pharmacy. Six years later, Layden opened his own pharmacy in the 2100 block West Baltimore Street which he operated until the 1968

disorders and then went to work at a Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Woodlawn where he filled prescriptions until retiring at 91. Layden – a founder of Chestnut Ridge Country Club – was a frequent golfer and card player. At his death he was 98.

### **BCC’31**

**Reuben Shiling** earned degrees from Johns Hopkins University and U of MD School of Law then worked during WWII as an enforcement attorney with the Office of Price Administration (OPA). During a law career that spanned over 65 years, Shiling was associated with the Hecht & Hecht and Shiling, Bloch and Hirsh law firms. Over the years Shiling argued many controversial civil and criminal cases. Reuben Shiling, who was the brother of the late **Dr. Moses S. Shiling BCC’24**, was still at work on the day he was fatally stricken.

### **BCC’36**

**Judge Sol J. Friedman** worked at his father’s cleaning shop at Baltimore and Howard Streets while at City and waited on show business stars playing the Hippodrome Theatre. After working for the Office of Price Administration (OPA) during WWII, Judge Friedman earned a law degree and served five terms in the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1973 then Gov. Marvin Mandel BCC’37 and Hall of Fame member appointed Judge Friedman to the Baltimore City District Court where he sat until reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70 in 1991. During his tenure Judge Friedman heard many high-profile cases including a 1979 constitutional test when he and the late **Judge Jerome Robinson BCC’27** struck down Maryland’s blue laws forbidding Sunday retail sales.

### BCC'37

**Philip M. Prestianni** attempted to enlist in the U.S. Navy during WWII to serve as a tail gunner but – at 4'6" tall – failed to meet minimum height requirements. An optical lens crafter, Prestianni retired in 1979 after a 41-year career with New City and Hilbert Optical. It was Prestianni who crafted a prescription facemask shield that Raymond Berry wore during his Hall of Fame career catching John Unitas' touchdown passes with the old Colts. Prestianni loved to cook for relatives and was active in ethnic, fraternal, religious, and veteran organizations.

### BCC'38

**Donald Theodore Armacost Fair, Sr.** studied law under the G.I. Bill of Rights at old Mount Vernon Law School after his WWII U.S. Army service. In private practice for more than 50 years, Fair worked from offices in the old Tower Building downtown and in Hampden before retiring ten years ago due to ill health. Fair's interests included camping, gardening, and assisting needy families.

**W. Terrell Fulton** interrupted a banking career for WWII U.S. Army service as a lieutenant in an artillery unit and was decorated for valor during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest. A 46-year employee of Provident Savings Bank, Fulton retired in 1984 as a senior vice president. An Orioles fan, Fulton's most prized possession was a charred baseball recovered from old Oriole Park on E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street after it was destroyed by fire on July 4, 1944.

### BCC'39

**William John Brown** was wounded and awarded four Purple Hearts during WWII while serving in Europe as a U.S. Army

captain/tank commander. After the War, Brown remained in the reserves and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Long active in firms in the Port of Baltimore, Brown was an executive with International Terminal Operators, Maher Terminals, and All Freight Distribution Co. and headed the Steamship Trade Association for a time before retiring in the 1980s.

**Gilbert R. Funk, Sr.** served aboard the U.S. Coast Guard's attack transport USS Cavalier and participated in several Pacific Theater battles. Retired since 1986 after working as a Bendix Corp. financial manager; Funk enjoyed camping, canoeing, fishing, and sculpting figures of cowboys and mariners.

**Warren C. Yursik** obtained a degree from Johns Hopkins University prior to serving in the WWII Pacific Theater as a decorated U.S. Army military intelligence captain. Over the years Yursik moved his family to Cleveland Heights OH and Sandy Springs GA before retiring as managing director of an executive search firm in 1991 and relocating to a beachside home on Florida's Gulf Coast at Destin.

### BCC'40

**Stanley S. "Squeaky" Cohen** served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and retired after a long career selling law books for McGraw-Hill publishers. Interested in politics, Cohen was a member of the Trenton Democratic Club and a friend of the late James H. "Jack" Pollack – a legendary Baltimore political boss. A regular on the Druid Hill Park tennis courts for over 60 years, the exploits of Cohen and his playing partners were profiled in the off-Broadway play "Men of Clay" written by his son Jeff Cohen. [Editor's note: See BCCAA Newsletter December 2005 for more details.]

**George L. Hyman** went to work for the old C&P Telephone Co. after graduation before WWII service with the U.S. Army 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division – known as the "Iron Men of Metz" – as a communications engineer. After the War, Hyman returned to C&P Telephone Co. and completed a 45-year career in 1985 as a supervisor. A long-time resident of Bel Air MD, Hyman enjoyed refinishing furniture and woodworking, following sports, swimming, and tennis.

**Henry Douglas Scriba** served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII before beginning work as a business administrator at the Calvert School in Baltimore where he remained for 38 years. Scriba was a founder of Wakefield Valley Club, a Johns Hopkins Club member, and active at his parish church before moving to Oak Crest Village Retirement Community in Baltimore County three years ago.

### BCC'41

**Richard Lee Eliff** served during WWII as a U.S. Army Traffic Regulation technician. After earning a degree under the GI Bill of Rights from Loyola College; Eliff worked for IBM, Kelly Buick, A.D. Anderson Chevrolet, and several insurance companies and agencies, Retired since 1985, Eliff relocated to Jupiter FL four years ago.

**Norbert L. Grunwald** escaped Nazi occupation in Austria at age 13 and traveled alone to Poland and England before reuniting with his family in Baltimore in 1940 and finishing a final high school year at City. After working at Bethlehem Steel, Grunwald enlisted in the U.S. Army. Taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge and held at Stalag Luft 7 in Poland, Grunwald weighed just 90 pounds when liberated by American troops in 1945. After lengthy hospitalization

Grunwald worked for the Central Intelligence Group and its successor Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Europe before earning degrees at Johns Hopkins and American universities. On returning home Grunwald worked as a vice president at Gruntal & Co. brokerage.

**Morris Lasover** worked at Bethlehem Steel Co.'s shipyard during the early part of WWII and was in training as a U.S. Navy rescue squad member when the war concluded. After the War, Lasover worked in a family-owned store and tax preparation service while earning his law degree. Lasover handled pro bono civil rights cases before joining the law firm of Fred E. Weisgal (BCC'37) where he argued landmark cases before the courts. In 1976 Lasover formed his own law firm and still handled workmen's compensation cases up to two weeks before his death. Lasover's spare time interests included classic films, crossword puzzles, and attending Orioles games.

#### BCC'42

**Richard Lee "Richie" Anderson** served as a Merchant Marine Academy cadet aboard passenger ships converted to carry troops and POWs and Liberty ships carrying supplies through hostile seas during WWII. After the War Anderson worked as first mate on tankers and then returned home in 1948 to start a 34-year career as a quality control officer. In 1999, Anderson went back to sea as a volunteer crewman aboard the restored Liberty ship John W. Brown sailing excursions out of the Port of Baltimore.

**Calvin Chin** worked in family businesses in Baltimore's old Chinatown while attending City then served during the WWII Pacific campaign aboard a U.S. Navy landing ship tank. One-time

owner of the Cathay House restaurant on West Saratoga Street, Chin also was a city tax assessor and in property acquisition for the old Mass Transit Administration. A former official of the Chinese Benevolent Association, Chin was an advocate for Asian Americans and advised Maryland governors on matters of importance to them.

**Nicholas S. Mallis, M.D.** served in the U.S. Army during WWII prior to earning bachelor and medical degrees from the University of MD. After serving on staff at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Dr. Mallis spent nearly 40 years in private practice and was on staff at St. Agnes Hospital as an urologist before retiring in the mid-1980s. Dr. Mallis was the father of **Nicholas M. Mallis BCC '68**.

#### BCC'43

**Paul A. Pumpian**

#### BCC'44

**Allen Charles "Chief" Greenberg's** active military career spanned over 30 years and service in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps/Air Force for 20 years, Greenberg re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy and stayed on active duty until retiring from the Naval Reserves in 1984. Possessor of a security clearance; Greenberg won praise for expertise in intelligence, cryptology, and electronic surveillance. After leaving the military Greenberg worked security at the Head Ski and Sportswear facility in Columbia MD. Allen Greenberg was the brother of the late **Stanley Greenberg BCC'37**.

#### BCC'45

**Randall Hagner Greenlee** retired in 1992 as a legal services supervisor after a 42-year career

with BGE. A proficient bridge player, Greenlee played in many out-of-state tournaments and had a "Life Master" rating. A life-long bachelor, Greenlee enjoyed art, music, and travel.

**Herbert Rosenthal** graduated from U of MD School of Pharmacy and filled prescriptions at Read's Drugs and Giant Foods pharmacies during a 40-year career. In retirement, Rosenthal resided at Coconut Creek FL.

**Gordon M. Silesky** enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation to serve in post-WWII Germany as a printer. After plying the trade in his father's printing supply house, Silesky graduated from Washington College and established his own business – Quickee Offset (that later become known as North Charles Street Press) the area's pioneer in quick-job printing. For many years Silesky generously supported Jewish and Roman Catholic charities and was active with the NAACP and Americans for Democratic Action.

**Neil Tabor** served in the 1950s as a member of the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate Corps. Possessor of several legal degrees, Tabor was a principal in three local law firms – Siskind & Tabor, Tabor & Ruttman, and Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf, & Hendler – and wrote legal reference texts still used today. A noted collector of classical music, Tabor donated 5,000 records and CDs from his private collection to radio station WBJC-FM and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

#### BCC'46

**Paul M. Carter, Sr.** worked as a pharmacist at Rossberg Pharmacy before establishing his own pharmacy at Emmitsburg MD.

#### BCC'48

**L. Stanley "Stan" Bowsbey, Jr.** earned bachelors, masters and

doctorate degrees from old Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College). After working as an English professor and faculty dean from 1954 until 1969 at the old Baltimore Junior College, Dr. Bowsbey returned to Western Maryland College as an instructor and director/dean of graduate education programs until retiring in 1989. After working briefly as a State Board of Education consultant, Dr. Bowsbey retired again in 1993 to walk on his 40 acres of wooded land in Carroll County and to train collies and shelties. Stan Bowsbey was son of BCC Hall of Fame music teacher **Blanche F. Bowsbey** who died in 2006 at age 100.

**John Thomas Moylan** served on active duty with the U.S. Army and remained in the reserves for over 40 years as a colonel in Maryland's 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In civilian life, Moylan earned a business degree and worked for nearly 40 years as a Westinghouse Electric Co. administrator. Moylan's outside interests include membership in several veterans groups and a term on the Democratic Party State Central Committee.

#### BCC'49

**Bernard Anoff** (Freeland MD), **Dr. Stanley Z. Felsenberg**, **John Louis Hanges**, and **Walter H. "Buddy" Oberfeld**.

#### BCC'50

**Marvin C. Ingham** served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Crow during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, Ingham joined the Baltimore County Police Department as an officer and raised four children as a single parent while working rotating shifts. After retiring in 1986 with 30 years service Ingham kept busy with veteran and fraternal groups, watching sports, yard work, and

cooking. Marvin C. Ingham was the twin brother of **Melvin C. Ingham** also **BCC'50**.

#### BCC'54

**Marshall R. Shure** earned a law degree at the University of Baltimore but sold insurance and drove a taxi before becoming an assistant state's attorney in 1972. For 35 years Shure prosecuted thousands of cases in city district courtrooms until falling ill in December 2007 while on vacation in Florida. Friends and associates described Shure's folksy, down-home tactics – mindful of Andy Griffith's old TV character Matlock – that lulled adversaries and witnesses into a false state of security. Marshall Shure's closest survivor was his brother **Richard M. Shure BCC'60**.

#### BCC'60

**Ronald Anthony Cucina** sang lead with musical groups the Sierras and Vibratones that performed in the Baltimore area during the late 1950s and early 1960s. After earning a civil engineering degree from the U of MD-College Park, Cucina joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he was responsible for dams, flood control, shipping, and wetlands during his 37-year career. At his retirement in 2001 Cucina was assistant chief of operations.

#### BCC'62

**Dennis Ira Mislser** played baseball while at City and earned his degrees from U of MD – College Park. Mislser worked as a high school teacher and corporate/municipal government trainer before retiring in the early 1990s. In retirement Mislser founded and directed the Polish American Jewish Alliance for Youth Action –

a non-profit dedicated to fostering understanding between Jews and Christians. He was fatally stricken while waiting for a streetcar near his home in Krakow, Poland.

#### BCC'67

**Raymond L. Davis** worked on machinery at Continental Can Co.'s old Armistead Gardens plant and after that facility closed did similar work for BGE. When poor health forced his retirement in 2007, Davis was working for Overlea Health and Rehabilitation Center as supervisor of maintenance. In his spare time Davis enjoyed coin collecting, fishing, making auto and home repairs, and mentoring youngsters.

### **Deaths of Those Who Attended City**

Charles L. "Les" Harris – attended City/WWII veteran/art teacher/created Amaranthine Museum in Woodberry section of the city.

John T. O'Malley – attended City/WWII veteran/firefighter and Baltimore City Fire Board secretary.

Frederick M. Reinhold, Jr. – attended City/WWII veteran/regional mechanical supervisor for the old Pennsylvania Railroad.

Ray Frank Sisson, Jr. – attended City/wounded WWII veteran/carried mail in Pikesville

### **More on Charitable Foundations Managed by City Alumni**

In our last edition we reported that the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation and the Abell Foundation are both headed by BCC alumni. In an e-message, **John C. Weiss, III BCC'66** reminds us that the France-Merrick

Foundation's executive director is **Robert W. Schaefer BCC'51**. With assets estimated at over \$200 million and headquartered in Towson, the France-Merrick Foundation is reputed to be the fourth largest operating in the area. Their beneficiaries include College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Hippodrome at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, Johns Hopkins University, Kennedy-Krieger Institute, and Loyola College of Maryland... Also making grants in the area of community development and refugee assistance is the Goldseker Foundation chaired by **Sheldon Goldseker BCC'58**.  
*[Editor's note: We thank J.C. Weiss, III for the information on Mr. Schaefer and appreciate his history of service to our students and Association!]*

## Hopkins Medicine Dean Scene

In 36 years of its 115-year history, about a third, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has enjoyed the leadership of a dean who graduated from the Baltimore City College.

The third dean of the Hopkins medical school, from 1899 to 1911, was **William W. Howell, M.D. BCC 1878**. He came to Hopkins to create the department of Physiology. Howell also played an instrumental role in the founding of the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

**Alan M. Chesney, M.D., BCC 1905** was the sixth dean of the Hopkins medical School from 1929 to 1953. Chesney's 24-year tenure as dean ranks as the longest in the history of the school. On the East Baltimore campus, the archives for the Hopkins medical institutions are named in his honor.

## Symphonic Supporters

By participating in organization governance, four graduates of the Baltimore City College demonstrate their endorsement of classical music in the City of Baltimore.

On the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra board of directors for the BSO 2007-2008 season are **Murray M. Kappelman, M.D. BCC'48**, **M. Sigmund Shapiro BCC'45**, and **Solomon M. Snyder, M.D. BCC'36**. Shapiro is also known for a penchant for jazz and tickling the ivories in that idiom.

**William Donald Schaefer BCC'39** and Hall of Fame serves as a BSO director for life. Over 25 years ago, during his reign as mayor of Baltimore City, Schaefer vigorously supported the construction Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall that enabled the BSO to move from its home at that time in the ambiance-challenged Lyric Opera House.

## City Graduate Started Baltimore's Most Famous Garden



According to a Back Story article by Frederick N. Rasmussen in the Sun newspaper, **John W. Sherwood** was born in 1871 (and most likely graduated from City College in the late 1880s). A son of a president of the Old Bay Line, Sherwood and his brother formed Sherwood Brothers Inc. a firm that sold heating oil and operated 60 filling stations. Upon selling his company in 1933 to Sinclair Oil Co., Sherwood stayed on as chairman of Sinclair's board until 1945. In the 1920s Sherwood and his wife built a large home on East Highfield Road on a portion of the old A.S. Abell estate Guilford and started planting flowers and trees. In

May 1930 Sherwood found hundreds of uninvited people walking on his property to view the beautiful floral display. Thus was born Sherwood Gardens – still open to the public today. Sherwood used to import five tons of tulip bulbs from Holland each year to keep the display so spectacular. These days Sherwood Gardens is under the ownership and maintenance of the Guilford Association.

## BCC Achievements That Aren't Subject to Debate

2008 marks the 169th year in City College's proud history. It also marks the passage of 132 years since the start of debating societies at City. The Bancroft Literary Society was formed in 1876 and joined two years later by the Carrollton-Wight Society started with the mentoring of **Professor Charles Wight** who taught English at City College from 1875 to 1897. The debate program remains alive and well at City as it has except for a lost decade nearly 20 years ago.

**Gilbert Sandler – BCC '41**, Hall of Fame member, and the 2007 Leo (Alumnus of the Year) winner – tied the debate society success to a highly rated film of 2008 in his commentary of WYPR-FM in Baltimore. "The Great Debaters" – starring Denzel Washington and produced by Oprah Winfrey – tells the story all-Black Wiley College in Texas whose debating team was holding its own in debates with all-white teams in 1935. Sandler points out that City's debate societies were facing college teams in that era and may well have debated Wiley's team. The commentary went on to detail City College's many successes in the debate world of today.

## Knights Stopped Short of State Football Title Again



The City football squad made it three wins in a row when they edged Poly 26 to 20 in the 119<sup>th</sup> renewal of their

classic rivalry. The City offensive unit was sparked by **Ellis Foster, Stephen Johnson, Richard Rodwell, and Adrian Coxson**. The win moved City to within three victories of knotting their series that currently stands at 58-55-6 in favor of the Engineers.

It was a familiar story for the Knights in the State Class 2A North regional semifinals when they lost to Edmondson 20-14 in a game that took two overtime periods to decide. Quarterback Foster rushed for both BCC scores. Once again City was doomed when the team couldn't add extra points after one of their scores and ended the season with an 8-3 record.

Only offensive lineman **James Carmon BCC '08** - who was selected to the first team - was honored on Sun newspaper end of season All-Metro and All-Baltimore City teams. Carmon, who is still growing at 6'8" and well over 300 pounds, has commanded the attention of major colleges due to his prowess on both offense and defense.

## BCC Basketball Season Stopped Short of State Titles



Both City's men's and women's cage teams had great seasons in 2007-2008 but came up short of their ultimate goals - a state championship.

**Coach Mike Daniel's** men's team recorded 20 victories for the second year in a row and finished their season 20-4. The Lady Knights coached by **Coach George Petrides BCC'67** and Hall of Fame member ended up with a 20-3 record. Their lost to Poly in the state tournament was a disappointment. City lost **guard LaShay Taft BCC'11** - who averaged over 20 points per game during the season - when she caught an elbow to the mouth and lost two teeth just 30 seconds into the game. Although City lost the game there was some good news - Taft's teeth were implanted again.

Both men's and women's team members fared well in post-season teams picked by the Sun newspaper sports staff. **Forward C.J. Fair BCC'11** was picked for the first team in both All-Metro and All-Baltimore City categories while **Forward Adam Johnson BCC'10** was named second team All-Metro and first team All-Baltimore City. On the distaff side, **Guard LaShay Taft BCC'11** was named second team All-Metro and first team All-Baltimore City.

## An Update on a BCC World Record-Holder

**Balamurali Krishna "Bala" Ambati, M.D. BCC '89** (who was born on July 12, 1977) was a month short of his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday when he graduated from City. While preparing for his senior year Dr. Ambati and his brother (now a doctor, too) spent their summer vacation writing a book on AIDS. After leaving City the prodigy went on to graduate from New York University at age 13 and Mt. Sinai Medical School at age 18. Dr. Ambati is still listed in The Guinness Book of Records as the youngest person ever to graduate from medical school. These days - at age 30 - Dr. Ambati is an ophthalmologist and reputed to be the

best at his specialty ever produced by India. Dr. Ambati performs surgery and does research at Medical College of Georgia while volunteering frequently with ORBS Flying Eye Hospital to perform surgery and teach doctors in under-developed countries.

## BCC Journalist Writes "-30-" to a Long Print Career



**Lou Panos BCC'43** has ended a journalism career that began when he was 15 and attending

City. Except for college, WWII service, and brief periods as a public information officer for former Gov. Harry Hughes and U of MD Shock Trauma, Panos appeared in print for 67 years. His employers included Associated Press, the old *Evening Sun* newspaper, and Patuxent Publishing Co. During his career, Panos has covered 12 presidents of the U.S. and 14 governors of Maryland. Though no longer writing a weekly column, Panos leaves the door open to appearing in some other part of the media soon.

## Abrupt End to a Popular Talk Show Creates a Storm

**Marc Steiner**, who attended BCC in the 1950s, had been a fixture on public radio in Baltimore for many years as a talk show host. That all ended without notice in February when WYPR-FM abruptly cancelled Steiner's program and took him off the air. The official explanation was "poor ratings" but Steiner said he suspected the cause was his policy disagreements with station management. Several loyal listeners - including *Examiner*



newspaper columnist **Michael Olesker BCC'63** and Hall of Fame member – likened Steiner's dismissal to the Sun newspaper firing H.L. Mencken or the Baltimore Ravens abruptly releasing Linebacker Ray Lewis. **Lawrence M. "Larry" Kloze BCC'58**, who serves on the radio station's community advisory board, was dismayed because the question wasn't brought before the board before action was taken.



### Remembering Those from BCC Who Have Served

The Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to **Staff Sgt. Isadore S. Jachman BCC'40** and Hall of Fame member is currently on display at the Jewish Museum of Maryland. Jachman's decoration is part of the "Ours To Fight For: American Jews In The Second World War" which came to Baltimore after being displayed in New York City for five years. **Marvin Leventon BCC'42** and **William Kahn BCC'42** were among BCC alumni veterans who attended the exhibit's opening.

### BCC Alumni Were Responsible for Keeping the Coast Clear

Among the many achievements posted by BCC graduates is the amazing fact that two of them served as commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. In our April 2007 edition we reported on the passing of **Admiral John William "Bill" Kime BCC'51** and Hall of Fame member. Admiral Kime headed the USCG response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska and was USCG commandant from 1990 to 1994. We've just learned about **Admiral Frederick C. Billard (1873-1932)** who was the sixth commandant of the USCG (1924-1932). Admiral Billard served aboard ship during the Spanish-American War and WWI. It was during Admiral Billard's tenure as commandant that strategies were developed and deployed to combat liquor smuggling during Prohibition. Admiral Billard was still on the job at his death.

### Remembering BCC's First U.S. Senator

We all know of the achievements of our current member of **the U.S. Senate Benjamin L. Cardin BCC'61** and Hall of Fame member. Our first member of the U.S. Senate was **W. (William) Stuart Symington (1901-1988) BCC'18** and Hall of Fame member. Sen. Symington was a WWI veteran and president of three businesses – Colonial Radio Corp., Emerson Electric Co., and Rustless Iron and Steel Co. Picked by President Harry S. Truman as the first secretary of the U.S. Air Force, Senator Symington later served in the U.S. Senate from 1953 through 1976 as a Democrat representing Missouri and was a presidential candidate.

### A BCC Full House

City College also has a proud tradition of service in the U.S. House of Representatives. We are familiar with the resumes of **Benjamin L. Cardin BCC '61** and Hall of Fame member, **Elijah E. Cummings BCC'69** and Hall of Fame member, and **Charles A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger BCC'63** and Hall of Fame member. Sen. Cardin served 10 terms in the House before being elected to the Senate in 2006. Rep. Cummings is now in his 6<sup>th</sup> term and Rep. Ruppertsberger is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Previously there were three other BCC graduates who served in the House – **William S. Booze, M.D. (1862-1933)** served 1 term, **Charles P. Coady (1868-1934)** was a 4-term Representative, and **Harry W. Rusk (1852-1926)** served 5 terms in the House.

### BCC in the Maryland Governor's Mansion

Data indicates that two and possibly four men who graduated from City College have been elected as Governor of the State of Maryland. **Harry W. Nice (1877-1941)** was Maryland's 50<sup>th</sup> governor from 1934 until 1938. The 1.7 miles toll bridge that carries U.S. Route 301 across the Potomac River from Newburg MD to Dahlgren VA is named in honor of Gov. Nice. **Theodore R. McKeldin (1900-1974)** was Maryland's 53<sup>rd</sup> governor and served from 1951 until 1959. Gov. McKeldin is credited with starting I-695 (Baltimore Beltway), I-495 (Capitol Beltway) and U.S. Route 50 (John Hansen Highway). (We have been told that Govs. McKeldin and Nice both attended night school at City. Biographical sketches compiled by the Maryland Historical Society insist both were City College graduates. The hanging question: Does attending night school in City

College's building make one a City College graduate?) **Marvin Mandel BCC'37** and Hall of Fame member served from 1969 until 1979 as Maryland's 56<sup>th</sup> governor and **William Donald Schaefer** served from 1987 until 1995 as Maryland's 58<sup>th</sup> governor.

### BCC Prominence in Annapolis

City College graduates have always played an important part in all three branches of the State of Maryland's government – executive, legislative, and judicial. **Melvin A. "Mickey" Steinberg BCC'50** and Hall of Fame member served as Lieutenant Governor of Maryland from 1987 thru 1995. **Gov. William Donald Schaefer** Hall of Fame member served as Maryland's Comptroller of the Treasury from 1999 until 2007. Three City alumni served as Attorney General of Maryland – **Ogle Marbury** (1919), **Hall Hammond** Hall of Fame member (1947-1952), and **Francis B. "Bill" Burch** (1966-1978). **Philip B. Perlman** Hall of Fame member served as Maryland Secretary of State. City graduates have held and continue to hold key positions in the Maryland General Assembly. Included are two Speakers of the House of Delegates – **Gov. Marvin Mandel BCC'37** and Hall of Fame member (1963-1969) and **Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin BCC'61** and Hall of Fame member (1979-1986) and a President of the Senate – Lt. Gov. Steinberg (1983-1987). There were also three City alumni who served as Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals – **Judge Hammond, Judge Marbury,** and **Judge Simon Sobeloff** Hall of Fame member.

### Collegian in Baltimore's City Hall

As far as we can determine, three and possibly four men who attended City College have served as Mayor of Baltimore. **Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin** served terms before (1943-1947) and after (1963-1967) his governorship. **Philip H. Goodman BCC'31** (1914-1976) as City Council President finished out the term as Mayor (1962-1963) of J. Harold Grady who resigned to take a judgeship. **Gov. William Donald Schaefer** Hall of Fame member served from 1971 until 1987 and **Kurt L. Schmoke BCC'67** and Hall of Fame member was Mayor from 1987 until 1999. It is amazing to note that – except for Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns' short term of several months after Gov. Schaefer moved to the State House – City College graduates served as Mayor of Baltimore for 28 consecutive years!

### Who Was Al Goodman?

**Al Goodman** (1890-1972) attended and graduated from City College in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Goodman won fame as an arranger, pianist, musical conductor, songwriter, and stage composer. On Broadway, Goodman produced "So Long Letty" and "Sinbad" with the legendary Al Jolson and conducted the band for hits like "Flyin' High", "The Student Prince", and "Blossom Time". Regarded as the most prolific show bandleader ever, Goodman is reputed to have conducted music for over 150 opening nights on "The Great White Way". Goodman's credits as musical director also included "Your Hit Parade" (1935-1938) and



"Fred Allen Show" (1945-1949) on radio and "The Colgate Comedy Hour" on television.

### A Tribute to a BCC "Man on the Go"

**John Robert "Joel" Kruh BCC '64** was on the move continuously from his days at City until his untimely death from an apparent heart attack suffered while driving on the Baltimore Beltway. Michael Olesker – BCC '63 and Hall of Fame member – paid tribute to Kruh in December 2007 in his featured column in the Examiner newspaper. Olesker remembers Kruh as the City athlete who was always running on the basketball court, gridiron, or track. Kruh went on to work as an attorney, legislative aide, and lobbyist and volunteered as a Jewish Big Brother. Olesker lamented that Kruh always stayed much too busy to look out for his own health.

### Preacher with BCC Roots Participates in Audio New Testament Project

Rev. Jamal Harrison-Bryant, who attended BCC for a couple of years, has a key part in a new audio Bible that features a cast of famous African-American entertainers. Rev. Harrison-Bryant as Solomon joins Samuel L. Jackson (the voice of God), Cuba Gooding, Jr. (Jonah and Judas), and Eartha Kitt (the serpent in the Garden). Rev. Harrison-Bryant, who is pastor at Baltimore's Empowerment Temple, is the son of **AME Bishop John Richard Bryant BCC '61** and Hall of Fame member.

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