—DuBurns

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bargaining chips during the primary campaign. His selection of John Schaefer, D-1st, to head the Budget and Appropriations committee is viewed by some as payment for campaign support from Schaefer and his first district colleagues Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro and Don Hammen during the campaign.

Their support was seen as crucial to Burns' ability to make inroads in predominately white conservative East Baltimore areas. Burns needed to pick up votes in those areas to undercut his two challengers, former second district Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and former State's Attorney William Swisher.

Burns defended his choices, however, saying they were based soley on seniority and experience. Burns, contradicting Young, said he made no commitment regarding chairmanships to anyone during the campaign, black or white.

"I don't operate that way. I didn't promise black (black leaders) anything. I didn't promise whites anything," Burns said.

Burns has operated that way in the past, however. In his only other opportunity to appoint council chairmen, which came last fall, Burns avoided selecting any blacks, chosing two whites instead.

Don Hammen was given the leadership of Urban Affairs. And Timothy Murphy, D-6th, a then-unelected South Baltimorean who had been appointed less than a year earlier, was named to head the old Budget and Finance, one of the council's two most powerful committees.

Burns later freely admitted he had promised to give the chairmanship to Murphy in exchange for support from the Stonewall Democratic club. Burns made the promise last fall while seeking the 10 council votes needed to win appointment as council's replacement of former president Walter Orlinsky.

"If you need seven votes and you need 10 you do what you have to do. I didn't invest this game," Burns said following his chairmanship appointments last year.

Unlike last year, however, when Burns' announcement of his choices were openly denounced on the council floor by black members, his decision drew no public comment by councilmembers on the council floor.

And unlike last year Michael Mitchell, D-4th, downplayed the importance of the committee chairmanships and refused to criticize Burns for the absence of blacks among them.

A year ago Mitchell reacted quite differently, however, blasting Burns for the Hammen and Murphy appointments during the roll call which won Burns the presidency.

"We can't be satisfied in having a black as president of the City Council. We need to gain control of some of the substantitive council chairmanships," Mitchell said, addressing the council on Oct. 25, 1982.

Burns seems willing to forgive and forget, however; to forgive some of his former enemies and forget about others.

Schaefer was the only councilmember to vote against Burns' appointment as council president last year, but won a chairmanship anyway.

Mitchell has criticized the 64 year-old president on several occasions. But his support of Burns during the campaign apparently helped him win an appointment to the Planning Commission, though it apparently was not enough to win him the major committee chairmanship he reportedly lobbied intensively for.

Burns was willing to forget Kweisi Mfume, D-4th, a frequent critic who snubbed Burns during the campaign. Burns stripped Mfume of his vice-chairmanship of Urban Affairs, leaving the second longest tenured black district representitive among only four councilpersons without a chairmanship or a vice-chairmanship.

Mitchell, who expressed satisfaction with his Planning Commission appointment said he has negotiated a number of commitments from the Schaefer administration which will help make up for the absence of black councilmembers in positions of power.

"In the final analysis I think the black community will benefit. Once you have the commitment of the administration as well as the presidency of the council you will really see tangible results."

But although Mitchell seemed confident the Schaefer administration is on the verge of making commitments to the black community he was vague about what they will be, and said the press will have to wait "another 10 days" before he would come forth with any details.

Legislators jockey pension issues

By John W. Frece

ANNAPOLIS, MD. (UPI) — Senate president Melvin Steinberg says the pension study committee he chairs will recommend a 4 percent limit on cost-of-living increases for future retirees under the state's old pension system.

"I have spoken to a number of people (on the committee) and there is substantial support in this area," Steinberg said Tuesday.

The Baltimore County Democrat also said he may ask the committee to recomend that the retirees under the newer of the state's two retirement programs be raised to 4 percent for future beneficiaries. Thus equalizing that aspect of the two programs.

Steinberg said he plans to convene the special legislative and executive pension committee before Dec. 31 to vote on pension issues.

House speaker Benjamin Cardin, D-Baltimore, said house leaders had not yet decided whether to support Steinberg's proposals regarding cost-of-living increases.

Steinberg and others on his pension study committee believe a limit on the automatic cost-of-living increases is the only way future pension costs can be brought under control.

Gov. Harry Hughes has indicated he might support a limit, but has said the proposed 4 percent is too low.

"A cap on the cola (cost-of-living adjustment) puts a handle on cost — it maximizes our amount of exposure," Steinberg said.

Steinberg said his proposed 4 percent limit could save the state about $36 million a year.

He also said he expected the committee to recommend adoption of a new pension accounting method that would level out annual state payments into the retirement system and could provide an additional savings of as much as $40 million next year.

Such savings could be used to offset the need for a tax increase next year, he said.

The president also said he hoped to recommend a way of limiting the state's liability for future teacher retirement costs.

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By the way...

By Joe Black

An underlying reason for a lack of unity among Black people is the fact that envy, or a lack of understanding, still has some Black people labeling Blacks in the private sector who exercise their prerogative of saying "no" to a request from a Black organization, or person. I say that is the wrong attitude to take. No, not because I am one of those "labeled" individuals, but rather because the Black man is caught "between a rock and a hard place." On the one side he is being called a "Tom" or "window dressing," while on the other side he is attempting to use the mind that God gave to him and proving that he does have a job with defined duties and responsibilities.

It is our belief that we must show the private sector and Black America that our educational preparation makes us as professional and efficient as any other executive regardless of color. Our successes will motivate Black youths to dig in and learn, baby, learn so that they can compete for a job that is real and rewarding because they are prepared and qualified. This can only happen when Black Americans accept and respect the Black executive's right to reject proposals submitted by Black or white groups. Let's face it, soon there will be only a few jobs available because it has been mandated by a law.

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—Notes in the news

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Upon confirmation Hargrove would fill the vacancy on the bench created by the retirement of Judge Shirley B. Jones.

White House Counsel Fred F. Fielding said this week in a letter to the Maryland Council of Elected Republicans that Reagan will nominate Hargrove again when Congress reconvenes.

—NAACP meets

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be a deliberate slander of the black community.

There were six recommendations voted on.

The first was that the Sunpapers place more blacks in management, editorial and correspondents' positions. Next that the Sunpapers establish a news bureau, with appropriate staff, in Africa; especially south of the Sahara. Develop a series on institutional and continuing causal factors which engender and maintain blacks in a position of impotence and subordination.

The Sunpapers was also urged to provide the NAACP with an opportunity to provide a balanced, accurate and factual portrayal of black life in Baltimore. They were also urged to provide an analytical comprehensive, ongoing and systematic coverage of the diversity of black life and activities in Baltimore. Finally, they were urged to provide an opportunity for a select committee of the NAACP to meet with members of the Sunpapers' staff to amplify the concerns indicated in the response and to determine what action steps will be initiated by the Sunpapers.

In remarks, added to the position paper, Dr. Banks remarked that he was part of a group invited in by the Sunpapers management to discuss how it could best serve the community recently. At the same time, the Sun series "Homes Without Fathers" was being prepared. No mention of the series was made at that time, Banks said. This added to his suspicion that the series was conspiratorial in nature.

A committee was formed to implement the recommendations and mobilize community effort to support the NAACP demands.

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Alice Ebb-fellications on your award. Alice is the active coordinator of Criminal Justice of the U.S.A.'s Youth Development Center. She has received an award from the Juvenile Services Administration ESEA Chapter I for services rendered to the Md. Training School for Boys.

An educational workshop was held recently on Sexually Transmitted Diseases at the Youth Development Center "F" located at 1601 N. Calhoun St. The guest speaker was Mrs. Artie, Health Coordinator, from the Druid Health District. A film on veneral disease and a booklet on sexually transmitted diseases helped to supplement the lecture.

Cleveland Brister, director of the U.S.A. St. James Youth Development Program, received a distinguished services award from the Young Peoples and Childrens Division of the Baltimore Conference of African Methodist Episcopal Church. The award cited the contribution and understanding given to youth throughout Baltimore's Area.

The award was presented at the 6th Annual Leadership Training Institute at Morgan State. U.S. Christian Center. Mrs. Carlene Henry presented the award.

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2nd diploma, tougher standards asked for high school

By Steven Humphreys (UPI) — High school graduation requirements, with an added emphasis on Math and the Fine Arts, will be toughened if recommendations by an education commission are approved.

The long-awaited report by the Maryland Commission on Secondary Education calls for the current mathematics requirement to be increased from the present two credits to three, and for a one-credit fine arts requirement to be added to the statewide curriculum.

The recommendations, which state education officials said Wednesday would make Maryland's graduation requirements among the toughest in the nation, also would require all students to take a full schedule of classes each year.

While that requirement would not increase the total 20 credits required for graduation, the task force said most students would end up taking more credits — between 24 and 28 — with full schedules.

Under the plan submitted to the State Board of Education, the State would specify 14 of the 20 required credits, the local school jurisdiction would specify another three, and each student would elect the remaining three

The advanced diploma would be open to any student meeting the requirements for a regular diploma, plus three additional credits in higher-level studies.

Those studies would have to be chosen from eight subject areas, including computer studies, foreign language and vocational education.

The student also would have to maintain a 2.5 grade point average. For the advanced diploma, the report said.

"The objective of the commission with the second diploma is to challenge all students to stretch to reach their potential," said Commission Chairman Richard J.M. Deasy.

"This is not a diploma only for the college bound."

The 22-member task force also recommended that local school jurisdictions be required to provide students with structured learning and service opportunities in the community as part of the regular high school program.

In a four-page statement on the mission of the high school that accompanied the report, the commission said that the schools must "challenge and help students to grow intellectually, personally and socially."

"Graduates should be able and willing to take appropriate first steps into their chosen field of work or study, to act responsibly as citizens, and to enjoy a productive life."

State Superintendent of Schools David Hornbeck, who formed the task force 18 months ago, said he was pleased with the report and would make his own recommendations to the board in the Spring.

Final action on the recommendations is not expected until next year.

ON HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS

Board fails to include any minority contractors

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

The Board of Estimates overrode the recommendations of its own legal advisors and awarded a $1.7 million contract for renavations at City Hospitals to a Towson firm: In making the award the board put aside assertions by the solicitor's office the firm failed to include minority firms in the project.

The solicitor's office contended the seventh lowest bidder, Orfanos Contractors, should be awarded the contract because it had agreed to subcontract at least 15 percent of the project to a minority firm.

The six others ranged in their commitment to subcontract work to minorities, with none agreeing to grant more than five percent of the project. Three firms said no minority firms could be found to do subcontract work.

But representitives of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association labeled the firms' contentions as absurd, and said dozens of area minority companies are able to handle enough of the renovation to bring a prime contractor into compliance with the city's guideline.

The board requires firms doing business with the city to hire minority contractors for 15 to 25 percent of city-let contracts. Bidding companies can receive a waiver of the requirement if they can show that its attainment is impossible ..

But the board has been accused of being too lenient with white-owned firms seeking to circumvent the requirement by claiming no minority firms can be found. Other firms evade the requirement by subsituting white-female-owned companies, non-minority certified firms, or minority owned fronts for legitimate minority owned companies.

After the board reached its decision opponents said the guideline, which was designed as a tonic for minority business development, had been evaded again.

"This drives another nail in the coffin for minority business," Robert Dashiell, an attorney representing the minority contractors group said.

Shirley Williams, who oversees compliance with the city's minority inclusion guidelines, said Towson General's claims it would subcontract five percent of the project to minorities were based on agreements with two firms that were invalid. One of the firms had never been certified as minority owned. The other was owned by a white woman.

The board requires that at least 10 percent of a project be granted to a racial minority-owned company before the involvement of a white female-owned firm can apply toward he minority inclusion guidelines.

The requirement is designed to prevent white-owned firms directed by women from "crowding out" minority-owned firms and undermining the program's intent to develop minority business.

Several board-members expressed concern that Orfanos' bid was $217,000 higher than Towson General's. Dashiell argued, apparently to no avail, that the city should be willing to pay a price to protect the integrity of the guidelines.

"I think it is time we said to the world yes, this Program is important to the city. It is time that companies doing business with the city realize this," Dashiell said.

After hearing three hours of arguements board chairman Clarence Du Burns moved that Towson General be awarded the contract contract, which calls for renovations to accomodate a biomedical research facility the city plans to lease to private industry. Three of the five board-members voted with Burns.

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Madeline M. Rabb heads art council

Madeline Murphy Rabb

Mayor Harold Washington today named artist Madeline Murphy Rabb as executive director of the Chicago Council on Fine Arts effective immediately.

In announcing the appointment, Mayor Washington cited Mrs. Rabb's experience as an artist, businesswoman and active member of the community.

"Madeline Murphy Rabb is an established Chicago artist who has lived and worked in our city for nearly 20 years," the Mayor said. "She knows Chicago and its people, and she has a clear and impressive record of accomplishment in endeavors as varied as art, teaching, and business management.

"I am confident that Mrs. Rabb will bring a new perspective and vigor to the Council on Fine Arts, which is charged with upholding Chicago's rich cultural heritage and tradition."

Since 1981, Mrs. Rabb has operated her own studio and gallery on South Michigan Ave. Her art includes paintings, drawings and prints, and her work has appeared in numerous exhibitions in Chicago, the metropolitan area, and throughout the midwest & East Coast.

Some of Mrs. Rabb's creations are in the permanent collections of Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Johnson Publishing Company, Illinois Institute of Technology, and the Burrell Advertising Agency.

Prior to opening her own studio-gallery, Mrs. Rabb was employed as an account executive for a Chicago firm that specialized in select services for business executives; a vice president and business manager for Myra Everett Designs, Inc., a Chicago women's designer and clothier; and assistant director for art and production at Tuesday Publications, a Chicago publisher.

Mrs. Rabb also has taught an adult evening program at the Francis Parker School, and she was a substitute teacher in Art and French at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

Mrs. Rabb received a master of science degree (visual design) in 1975 from Illinois Institute of Technology, and a bachelor of fine arts degree (painting) in 1966 from Maryland Institute, College of Arts, in Baltimore, MD.

She is a member of the Arts Club of Chicago, the Chicago Artists coalition, and the National Conference of Artists.

Among the civic positions Mrs. Rabb has held are chairman of the DuSable Museum auction, president of the Auxiliary of the Cook County Physicians Association, and coordinator of volunteers for the Museum of Contemporary Art.

She also serves on the boards of the Hyde Park Center, the Southside Community Art Center, and the Women's Board of the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Rabb, 38, is married to Maurice F. Rabb M.D. and has two children, ages 13 and 16. She and her family live on the city's south side.

The 1984 budget provides an annual salary of $45,336 for the executive director of the Office of fine Arts, which is to be merged with the Office of Special Events and the Film Office into a new Department of Cultural Affairs.

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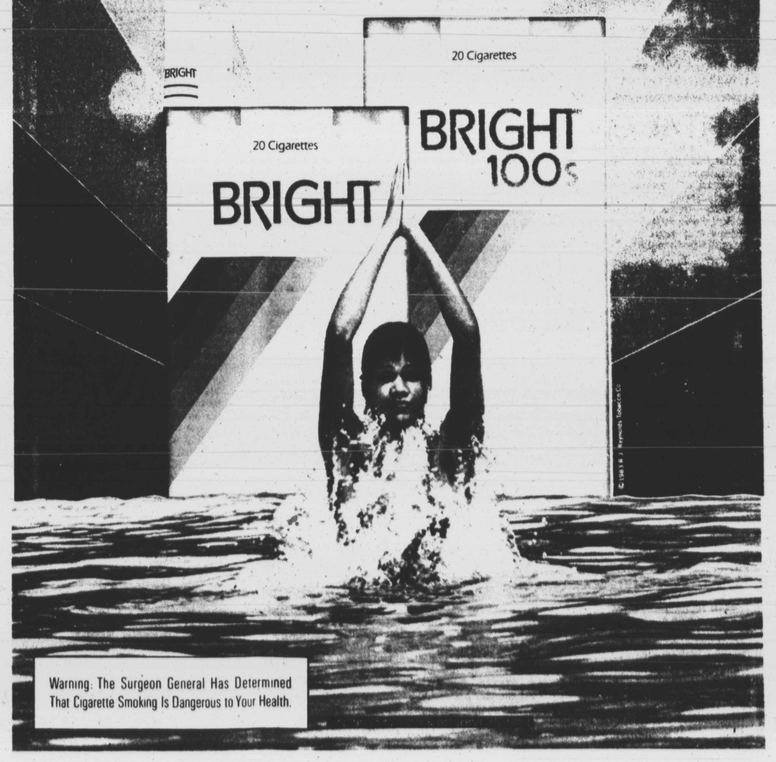

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