PEOPLE

Coppin dean sees work as symphony

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Academic Affairs are a family affair at Coppin State College as the vice-president of the department sets the pace for personal growth and among the faculty and students.

Dr. Carlton Molette, who has had a year to familiarize himself with the faculty and students of Coppin said he likes to think of himself as a conductor of a symphony.

"A conductor of a symphony does not know how to play each instrument but he knows how to get them to work together for the good of the whole," he said.

"I am trying to create or maintain a sense of teamwork so that everybody is working together toward the same goal."

Molette cited his goal as providing the best possible education for people that attend Coppin State College.

He is responsible for all academic activities on campus-which include classroom situations, faculty, the library, and the registration office.

"To a large extent, it has to do with making sure the environment is conducive to teaching and learning," said Molette.

"Faculty members need to be in environments where they can pursue the truth within their own academic disciplines."

"There are a lot of external problems that might get in the way of that process. Somebody has to try to see to it that those things don't get in the way," said Molette.

Molette's duties also include serving as an intermediary between the Commission on Higher Education and a board of regents and Coppin.

Molette said the members of these structures ensure that taxpayers money is being well spent, being that the majority of the cost of higher education is paid for by tax payers.

He provides them with updated reports on what Coppin is doing, hopefully to convince them that Coppin is making the best possible use of the tax payers money.

Molette said he is at an institution that is better than the outside world seems to realize it is. He said he will try to help Coppin's reputation get to be as good as it deserves to be.

The industrious vice-president said it is beneficial for blacks to pursue their education at a black institution of higher learning.

Dr. Carlton Mollete

"Most black students stand to gain in some personal development area of the education that would be extremely difficult at a predominantly white institution," he said.

"Generally speaking, graduates of historically black colleges are more likely to complete an advanced degree in graduate or professional schooling.

Molette cited academic as important but not the sole component in the education process.

"There's more to education than the acquisition of facts," he said.

Other components involves are the development of leadership qualities, self-discipline, and self-esteem.

Molette is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but he grew up in Kansas City, Missouri.

He has spent most of his adult life in between Atlanta, Georgia, and Houston, Texas.

He is the former dean of the College of the Arts and Sciences in Jefferson City, Missouri; former dean of the School of Communications at Texas Southern University; and was an educator at Howard University, Florida A and M University and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Navy man scores

RECRUIT HONORMAN—Michael Alexander of Annapolis has been named company honorman for Recruit Company 16 at the Navy's Recruit Training Command in San Diego. The 1986 graduate of Annapolis High School is the son of Annapolis resident Joseph Alexander and Alverta Alexander of Arnold.

By Al Holston, Jr.

Michael Alexander of Annapolis has been named company honorman for Recruit company 16 at the Navy's Recruit Training Command here.

Alexander, the 19-year-old son of Annapolis resident Joseph Alexander and Alverta Alexander of Arnold, was selected for the prestigious award from among the 61 recruits in his company who graduated from boot camp March 24.

The honorman distinction is given to the recruit who displays the highest standards of personal character, attention to detail, academic achievement, and leadership ability.

"I joined the Navy for the technical training, motivation and self-discipline," says Alexander, who plans to apply for an officer selection program.

The 1986 graduate of Annapolis High School will receive training as a Navy aviation electrician before joining the fleet.

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District's top cop worries about drug dealers

By Darryl Elwood Owens
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WASHINGTON

Drug dealers are apparently sacking the city and creating a real-life "Miami Vice" in the District, despite intensified drug deterrent programs and special covert operations such as "Operation Cleansweep," police officials said.

Each of the city's seven police districts — with the exception of the Second District (2-D) — has experienced an increase in drug-related crime since the beginning of 1988 according to recent police statistics.

"It should be glaringly obvious to our citizenry that the Metropolitan Police Department is not the sole solution to the drug problem," said Capt. William White, III, District police spokesperson.

Recent statistics released by the Department show a 17 percent increase in crime, with many offenses — such as burglary — linked directly to the need for funds to support illicit drug habits.

Drug dealers, according to White, have flourished in all police districts, except 2-D, which is predominantly white. Here, residents have enjoyed a two percent decrease.

Figures in the city's other districts, however increased dramatically by at least nine percent in 5-D, to an alarming 40 percent in the Sixth district.

"This is not to say that drugs aren't being sold there", White said of the second District. "Drugs are being sold there in bars and clubs but in a more discrete nature than in other city areas."

"This is not solely a police problem. There are some other stages prior to it (drug activity) coming to our attention that have failed," White continued, "It's going to take a concerted effort from all segments of society to win the war against drugs."

White praised community efforts like the recent prayer vigils and mock funerals organized by several city ministers, and appealed to citizens to follow the church's example by "becoming more vigilant".

He pointed out the department's attempts to stimulate community involvement with the Major Drug Dealers Reward Program by which citizens can receive up to $25,000 for anonymous tips.

"You take a community where those open air drug markets seem to take roots; a lot of that has to do with the complacency of that neighborhood and residents in that community ignoring the problem," said White.

White said, however, that police efforts are often stymied because drug-dealers tend to move from one "open-air market" to another location in a different section of town.

"Drug dealers obviously have some degree of intelligence," acknowledged White, "They employ different techniques to evade being arrested and one of those techniques is moving from one place to another."

"That's why "Operation Cleansweep" is a city-wide program. And as they move, we have the capability of refocusing our efforts towards any new location that they may start to sell drugs from."

White said that since its inception in August 1986, Cleansweep — which was devised to discourage dealers by eliminating the "demand side" of drug sales — has netted 36,903 arrests, with 20,657 of that total indicted for drug violations.

About $1.8 million in U.S. currency has been seized along with narcotics with an estimated street value of $15,591,534, White said.

White also named other ongoing departmental initiatives aimed at eradicating the drug plague including the Drug Intradiction Unit (DIU) and "Operation Fightback."

Budget

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remarked "why not cut two cents" from the tax rate.

Landers sought a one cent tax rate reduction.

"You seem to imply it's a very cavalier, frivolous exercise we're engaged in," Landers told Spector. "It's not."

Thursday morning, Spector said she did not support budget cuts, because the mayor had made a commitment to not raise taxes in the past.

"He kept a lid on taxes," she said.

"I felt that was a very conscientious effort by the mayor. I wasn't going along with cutting (the budget) for the sake of cutting," said Spector.

Keeping the tax rate at $6 will allow the city to compete with surrounding counties, which have lower tax rates, Spector said.

"We can't expect people to want to live in Baltimore, when other counties have lower tax bases," Spector said.

This is Schmoke's first budget.

"Basically it's a good budget. The mayor proves in essence to be a very quick study in the budgetary process, although, I disagree with the firehouse closings," Murphy said.

Schmoke will know "how to get more bang for the buck," the next time he proposes a budget for the city. He will use this as a lesson.

The Council was expected to hold a special and unusual session July 1, to tie up lose ends, before its summer recess.

Young

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his former aide, Michael Richardson.

Reporters and cameramen hovered near Young and Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke waiting for them to comment on Young's recent troubles with law authorities.

Schmoke made a commitment weeks ago, he said, to act as honorary co-chairman of the fundraiser.

"Although I recognize he has current legal problems, I feel those problems will be resolved in court," said Schmoke.

The mayor said he was not sure if he would attend the function, after learning of Young's false abduction claim, but he knew the Senator has contributed a great deal to the community.

Young thanked all who attended the fundraiser and those who supported him including Del. Ruth Kirk D-39, Del. John Jeffries D-39 and Sonya Goodman, Young's Finance Committee chairperson.

"Everytime the hurt, pain, innuendoes and half truths were said, she would say, 'This too will pass,' Young said of Goodman.

"In case there's any doubt, Larry Young is alive and well," said Young. And the crowd clapped and cheered.

At least $20,000 was raised at the fundraiser for Young, according to the senator.

The preliminary proceedings regarding Young's false abduction claim will be held in early August in the Baltimore District court.

Richie

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was released on $5,000 bail.

Police were called to Diane Alexander's apartment about 2:35 a.m. by numerous neighbors "who said they heard a woman screaming," Curtis said.

"Our officers arrived in less than a minute, observed suspect Brenda Richie striking and kicking the victim on the floor of the apartment," Curtis said.

A police report said furniture also was broken and strewn about the apartment.

"A second victim, entertainer Lionel Richie, later phoned and stated to officers he had been kicked in the stomach area by Mrs. Richie (at the apartment)," Curtis said.

The singer-songwriter left the apartment before police arrived and investigators did not know if he required medical treatment, Curtis said.

Alexander, 22, complained of pain to her head and side, but declined medical attention from paramedics and said she would go to her own doctor, Curtis said.

Richie's publicist, Howard Brandy, said the singer was unavailable for comment.

Richie began his career with the Commodores, a group whose six members met while attending Tuskegee University in Alabama and went on to record four gold and three platinum albums.

His first solo album in 1982, titled "Lionel Richie," also went platinum and spawned three gold singles. "Can't Slow Down" won the album of the year grammy in 1984 and included six gold and one platinum singles.

Tommy

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equipment before the hospital will discharge him.

The wheelchair that Tommy may require is called a sip and puff wheelchair. It has a special set of air tubes attached to it that will control the motion and direction of the chair by Tommy either sipping or puffing on a tube placed between his lips.

The chair will also allow Tommy to control electronic devices such as room lights, televisions or radios.

"The kids even have Atari video games that can be operated from the chair," said Darlene Koterwas, C.R.R.N., head nurse of the Mount Washingtons Physical Rehabilitation Program.

But the cost of the chair is $20,000 and in addition to the chair Tommy will require two ventilator systems and special lavatory equipment.

But the biggest item of all is the need to for a new home for Tommy and his family. Due to the size of the chair and the electric requirements for the ventilators the West Baltimore Section 8 home that the family now lives in doesn't meet the hospitals requirements.

In order to get the family in the proper housing Mount Washington is attempting to place the family.

"Our social work department works with the families and social services," Koterwas said. "Children get put on a high priority list for first available housing."

Even the party for Tommy didn't go as the family had hoped. He was to have his party outdoors but the ventilator that he had been using was malfunctioning and causing him to fall in and out of sleep.

A new unit was brought in but the setback placed Tommy in guarded condition and require that he remain in the Ward.

Throughout the party Tommy sat in his chair as friends and relatives came over to offer encouragement, nurses checked his condition and his mother hovered constantly at his side.

Tommy is unable to communicate except through a series of rasping sounds and it was through these sounds that he would ask for more cake and ice cream.

"He hasn't lost his sense of humor after all this," his mother said.

Fear of being forgotten or set aside seems to be a concern of many of the children in the ward. During the party, those who could, often spoke to people passing. Many times stretching to touch someone.

"We would love it if people would take the time to send him get well cards daid Tommy's grandmother Tina Gray.

Keyes

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or doing anything that will help Sarbanes," Able said.

"I am in favor of fair trade," Keyes said. "We have access to their markets and they have access to ours."

"We have to make it clear that we can't let ourselves be pushed around when there are jobs at stake."

On issues such as South Africa, he time and again has gone on record as being opposed to sanctions saying how can you help people by hurting them.

On economics and self dependence in the black community he sees a clear choice. Provide a method in which blacks can "either help themselves or create assembly lines of dependency," Keyes said.

Keyes sees existing programs as a way to improve the economic life of the inner city and feels that these programs have not been fully utilized.

"There were a lot of good ideas over the last several years that I had hoped the government would push harder than it did," Keyes said.

An example is the enterprise zone which Keyes believes has made a significant impact on the Park Heights communities, but need to be taken to the next step.

"The lab experiments seems to be working, now it's time to get them out of the laboratory and working" in the field," Keyes said.

Out of the laboratory and working" in the field," Keyes said.

Another existing program that Keyes would like to see modified and implemented is a variation of the G.I. Bill.

"Under the G.I. Bill we loaned money to vets for the purchase of homes at low interest and with zero down payment," Keyes said. "Now we loan money to foreign nations at low interests and to many counties that economists say we will never see repayment from.

"Why don't we loan money to working poor on the same basis," Keyes said.

Keyes who steps into the political arena as a career diplomat, was born in New York while his father, a career soldier was on overseas dury.

The Keyes family traveled with his father until they settled in Maryland where both parents were originally from. After a Catholic education he moved again to New York where he attended Cornell University.

After receiving his Doctorates degree from Harvard Keyes entered the foreign service field where he met Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick who enlisted him as a Deputy U.N. ambassador.

He held that position until he was named Assistant Secretary of State for international Organization Affairs in 1985.

Keyes is currently a resident authority at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. He resides in Rockville with his wife Jocelyn, who he met while stationed in Calcutta, India and their two children.

Some area Republicans see a new vitality coming into the party with the nomination of Keyes."

"Highly energized," said Dave Blumberg, Chairman of the Baltimore City Republican Party.

"He's like a republican Jesse Jackson, the way he can motivate," Blumberg said.

"I think there is a similarity there," said Keyes. "When he, (Jackson) talks about people being left out of the mainstream, he makes a lot of sense."

Keyes is just as quick to point out the differences.

"I will not tell you that government programs will solve the problems," Keyes said. I'm not promising Christmas every year."

Many will point to the unlikliness of a Republican, any Republican, beating the popular Sarbanes at the polls.

But what of a controversial election which is sure to draw the eyes of even the casual political observer?

Then consider the chances of someone who has made a career of smoothing the waters.