CCB students rally to save college careers

More than 150 Community College of Baltimore students attended a meeting and rally Wednesday to learn how the Reagan Administration budget cuts could put an end to their college careers and also to learn how to fight against it.

Dr. Rafael Cortada, CCB's president, told the AFRO the purpose of the April 14 meeting at the CCB's Liberty Heights campus itorium was to inform students of the federal budget cuts and proposed cuts for 1983 that could affect 80 percent of the college's full-time students.

About 11,000 students attend CCB.

According to information supplied by Cortada and Clarence Hicks, director of financial aid for the school, during this fiscal year of 1982-83, Congress approved a 29 percent reduction in Pell Grants.

The College Work Study program was slashed by 34 percent and a 34 percent cut in National Direct Student Loans, affecting many middle class students, became an actuality of this fiscal year.

If the proposed cuts for next year's budget are approved, the smaller amounts of money available to go to school will force many students out of college and into Baltimore's already tight job market, Cortada said.

Pell grants could be slashed by another 40 percent; Work Study faces a 30 percent cut and the Supplemental Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans and State Student Incentive Grants would be eliminated totally, Cortada and Hicks said.

They said the only thing for students to do now, to fight more cuts, is to launch a massive letter writing campaing to leaders such as Congresspersons Parren J. Mitchell and Barbara Mikulski. Both expressed confidence the campaign will have the desired effect.

"Letter writing works," Hicks said.

At the meeting, students were given a post card and lists of persons to write. They also were given tips on how to write such leaders as well as other information.

Among the more than 150 students who attended Wednesday's meeting were Deborah Langley and Daniel Miller.

Ms. Langley, 18, is a second semester student and a computer science major at CCB. She said she is worried her BEOG (Pell) Grant and came to the meeting to see if her grant will be cut.

"I want to find out, make sure I get some money to make sure I can continue my education," she said.

If her grant is cut off or significantly reduced, Ms. Langley said she would try to stay in school, but would have to find a job since her father is retired and on a fixed income.

Miller, 20, said he is a business major. If his aid package were cut or eliminated, he said he would have to try to get a job and go to school part-time.

A SERIOUS MEETING — Dr. Rafael Cortada, president of the Community College of Baltimore, addresses more than 150 students at a meeting Wednesday. The meeting and rally were called to discuss ways CCB's 11,000 students can avoid further cuts to educational funds, which many of the college's students depend upon.

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TAKING NOTES — Deborah Langley, 18, a CCB computer science major, says she is worried about cuts to her financial aid package. If her BEOG grant (Pell) is cut, she says she may have to drop out of school.

Harbor Bank plans opening

Organizers of Harbor Bank of Maryland, after losing the initial national charter granted eight years ago, are preparing for the opening of the state's second black-controlled bank, the president said.

President John Carpenter said earlier this week no tentative opening date has been set "because we have so much to do. We are negotiating for a site in downtown Baltimore."

"We have to hire and train staff, order furniture, write policy and procedure manuals," he added.

A drive to raise capital collapsed in 1979 after the bank's national charter was revoked because not enough stock had been sold to open the financial institution.

Carpenter said following the aborted first attempt, the organizers applied for a state charter and deleted the word "national" from the bank's title.

In March 1980, the State of Maryland granted a commerical banking charter. Organizers have sold more than $2 million in stocks since June 1980.

"The $2 million figure was the requirement set by the State Banking Commissioner," Carpenter said. "The sales were a combination of individual and corporate purchases, but the majority was bought by individuals."

There was no minimum set of the number of $20 shares that could be purchased, but he said the maximum was 100,000.

Harbor bank of Maryland is only the second commercial bank to open in the city in 50 years, he said.

Maryland's first black-controlled bank is the Prince George's State Bank in Glenarden.

Shirley Chisholm on 'Sunday Live'

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm will be the guest on a special edition of WJZ-TV public affairs program, "Sunday Live," to air Sunday, April 18 at 1 p.m.

Chisholm, the first black woman to become a member of the U.S. Congress and the first black person to actively seek the office of President of the United States, will retire from the Congress at the close of the current session.

In an interview with anchorwoman Georgie Gosiee, Mrs. Chisholm will discuss her 24 years of public service and her struggle to overcome both racism and sexism in her efforts to promote the rights of her constituents and black citizens throughout the nation.

The presidential candidate will mark Gosiee's last appearance as co-host of "Sunday Live." Gosiee has called a press conference for Monday, April 19, where it is expected she will announce her candidacy as the first woman to mount a challenge for a seat on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Shirley Chisholm

Baltimorean makes good

One of Baltimore's best came back this week. Victor M. Julien, Manager, National Events for Anheuser-Busch, Inc., was in Baltimore to present two $1,000 college scholarships at the Project Survival Banquet, April 14.

Julien originally came to Baltimore from New York to study for a degree in Biology at Morgan State University. After graduation, he made Baltimore his home when he took a sales job with the National Brewing Company in 1965.

The rest is history. By the time Julien took the position of Manager, Market Development for Anheuser-Busch, Inc., in 1979 out of St. Louis, he had become a polished professional in business.

The former Baltimorean attributes his ability to make the switch from biology to business, to the foundation Morgan State gave him to "explore and go in any direction."

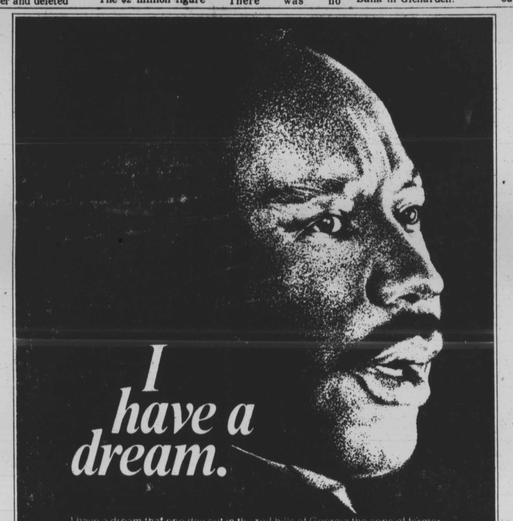
On April 1, he began wearing the hat of Manager, National Events for Anheuser-Busch, enabling him to design and coordinate all national activities for the company. The scholarship presentation is just one of the activities that take him around the country.

Victor M. Julien

Free Films

"Cosmos (Part 5)," an exploration of the planet Mars by Dr. Carl Sagan, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 19, at the Pratt Library's Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Avenue.

"Cosmos (Part 6)," a look at 20th century space missions, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at the Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Avenue.



I have a dream.

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride, From every mountainside, Let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that: let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi, and every mountainside.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual: Free at last, free at last; Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.

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Groups band to seek release of surplus food

Community leaders, civic groups and politicians have banded together in hopes of expanding their ranks for a Hunger March on Washington, D.C., Thursday, April 29.

The Food is a Right Campaign, the All Peoples Congress (a coalition of civic groups and unions), the NAACP Baltimore Welfaree Rights Organization and a cast of local and national politicians are supporting the march to demand the federal government distribute its vast warehouses of surplus food and restore the food stamp program to the poor and the elderly.

The Hunger March on Washington, D.C., will leave Baltimore at 12 noon, Thursday, April 29, from the United Furniture Workers Union Hall, 3014 Greenmount Avenue.

Del. Walter Dean (D-41) said the government purchase of food keeps food "unusually high" to maintain farm supports.

Although government statistics apparently agree with Dean, more alarming is the cost to American taxpayers of purchasing and maintaining the food.

According to Merrit Sprague of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Department of Agriculture division handling the surplus food, by the end of this fiscal year, U.S. taxpayers will have put out $2.2 billion, or $250,000 an hour to buy up and keep off the market, the amount of surplus dairy food necessary to maintain the dairy price support system.

Government farm price supports create an artificial scarcity of farm products to stabilize high farm prices.

Storage of the dairy products will cost more than $42 million this year, and the interest rates on the money the government borrows to buy and maintain the inventory may increase the sum total of keeping the stored food to nearly $1 million a day, Sprague said.

The amount of surplus food in question -cheese, butter, dried milk, honey, wheat and corn is so greatacording to Sprague, Agriculture Department officials can not imagine how they could even begin to distribute it.

They expect costs of distribution would be far worse than any damage the food might cause on the marketplace economically.

These "food for everyone" advocates charge the Reagan Administration with hypocrisy. The "Administration professes a free market system when farmers get rich off high dairy and farm prices," George Bunson of the Baltimore NAACP, said.

The consensus of the coalition of civic groups, community leaders and politicans was the same: "Neighborhood organizations will make sure surplus food is distributed at no cost," said Gary Brooks of the Johnson Square Food Co-Op.

"They think they have overcrowded jails now . . ." said Angela Huff of the Eastside All Peoples Congress, adding things will only get worse if there is not enough food for the poor.

The government's belief according to Sprague that the distribution cost of surplus food would be astronomical, and the allegation a Department of Agriculture Deputy Director walked out on a Food is a Right Campaign Delegation last February, does not leave much hope for the release of food to the needy, or restoration of the food stamp program.

So why would a march be effective the AFRO asked. According to Food is a Right Campaign spokesperson, Sharon Ceci, "Some of the people in Congress who fought the Reagan cuts believe it is the only way...to have people marching in the streets" for the Administration to get the point.

HUNGER MARCH TO WASHINGTON, DC — (Left to right) Paulette Harris, of Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization; Annie Chambers on National Board of All Peoples Congress; Sharon Ceci, the Food is a Right Campaign spokesperson and Calvin Holmes of Reservoir Community Association, brief the press on the Hunger March to Washington, DC, April 29, to demand the government release surplus food and restore food stamp cuts to the poor and the elderly.

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Community Calendar

What "good community relations" means is the toPic of a one page poetry-prose contest for middle, junior and senior high school students of Baltimore Public Schools.

Sponsored by the Baltimore Community Relations Commission, all entries must be sent to the Education Division, Baltimore Community Relations Commission, 100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201, by April 19.

Presentations will be made to all participants at a ceremony following the judging. For more information call: 396-3141.

The Pilgrim Christian Day School at Liberty and Latham Roads is having a Flea Market, Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the school parking lot.

The Black Student Union of Dundalk Community College is holding Afro-American Week from April 19 to April 23 with the theme "The Wealth of Black Culture."

Among featured speakers will be Councilman Kwelsi Mfume, Freida Greer of the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture, the Shirley Fields Quartet and Delphine Sneed's Afro-American Dancers.

For detailed information phone: 282-6700.

A Bike Safety Rodeo, open to children betwen grades one and eight, will be held Saturday, April 17, at 1 p.m. on the Harper's Choice Middle School Basketball Courts.

Participants go through a 10-obstacle safety course and bicycles will be engraved and inspected. Each participant will receive a certificate and bike decorations.

To register or volunteer as an assistant, call Jeri Akers at 730-0770.

Anne Arundel Community College and the Small Business Administration are offering a workshop, "How to Start and Manage youur Own Business," Tuesday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the campus Careers Building, Room 332A, at 101 College Parkway, Arnold, Maryland.

For details phone: 269-7404 and ask for Betty Park.

The basic principles of selling and sales as a career will be the subject of a credit-free course at Catonsville Community College at the Northwest College Center in Owings Mills, Saturdays, April 17 to May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class will teach the steps in the selling process and sales techniques, identify the business and ethical responsibilities of sales representatives and evaluate the information regarding sales as a career choice.

Forspecific information call: 363-4111.

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