Community College of Baltimore Spotlight

Paul J. Beckham helps non-traditional students

ADMINISTRATOR — Paul J. Beckham is director of instruction at Community College of Baltimore's division of continuing education and community services.

By Gusty Taler
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What do the chairman of the board of the Baltimore Urban League, a board member of the Citizens League of Baltimore, an elder of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, a board member of the Baltimore Chapter of the United Way, a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brother, and the director of instruction at the Community College of Baltimore's division of continuing education and community services all have in common?

They are all positions held by one man — Paul J. Beckham.

As director of instruction at CCB's division of continuing education and community services, Beckham is responsible for the administration of various specialized educational programs, located on and off campus. These programs include workshops and seminars, many of which focus on occupational training. A variety of cultural events, such as concerts and dramatic productions, are also under his supervision.

In its efforts to meet the needs of those individuals who must attend college on a part - time basis at hours other than those of the traditional school day, CCB's division of continuing education and community services offers classes in a variety of facilities including public schools, libraries, government buildings, hospitals, community centers, and private businesses.

According to Beckham, "For those people who find it difficult to earn college credit through traditional class attendance on or off campus, CCB offers several home study programs. WBJC (91.5), CCB's FM radio station, and two local television stations, Channels 67 and 2, feature several courses each semester.

"CCB also offers correspondence courses," Beckham further explained, "by which a student can begin a course at any time during the year and has up to one year to complete the course. The instructor sends the student all the necessary information throughout the year. The student, in turn, mails all the lessons to the instructor, who then grades and returns them to the student."

Organizing and administering such programs is not an easy task. It demands experience, creativity, and dedication, all of which Beckham possesses.

Since 1962, he has been involved in Baltimore City's educational system as a teacher and as an administrator. Prior to joining CCB's full - time staff in 1970 as coordinator of curriculum and instruction, Beckham taught history in a number of Baltimore City junior and senior high schools.

Active in numerous civic and social organizations throughout the city, Beckham has served as an administrator in several adult education programs and has published numerous articles dealing primarily with educational issues. A graduate of Morgan State University, he holds an MAT degree from The Johns Hopkins University.

Although born in Indiana, Beckham considers Baltimore his home.

"Baltimore is a progressive city with a renewed vitality that I find interesting and exciting for the present and for the future."

Beckham and his wife, Blanche, a career counselor at Edmondson High School, live in the Ashburton section of the city. They have two sons, Paul Jr. and Steward.

This September will mark the ninth year that Beckham has been with the Community College of Baltimore.

"I've been at the college long enough," he remarked, "to see some marvelous things done for our students. I feel a great sense of gratitude for being able to help so many people make gains that they probably would not have made if they hadn't come to CCB. Helping people to help themselves is the most gratifying aspect of my work, and I hope to continue with it for many years to come."

For further information regarding the various programs offered by the Community College of Baltimore's division of continuing education and community services, call CCB at 396 - 0380 (Liberty Campus) or 396-1850 (Harbor Campus)

Telephone registration for fall semester courses begins Monday, Aug. 6 and ends Thursday, Aug. 9. Call the above telephone numbers any time between 3 and 8 p.m.

MSU professor named to Fisk advisory board

Walter J Leonard, president of Fisk University, has announced the membership of a 15 - person national advisory board to serve the interests of the newly established Institute for Research in Black American Music, including Dr. Dominique-Rene de Lerma, professor of music at Morgan State University.

The Institute is designed "to become the international center for research" in Afro-American music.

Its director is Dr. Samuel A. Floyd Jr., a distinguished scholar who joined the Fisk faculty last fall, specifically with the idea of developing the Institute.

Members of the National Advisory Board are expected to pay their own expenses to the meetings and have been notified that their affiliation is a working relationship, not an honorary title.

Joining Dr. de Lerma on the board are Clark Terry, Dr. Marie D. Gadsen of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Dr. Wendell M Logan of the Oberlin Conservatory, Dr. Norman Ross of the First National Bank of Chicago former music industry executive and author Arnold Shaw, Dr. Geneva Southall of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Leon Thompson of the New York Philharmonic.

The first board meeting is scheduled for October, at which time the honorary chairman will be Dr. T. J. Anderson of Tufts University.

CONGRESSMAN'S GUESTS — Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th, hosted some young people last week to show them how the U.S. government works. Shown in the congressman's Washington office are: Hosea Vincent Matos, JERSEY City, N.J.; Paquita Fullwood, Mitchell, Lisa Bush, Baltimore County and Elmer W. German III, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Calendar of Events

The O'Donnell Heights Human Services co - ordinating Council would like to extend an invitation to you to be present at the first annual O'Donnell Heights Day on Friday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Some of the achievements of the O'Donnell Heights Community as an example of one of Baltimore's greater communities will be presented. For further information, call Daniel R. Dorsey, Senior Supervisor, at 396 - 1473.

Star party at Cylburn Park, Friday, Aug. 3, 8 p.m. "Bring your own telescope night" For those who wish, instructions will be available for observing the moon and stars with your own instrument - no matter what size. Prior to the observing session a slide show featuring Voyager 1 photographs of Jupiter and its moons will be shown. Families, $2. For further details contact Mrs. Merryman, 396 - 5642.

Baltimore Italian community will present a gala celebration on Aug. 3, 4, and 5, when the seventh annual Italian Festival fills the harbor with entertainment, activites and excitment.

Opening at noon each day, the festival will run until 10 p.m., concluding with a display of fireworks on Sunday Evening.

For further information call the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Tourism at 685 - TOUR.

The city of Baltimore challenged the city of San Antonio to a frisbee toss to benefit Special Olympics. The event commences on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Center Court of Golden Ring Mall (Baltimore) and Igram Park Mall (San Antonio).

Tom Davis, sportscaster, will lead Baltimore as captain with Special Olympics Co - coaches Baltimore Colts Mike Barnes and Joe Erhmann.

A contribution allows a contestant three tosses of a frisbee at a target at the end of a 30 - foot cage. If the contestant hits the target three times in a row, he or she will win $1,000 in prize money supplied by the Coca - Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore.

If no one hits the target three times, the $1,000 will be donated to Sepcial Olympics. Every contestant who tries to toss the frisbee wins a frisbee.

For more information contact; Leslie Rehbine, Special Olympics; 661 - 4200 or Richm Denman, Golden Ring Mall; 391 - 8400.

The Woodlawn Branch of Baltimore County Public Library will hold the second annual Plant Swap on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring extra rooted houseplants and - or cuttings and trade for others. Help will be offered in identification. The Woodlawn Branch is located at 1811 Woodlawn Drive right next to the senior high school. For more information call 265-7766.

The Maryland Improvement Contractors Association will hold a crab feast on Sunday, Aug. 5 for the benefit of the John F. Kennedy Institute for handicapped children. All proceeds from the event will be contributed to the institute.

The benefit crab feast will be held at Martin's Eudowood from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets for the event may be obtained through the MICA office 821 - 7097.

The Maryland Lupus Foundton Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the purpose of disseminating information concerning the disease systemic lupus erythematosus, and to providing funds of research in this disease, will hold a benefit night at the ball game featuring the Orioles vs. Milwaukee, at the stadium on Thursday, Aug. 9.

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Fund raiser for Councilwoman Adams draws 900

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

If you ever wanted to shake hands with all the blue bloods of politics at a very plush affair, you should have been at the reception last Sunday for City Councilwoman Victorine Quille Adams.

The buffet - cocktail party was hosted by WOMAN Inc. with Dr. Uthman Ray and parking czar Allen Quille as co - chairmen.

Mondawmin Mall was all aglow with the fashionable ladies and their escorts and music played softly as some 900 guests flowed by the reception line and on to the open bars and the buffet tables.

Receiving were Mrs. Adams, the diminutive City Councilwoman who is seeking re - election; her husband, William "Little Willie" Adams, probably the most celebrated of all local politicians; Dr. Ray, Mr. Quille, Delegate Frank M. Conaway, chairman of the Metro Democrats and the officers of WOMAN Inc.

It was more than just another fund - raiser. The event which launched Councilwoman Adams' campaign for re - election was a "Who's Who" of willing "loyalists" who came to the tune of $25 each, to wish her well and pledge her a fourth term seat.

Mayor William D. Schaefer was there. So was Vice - president of City Council Clarence "Du" Burns and Black Caucus Chairman State Sen. Robert Douglass.

There were Councilman Michael Mitchell, Delegate John Douglass his encumbent opponent, City Comptroller Hyman Pressman and Ray Haysbert, the Parks Sausage chief exec.

Also, there were City Council aspirant Mary B. Adams, heart - specialist and observer of the political scene Dr. Elijah Saunders, and political lawyer David E. Sloan.

During brief ceremonies, Councilwoman Adams pledged herself to continue the struggle to extend the quality of government which will give her constituents greater opportunities to share in the good life of the city.

A half dozen expensive door prizes were awarded. Knowledgeable sources estimated that the Councilwoman collected upwards of $15,000 with which to wage political war this year.

RECEIVING LINE at the recent fund-raising reception for City Councilwoman Victorine Quille Adams included Mrs. Geneva Griffin, Dr. Uthman Ray, Mrs. Adams, her husband, William "Little Willie" Adams; Delegate Frank M. Conaway, chairman of the board of the Metro Democrats; Mesdames Pauline Scott, campaign chairman of the Democratic Women; Pearl Bonner, business manager, the Martiniques, and Marie Bowen, president of the Charmettes (L to R).

RECEPTION GUESTS — Mortician Leroy Dyett (L) greets 4th District Councilwoman Victorine Adams at a reception held at Mondawmin. Dr. Uthman Ray co-chaired the affair and Linda Grant attended the gala fund-raiser (R).

RECEIVING GUESTS at the gala affair for Councilwoman Adams also were Mrs. Mary Bailey, Dr. Uthman Ray, Councilwoman Adams, State Sen. Robert L. Douglass, chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus; Delegate Frank M. Conaway, the Ashburton Insurance exec and chairman of the board of directors of the Metro organization; Raymond Haysbert, president of Parks Sausage Co. and UB exec and Mrs. Pearl Bonner, business manager of The Martiniques (L to R).

COUNCILWOMAN ADAMS (C) greets Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings and Marie Bowen, president of the Charmettes.

MORE GUESTS — Councilwoman Adams and Dr. Uthman Ray greet guests at Mrs. Adams' fund-raiser-reception held recently. Herb Brown, head of Mondawmin Travel Agency (L), attended. Parking czar Allen Quille, Mrs. Adams' brother, served as chairman with Dr. Ray. Quille was recently named a member of Mayor Schaefer's campaign finance committee (photo at right).

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Tildon, Claiborne, Shelton families hold reunion

By Pattie Hodges,
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The family of Sidney Tildon, of Aberdeen, Md., held its annual family reunion on Saturday, July 27, at the home of Mrs. Catherine Dixon, cousin of the patriarch, on Cargil Avenue in Catonsville, Md. Five generations attended, including 77 family members and friends.

Guests feasted on ham, chicken, steaks, crab cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, assorted salads, assorted breads, desserts, punch and soft drinks.

There was much fellowship among the various family members, games for the children's enjoyment, music for listening and much reminiscing. The affair lasted from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Everyone had a lovely time getting reacquainted, and enjoying the company of each other.

Members of the Tildon family are represented in many fields of endeavor in life, including education, science, the ministry, music and politics.

To name a few: Sidney Tildon was one of the early black political leaders of Aberdeen, Md.: The Rev. Thomas S. Tildon, was a minister at the Whatcoat Methodist Church some years ago; Clayton Stansbury, a family cousin, is vice president of Morgan University; Charles Tildon, family cousin has served the Baltimore community in many capacities and is now with HEW;

Tyson Tildon, another family cousin, is a science department head at the University of Maryland; Edward Morgan, still another family cousin, is warden of the Glen Burnie, Md. prison; Edward Tildon is organist and choir leader at Union Memorial United Methodist Church; Percy Williams, family cousin, is a school official in Aberdeen, Md. and George Stansbury is a physician in Havre-de-Grace.

The Claibornes

The Claiborne family held its reunion Saturday, July 28, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Some 175 family members and friends attended, with five generations represented.

The eldest attending was 85 - years - old and the youngest was 8 weeks old. All are descendants of Austin and Harriett Claiborne and Austin and Mattie Claiborne.

After a get - acquainted hour, during which family members greeted each other joyously, everyone enjoyed a scrumptuous dinner consisting of ham, chicken, roast beef, turkey, cold cuts, cheeses, whipped potatoes, string beans, assorted salads, breads, desserts and beverages.

The invocation was given by Fred D. Claiborne, toastmaster and brother of one of the patriarchs.

Opening song, "What a Fellowship" was done by all and scripture was read by the Rev. Thomas Claiborne, nephew of the family.

Prayer was offered by The Rev. Thomas Smith. The welcome was extended by James L. Calborne, brother of the patriarchy.

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