—CEBO

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mayor seems to be aligning the programs together," Davis said.

CEBO's expired contract has yet to be picked up by HCD. This, according to Davis is merely a result of new federal guidelines which are being implemented and must be considered before the contracts can be signed.

"Everything was late coming in," Davis said. "We've been for new guidelines for two years and they are just now being completed."

The absence of a contract is not causing significant concern at CEBO's Eutaw Street offices. According to Sam Daniels the staff is running under the assumption that everything will be worked out.

"We are operating without a contract in hand," Daniels said.

"There aren't really any rumors just misinterpretations of a question raised in an interview with Mayor Schmoke, said Sam Daniels, Director of Baltimore CEBO.

CEBO was begun in 1966 by Benjamin Goldstein to foster minority business development. Sam Daniels, current CEBO Director, was named by Goldstein as Deputy Director.

—Baltimore has plenty

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Kapplan stated.

But as of now, the city department does not plan to ban the use of water for washing cars, watering lawns, or other water uses, he said.

"We're very lucky compared to areas all over the country," he said. "They just don't enjoy the water supply we naturally fell heir to."

Although, Kapplan said, he does not want city officials and residents to get cocky about their abundance of water and start to waste the precious natural substance.

Kapplan said he could not predict how long the city could go without rain, before residents would be told to restrain their use of water.

He said it depends on how hot it gets and how much water people use during the dry spells.

The annual average rain fall for this time of the year is 41.50 inches and thus far in Baltimore only 16.49 inches has fallen.

An average rainfall for June in the city is 3.71 inches but only about an inch of rain fell last month.

Coupled with the dry spell in the country, is a record setting heatwave which has swept the states.

This week, temperatures reached in the low 100s and in June, temperatures reached record-breaking temperatures in the 90s and 100s.

—Contraceptives

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organization concerned with adolescent health issues, particularly the prevention of teen pregnancy and AIDS — has issued the report to the drug stores and convenience markets.

"We worked with the teenagers and they decided to do a research project on the availability of contraceptives. The CPO research and program staff worked with the Teen Council to develop the survey methodology," said Patty Dietz, CPO Program Associate.

The sample of stores surveyed was 30 percent of all drugstores and convenience stores listed in the C&P Yellow Pages.

"What motivated this survey was the high-rate of teen pregnancy and AIDS amongst teens. The other major factor is statistics which informs us that teenagers are sexually active," Dietz said.

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—Hiram Grand Lodge dispute

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1984 when Hiram Grand Lodge, a Masonic Lodge in the State of Maryland, refused to pay for national convention badges ordered on its behalf. The Lodge's Grand master John V. Thornton believed the badges were excessively priced.

On August 7, 1986, William R. Dames of the Supreme Council, the national body, suspended Thornton as President General of the Masonic Congress.

Because the jurisdiction of Maryland was also suspended, Naomi Grand Chapter, the Masonic ladies' organization affiliated with Hiram Grand Lodge, was left without a connection to the national organization.

Mary C. Frazier, Grand Matron of the Naomi Chapter along with a good percentage of the Naomi Grand Chapter members, left the Hiram Lodge premises at Eutaw Place and started meeting at a Clifton Ave. site. They took the chapter charter, some regalia and other materials with them.

Grand Master Thornton did not take this departure kindly. He suspended Grand Patron Frazier and many of her followers.

At the same time, the Supreme Council led by Dames recognized Frazier group as the Naomi Grand Chapter.

They were affiliated with a California Lodge, thereby restoring the national connection the group was deprived of when Hiram was suspended.

Dames did not stop there. As Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, he wrote Maryland National Bank stating that Frazier was the legal representative of the Naomi Grand Chapter, and that the Chapter had relocated its headquarters.

This move brought about a misunderstanding as it was not clear who had authority over the sum of about $50,000 held in accounts of the bank.

The Circuit Court of Baltimore City presided over by Judge Thomas Ward on October 27, 1987 ordered Maryland National Bank not to release any funds it has on account to either party.

After further legal maneuvering, all parties agreed to try to settle the dispute in a settlement conference. It did not work.

Efforts to have both parties settle their differences out of court, consistent with Masonic Constitutions and By-laws, in the spirit of the jurisprudence of Freemasonry did not produce positive results, either.

When all efforts to settle the dispute failed, the court intervened in May to resolve the litigation. This resulted in the 34-page document signed by Judge Byrnes.

Judge Byrnes concluded that Dames had no authority to require Thornton's replacement as Lodge Grand Master or to suspend the Hiram Grand Lodge. The "Exclusion status" of Frazier and suspension of her fellow dissenting members were therefore nullified.

The court also ordered that "there is but one Naomi Grand Chapter, and it is situated at 1205 Eutaw Place under the patronage of Hiram Grand Lodge." Frazier is still recognized as its Grand Worthy Matron in good standing.

Judge Byrnes order stipulated that all members of Naomi Grand Chapter, who met on the Clifton Avenue premises are to be regarded as full members of Naomi Grand Chapter meeting at the Eutaw address.

The judge also ordered that the regalia and other things removed from Eutaw by Frazier and her group be returned.

The Hiram attorney, Nicholas said Frazier and her group members have yet to comply with the orders. He said he has already filed a motion to have Frazier held in contempt of court, if she does not abide by the court order today.

Frazier's lawyer, Seif, said that what his client will do, "will be in the court papers by Tuesday." He did not rule out an appeal.

Meanwhile, a federal court will on Monday, hear the suit brought by Hiram Grand Lodge and Thornton against Dames and Walter G. Mills — the two national officials who were instrumental to Thornton's and Hiram Lodge's suspension.

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—New school

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principal's association, but I will operate within the law," Hunter said. "Sometimes contracts have to be upheld. Major changes in school staff don't usually happen until the second year."

Hunter was selected after an intense seven-month screening process.

The screening committee picked him as the prime candidate to be interviewed by the school board after screening 72 applicants.

Hunter was one of three candidates interviewed by the board. Although there was reportedly a discrepancy over the number of board members who wanted Hunter, the board voted unanimously for Hunter at its meeting on June 30.

Hunter is noted for having reformed public schools in Richmond, VA during his 11-year stint as superintendent there.

He left Richmond amid some political changes in the city to accept a superintendent post in Dayton, Ohio. After serving only nine months of his contract, Hunter abruptly departed from Dayton to accept a professorship at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His contract here is for three years. His salary will be $125,000 and he will have a personal driver.

279 make dean's list

RICHMOND

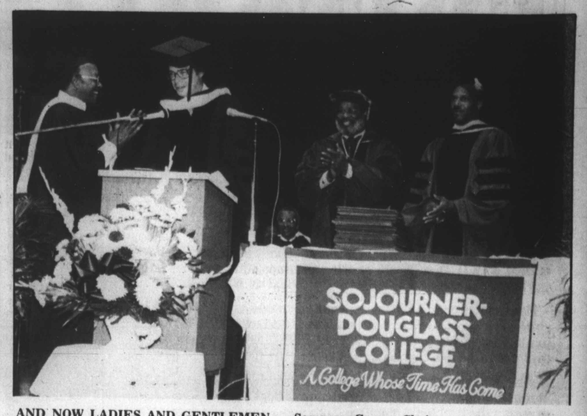
During the Spring 1988 semester, 279 students were named to the Dean's List at Virginia State University.

From Richmond, Benny L. Starks, Dana B. Cosby-Briley, Kimberley M. Wilson, Wanda McWilliams, Derrick O. Brown, Jodi E. Wallace, Joseph L. Poindexter, Aleatha I. Thompson, Rodney E. Simms, Ru Z. Zhao, Danthony M. Woods, Stephanie A. Williams, Peggy S. Morgan and Charlie D. Sanders.

From Mechanicsville, Cecil F. Hicks.

Soujourner-Douglass College awards degrees to 29

WE DID IT! — The 1988 graduates of Sojourner-Douglass College show their joy about the end of their college days with raised fists.



AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN — Sampson Green, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presents Dr. Levi Watkins, chief resident of cardiac surgery of Johns Hopkins Hospital, with an honorary degree during the graduation ceremonies. Also, shown from left to right are Dr. Charles Simons, President of the college and Dr. Andrew Jones, Dean of the college.

WORDS OF WISDOM — Dr. Vera King Farris, President of the Stockton State College in Pamona, NJ, gave the Sojourner-Douglass graduates a bit of advice about going out into the real world.

AFRO Photos By Paul Greene

The Eighth Annual Graduation exercises of Sojourner-Douglass College were held on Sunday, July 3, at the Dunbar Community Theatre.

The keynote address, titled "The Hope Factor," was delivered by Dr. Vera King Farris, president of Stockton State College in Pamona, New Jersey.

Dr. Farris' stirring message told graduates "Hope is yours, always use it but don't let anything paralyze your mind, tie your hands or defeat your spirit; through hope you'll be enlarged and enriched by everything.

Honorary degrees were conferred by the college on Dr. Vera King Farris and Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. chief resident in cardiac surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Watkins does open heart surgery and indicated that "with this degree, I'm going to start doing open mind surgery." Additionally, during the ceremony, Dr. Watkins made a $1,000 donation to the college.

Music was provided by the newly formed Sojourner-Douglass Cultural Singers under the direction of James Peterson and the Chancel Choir, Wayland Baptist Church, under the direction of Ronald Wells.

Members of the Sojourner-Douglass Graduating class of 1988 included:

Darcel Naomi Ball, Margaret L. Pope Baylor, Dorathea Blackwell, Ella M. Bowden, Tracy D. Brandon, Michele E. Buford;

Michelle D. Cox, Valarie K. Fields, Miles E. Fitzgerald, Andrea R. Floyd, Rosa E. Franklin, Evelena M. Frisby, Karen M. Gilchrist, Jennifer L. Goffigan, Charles R. Greene, Burrell Holsey; James N. Jarboi, Cleveland S. Jenkins, Janice M. Jones, Marshear D. Lee, Carolyn M. McMullen, Jacqueline A. Marshall, Gloria M. Perry, Dorothy A. Pettus, Denise H. Smith, Dana Warren, Delphine A. Williams and Derrick G. Witherspoon.

Sojourner-Douglass College is Maryland's only private, predominantly black institution of higher education.

The college offers curricula leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree and provides evening and weekend classes, child care services, credit for prior learning and independent study courses designed for working adults and parents.

THE PROUD GRADUATES — This Sojourner - Douglass class of 1988 strike a pose symbolizing their final appearance together. Many of the graduates are adults that earned their course credits by attending evening classes because of their daytime responsibilities.

BTU endorses Chesapeake Health

— The Baltimore Teachers Union has endorsed Chesapeake Health Plan, Inc., as the health plan of choice for its 10,000 members. The announcement was made by Joseph LaAsmar, president of Chesapeake Health Plan, and BTU president Irene Dandridge, paraprofessional president Loretta Johnson.

"This means that the leadership of the Baltimore Teachers Union will now recommend Chesapeake Health Plan to provide comprehensive health care to its members," LaAsmar said.

Representing 10,000 of the 28,000 municipal employees, the Baltimore Teachers Union is the largest in Baltimore City.

Lonnie C. Spruill, Jr., vice president of development at Chesapeake Health Plan, cited CHP's "full range of services" and Chesapeake's "strong presence in Baltimore City" in winning the BTU endorsement.

"At Chesapeake, there are no deductibles, no claim forms, no waiting for reimbursements and no co-payments for employees. Our plans insures against major medical costs and against the cost of everyday routine medical care," Spruill said.

According to Spruill, Chesapeake Health Plan won out over Maxicare/Health America of Maryland, The Johns Hopkins Health Plan, Blue Cross & Blue Shield's Columbia FreeState Health System, Kaiser Permanente and CareFirst in obtaining the BTU endorsement.

An "IPA model" HMO, Chesapeake offers clients a choice of visiting a CHP medical center or independent physician offices for primary and routine care. Chesapeake currently has 43 locations in Baltimore City.

"That's far more than any of our competitors. We have a long history of meeting people's health care needs in the City of Baltimore," Spruill said.

"Even though we are a health organization, we are managed as a good business should be managed.

Historically, we have had the highest return on investments and profit margins of all the health insurance groups including Blue Cross & Blue Shield over the past seven years," LaAsmar said.

Chesapeake Health Plan is one of only four Maryland HMOs to have shown a profit during the past two years.

"The same management style and commitment to success manifests itself in our operations. And I believe that is what gave us the edge to win the endorsement of the Baltimore Teachers Union," LaAsmar said.

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