



## TRILOGY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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### FROM THE EDITOR

BY MEMAR AYALEW

The University of the District of Columbia has a rich legacy. Generation after generation, the University has sown seeds of successful individuals and continues to do so as the University promotes its progress.

The legacy is still growing. The unique history and diversity of the District's only land-grant University makes it one of a kind. The puzzling part of this rich legacy comes when noticing the numbers representing its buildings campus-wide. Many have lost their way looking for those numbers.

After legislation passed in 1996 merging the School of Law with the University of the District of Columbia, the David A. Clarke School of Law remains the only school on the campus named after a historically significant person. It was named after D.C. Council Chair, David A. Clarke, a humanitarian and civil rights leader. His importance hits close to home, as he was also a great advocate for the School of Law's educational, diversity, and public service missions.

As a HBCU, the University seems to have overlooked the important individuals who have made a difference in shaping American history. Has it forgotten those who dedicated their lives to transforming the future of the University's students and its community?

As we celebrate Black History Month, there is a need for change. As we cel-

ebate the legacy of those who made a difference in the African-American community in countless ways, there is a lingering need to bring the celebration closer to home. This month is not meant to just venerate the past, but to celebrate and appreciate legacies in the making. It is for celebrating those who managed to lift themselves above obstacles to become champions of our University's history.

Re-naming buildings after persons of great importance will symbolize a lot of meaning to students making the University their second home. It will create a sense of pride. It will instill a sense of responsibility to live up to the legacy left behind by the leaders who came before them. It will serve as a bridge between the past heritage and the future promise. It will bring out the activist, the humanitarian, and leader within students and spur them on to continue building a stronger community.

Re-naming our buildings will be a constant reminder of courage, motivation, and inspiration for students each time they look up to notable names as opposed to reading meaningless numbers. It will ignite the eager to research, and connect with their heritage—relate to all those individuals who made great contributions in their day. Maybe when the buildings are re-named then the confusion will subside, and we will know exactly where we belong. We will become one with the individuals who wrote and continue to write a great legacy.

### Debate on Future of the Student Center at UDC

BY STAFF WRITER

The Board of Trustees' Facilities Committee meeting was held on Friday, February 9, 2007- the hottest topic: the proposed new Student Center. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators were all part of an audience of approximately forty on-lookers listening to the board committee members passionately discuss the proposed student center.

The student center is part of the University's master plan for improvement on campus. Five-hundred thousand dollars has been allocated for the architectural design of the building, which is estimated to cost 30 million dollars. If planning and implementation go according to plan it could take a little over four years for the building to be erected and it would serve as a sign of hope that students matter at the University.

It was evident that the board members as well as the administration, under the leadership of Dr. William L. Pollard, were on the same page as it related to a student center being the first priority of the master plan. However, the debate arose in determining the execution of the plan. The new Chief of Staff/Senior Vice President, Stanley Jackson, suggested that the \$500,000 be used to start the conceptualization of the student center by hiring an architectural firm to start the designing process. His suggestion was supported by the USGA. Trustee Fernando Bueretta on the other hand, advocated for the money to be used to hire staff that would assist in implementing the plans for the student center.

Selvon M. Waldron, Student Representative to the Board of Trustees said he supports the immediate construction of the student center. Waldron is the only student representative on the Board of Trustees and is allowed to vote. After a thirty-minute debate, a motion made by Bueretta and seconded by trustee Eugene Kinlow, alumni trustee, to reprogram the \$500,000 was withdrawn. Chairman of the Board of Trustees asked the committee to table the discussion on the student center and have the decision on reprogramming the money made at the next meeting on Feb. 21. Reprogramming the money would possibly prolong the

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Student Leaders attend a forum on Student Center

# WORLD

## UDC-JAPAN RELATIONS

BY SELVON M. WALDRON

On Tuesday, January 23, 2007, the University of the District of Columbia had a special visitor. Steve Leeper, Special Advisor to the Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, discussed a range of topics with University students. During the hour-long session, Leeper discussed the "Mayors for Peace" campaign, the Hiroshima bombing of 1945, Hiroshima's Peace Culture Foundation, and the possibility of University students doing internships in Japan.

Mr. Steve Leeper performs several special duties for the Mayor and the city of Hiroshima. He represents the mayor internationally and acts as a liaison between other world cities and Hiroshima. Leeper also writes the speeches

for Hiroshima's Mayor Akiba. Mr. Leeper's presentation engaged students, faculty, and staff in a real-life conversation about the threat of global terror. Leeper used a slide-show presentation to brief 40 in attendance about the unfortunate consequences of the nuclear bomb that exploded over Hiroshima in 1945.

"It was an awakening to hear someone's knowledgeable point of view," said Dr. Janice Borlandoe, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. "He (Leeper) has met people who lived through the nuclear bomb." Borlandoe, who worked with Leeper on the Mayor's campaign to end the threat of nuclear war, was affected by the trip to Japan with students, after seeing and hearing about the ramifications of the bombings.

"I was at the sight in New York (Ground Zero), and then I saw Hiroshima and the many memorials dedicated to the bombing. I don't want to see a third sight," she added.

The graphic slides presented a vivid understanding of the devastating effects of war and the inconceivable strength of nuclear weaponry. Leeper continued that the nuclear capability of nations has increased since 1945 with nations wanting to produce "useable" weapons. "There must be a shift from competition to cooperation, a resolution of conflict not by war or violence," said Leeper.

### Prospective Japan Internship Programs

Talks of internship possibilities

in Japan were also mentioned by Dr. Melnick, Director of the University's Office of Sponsored Research and Development, during the University's participation at the Global Peace Conference in 2006 in Japan.

A further priority is also the development of "Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Study" courses to be added to the University's curriculum in the future. Leeper was very impressed with the University and its students, and concluded that, "If UDC recruits in Hiroshima, I have no doubt that there will be many students from Hiroshima that would want to come here." For more information on nuclear disarmament and Steve Leeper's work, visit [www.disarmamentactivist.org](http://www.disarmamentactivist.org).

## Globalization: Problems and Challenges

BY MARY BYRNE

Twenty-one students taking the course "Globalization: Problems and Challenges," led by Professor Paul N. Tennessee, visited the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank Group (WBG), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to participate in lectures organized by these institutions on their roles in globalization. These lectures were integrated into the University's curriculum as a seminar on the problems and challenges of globalization.

The following week, the class visited the WBG for a detailed presentation on that institution's role in development and globalization. The evening's lecturer was Mr. John Garrison who opened the floor for questions and gave a fair and balanced critique of his organization.

For an inter-hemispheric view on globalization and development the class went to the IDB the following week. A presentation was made by Ms. Hiroko Miyakawa on an Overview of Inter-American Development Bank. While in name and mission, the IDB is a banking institution that works with the youths of South and Central Americas.

Tennessee, who is also the University's Director of International Affairs, sees the benefits of including University students in global affairs.

"Students studying globalization and global governance and development in Washington, D.C. see this as a truly rewarding opportunity. This is because Washington [D.C.] houses the IMF, World Bank, and other institutions where our students can do lectures in these institutions. This is a great opportunity for dialogue with top policy-makers in the world, and to acquire global perspectives," he added.

## INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

### Celebration Awaits in Miami

BY RUTH TESSEMA

A huge festivity will be held at the Miami Orange Bowl Stadium upon the death of Cuban leader Fidel Castro. The city of Miami seems to be anticipating the death of Castro, who has temporarily transferred power to his brother Raul due to ill health. The city commission has arranged a committee to organize the event, which will include musical performances and printing themed T-shirts.

The gathering is expected to serve as a platform for those who desire to publicly express their emotions about the dictator. On the other hand, many leaders hold a strong view that this sort of celebration may perhaps be perceived as a gala of one's death and have an offensive outcome.

### Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter Visits Ethiopia

BY MEMAR AYALEW

In an effort to call international attention to health needs in impoverished countries, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his senior officials of the Carter Center, visited Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, starting an 11-nation tour in Africa. Mr. Carter and the Carter Center are promoting prevention of health related problems; a problem which has now become a crisis of the entire continent. The former President has assisted in public health training and raising the awareness to the increasing need for trained health professionals in Ethiopia.

Attending the opening meeting of the first Ethiopian Public Health Training Initiative's Replication Conference, Mr.

Carter stressed the importance of educating the public on preventable diseases-the goal of the Carter Center has been trying to achieve, now participating in over 65 impoverished countries around the world.

The Carter Center, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2007, is a non-governmental and nonprofit organization founded by U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in partnership with Emory University in 1982. The organization, in addition to promoting a better health participates in advancing democracy and human rights and resolving conflicts.

More information about the mission and progress of the Carter Center, including Mr. Carter's recent tours, is available at [www.cartercenter.org](http://www.cartercenter.org).

### World's Oldest Newspaper Goes Digital

BY STAFF WRITER

Sweden's Post-och Inrikes Tidningar newspaper, the oldest newspaper in the history of the world has dropped its print edition for good, and is now being displayed via the World Wide Web, as of January 1, 2007.

Founded in 1645, the paper has had to find new audiences, since readership started to decline over the last decade. Post-och Inrikes Tidningar, which means "mail and domestic tidings," is known for running many legal announcements by corporations as well as government agencies and courts, close to 1,500 a day.

The paper's circulation was only 1000 per day, which made it difficult for the organization to compete with other papers in the region. The editorial staff however disappointed with the move, hopes that by going on-line, the number of readers will increase.

### African Union Denies Promised Position

BY RUTH TESSEMA

African Union assigns John Kufuor for Presidency of the African Union at a summit held this past January in the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa.

The assembly covered many regions of ongoing issues in Africa and announced the next

president for the African Union, President John Kufuor of Ghana, by means of consensus vote.

As a result of his stand on the ongoing conflict in Darfur, Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who had been promised the presidency, was denied of the position as many leaders expressed their concerns.

Last year, the UN called on Sudan's President Omar al-Beshir to accept over 20,000 UN Peacekeepers to the region to replace AU forces. However, al-Beshir rejected the plan stating that the UN had their own motives, to plunder the regions natural resources.

So far in the region, over

200,000 people have died due to violence and famine, and over 2 million have left their homes according the UN.

However, some news agencies place the death toll at a much higher number. As a consequence, Sudan's second round proposal for the standing was turned down due to the Sudanese participation

in this bloodshed.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. King at UDC

BY ANTONIO  
MARIN-DIETENS

The University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement held a lunch and dialogue to commemorate the rich legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 18th in Bldg. 44 Room A-03.

Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness, Director of the Office of Community Outreach and Involvement, hosted the event and had a very strong message for the audience, "Love your enemy in spite of." She pointed out that Dr. King, a drum major who was able and ready to lead our nation to greater heights through love and peace, had the dream of creating a more just society by ending segregation. He had the dream that people would be judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. Dr. Anderson Holness motivated the students, faculty and staff in attendance, encouraging them to emulate the words of Dr. King, a man who changed the face of America through advocacy.

During the lunch and dialogue the issue of Iraq was addressed as well. Dr. Martin Luther King's words about Vietnam were ap-

plied on the war in Iraq and it was made clear to the audience that he invoked peaceful ways of protest, not violence. In his speech "The Birth of a New Nation," delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church; in Montgomery, AL on April 7, 1957, Dr. King said, "Let us never fight with falsehood and violence and hate and malice, but always fight with love, so that, when the day comes that the walls of segregation have completely crumbled in Montgomery that we will be able to live with people as their brothers and sisters."

Dr. Anderson Holness also shared with the audience that people cannot deter you from your dreams. Quoting Frederick Douglass she said, "Stop complaining and break the system." She also pointed out that UDC has the responsibility to educate its students and help them think outside of the box. Her message was that commemorating Dr. King's legacy was of great importance and added that though not much has changed since the 1960s, Dr. King's words are still relevant in 2007.

## English Department Update

BY JAY BELMORE

On Jan. 10, 2007, the University's Department of English held its first faculty retreat of the New Year and discussed the need for greater use of on-line courses and Blackboard – the University's on-line tutorial.

Dr. Helene Krauthamer, interim chairperson of the English department while Dr. Chester Wright is on sabbatical, led the meeting and encouraged those in attendance to continue to make positive changes within the department and the University.

"I am looking forward to working with everybody here to be an effective team," said Krauthamer, who will be teaching Advanced Grammar this semester, in addition to her other responsibilities as chairperson. "We need to continue to work on our initiatives," concerning student and faculty needs she said.

Initiatives such as the University's Writer-in-Residence program, the development of an unofficial University book club, literary poetry slams and upcoming events were also discussed.

Writer-in-Residence Marita Golden, author and professor of Advanced Fiction Writing spoke briefly about the necessity of get-

ting and keeping students involved in writing. Golden's hope is that the English Department will continue its positive relationship with the student body. "I look forward to discovering more talented writers here, and nurturing them with many exciting things about writing," she said.

The English Department will host poet Nikki Giovanni on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, in the University Auditorium at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, March 14th, Golden will lecture on "Why Writing Matters," followed by a reception and sale of her books in Bldg. 44-A03.

On Wednesday, March 21st, also in Bldg. 44-A03, poets Kenny Carroll, Brian Gilmore, and saxophonist Marshall Keys will present an evening of poetry and jazz.

For more information, please contact Marita Golden at mgolden@udc.edu, or call 202-274-5553.

## Freshman Orientation Kicks off New Semester

BY JAY BELMORE

On Jan. 10, 2007, the University hosted its first Freshman Orientation of the New Year in hopes of attracting new students to the District's only public, land-grant university.

The orientation, which aimed at welcoming potential students to the University, was well received by over 400 attendees from not only the District of Columbia, but from all over the country and around the world.

The University of the District of Columbia was chartered in 1974 as an urban land-grant institution, and is the only university in the area with an open admissions policy.

The event began at 9 a.m. with introductions made by Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) President William Kellibrew IV, and by Madame Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wilhelmina M. Reuben-Cooke.

Following, the President's Charge was led by none other than University President Dr. William L. Pollard, who reiterated a "How to fail" approach at higher education.

"If you want to fail, don't let your professors know who you are," Pollard said. "Show up for class late, and never ask questions, remain confused."

Pollard, who acknowledged that achieving higher education is often a difficult task, talked briefly

about the challenges he faced while trying to earn a doctorate in research and statistics from the University of Chicago.

"It was a difficult time for me," said Pollard, who personally thanked Professor John Sherman, who challenged him by stating, "Mr. Pollard, maybe you don't belong here," after not doing so well on a qualifying examination.

"He posed a challenge to me. I could agree with Professor Sherman, or I could bite the bullet and do it," he said.

"Seek out what you need in order to be successful. There are many men and women here who will help you," Pollard said.

Issues such as health insurance, financial aid, and student advisement were also addressed at the function. Student leaders led campus tours with new students, while faculty and staff rushed to meet registration demands.

University graduate Eric Broussard-Bueno, who is a Bilingual Recruitment Specialist for the Office of Recruitment and Administrations at the University, said that the registration process had been widely improved upon, and felt confident that all applicants would get everything they need to begin classes on Jan. 18th.

"The registration process is going smoothly, and all of the entities within academic and student affairs have communicated very soundly with one another, every-

body seems to be working efficiently," he said.

Freshman and business major Takiya Brown, said the program had been helpful, and looked forward to starting classes. "Overall it was a good experience. I got more comfortable as it went on," she said.

Brown, who graduated from Ballou High School in Southeast Washington, D.C., is taking a full load of classes, and has signed up to become a student ambassador this semester. "I would one day like to own a small business. I am looking forward to classes starting," she said.

USGA President William Kellibrew IV, a senior majoring in Business Management, was excited about the large turnout of newly registered, transfer, and readmit students who attended orientation, and expressed confidence that many of the students he met were serious about continuing education. "This new class exemplifies the kind of students we need at UDC, to take the University to the next level," he said. "A willingness to learn solidifies their place at graduation, and that's where we want them, with the end goal in mind," he said. Kellibrew wished all the students good luck in the spring semester.

## HAVING TROUBLE CATCHING UP WITH YOUR STUDIES?... HERE ARE SOME TIPS

Upon acceptance to higher education, many students glare at questions such as, how to study, how to pass a course, how to succeed... Even though studying is the primary tool of the learning process, studying *effectively* is the essence of success. Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior; the following guide to effective studying is worth noticing:

- Get motivated.
- Set reasonable goals.
- Be committed and responsible to achieving these goals.
- Manage your time/prioritize- have fun but not to the point you compromise your goals.
- Find out your productivity time and place. This is the time and place where you are most alert and focused on what you are doing.
- Look for better solutions to problems- do not waste time on a problem that consumes much of your time without any progress.
- Always challenge yourself.

Visit the Counseling and Career Development Center located in Bldg 39, Suite 120 today to be advised on how you can sharpen your study style. In addition, go to <http://www.studygs.net> for further information.

# AROUND CAMPUS

## Counseling and Career Development Center Reaching Out for Students

BY: JAY BELMORE

On January 24th, the Counseling and Career Development Center (CCDC) held a forum titled "On Your Way to Success: A Presentation on the Keys to Personal Empowerment," which discussed ways University students can improve their lives, not only in a college environment, but in their personal lives as well.

The event, which drew a crowd of over 20 attendees, was hosted by Dr. Benson George Cooke, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at the University. Topics ranging from the many issues facing students in the 21st Century, self-awareness, and what students can do to combat fear and anxiety were discussed, in hopes of helping those who worry about their futures come to terms with where they are, and where they would like to go in their lives.

"Self and cultural awareness, spiritual awareness, economic growth, and self-esteem" are "important aspects of life for many students," said Cooke, who explained that fear often inhibits people from achieving success. "One issue that forms more paralysis is fear. One thing that you find challenging is, will I be successful or will I fail?"

Cooke, who is also the Assistant Director for Multicultural Services with the Counseling Center at George Mason University in Virginia, stressed that many students' "deepest fears" arrive out of the perceptions of inadequa-

cies. However, Cooke said, "The real fear is the fear of the power you have," and explained that students should not be afraid to succeed. "Awareness is the key to personal empowerment," he added.

Dr. Deborah Curry, student counselor for the CCDC explained that students often have issues relating to stress and anxiety, and hoped that the forum would help dissolve the stigma attached to the stresses and personal problems in students' lives, and encouraged students to take advantage of the many resources available at the CCDC.

"If a student feels that they need help working through a problem," they should contact the Center. "We can help clarify their long-term career goals, decide on a major, or help them find out how to be happy in relationships," she said.

The CCDC, which officially opened on Feb. 13, 2006, is a state-of-the-art facility aimed at improving the quality of life of University students by offering support to those who feel unsure about their lives, as well as their futures. "Being uncertain is natural. Anytime you enter into a new situation, it often feels scary or uncomfortable. That doesn't mean that this should stop you," from seeking help, she added.

For more information about the CCDC, please call 202-274-6000, or visit [www.udc.edu/ccdc/](http://www.udc.edu/ccdc/).

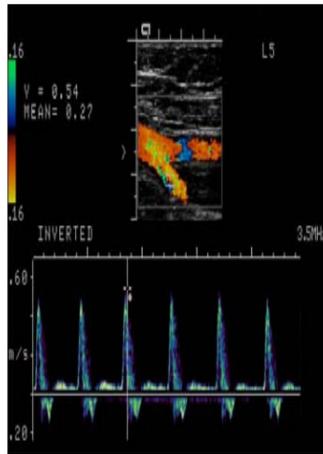
## Valentine's Day Fundraiser



- **National Institute of Science (NIS) Valentine's Day Fundraiser.**
- **Wednesday, February 14, 2007.**
- **9:30am-6:30pm/ Bldg.39 breeze way**
- **6:30pm-9:30pm/ UDC Gymnasium**

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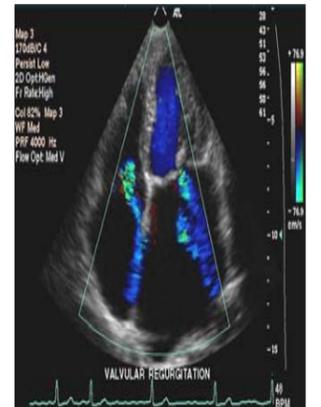
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# ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

## BRIGHT INKS

### On the Bus

I see her almost every day on the H2  
 Ms. Jackson is her name  
 I know this because it's embroidered on her backpack  
 Rosetta Jackson, Sagittarius, with peace signs and a black fist  
 We ride together but have never spoken  
 I shudder to think about what we have in common  
 I see how she shirks off all the compliments she receives  
 From the madmen she encounters on her day to day  
 From her crazy curly red hair, dark olive skin and green eyes  
 Makes these men crazy with desire, the lovely Ms. Jackson  
 Often I see her reading up on philosophy  
 Current events and other interests  
 The boys who sit besides her with the usual game get sent back to their  
 Seats by her unimpressed stares and laughs  
 She could be my love, if it were possible in that way  
 That people wouldn't stare in disapproval when we kiss  
 Yes, the lovely Ms. Jackson  
 I could talk about us  
 The most beautiful woman  
 That I see on the city bus

BY ANONYMOUS

### Beautiful

**Her tears were brilliant diamonds**  
**A refuge to her pain into the angles of perfection**  
**Her sad eyes were a dazzling equivalence of many suns**  
**Fully unaware of their power to chase away the abound darkness**

She is Beautiful

**The ever stillness of her soul, though**  
**Obliterated her status of goddess**  
**Goddess of compassion, true love so rare, and innocence**

She is Beautiful

**Her warmth is of thousands of candles**  
**Dancing to a romantic night**

She is Beautiful

**My baby, looking at me, waiting for my motherly hands to fondle her**  
**To assure her that her mom is not to abandon her**  
**Again...ever...**  
**I am still staring at her as she tries to proclaim freedom**  
**Out of the silver cradle**

**Still there, reluctant to pick her up**  
**Unable to nurture her thunder affection, sit her on my lap'**  
**My motionless mind, wondering if her diamond tears would sparkle forever**

She is Beautiful

BY MEMAR AYALEW

## GASTON'S

## CORNER

### Get connected!



BY DAVID GASTON

If there's anybody attending the University of the District of Columbia today who has not received the pamphlet "Creating Connections For Student Success" by Dr. Bertha D. Minus, then we have a big problem to correct on our campus. The very first step towards GETTING CONNECTED to your learning environment is to take your academic management seriously. Managing the areas of your academic career like (academic advising, financial aid, student support services, etc...) will not be an easy task, but doing so will greatly increase your chances for academic success. Imagine how difficult it would be if you had to put together a new LCD television with wires and plugs going everywhere without first receiving the proper instruction. I wouldn't want to take on that task and to ensure that everything was connected right, I would follow the directions straight from the booklet. Even when following good directions people can still get confused which means you really have to be dedicated to completing the task. Making the right academic connections is something that I believe students should never take for granted. It's hard to comprehend sometimes just how many students I meet who don't understand the basic concept of developing good academic management. Yet, if you listen closely to their conversations regarding off campus relationships many appear to be very connected. For instance, they're connected to a phone company offering the latest in multimedia technology. Many have become skilled phone users capable of managing daily appointments, e-mails, pictures, contact lists, video footage, plus are able to search the World Wide Web from a device smaller than the palm

of my daughter's hand. I also hear about all the other connections students talk about having. There's the nightclub hook up where they don't have to pay to get inside. The designer jeans connect, jewelry connects, and the movie connects. The list can go on for days because where there is a will, most of us will find that way to make a key connection. You've got to love it!

GET CONNECTED! and imagine the power students can have with their academic advisors when they meet regularly and not have to worry about taking a course over because they were registering for the wrong classes. GET CONNECTED! and build that connection with the Financial Aid Department so FASFA forms get completed on time each year. Make those appointments with your financial aid counselor who is here to assist you with all your financial needs. GET CONNECTED! and create those connections with Student Support Services when you need tutoring, mentoring, or counseling. When that stress level begins to rise you'll never again have to fall off your academic game. Know that there are people who care about you and what you are going through. GET CONNECTED! because there are many other resources geared to improve a student's academic success and persistence while attending the University of the District of Columbia. To learn more about how to GET CONNECTED!

ask for your copy of "Creating Connections For Student Success." Check with your advisor.

Can you hear me now?.....Good!

## ON THE SPOT

BY VERSELL BROWN

Physics has always been a mystery to me and several other students. Some students believe that physics is an impenetrable fortress within the mathematical curriculum set in place to doom them. Simply put, most students try to avoid the subject completely, but there is hope, or at least one man thinks so. Professor Daryao Kharti from the University of the District of Columbia's Physics Department, who was recently appointed to the Committee of Minorities in Physics, said that most physics professors devise a scheme to fail students. "We as professors make physics difficult," he said.

"Most professors put students to sleep. My objective is to keep my students awake and if someone sleeps in my class I have failed as a teacher," he said. With a passionate look in his eyes Kharti said, "I enjoy teaching because I bring the best out of myself.

Born in 1945 in New Delhi, India, Kharti earned one of his two degrees from the University of Delhi. He came to the United States in 1970 and received his Master's from Catholic University and worked there as a teacher's assistant with the immediate goal of molding the correct approach to teaching physics. Professor Kharti has been teaching at the University for over thirty-three years and has contributed to the declining drop-rate of minority students enrolled in physics classes.

Initially, out of thirty- two students only 30 percent finished the class. However, since he began teaching, the rate of students completing his physics classes is approximately 92 percent. He believes the problem most students have with physics is the fear of math.

In his first year with the American Associate Physics Teacher, his goal is simple - get more minority

students involved in physics. Though honored by his newly appointed position, the professor and author of two books "Color-Blind Teaching - Excellence for Diverse Classrooms" and "American Education Apartheid Again?" fears that if the professors don't change the rate of minorities in physics will stay the same, inept.

"The reason we haven't had more minorities in physics is because the professors want the students to change but it is the professors that need to change," Kharti stated. "Those kids came here to learn not to be fed excuses. Every professor in physics is blaming the victims, if the kids are not learning, it is the students' fault, well I'm here to tell you that isn't true. We as professors are failing to do our jobs." Dr. Kharti said that he has three or four innovative ideas that he will bring to the forefront but the biggest one of all is let's stop making excuses and help.

### NEXT ISSUE: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you have questions, concerns, or opinions about your University social or academic environment? The Editors at Trilogy will try to have answers. Send your questions or comments to us at [trilogy@udc.edu](mailto:trilogy@udc.edu).

# MESSAGES FROM THE HEART

Leslie De Jesus Marson: To our Frat, Brothers, Gentle-  
men, & Bruhs  
Even though you have Sweethearts of your own, you'll always be  
ours!

FBS- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - GL Chapter  
AFA- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - OO Chapter  
KAY -Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. - BK Chapter  
WYF -Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - OG Chapter

Happy Valentines Day!  
XOXO All our Love XOXO  
The Ladies of Kappa Alpha Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
Inc.

TO Ilka- Your name may be hard to say, but your presence is  
even harder to forget

Big Howard also wants to send a shout to Sonia Phillips because her  
voice makes me want to play music by Madonna and dance by myself

For  
Regit and  
Steven Daniels  
Regit and Steven you're the very  
best  
You make me smile with every kiss.  
I love you so much I can only say  
I'm glad you're with me everyday.  
My heart you're with me everyday.  
And anything else you need, just ask.  
A boy, a girl, a mom makes three  
You're mine, thank God, for eternity.  
Happy Valentine's Day from your  
Mommy

Happy Valentine to all the hardworking Ladies in Student Govern-  
ment! Also, Happy Valentine's Day to my grandmother, Ms. Delores  
Short and a special Happy Valentine's Day to Ms. Mary Roberts as  
well as staff, administrators and faculty

This goes out to my sweetie JASON all the way in  
Trinidad....  
I miss u and Happy Valentines Day.  
WUWVVVV YOU!!!!  
--- YOUR BABES CHERAE

Happy Valentine's Day to y'all that I was cheap to buy cards and  
candy for, especially,  
the *Trilogy* team. MWAH!!!

---Ruth Tessema

Happy Valentine's Day to Karen  
King, Howard "Fish" Frankline, The  
Art Students Union, Graphics  
Communication, Visual & Perform-  
ing Arts Department and USGA  
FROM- Ashley Ramey

Big up to all UDC Ca-  
ribbean girls & hot skegs  
FROM - Devron

To the special men of my life  
(Alec, Aaron and Taylor)!!  
Thanks for keeping me young  
at heart. Love Aunt Kay  
(Karen King Cooke)

To the Men of ExCo and I  
WILL you're great and so very dear  
May you find HAPPINESS from year to year.  
OPPY you've come from so far away  
May ROMANCE find you everyday.  
MAH-KI you're smart and quick and sly  
SELVON you're a gentleman through and through  
Your HEART is pure and so are you.  
I love you three plus one and so  
Please remember me wherever you go.  
Happy Valentine's Day from the VP

To all my friends, colleagues,  
and all those who made a differ-  
ence in my life, happy Valentines  
Day. Special shout out goes to my  
family especially my mom-where  
would I be without your support  
and unwavering love. D in N.C, I  
wish you a great valentine's Day.  
---Memar

Happy Valentines Day  
to my baby girl Ashley M.  
France, stay sweet! Love  
always, Mom  
Monica D. Williams

My love shout outs go to  
my immediate family in  
Oklahoma City. Also, to  
my dear Aunt Ruth who  
lives with me. And to  
my best friends all over  
the world, I love you all  
dearly.

I'd also like to share my  
favorite bible scripture  
with everyone.  
Hebrews 13:1 - "Let Broth-  
erly Love Continue."  
Happy Valentines Day!  
B. Jackson Caesar

---William

This goes out to my girl SHIREEN...  
YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A  
FRIEND WHO LOVES YOU.....  
VERY MUCH  
---CHERAE

To my special drummer, who  
keeps me dancing to a special  
beat. (Pinkie)

# AROUND CAMPUS



Sean Fuller (far right) at Spring 2007 Freshman Orientation



CCDC Presentation on "The Keys to Personal Empowerment"



UDC Men Basketball Team Ranked 8th



Opeyemi Oyefeso and B. Jackson Ceasar



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# ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

## UDC To Host Film Festival

BY JAY BELMORE

The University of the District of Columbia will be the host sight of the 9th Annual Washington, D.C. Independent Film Festival (DCIFF), which will run from March 1-11, 2007, at the Van Ness campus.

The event, which will be held at various locations around the campus, will consist of various film-related seminars, trade-shows, opening and closing nights, and will showcase over 140 independent short films, animations and documentaries.

At a press conference held on February 1st, in the University's Auditorium, representatives from the University as well as the film and animation community gathered to share their ideas with DCIFF officials.

Carol Bidault D' Lisle, Executive Director of the DCIFF, congratulated the University for being selected as the host sight of the event, and hoped that the event would not only help highlight the advancements of the independent film community, but also help cast light on the University itself, which has recently seen major upgrades to many of its facilities including the TV and video labs now available to students.

"A lot of people don't know this, but D.C. is the documentary capital of the world," said Lisle. "It has been a real challenge," said Lisle, "trying to change a thought process in

DC" about independent films. "Thank you (UDC) for opening your doors. This is your festival."

Short films such as "Messenger," "Rocketboy," "Royal Kill" starring Academy Award winner Pat Morita (Karate Kid), and "Hanging in Hedo," by local filmmaker Ron Hunt are expected to draw film and movie buffs from all over the East Coast over the 11-day event.

New York filmmaker and photographer Gary Beeber attended the event and is excited to showcase his new film "Messenger," which is a 20-minute long documentary about New York City's most legendary bike messenger known only as Kamikazi.

"I met Kamikazi through work," said Beeber, who met the living legend while working at a photo lab in the city. "I thought he would be an interesting character and a great subject for still photo and video."

Kamikazi, a 25-year veteran of the streets, was honored at the event and dressed in courier gear, delivered the first copy of the film to DCIFF officials via bicycle.

"It's a little scary being the center of attraction," said Kamikazi. "This is the first film about my life. But I am speaking for cyclists in general, and not just messengers," he said. "There's always competition out there, you know, like 'let's race each other,'" speaking about the sometimes tenuous relationship between "week-

end warriors" and couriers. "I love the feeling of freedom and not having a boss," he said. "I hope I can attend the festival, but I got to work you know... we'll see if I can make it."

Opening night for the festival will be held on Thursday, March 1, starting at 6 p.m. with

a Happy-Hour and VIP Reception, followed by the Opening Ceremony and Opening Night Film. For more information regarding schedules and airing times, please contact DCIFF at 202-537-9493, or check out [www.dciiff.org](http://www.dciiff.org) for additional information.



New York City Film Star - Kamakaze

## FASHION UPDATE

BY ROBIN WILLIAMS

Have you spent all of your holiday money and you still don't know what to wear? Here are some tips to keep you in style and up to date. The color this season is red! From handbags to shoes, from belts to scarves and headgear, red is what's setting the best outfits on fire! Looking a little plain? Spice your look up with a few red accessories and watch your outfit transform.

Animal print is back in the mix too, so don't be afraid to go wild! The winter weather isn't gone yet but you can stay warm and still look hot with little effort. Throw on a pair of "skinny" or straight-legged jeans with a bustier type shirt and a blazer for a night out. Layering different items can help make a warm outfit still look good. Or, when the temperature isn't too frigid, a warm, medium length knitted

sweater over leggings will do the trick. Throw on a pair of baby doll style shoes to finish it off.

As for accessories, wide belts are in. So wear one over your favorite shirt, sweater, or even a blazer to add some color and style.

For the feet, ankle boots are the current trend. Get them in bold colors and prints to bring your outfit to life. Trenches are great for outerwear. From mid thigh length to long, these stylishly warm polyester and wool coats keep the heat in and the cold weather out not to mention, they're a cute way to finish off an outfit. Belted or not, these coats look great when in bold colors and prints.

So now that you know what to do, and what to look for, putting together the perfect outfit will be a breeze. Add your own personal twist to it to make it your own.

## "Black Man I Choose You"

BY ROBIN WILLIAMS

An inspirational, creatively written publication, "Black Man I Choose You," is a great work with messages that can appeal to anyone. Written by three female African-American authors, Dr. Portia Bookhart, Dianne Carson, and Sierra Leone Joyce, the publication is a collection of self-written poems aimed at promoting and encouraging African American culture and heritage. The three authors, who are teachers at local high schools in and around the DC Metropolitan area, have put together this inspiring assortment of their work as a reflection of the wisdom gained from their life experiences. A very interesting read, "Black Man I Choose You," speaks of and gives advice about culture and universal issues from the perspective of the African American woman.

Two of the authors are alumnae of the University of the District of Columbia. Dr. Portia Bookhart received a Master of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision from the University and has taught in DC public schools for 20 years. Dianne Carson received two Master's Degrees in Family Education and Mathematics from the University. Carson spent most of her life in the Washington, D.C. area, and now teaches at Cardozo and Ballou high schools. Sierra Leone Joyce is a Washington, DC native with a certificate in Paralegal Studies from George Washington University and is currently a teacher at Crossland High School.

With poems reflecting thoughts of life, love, and nuggets of wisdom, "Black Man I Choose You," is an outstanding work that will inspire and educate readers of all ages and backgrounds. The book aims at helping readers form a positive image of themselves and of the African American heritage and can also serve as a great motivational and inspirational tool on tough days when positive words are needed. These poems will do everything from making you laugh, to making you cry, and even make you sit back and reflect on the connections of their messages to our own lives. "Black man I Choose You," is a great read that is worth passing on to a friend.

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# SPORTS

## Men's Basketball Team Setting the Nets on Fire!

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

The Men's Basketball team has been off to fiery start and is showing no signs of slowing down! Led by Charlie Smallwood's 16.0 points a game, the UDC has a 10-6 record as of January 22nd. A record that includes a victory over Blooms-

burg University (56-50) while ranked 21st in Division II and a very close loss to NCAA Division II powerhouse, Virginia Union.

With Willie Shaw's team leading 10 rebounds per game and Frank Petersen's team

leading 4.6 assists per game, the Firebirds are looking to make their mark in what has to be one of the biggest turnarounds among all basketball teams in all divisions of the NCAA. After winning just one game last season this

year's Firebird team has come out blazing with victories in the HBCU Classic in Greenville, South Carolina against Claflin University.

The rest of the season is as follows:

1/22/2007	West Chester University (UDC Physical Activities Center-Washington, DC)	7:00 PM
1/26/2007	Bloomsburg University (UDC Physical Activities Center-Washington, DC) (*Double-Header)	5:00 PM
1/29/2007	* Lincoln University (PA) (UDC Physical Activities Center-Washington, DC) (Double-Header*)	7:00 PM
2/03/2007	at COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE (THE PITT-TAKOMA PARK, MD)	7:00 PM
2/07/2007	at WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY (WEST CHESTER, PA)	7:00 PM
2/10/2007	at UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH-JOHNSTOWN (JOHNSTOWN, PA)	2:00 PM
2/14/2007	Claflin University (UDC Physical Activities Center-Washington, DC)	7:00 PM
2/17/2007	at LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (LINCOLN, PA)	2:00 PM
2/21/2007	at KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY (KUTZTOWN, PA)	7:00 PM

## RISING FROM THE ASHES: UDC MEN'S BASKETBALL RANKED 8TH IN NCAA DIVISION II EAST REGION

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

After much hard work and patience, the University of the District of Columbia's Men's Basketball Team got a reward that no one saw coming. In January, they were ranked 5th in the NCAA Division II East Region. This is the highest the Firebirds have been ranked since the 2003 season.

To those that have traveled to the games that the men's basketball team played in, it was no surprise that they quickly climbed the Division II ladder.

"We are very pleased with the success of our men's basketball team. Being ranked 5th or 6th in the region is a great honor and testament to our coaches and student-athletes," said Dr. Harold Merritt, Athletic Director of the University of the District of Columbia.

The Firebirds, 14-7 overall, are led by junior guard Charlie Smallwood (Palmer Park, MD), who averages 16.2 points per game. The University has only a small, handful of games remaining in the regular season, after which they will compete in the Independent Schools Tournament February 24-27, hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida, a tournament some feel that the men's team is favored to win.

The Men's Basketball team went through a lot in the past couple of

years beginning with the cancellation of the entire season two years ago. Then, with the hiring of Dr. Harold Merritt as Athletic Director, a whole new coaching staff in every sport was brought in. Coach Julius L. Smith, Jr. was brought in as head coach. Chris DeFelice, and University alumni Patrick Bailey were both brought in as Assistant Coaches within the department.

"With so many new players, we didn't know how good we could be in this position so late in the

season," said De'Felice. "The players have decided that their goal is to win the east-region."

During the student-athlete orientation last fall, it was said that their main goal was to improve their record from last season in which they only won one game. It's safe to say that they surpassed their own expectations with excellent play by Willie Shaw and Charlie Smallwood, as well as the rest of the team. Right now the sky is the limit and a berth into the NCAA Division II Basketball

Tournament could be in the Firebird's future.

The final game of the season against Columbia Union College will honor the 1982 Men's Firebirds Squad in a 25-year anniversary tribute, which will be held at the Van Ness campus auditorium on March 1st at 7 p.m. For more information about the event, please contact the University Athletics Department at 202-274-5024.



Mens Basketball Team takes a time-out.

## Lady Firebird Indoor Track Team Off to a Good Start

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

On December 1, 2006 The University of the District of Columbia Lady Firebird Indoor Track and Field team returned to competition at the Manhattan Invitational in Manhattan, N.Y., where Manhattan College was the host school.

In the meet, Maurisa Williams (Sicklerville, NJ) took 1st in the 300m (42.3 seconds) Danielle Cook (Willingboro, NJ) took 1st place in the 55m hurdles (9.0 seconds) and 3rd in the 600m while Siobhan Marsh (Gaithersburg, MD) took 2nd in the 55m dash (7.2 seconds). Arielle Fox (Detroit, MI) took 2nd in the shot put (8.19m) while Anene Wynn (Durham, NC) took 3rd place in the HJ (1.60 m).

On Jan. 6th the University of the District of Columbia Lady Firebirds Indoor Track Team competed in the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Coach "O" Track Meet in Princess Anne, Maryland. At the meet, sophomore, Maurisa Williams (Sicklerville, NJ) competed in the 400 meter dash finishing in 3rd place in 58.82 seconds overcoming a hamstring injury, while Junior Anene Wynn (Durham, NC) placed 4th in the Women's High Jump, covering 1.58 meters.

## LADY FIREBIRDS SHOOTING IT UP AGAINST COMPETITORS

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

Since the holiday break last December the University of the District of Columbia Lady Firebird Basketball Team has gone 6-7. Although their record as of February 10th is 11-14, the Lady Firebirds are showing no signs of quitting, which pretty much describes the team. With 12.3 points per game New Jersey native, Jennifer Jones leads the team in her final season. The Lady Firebirds will face the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown from Johnstown, PA on February 16th on the road, and Columbia Union College at their final home game of the season on February 19th.



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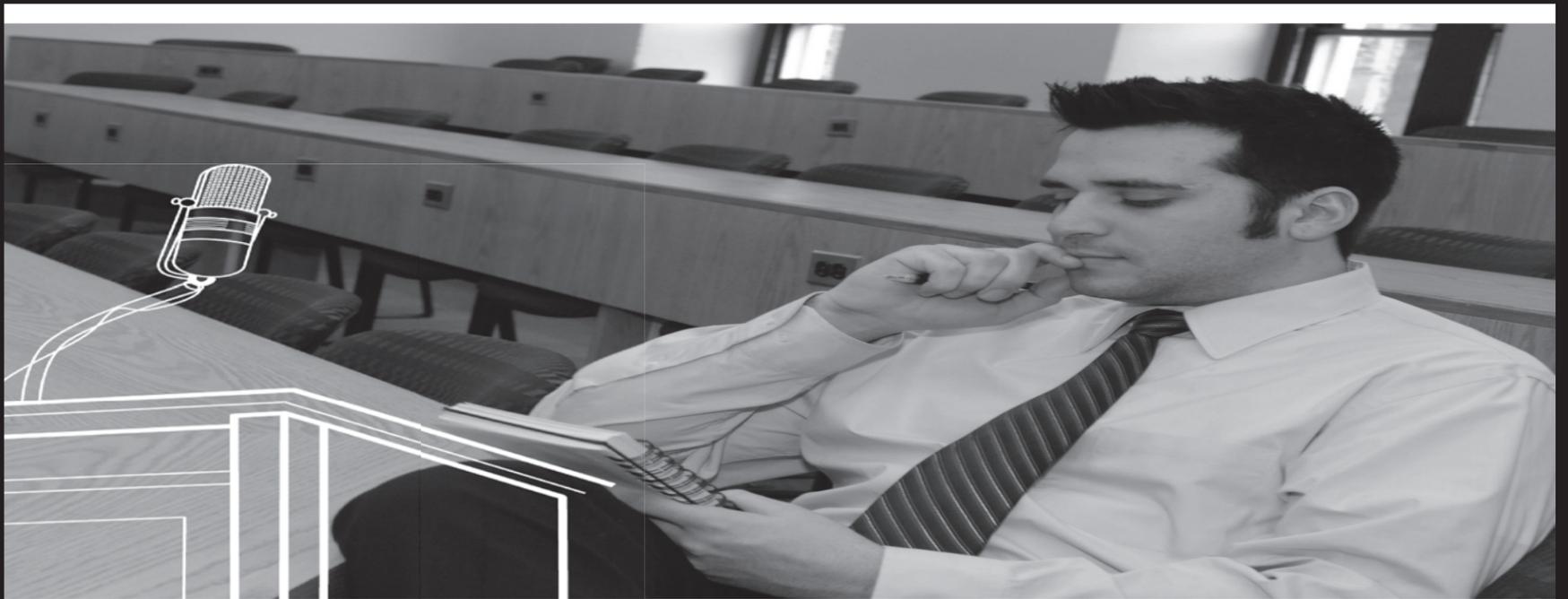
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# HBCU UPDATES

## Welcome from The President of The USGA

BY WILLIAM KELLIBREW

Fellow Firebirds,

Welcome new, readmit, transfer, and continuing students. We are back for another semester, and I am honored to serve you for what promises to be a challenging, fun, and successful semester. I would like to tell you about the exciting events this semester.

First, the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) has planned a host of activities for the spring 2007 semester that are sure to enlighten and engage you. February is Black History Month and we have several events that will highlight African-Americans who have made a difference in our society in the never-ending struggle for justice and equality, and who have made great strides in many other disciplines.

Pride Week will give us a chance to show our school spirit and will be held Febru-

ary 19 – 23rd. The highlight of Pride Week will be our Founder's Day Convocation. The famous civil-rights attorney Thomas Todd, Esq. will be our keynote speaker.

In March we will prepare for mid-terms, spring vacation and then at the end of the month, the Miss UDC Pageant where our current campus queen, Carissa Bernard, will take her final walk down the runway and a new Miss UDC, Miss Homecoming and Miss Firebird will be crowned. The second week in April is the time when we choose our leaders in the USGA elections. This is an opportunity for you to step up to lead or support the leader who will serve the best interest for the student body. On April 20th, the USGA will host the USGA Annual Awards Gala to honor students, faculty, staff, administrators and our community leaders for the service they have rendered to our stu-

dent body.

And finally, our elected USGA leaders will be sworn in on May 3rd to serve the student body for a one-year term. You are also encouraged to attend the University's Commencement on May 12th.

As you can see, there are a host of opportunities for student involvement. Your presence on campus is a part of your academic and educational growth. Getting involved inside as well as outside the classroom offers you an educational experience that will make your overall experience on campus more memorable.

So, on behalf of all of the USGA student leaders and all students at the University, welcome and welcome back. Remember, every student is a student leader and the USGA is about "Student Leaders Serving Student Leaders".

## Student Clubs and Organizations

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

The spring semester is here at the University of the District of Columbia and many students may be wondering how they can become more involved, and meet people with similar interests. Well, a good way to start is by joining one of the many different clubs on campus.

For instance, are you interested in non-violent action for change, and ending the practice of genocide? Then join a new club being chartered on campus, UDC STAND. They are an anti-genocide coalition dedicated to educating and informing the public on global atrocities. If you are interested in being part of a positive change in the world, please contact Jon Sena at jon@udc-stand.org.

Here are a few other clubs to check out:

Health Education Professional Students Association (HEP-SA)

President: Ronna A Fuller  
Contact email: boseky669@yahoo.com

Spanish Club

President: B. Jackson Caesar  
Contact email: BHebrews1@aol.com

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President: Tiffany Garraway-El  
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Latino Student Association  
President: Monica Sarmiento  
Contact number: 202-581-4186

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Club  
President: Antonio Marin-Dietens  
Contact email: LGBT\_UDC@yahoo.com

Animation Club  
President: Jermaine Johnson  
Contact email: UDC\_animeclub@yahoo.com

For a full list of various clubs, visit the USGA office located in bldg. 38, Suite A-22. If you'd like to form your own club, you can pick up a club formation packet in Bldg. 38, Suite A-10. Submit completed paperwork to Ms. Beverly Gurley, Bldg. 38, Suite A-20, or to Christina Prue, Bldg. 38, Suite A-22.

## Survey says Students of HBCUs are more civic oriented but less likely to have taken AP classes in high school.

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

A new survey based on the responses of 271,441 first-time, full-time students at 393 of the country's baccalaureate colleges and university says that 79 percent of students attending HBCU's highly value civic concerns, and 52 percent say that becoming a community leader is a very important goal. Only 35 percent of all students held that view. "The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2006" survey administered by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California reports that 42 percent of all students felt the desire to "influence social values." But the proportion was higher at HBCU's, with roughly 60 percent of students in private institutions, and 56 percent at public HBCU's. According to the study, the number of Black students who reported taking one or more Advanced Placement courses in high school (49 percent) was significantly less than Whites (61 percent) and Asians (73 percent).

## The Evolution of Black Culture Centers

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

The African American Cultural Center at the University of North Carolina has implemented a project to monitor the rate of student retention. The center provides extra help with classes and adjustments to campus living to the 30,000 student campus. The larger umbrella organization, the Association for Black Culture Centers (ABCC), plans to add retention programs all across the country. Obstacles such as funding shortfalls and pressure by majority white institutions

to broaden their focus on non-black students have existed for years. There are approximately 121 active centers under the ABCC.

Centers such as these also exist at the University of the West Indies and the University of Ghana. In order for an institution to obtain a bona fide culture center title, they must pass a year-long accreditation procedure developed by the ABCC which used the North Central Accrediting Agency as a guide.

## Congressional Advisory Committee focuses on College Textbook Prices

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance conducted an investigation in mid-December into the rising costs of college textbooks. The report showed that book prices have nearly tripled in the past 20 years. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) also says that textbooks are a significant cost for students attending lower-cost institutions and community colleges. Textbooks represent about 72 percent of the overall cost of tuition and fees. The GAO report blamed the increases in prices on frequent textbook revisions, production costs and supplemental materials such as CD-ROMS. Most college bookstores offer used book programs. Professors have the option of allowing a book rental program. Currently, Congress is looking for other ways to reduce the burden of textbook costs.

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administration's plan to hire an architectural firm to design the new building.

In full support of the student center, Undergraduate Student Government Association President William Kellibrew IV and several other students were present and ready to testify. Kellibrew started an ad-hoc committee on Feb. 7, and appointed Hortense Brent as chairwoman. Her duty would be to disseminate information to students, receive feedback through surveys as well as make recommendations to the Executive Council of the USGA on how to proceed as it relates to the student center effort. "We must do whatever it takes to get a student center on the campus of UDC," said Brent after the meeting.

Students are currently starting petitions for the support of the student center in light of information discussed at the meeting. If you would like to serve on the USGA student center ad-hoc committee contact Hortense Brent at 202.274.5190 or visit the USGA office in Bldg. 38, Suite A-22.



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# PRIDE WEEK



## *University of the District of Columbia* Division of Student Affairs

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### **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

UDC’s Women’s Basketball Game vs. Columbia Union  
6:00 PM - UDC Gymnasium

### **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

USGA Open House  
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM  
Building 38, Room A-22

Lunch & Dialogue  
Marie Collins Johns  
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
Building 44, A-03

Chess Tournament  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Building 38, Game Room  
Level B

International Reception  
w/Abiodun Koya  
Salvadorian Folklore Dancers  
Traditional Bolivian Dancers  
Traditional Afro-Cuban Dancers  
Building 38, Windows Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Spirit Day  
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Van Ness Campus  
Wear Red & Gold – (Giveaways)

Pool Tournament  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Building 38, Game Room  
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Globalization Forum  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM  
Building 44, A-03

Women’s Initiative  
Chew & Chat  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
Building 38, Windows Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Poetry Slam  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Building 38, Windows Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$150 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$50

### **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Founder’s Day Celebration  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
UDC Auditorium

Thomas Todd, Esquire  
Civil Rights Attorney  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Large Board Room

Movie Series  
“An Inconvenient Truth”  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Building 44, A-03

USGA Mardi Gras Dance  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Building 38, Windows Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mr. Scott Glover  
Small Resource Specialist  
Bank of America  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM  
Building 44, A-03

OPEN MIKE  
J. Ivy, Special Guest  
Doors Open at 7:00 PM  
Building 38, Windows Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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