—43 central staff

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Four of the "teacher-level" administrative employees currently hold teaching certificates. Provisional certification will be offered to the remaining six based on instructional needs and background experience.

The affected employees currently hold positions as educational associates, staff associates, and pupil services associated with seniority ranging from nine years to 16 years.

The bureaus affected include Special Programs; Management Services and Human Resources; Planning, Research and Evaluation; Instruction; and External Relations.

An example of a procedural change is in the delivery of textbooks.

Under the new system, textbooks will be delivered directly to the schools instead of to the central warehouse.

Savings will be realized from reduced expenses involving storage, shipment, and handling while ensuring the books' delivery to the classrooms for use. These savings represent an adjustment to the FY 1991 budget.

Baltimore City Public Schools serve more than 108,900 students in 179 schools and centers with more than 10,700 personnel.

—Staff cuts

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ground for hate groups.

"The morale of the staff is low because, we are like a family, and now it's like the family is being disrupted. Also our creditability will be negatively affected because of the lack of services."

According to the head of the investigative division, Jerry Woods, "I had eight investigators and now I have five, one person in the Community Relations Division will be laid off, and a clerical person in that division (resigned) today (Thursday, May 24)."

Mrs. Scott stated that the clerical person leaving had nothing to do with the other lay-offs.

Of the four people to be laid off, "One man has nine and-a-half years service, one woman has three and-a-half years service, and another woman has over one year service. The Community Relations Specialist has about two to three years with the agency.

Over the last 10 years the staff of the CRC has been reduced from 45 people to 24 people. As of June 30 there will be a 20% reduction in staff making the total number to 20 people on staff. This is almost a 60 percent reduction in staff in the last ten years.

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Irving Conway (L) escorts family members Mrs. Wilhelmina Holloman and nieces Karen and Danielle of the slain Elder Marvin Moore to a memorial tribute to the victim Wednesday evening at the United House of Prayer For All People as mortician Leroy O. Dyett looks on.

—Elder Moore slain

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"I don't know who would want to kill him but whoever did must have been someone who knew him because he would not have gone to sleep around a stranger and it was in his bed that he was found," said Conway.

Another notable friend of the victim, Senator Larry Young, said, "Marvin was a personal friend but we also worked together on many projects produced by his production company.

"He had just completed an auction held on behalf of my Pennies Against Drugs campaign held recently at the Palladium."

Travis Winkey, choreographer of the participating models in the Pennies Against Drugs bachelor auction and fundraiser and a friend of Elder Moore said, "Marvin Moore was a nice fellow and his death comes as quite a shock to hear.

"I knew him mostly from a business standpoint. He has promoted quite a few gospel and fashion shows that I too have been involved in."

Funeral preparations for Elder Moore were completed by the Leroy O. Dyett Funeral Home, 4600 Liberty Heights Ave. A memorial tribute was held on Wednesday at the United House of Prayer, 600 W. Preston St.

The family received friends Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services for the victim were also held at the United House of Prayer and conducted by the church presiding minister, Elder W. C. Howell, on Thursday at 7:00.

The body of Elder Moore will be interred today (Friday) at 10:00 a.m. at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Elder Moore is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Day Moore, sisters; Hattie Hollowman and Wilhemina Moore, brothers; Andrew Garrett and Reginald Moore and a host of relatives and friends.

—Funeral scam

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Funeral Home.

This caused burial assistance checks to be issued to the funeral home to which it was not entitled.

Assistant Attorney General Carolyn H. Henneman stated during the guilty plea that Harris had not only forged applications for burial assistance payment but also death certificates submitted in support of those fraudulent applications.

Harris also admitted altering applications for burial assistance submitted by relatives of deceased persons in the name of the March Funeral Home to reflect instead the name of Mr. Thompson's funeral home - even though his company had had nothing to do with these funerals.

As a result, burial assistance checks were issued to Brown/Thompson Funeral Home instead of the March Funeral Home.

Throughout the course of the scheme, Ms. Harris provided Mr. Thompson with confidential welfare records information to which she had access.

This enabled him to apply for payments for burial assistance of persons who, although eligible for the payments, had either not died, had been dead for years or who had in fact died but were buried by someone other than the Brown/Thompson Funeral Home.

Ms. Henneman stated, more burial checks were issued to Brown/Thompson than any other funeral home in the city, even those ten times the size of Brown/Thompson.

Even after Ms. Harris was transferred out of the Burial Assistance Unit in July 1987, she continued to assist Mr. Thompson in their fraudulent scheme.

In the course of accepting Ms. Harris' guilty plea, Judge Gordy noted that he intended to sentence Ms. Harris on June 21, 1990 to seven years incarceration with four years to serve, five years probation and restitution in the amount of $185,050.

According to Ms. Henneman and Assistant Attorney General Karen J. Kruger, this funeral home scam represents the largest welfare fraud case in Maryland and one of the largest ever brought in the United States.

—New Urban Services head

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system. Besides its Neighborhood Centers, some of the well-known Urban Services programs are Head Start, Day Care, Eviction Prevention, Energy Assistance, Project Survival, Security and Action for Golden Agers (SAGA), Cultural Arts, Youths Development Community Housing in Partnership (CHIP), and the Surplus Food Program.

Since he launched his career with the agency in 1969, through one of its forerunners, Model Cities, Mr. Mitchner has successfully progressed to higher responsibility. With Model Cities, he rose from Supervisor—Community Organization to Deputy Director of Planning and Evaluation. Model Cities and the Community Action Agency merged in 1974 to form the Urban Services Agency. Mr. Mitchner was elevated to chief of Program Evaluation, and then moved on to become Chief of Management Support Services in 1983.

Other areas in which he directed were fiscal, personnel, training and property and supply in an organization that has 400 employees, 3,000 volunteers and engages in cooperative endeavors with other city agencies, community organizations, neighborhood boards, and other major non-profit making organizations. The agency is governed by a policy making commission. Its current chairman is State Senator Nathan Irby.

Three months prior to his temporary appointment. Mr. Mitchner reported directly to the Executive Director. Outside of Urban Services, Mr. Mitchner's past employment includes working for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO an International organizer; Associate Director of Education and Youth Incentives, Urban League; and Caseworker with the Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare.

Mr. Mitchner, served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1953. He attended basic training and earned a commission in the Officers Candidate School.

He was honorably discharged, holding the rank of First Lieutenant, after completing duty in Japan and Korea.

A graduate of Douglass High School, and Morgan State University, Mr. Mitchner also completed several courses of graduate work in Urban Planning at the University of Northern Colorado, Extension.

He has also attended numerous workshops and seminars dealing with human services and human resources.

Among his affiliations, Mr. Mitchner is a member of the United Heritage Church of Christ, Real Loan Committee, the Meritocrats, Inc., and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Mitchner and his wife, Maxine live in Baltimore. They are the parents of Ronald L. Mitchner, Mondeiros Coleman, and Donna N. Mitchner.

—Project

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representing the best scholar athlete performance of 1989. Beth Muccino will attend the University on a full scholarship this fall.

Reggie Lewis was the proud recipient of a $2,000 cash award toward his tuition at Morgan State University or Howard University.

CCB & Coppin win grant

Thanks to a $25,000 grant from the American Council on Education's National Center for Academic Achievement and Transfer, the Community College of Baltimore and Coppin State College will now take steps to ease a student's transition from a two-year to a four-year college.

The grant was awarded with the help of the Ford Foundation to "strengthen ties between two-year and four-year colleges and improve the rate of transfer among students, particularly minority students.

According to Ms. Bette Holley, vice-president of institutional planning at CCB, this program will "remove barriers so that students can make the transfer to a four-year college a pleasant experience.

Five goals have been established for this project, chief among them, the outreach to Black males and high risk students.

Students who have graduated from high school and have applied to Coppin but haven't been accepted because they need more courses and academic help, will now be able to study at CCB for one year.

Upon completion of the program, they will be able to transfer those credits to Coppin and begin there at the sophomore level.

Black males and others will be identified through their enrollment in a high school or G.E.D. program. If they have already finished those courses, been away from school for some time and have the desire to go to college, this project is designed to provide the impetus to do so.

Correction

A story in the May 19 AFRO may have been construed that a report of the funeral home indicated that Brown was sentenced for fraud. Lamount Thompson was the person sentenced. The AFRO regrets the error.

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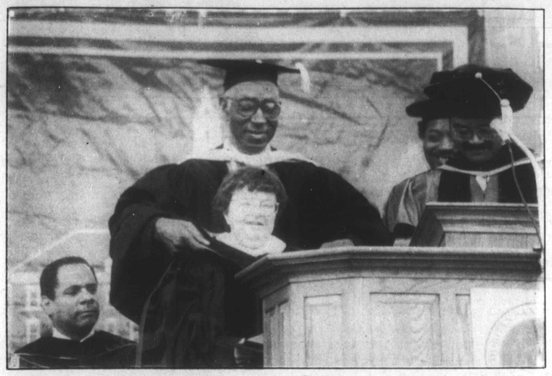


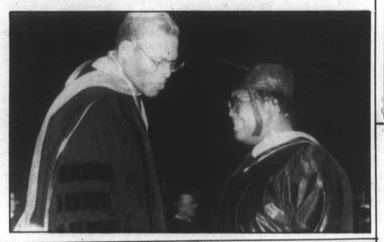
Senator Barbara Mikulski is awarded an honorary degree in a ceremony performed by Francis Gates, chairman, Board of Regents. Keynote speaker Kenneth Chenault and Dr. Earl Richardson look on.

New Morgan graduates join in song of alma mata during ceremonies.

(Photos by Ray Gilbert)

Above: Commencement exercises for the 1990 graduating class of Coppin State University were held at the Baltimore Arena.

At right: Coppin University president Dr. Calvin Burnett awards one of 300 degrees to nursing major Madgelean Allen.



Morgan graduates 600

More than 600 students graduated from Morgan State University this past Sunday, May 20, at the Hughes Stadium on campus.

Approximately 497 undergraduates, 109 graduates, and 3 doctoral degrees were awarded.

Commencement speaker was Kenneth I. Chenault, who holds the highest ranking position by an African American in the American Express Company, as its President of the Consumer Card Group.

Honorary degrees were awarded to the Honorable U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland and Mr. Chenault.

(Photos by Barnett A. Carroll, Jr.)

Happy graduates beam with pride.

Coppin graduates 250

Coppin State College held its 90th commencement ceremonies Sunday at the Baltimore Arena.

Coppin granted diplomas to 300 students: 234 undergraduates and 66 graduates participated.

State Comptroller of the Treasury, Louis Goldstein was the keynote speaker.

The highest academic award of Summa Cum Laude was bestowed upon: Ronald Ellis, Jeanette Roberts, Ancela Duncanson, John Cowan, and Warren Hebron.

Cum Laude honors: Suzanne Fuller, Melody Scott, Dora Blackwell, Marcel Ohamara, Kamel Elfadl, Dessie Moore, and Lisa Thornton.

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