CONTESTANTS — Miss Inner-City contestants watch Carnell Cortrell, owner of Hair Dimensions, style Beatrice Thomas' hair. Watching the styling are Mrs. Alice Ebb, Ms. Twilah Scarborough, Deborah Herndon, 16; Windy Green, 16; Maria Simmons, 17; Cora Scott, 17; Angela Meadows, 18; Anna-Maria Waters, 15; Marlene Baker, 17; Lisa Croxton, ~~19 and not~~ shown, Renee Dunaway, 17. The contest is sponsored by the St. James Teen Center and will be held July 23 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. See Clean Block page.

Coppin teaching programs approved by national group

A national accreditation organization has approved Coppin State College's undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs for an additional seven years.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education reaccredited Coppin's programs to prepare secondary teachers at the bachelor degree level and the masters degree programs in elementary teaching, which according to council officials, are understood to be special education only.

In making its evaluation NCATE stated that most of the teaching standards at the predominantly black colleges were "considered to have been met adequately" and that standards dealing with faculty advisement of students and personnel procedures "were considered to be excellent."

NCATE did say, however, that if Coppin intended to go ahead with future programs it would have to stimulate faculty research and scholarly activity at the institution.

Evaluators also said they felt there was a need for more student involvement in decision making, program evaluation and development activities. A more systematic approach to evaluation of the product after students leave the institution is also needed.

Several months ago the Middle States Association granted full approval to the teaching programs after an evaluation last November.

In contrast, a state department of education evaluation team gave only partial approval to all but three programs, disapproving one of those programs.

Dr. Cassell Lawson, vice president for academic affairs, said he is happy with the NCATE approval and remarked it further proved his faith in Coppin's teaching programs.

He added that he did not understand why the school's program would be approved by a national and regional accreditation team while the state education team found serious problems with most of them.

Lawson alleged the possibility that the state team may be biased against the college and its programs.

Regents approve transfers to Eastern Shore

The University of Maryland, Eastern Shore committee of the Board of Regents has approved a plan for transferring 12 programs from the College Park unit to the Eastern Shore campus. The plan, aimed at increasing student enrollment to reduce per student costs, was approved by the full board recently.

An earlier task force report identified 13 programs as feasible for transfer. The only program not approved by the regents' committee was geology.

Before an actual implementation can begin, the transfers must first be approved by the State Board for Higher Education and some must be funded by the state legislature.

UMES Chancellor William P. Hytche issued a statement urging the state board to give the matter prompt consideration.

"Obviously the program package that was approved by the UMES Committee of the Board of Regents is not as inclusive as I would like to have had it, but there is no doubt that implementation of the programs in the package would favorably impact upon the institution. My major concern is for a commitment for facilities and resources for first - rate programs.

"As you know, the package first calls upon the State Board for Higher Education to approve the four baccalaureate and one master's degree program previously proposed for UMES. It subsequently proposes various configurations that would involve some program transfers and inter - campus cooperative arrangements for the offering of graduate programs on our campus.

"It is my hope that the State Board for Higher Education will expedite the approval of the Regents' package so that we can move toward implementation. The UMES campus cannot afford to be held hostage any longer," Hytche said.

The programs included in the regents' plan are: conservation and resource development, the fisheries option of the same program, institute for applied agriculture, poultry science, engineering technology, institution administration, costume design, crafts, early childhood education, criminology and law enforcement and the relocation of the poultry research substation from Salisbury.

Included also are two master's level programs, one in agriculture and agriculture extension and one in special education, which will be offered under an "umbrella" arrangement with the College Park campus.

14 traffic fatalities

There were no traffic fatalities in the Baltimore metropolitan area streets over the July 4 holiday weekend but a total of 14 persons were killed on other Maryland highways.

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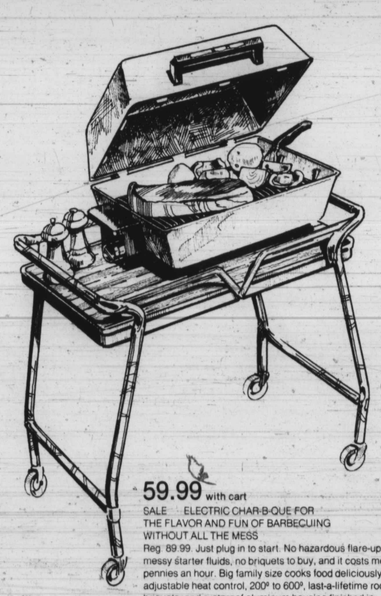

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Young to be Lee's campaign coordinator

Del. Larry Young

Acting Gov. Blair Lee III is expected this weekend to name Del. Larry Young, (Dem. 38th District) as the Lee - Hoyer gubernatorial campaign coordinator for the 7th Congressional District.

Young accepted the position as campaign coordinator, the AFRO learned, after he met with Lee late Wednesday to discuss several conditions Young cited as the only way he would take post.

Those conditions were: access to the acting governor on a one - on - one basis, visible and active participation in the campaign strategy and a proposed urban policy as part of the campaign platform.

Lee, it is reported, agreed to all the conditions except the urban policy idea. He balked on this issue according, to informed sources, because of his feeling that an urban policy is a federal rather than state responsibility.

Young disagrees pointing out that an urban policy is the responsibility of the state government as well as the federal government.

Lee, however is expected to assign Young and his running mate Steny Hoyer to draw up an urban policy plan for the state of Maryland to be ready sometime in September.

Ms. Jerrelle Francois

Ms. Francois is principal

Middle school set for opening

The new West Baltimore Middle School's program and principal were introduced at a press conference by School Board President Mark K. Joseph, Superintendent Dr. John L. Crew Sr., and members of the school's citywide task force.

The West—Baltimore Middle School, formerly Rock Glen Junior High, is the school system's sixth middle school.

It will open this September under the leadership of Ms. Jerrelle Francois, the new principal, who gained the position following a tenure as assistant principal at Chinquapin Middle School.

Joseph and Crew explained that in becoming a middle school, the new West Baltimore facility will benefit by having:

— A student population reduction from 2,300 to 1,950;

— Team teaching, whereby five or six teachers will lead approximately 150 students in basic subject areas;

— Scheduling flexibility and smaller learning groups;

— More parent and community involvement;

— Stress on basics and on individual achievement levels;

— Programs for students with exceptional needs, as well as for students with higher - than - normal abilities;

Electives in art, music, home economics, physical education and foreign languages and

— A mini - course to explore and develop students' individual interests.

Task force members, in their report, said, "At West Baltimore Middle School the student is to be valued for what he is: a preadolescent emerging from childhood in slow stages, constantly in need of appropriate opportunities for exploration, sometimes capable of adult behavior and responses, and frequently in need of opportunities for trial and error in situations where error is acceptable. Therefore, the program must be sensitive to the 10 to 14 age youngster it is to serve.

The task force report stressed the importance of personal development, skills for continued learning and basic skills.

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