

# TRIOLOGY

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## FROM THE EDITOR



I want to welcome the class of 2010 by quoting one of my favorite poets, George Santayana, *"We must welcome the future, remembering that soon it will be the past; and we must respect the past, remembering that it was once all that was humanly possible."*

As you make the University of the District of Columbia your second home, you are not only starting a new chapter of today, but also one that is leading you to the future. You are the future of your new home as the university accepts you with a unique history that you will only opt to be proud of and respect. And you have been just given the opportunity to leave a trace of your own by excelling in your academics and utilizing all the resources available to you.

Throughout this special edition of *Trilogy*, your monthly newspaper, you will find important information that will help you easily maneuver in-and-out of the university's departments; just turn to page 3 for a map of the campus. A great deal of effort has been made to equip you with upcoming events that you will be invited to participate (list of the major events are on page 4).

As you turn to page 2, messages from the President of the University of the District of Columbia, Dr. William Pollard and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Clemmie Solomon await you. You also have a welcome message from the presidents of the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government Associations, William Kellibrew IV and Shuntrice Holloman, respectively. Also Selvon M. Waldron, the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees forwards his perspective on your arrival here at the University.

I am sure you will reach your goals beyond the realm of your imaginations as UDC is the right place to start that journey. You have a potential to achieve greatness and thus you have arrived at the right destination to be trained to grasp your dream. You have all the encouragements you will need to finish your degree programs, become a leader, and be another success story of the university.

Saying all this, I just have one question for you. **Are you up for the challenge?** Welcome to the home of the blazing Firebirds! Send your concerns, opinions, and questions to the *Trilogy* Editors and they will be addressed accordingly in our 'Letters to the Editor' section of the upcoming issues.

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## GRADUATES BASK IN THE GLORY OF COMMENCEMENT

BY SAM DOKU

The University of the District of Columbia awarded 576 associate, baccalaureates, masters, Jurist Doctorate, and honorary degrees at its 29th Commencement held at the Verizon Center on May 13, 2006. Among the guests were Linda Cropp, Chair of the District Council; Kathy Patterson (D-Ward 3), Chair of the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Recreation; Marion Barry (D-Ward 8); UDC Board of Trustees members, and members of the class of 1956. In a welcome address, James Dyke, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, emphasized the achievements of the University, including the Middle States reaccreditation and the accreditation of the Education, Nursing, and Computer programs.

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The Twenty-Ninth Commencement, Verizon Center 2006

## GETTING PERSONAL WITH THE QUEEN

BY CHERAE DAVID



Carissa Bernard-Miss University of the District of Columbia

Carissa Bernard is the reigning queen of the University of the District of Columbia. She has proven that success is the righteous heir of hard work, commitment, and self-respect. She has already shown that destiny is only a path chosen to reach life's ultimate goal. She is an alumna of the University, having received her degree in Business Management in May,

2006 and is currently pursuing a degree in Accounting.

This charismatic, young lady originated from the Twin Republic Island of Trinidad and Tobago. Carissa excelled in academics and participated in extracurricular activities that included athletics, modeling, and her strongest passion, dancing. She credits her success to her mother who is her role model. She has attended the Cipriani Labour College in Tobago, where she earned a certificate in Human Resource Management.

Coming to the United States to further her tertiary education was one of her childhood dreams. She has overcome many obstacles, with the past four years being the most challenging; yet she has risen above all odds. During her stay at the University, she served as the President of the Caribbean Students Association, a member of the Undergraduate Student Government Association, a member of the Women's Soccer club, a teachers' assistant in the Science and Engineering Departments, and a student ambassador. In addition, Carissa is an intern in the President's Office and a student ambassador at Reagan National Airport.

When interviewed by a student reporter she expressed the following views in reference to the University, "The University has come a long way from where it was before. It has transformed a lot. Every school has its up and downs, but despite everything I am proud to be attending UDC." Carissa opens her doors to the day-to-day challenges of her life with an open mind and her beautiful smile.

# YOU HAVE NEW MESSAGES

## Message from the President of the University



To the students of the University of the District of Columbia:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the University of the District of Columbia family, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2006-2007 academic year. For those returning to our campus, welcome home. It's great to have you back. To those who are beginning their journey at the nation's capital's state university, I congratulate you on choosing the Univer-

sity of the District of Columbia as your gateway to higher education. I am confident that you will soon see that you have made the right choice. Here at the University, we've adopted the theme "a new day, a new opportunity." You are the embodiment of this ideal. A new opportunity has been presented to you - I challenge you to embrace it and make the most of it.

As you matriculate, you will doubtlessly face obstacles or challenges you may not have anticipated. While I am confident that you have it within yourselves to overcome these potential road blocks, I want you to remember that we, the faculty, administration and staff, are here to help you. Under the leadership of Dr. Clemmie Solomon, our Vice President for Student Affairs, there are a multitude of services available to help you to achieve your academic and personal goals. As such, I not only hold you accountable for doing your best, I also ask that you hold us accountable to deliver the

best opportunity for learning that we have to offer.

I expect you to work hard, but at the same time, enjoy the college experience. Relax, stay focused and enjoy the environment here at the University. I am looking forward to the challenges that are set before you and I will endeavor to support your matriculation at the University.

Have a safe and prosperous school year.

Sincerely,

William L. Pollard, Ph.D.  
President  
University of the District of Columbia

## Message from the Vice President for Student Affairs



Dear New Student:

Welcome to the University of the District of Columbia. I am delighted that you have decided to join the Firebird family and look forward to meeting you in person during your transition to university life. The University of the District of Columbia has a rich heritage that dates back to 1851 when one

of its predecessor schools was founded. Since its humble beginnings, the university has graduated numerous alums that have excelled in several careers and professional endeavors. I encourage you to strive to be the best in your chosen field of study and join the ranks of our distinguished graduates. This learning environment is a microcosm of our larger society. Accordingly, while matriculating at this venerable institution of higher learning, you will encounter a number of challenges. It is important for you to know that our University has a team of dedicated faculty, students, and staff who are eager to assist you in overcoming these challenges and insure your success.

As your new experience at UDC begins, make sure to set your goals high, work hard to reach them and dedicate yourself to stay the course and complete

your educational objectives. Again, welcome to the University and best wishes for a wonderful learning experience.

Sincerely,

Clemmie Solomon, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Student Affairs

## Message from the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

*'Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave. At home - a friend, abroad - an introduction, in solitude - solace, and in society an ornament. It chastens vice, it guides virtue, it gives at once grace and government to genius. Without education, what is man? A splendid slave, a reasoning savage.'*

The University of the District of Columbia has been a part of the educational fabric of Washington for many years. Its vigor continues to depend on a vibrant interaction between past and present, customs and change, the experienced opinions and the modern ideas: innovations of the present.

Extracurricular activities are endless at the university; there are over sixty active clubs, organizations, and honor societies in which you could participate. The inevitability of change and renewal that we cherish here at "Our Glorious UDC" must take its course and replenish membership in these organizations. Leadership possibilities abound; become the voice of your class by participating in the Student Government Association's activities as a Senator or class representative.

Finally, I encourage you to take advantage of your greatest opportunity at the University of the District of Columbia - the academic wealth of this institution. Your decision to attend this university will allow you to reap the benefits for the rest of your life. Remain focused and you will not be disappointed.

*'Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.'*

Welcome, and may your year be memorable and prosperous.

Sincerely,

Selvon M. Waldron

The Student Representative to the Board of Trustees  
University of the District of Columbia

## Message from the President of the Undergraduate Student Government Association

Dear New Firebirds:

On behalf of the undergraduate students at the University of the District of Columbia, I would like to say, "Welcome and Congratulations on a brand new start!" You are now a blazing Firebird!

Students are involved in every facet of the university experience. As you enter your freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year you will be amazed at the vast opportunities that are available to you. In the student handbook you will come across many aspects of the University including athletics, student clubs and organizations, fraternities and sororities. You will also find that the Code of Conduct sets the tone for University behavior and decorum.

As we enter the fall semester, I encourage you to attend or participate in each one of

the exciting events and activities listed below:

Freshmen Week (September 2006)  
Homecoming Week (October 2006)  
International Week (November 2006)

I invite you to visit the Undergraduate Student Government Association office in Building 38, Suite A-22 or call 202-274-5190 to find out more information about how you can become more involved as a student leader. Here, you will have an opportunity to acquire the skills that you will need as you prepare for your career. "Jump right in!" Get involved!

Sincerely,

William Kellibrew IV  
USGA President

## Message from the President of the Graduate Student Government Association

Welcome Freshmen Firebirds!

The Graduate Student Government Association is very pleased that you prefer to study at the University of the District of Columbia. On behalf of the GSGA, I wish you much success as you begin this journey to higher education that will prepare you to rise above challenges and to grasp many more moments of achievements. While you are here I encourage you to participate in the many clubs and

organizations and to take full advantage of all of the University's resources.

Please use your time at the University of the District of Columbia to affirm your growth both academi-

cally and personally. I assure you that you are truly on the path to success. I also remind you to look forward to hard work ahead, but remember that there will be guidance and encouragement from everyone here to walk you through. I congratulate you and wish you great academic achievement here at the University of the District of Columbia: in the end, enjoy the good times that will follow.

Sincerely,

Shuntrice Holloman  
President  
University of the District of Columbia  
Graduate Student Government Association

## GRADUATION ...

He said the mission of UDC is to provide a quality education at an affordable price to the residents of the District of Columbia and the “community can be proud of the University.” He noted the importance of UDC lies in its three-part mission of teaching, research, and public service. Dyke expressed his gratitude to President William Pollard and his wife, Merriette, faculty, administration, staff, and students. He challenged the University not to digress from its chartered course and appealed to the graduates not to forget their alma mater. He said, “As you graduate today, as alumni, you must support UDC because your support ensures sustained excellence. Everything you do with excellence increases the value of your degrees.”

Linda Cropp reminded the audience of the major role UDC plays in providing higher education to residents of the District of Columbia by providing a comprehensive course of studies that helps its graduates to become productive citizens.

Cropp said: “Those who have preceded you in that cap and gown have done well. No matter how difficult the situation is, always remember the brightest, the shiniest diamond is only a lump of coal that has done well under pressure.”

She challenged the graduates to be role models in whatever capacities they find themselves and to help others reach their educational goals. “No matter who we are or think we are, we now have the responsibility to pull someone along with us,” said Cropp.

Attorney, Willie E. Gary and painter Sam Gilliam received honorary doctorate degrees in recognition of their services to society.

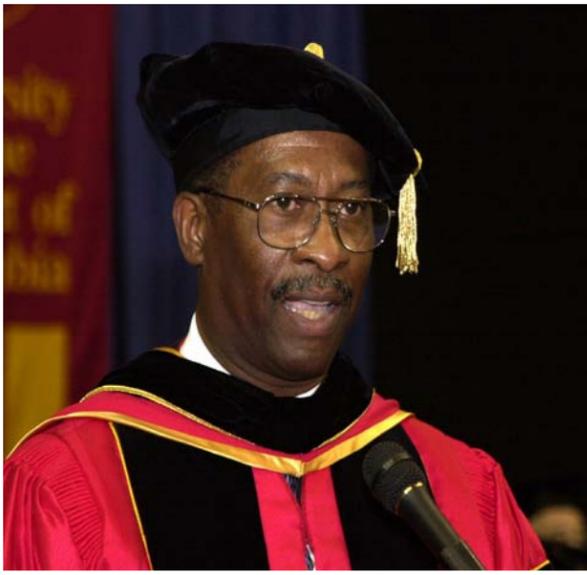
Gary, who *Forbes* Magazine described as one of the nation’s top fifty trial attorneys, has “Giant Killer” as his nickname because of the tenacity he displays in multimillion dollars lawsuits against corporations that many considered untouchable.

He also challenged the students to, “dream big dreams... keep God in your plans. If you do that, the road will always rise to meet you, the sun will shine brightly in your way, and the rain will fall softly on your fields.” Gilliam added, “Do it if they tell you, ‘you can’t.’”

But the keynote speaker for the University’s 29th Commencement was Anthony Lewis, President of Verizon. The theme of Lewis’ address was the salience of communication in the 21st century.

Lewis compared the role communication is playing in the 21st century to its role in the agricultural and industrial revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries. He called Michael Powell, former chair of Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a seer for predicting that “the communication revolution will change the way we communicate, which in turn, will change the way we interact.”

He divided his speech into three topics: celebra-



Dr. Pollard at the 29th Commencement, 2006.

tion, contemplation, and initiation. Then he meticulously broke each topic down with allusions and examples to inspire and motivate the graduates.

Lewis first asked the graduates and the audience to celebrate the rich legacy of UDC because an institution that has stood the test of time since 1851 has been built to last. Lewis stated, “Celebrate the sheer tenacity and courage of the great teachers and faculty who have made UDC a valuable place of learning. Celebrate that you are connected to something bigger than yourselves. Celebrate that you are entering the world with a gift of education that no one can take from you. Be ready to celebrate your values and express your point of view.”

He mentioned that one great individual is happy to celebrate his values and unafraid to express his point of view, Senator Barack Obama (D-IL). Obama’s success story is the American dream. He counseled the graduates to aspire to use their gifts so others might copy their examples.

Lewis said that the graduates should always aim to great heights and must never settle for “good” because good is an enemy of “great.” He insisted, “You are about to start something great, not good. Don’t wait. Test your courage; be ready to take advantage of the opportunities around you.”

Lewis celebrated the genius of Nelson Mandela in politics, Maya Angelou in poetry, Michael Jordan in basketball, Tiger Woods in golf, Venus and Serena Williams in tennis— all icons who rose above the lore to become millionaires in their callings.

He encouraged the graduates to put their degrees to good use by working diligently so one day, they too, would have their efforts paying off for them.

Dr. Pollard, in his fourth year as president of

UDC, reminded the graduates that when he came on board and introduced the concept, “A New Day, A New Opportunity” for UDC, the concept meant an opportunity for students to take advantage of chances, especially second chances.

Dr. Pollard told the graduates to take advantage of the chances that come their way as they enter society and hound their dreams. He asked the graduates not to forget their alma mater and told them that wherever they might find themselves, they must advocate for and support the University. “Be a Firebird always, and like the class of ’56, plan to come back..”

“I’ll credit the professors with my academic experience. The professors are multi-layered and brought to the course a wide range of experience. The difficulty though was in working full time and going to school part time,” said Alice Sobsey who received a Masters in English Composition and Rhetoric.

Harold Wymbs, who received a Masters in Counseling Psychology, shared his experience, “It was a good experience. I had good, caring, dedicated staff. I earned my undergraduate degree from a different university, but I found that UDC has a much better graduate program in my field.”

Sandra Felder, who earned a bachelors degree in Mass Media, said, “I’ve seen UDC grow; I’ve seen the growth of professors over the years. This University has helped me mature as a student and as a professional woman. It has fueled my drive and ambition toward earning a Masters degree. UDC has helped turn me into a more motivated, independent person. It has also encouraged me to strive for higher goals.”

Moussa Seck, who earned a Masters in Business Administration, added, “It was a great opportunity to return to UDC for my Masters. I appreciate the help from my professors. If I had to do it all again, I wouldn’t go anywhere else.”

Nadia Thompson and Yaisha Lawrence, who received Masters degrees in Public Administration, expressed similar sentiments.

Leola Dublin, Senior Class President, said that each graduate represents a successful story. According to her, success requires strength, courage, and a sense of community. Education is an essential element of success. It is the most powerful weapon one can wield to climb the ladder of upward mobility in society.

Dr. E. Gail Holness, Director of Community Outreach and Involvement, set the Commencement ceremony in motion with a powerful invocation and Rev. Anthony Motley ended it with an equally inspiring benediction.

## ARE YOU LOST?

### VAN NESS CAMPUS

- Building 30- Hanger No. 10
- Building 32- Mathematics
- Building 38- Student Services
- Building 39- Administration and Financial Aid
- Building 41- Arts and Sciences/ Library
- Building 42- Engineering
- Building 44- Life Sciences
- Building 46 East- Auditorium
- Building 46 West- Music, Dance and Theater
- Building 47- Athletic Center (Gymnasium)
- Building 52- Business and Continuing Education

#### College of Arts & Sciences

- Dept. of Education
- Dept. of English
- Dept. of Language & Communication Disorders
- Dept. of Mass Media, Visual & Performing Arts
- Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences
- Dept. of Chemistry & Physics
- Dept. of Mathematics
- Dept. of Psychology & Counseling
- Dept. of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences & Social Work
- Department of Nursing & Allied Health

### SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTS

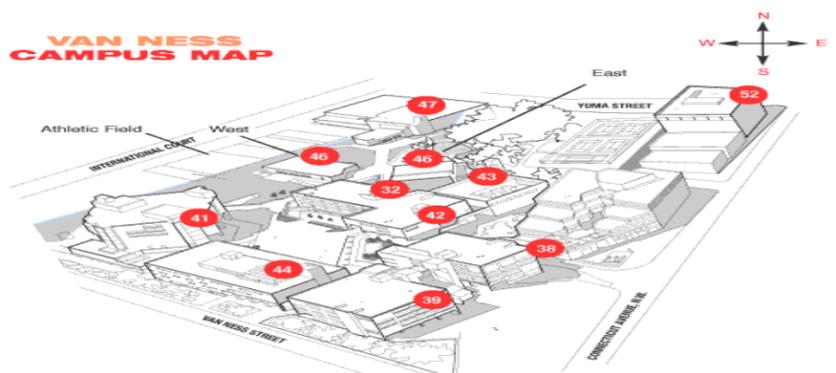
#### School of Business and Public Administration

- Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics
- Department of Management, Marketing & Information Systems

#### David A. Clarke School of Law

#### School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

- Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- Department of Engineering, Architecture Aerospace Technology



## ONCE UPON A FRESHMAN...

By Hortense Brent

I remember my orientation in January 2005. That was my first step towards matriculating through the University of the District of Columbia. I felt uneasy, yet excited. The process seemed long, but it was over before I knew it - I was now a college student!

Now what? How can I pass my classes? Will I be able to cope? Having been away from any school setting for over 25 years (yes, I am a non-traditional student with an adult son and grandchildren), I wanted to see all this University had to offer and I was not disappointed.

I found that Student Support Services offered free tutoring in math, Spanish, and English, which seemed to be what I needed at that point in time. I filled out the necessary paperwork and was accepted into the tutoring program which helped me to formulate better studying habits. My courses were challenging, but I overcame the fear of failing and took it one day at a time.

I relished my Beginning Spanish I course so much that I joined the Spanish Club. This club was lively and I learned to dance the salsa; a fun way to exercise and meet other students. In addition, with the help of the Spanish tutoring laboratory, I entered a recital contest held at the University and won in my category.

This first semester was filled with many opportunities. I became Freshman Class President and Senator for the Undergraduate Student Government Association. As a full-time student, my schedule was filled with classes and extracurricular activities, yet I made a 4.0 GPA. My journey thus far had been challenging but had been equally rewarding.

The following semester, I participated in my first homecoming at the University. During this time I took a chance to represent my class and was voted Miss Freshman 2005-2006. The parade and the festivities that followed solidified my presence at the University.

As you now join the University community, please remember that there are many opportunities available to you as well. Savor your learning experience; make it count by giving your all and it can truly be a turning point in your life. Nothing can affect you more than learning, growing, and ultimately realizing your dream.

Congratulations on selecting the University of the District of Columbia and welcome. No matter what your reasons for choosing UDC-you are all now new FIRE-BIRDS!

### The University of the District of Columbia

#### A Pledge for All I Can Be at UDC

The University of the District of Columbia is an academic community that is committed to education, scholarship and the overall development of the individual. As a member of the University of the District of Columbia community, I take great pride in being part of this institution's great history and promising future where standards of good practice are honored and promoted in the Code of Student Conduct.

As I enter UDC, I pledge nothing less and much more.

I pledge my head to better thinking.

I pledge my eyes to envision a brighter future.

I pledge my heart to myself, school, community and peers.

I pledge my mouth to speak with intelligence.

I pledge my feet a straight successful path.

I pledge my hands to greater skills.

I pledge brains to attain a higher goal.

This I pledge as I leave and achieve my degree.

I, (state your name), accept the challenges of being a future graduate of the University of the District of Columbia and all the responsibilities thereafter for the benefit of myself, my family, my community and alma mater.

I am a member of the University of the District of Columbia family!

I am a Firebird!

Written by the 2007 graduating class during freshman orientation and the Division of Student Affairs.

## BOARD RATIFIES ADDITIONAL MASTERS PROGRAMS AT UDC

BY SAM DOKU

The Board of Trustees ratified Masters of Science and Computer Science programs at the University of the District of Columbia. Students majoring in Cancer Biology Prevention and Control and Computer Science will now have the opportunity to earn master degrees in those areas at the University. The Board, under the auspices of Dr. James Dyke, unanimously voted at the June 20th meeting authorizing the University to award those degrees.

In addition to the awards of the advanced degrees, the Board also ratified a Master Agreement between faculty and the University. One of the agreements mentioned was new salary proposals and raises for faculty, which has been outstanding for some years.

According to the Master Agreement, employees of the University covered by the Agreement will benefit from a sixteen percent salary increase spread across four years. Under the terms of the Agreement, employees will get retroactive increases starting from the beginning of fiscal year 2005 through October 1, 2008.

Faculty and employees will get a five-percent pay hike for 2005, four percent for 2006, another four percent in 2007, and three percent in 2008.

In addition to salary increases based on promotions and Union negotiations, there will be increases based on performance which will serve as an incentive for maximum output from faculty.

Furthermore, dependents of faculty and other employees of the David A. Clarke School of Law, who were initially excluded from tuition remission, will now become eligible under terms of the Agreement.

On July 8th, the Union voted by a four-to-one ratio in favor of the Agreement. Dr. William Pollard is expected to submit the Master Agreement to the Mayor, who will submit it to the DC City Council for ratification.

Austin Whitby, a senior majoring in social work complimented the Board for a job well done. He said, "The Board has done a great job because the salary increase will motivate the professors to put more time into their profession. This will make them feel

that they are being rewarded for doing a good job."

According to Whitby, the salary increase will also keep the more highly skilled and qualified professors from seeking employment elsewhere.

Barbara Young, another social work major added, "I will hope that these raises and incentives will encourage our professors to be more specific in their expectations of students."

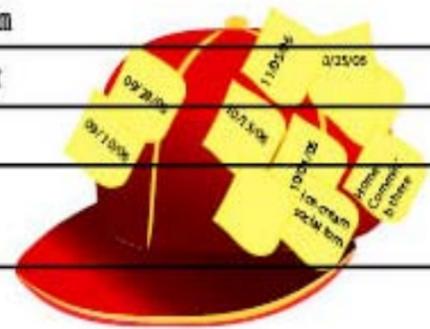
### Space for Rent



### DO YOU HAVE THE STAMINA TO KEEP UP...

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

DAY/MONTH/DATE	EVENT/TIME
FALL	2006
Friday, August 18th	Freshman Orientation- 9:00am -5:00pm
September, 14th-17th	National Student Government Summit
Monday, September 11th	Commemoration
Sunday, September 17th- Friday, September 22nd	Freshman week
Monday, September 18th	Constitution Day Trilogy Open House Your Student Newspaper
Wednesday, September 27th- Sunday, October 1st	Alumni Hall of Fame Competition, Black Queen, Atlanta,
Tuesday, October 17th	High School Senior Day at UDC-11:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday, October 18th	Career Fair, Gymnasium
Sunday, October 23rd- Saturday, October 28th	Homecoming- Coming attractions include Dinner Dance, Parade, Alumni Networking Workshop, and Intramural Tournaments (Table Tennis) Second Annual Intramural Competitions (Table Tennis, Chess, Pool)
Tuesday, November 14th	USGA Health Expo
Monday, November 13th- Friday, November 17th	International Education Week



**The University of the District of Columbia is proud to have people from around the world to continue their education here with us. We, the UDC *Trilogy* staff, would love to take a second to say, "WELCOME!" to all the new and returning international students. Not only do we want to say it in English, but also in the following languages representing each continent:**

**Amharic (Ethiopia):  
Enquan Dehna Metachu**

**French (France): Bienvenue**

**Mandarin (Chinese): Huan yin**

**Setswana (Botswana): Goroganga ka pula**

**Portuguese (Portugal and Brazil): Bem-vido**

**Yugambeh (Australia): Jingiwalli wahlu**

**Lenape (Delaware, USA): Temike**

**Again....**

**welcome to the University of the District of Columbia.**

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## BIENVENIDOS!

THE LATINO STUDENTS  
ASSOCIATION (LSA)  
WOULD LIKE TO  
WELCOME ALL FRESHMEN,  
READMIT, AND  
TRANSFER STUDENTS  
TO BE A PART OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY. WE WOULD  
ALSO LIKE TO INVITE  
YOU TO THE  
CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH.

(SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 13, 2006)

## BRIGHT INKS

## HARD TO KILL

I died once  
 Died twice  
 Spiritually  
 There was no true resurrection  
 Just a yearning for simple perfection  
 A surging eager to claim a recantation  
 That my life never receded, ever  
 My heart was a recalcitrant soldier  
 My body, imprecated by mutation  
 To defy and survive distraction  
 I survived once  
 I did it twice  
 Mentally  
 And there isn't anything you now can do  
 My wisdom, by itself, is an artful Kung fu

BY MEMAR AYALEW

SONNET OF THE DARK  
CONTINENT

The mother bleeds...  
 Her youth claw at her remnant  
 A Lion is choked; a union recedes  
 Nile's accent speaks of defiance.  
 Cries of innocence that is stolen  
 Her redness the militia penetrates;  
 Oh the allowed rule is golden,  
 And dawn scents the corpse that date.  
 Curse the rocks of Black mines  
 Swords reason the cherry stain of the water;  
 Infants gripe the darkness survived  
 Within the unwanted poisons its placenta.  
 Choke on the dust the carriage has shaken,  
 The kidnapped are soon forgotten.

BY CELL

## NURTURING THE MINDS: GROWING THE FUTURE

BY MAH-KI FOX

The Undergraduate Student Government Association plays a crucial role at the University of the District of Columbia. In addition to serving the student body, the USGA also invests its time in encouraging, developing, and supporting student leadership. The USGA understands that this initiative will greatly serve the future of the student leaders, the University, and the community-at-large. In this effort to continue student leadership, the USGA sponsors a series of retreats, conferences, and workshops.

On May 15, 2006, the USGA held its Annual Student Leadership Retreat that took place at the Carousel Resort in Ocean City, Maryland: an Oceanfront Business District. Facilitated by Mr. Jeffery Martini of 'Today is Day One' Consulting firm, the retreat was another opportunity for networking and teamwork within the USGA. Mr. Martini proved himself to be up to the task, as he assertively engaged approximately forty student leaders in various workshops and critical thinking exercises.



UDC Student Leaders Team-building in Ocean City

The student leaders were also accompanied by several university administrators, faculty, and staff members. Additionally, members of the University Senate, Dr. Carolyn Cousin of the School of Arts and Sciences along with Dr. Esther Ososanya of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, offered the student leaders a dynamic presentation on academic integrity. In addition, Ms. Mary Roberts, Mrs. Beverly Gurley, and Dr. Janice Borlandoe delivered a very informative presentation on poli-

cies and procedures for undergraduate student clubs and organizations. Mr. Melvin Witten was also on hand to deliver a dynamic presentation on the elements of "Dressing for Success." Many of the student leaders felt these presentations were informative and enlightening. By the end of the retreat the student leaders were signed, sealed, and ready for the next academic school year, to lead their constituents in the right direction and to strive for the betterment of the University of the District of Columbia.

## ON THE SPOT

**Trilogy would like to recognize two individuals in each issue-- one student and one staff/administrative/faculty member—who are setting higher standards for others. "On the Spot" debuts featuring Trevia Daniels and Professor Andrea L. Royal.**

BY CHERAE DAVID

Professor Andrea L. Royal is currently a professor at the University of the District of Columbia. She loves spending time with her son, her daughter, and the extended members of her family. She also plays an integral role in the family business, a linen service. Meanwhile, she holds reading very dear to her heart and learning is very important to her because it offers her an avenue to share.

Royal, who is one of six brothers and sisters, attended the District of Columbia Teachers College where she achieved her Bachelors in Speech Pathology. She furthered her studies at Howard University where she obtained her Masters in Communication Theory. She also did a lot of postgraduate work, comprised mainly of classes that not only strengthened but also stabilized her craft.

Royal teaches Introduction to Public Speaking, an exciting and all-around course which fits the persona of the teacher. According to Professor Royal, public speaking is an opportunity for students to enhance or develop com-

munication skills which include speaking in front of a group. She views this as a very weak area for most adults.

Royal loves teaching public speaking because it helps her to both stay in touch and better interact with her students. She states, "Once I leave one semester and go into another I am able to share what I have learned from other students and pass it on." She also adds, "It sharpens my communication skills."

One of professor Royals' strongest beliefs is that students should take public speaking, mainly because it offers a clear chance for a person to grow not only as an effective communicator, but also to learn something new through speaking. It is a knowledge an individual utilizes in every aspect of life.

Professor Royal takes the time to pass on her knowledge and her newfound experiences with excitement and devotion from semester to semester. She prepares generations upon generations of future speakers one semester at a time.

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Trevia Daniels is the 2006-2007 Vice President for the Undergraduate Student Government Association at the University of the District of Columbia. She has previously served as an intern for both the US House of Representatives and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF). Additionally, she has traveled to Switzerland through her work with US Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), such as International Possibilities Unlimited and has worked with the Diocese of Washington learning things from a faith-based perspective.

Trevia, a native of Chicago, Illinois, has a passion for combining the art of entertainment with that of social justice. Thus, she established Creative Resources International (CRI) Consulting Group based in Atlanta, GA. She is a visionary and creative consultant for CRI, inspired by philosopher Thoreau's motto that encourages one to "go in the directions of your dreams and live the life that you always imagined."

Recently, at the National Associa-

tion of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP) 10th Annual Conference, she was bestowed the honor of winning the first-ever Dr. Grier Wilson Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service. The conference was attended by over 200 students representing the nation's many Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

As a writer, singer, songwriter and choreographer, Trevia has displayed her talents at the University as Assistant Drama Therapist in the Paving Access Trails for Higher Security (PATHS) program, Musical Composer for the 2005 play 'Coffee Café,' and Entertainment and Artistic Director for the 2006 USGA Gala Awards.

Presently, Trevia is developing a USGA Vision Platform which deals with the issues of affordable healthcare, education, housing, and curriculum adaptation for the University of the District of Columbia students. She states that she is "proud to be a part of this wonderful institution." She looks forward to representing the University in national student leadership conferences and making a difference in the lives of others.

## THE NEW FACE OF THE UDC ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

Dr. William L. Pollard, President of the University of the District of Columbia, announced the appointment of Dr. Harold M. Merritt as the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics this past January. Since then Dr. Merritt has been busy hiring new coaches and reinstating programs here at UDC.

On June 1, 2006, Marc J. Harrison assumed a position as the new Head Coach for the UDC Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams as well as the Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Team. Coach Harrison comes to UDC from Bowie State where he has been named the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAA) Coach of the Year three times. He was the only track and field coach in Bowie State University's history to win the Women's Track and Field title.

Also joining Coach Harrison on the staff of the

Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Team is Patrice Irby. Coach Irby is a UDC Alumnus with illustrious achievements highlighting her career. She is a former All-American in Track and Field in the 55 Meter Hurdles and had a spot in the Olympic trials on the 300 Meter Hurdles.

The University of the District of Columbia has provided its students with an opportunity to meet these energetic, unique and knowledgeable individuals in person by becoming a part of these teams. If anyone wishes to gain information on how to join the Cross Country Teams and the Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Team, please contact Coach Harrison via email at [mjharrison@udc.edu](mailto:mjharrison@udc.edu) or call at 202-274-6353.

The UDC Cross Country schedule is as follows:

9/9/2006	at Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) (Series #1)	All Day
9/14/2006	at Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) (Classic)	All Day
9/16/2006	at Virginia Union University (Richmond, VA) (Invitational)	All Day
9/22/2006	at Bowie State University (Bowie, MD) (Invitational)	All Day
9/27/2006	at Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) (Legends Classic)	All Day
10/13/2006	at Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) (Last Chance)	All Day
11/4/2006	vs. NCAA Southeast Regional Championship (Wingate, NC)	All Day
11/18/2006	vs. NCAA Championships (Pensacola, FL)	All Day

The Women's Soccer Club Team has been reinstated as well and will be coached by Coach Osman Orlando. Anyone wishing to try out for the team can call the Sports Information office at 202-274-5074 or by emailing Coach Orlando at [oorlando@udc.edu](mailto:oorlando@udc.edu).

Another new face on the UDC Athletic Department is Volleyball Coach, China Jude. Coach Jude served as the Assistant Coach at the University of West Florida. While she was at UWF, the team ranked 9th in the Regional Rankings; just missing the NCAA post-season by one ranking spot. Coach Jude has found a new home; a new opportunity for a successful season in concert with students who wish to make it to her team. For anyone who is interested in tryouts for the volleyball team, she can be reached via email at [udcvolleyball@yahoo.com](mailto:udcvolleyball@yahoo.com) or call Sports Information at 202-274-5024.

Russie Alexander also joins the UDC Athletic staff as the Men's and Women's Tennis Coach. Coach Alexander comes to UDC from the Fairfax County Public School System in Virginia where he serves as a full-time Physical Education teacher. Coach Alexander's previous experience includes having served as athletic director and head coach for men's basketball, and head coach for the co-ed tennis program at the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College. He has also coached in the Washington Area Tennis League and taught classes for the Reston Tennis Association (VA).

The Athletic Department especially welcomes new students and invites returning athletes to participate in the athletic programs of their preferences. Doing so not only strengthens and polishes the athletes' talent, but also gives students access to lifelong wisdom and leadership qualities of the dedicated coaches and passionate staff members here at the University of the District of Columbia.

The University of the District of Columbia is a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II school. This means that there has to be 10 varsity sports on UDC's Campus. Listed are all the sports that UDC competes in as well as contact information for each coach and/or assistant coach.

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<b>Women's Basketball</b>	<b>Head Women's Basketball Coach</b>	<b>Lester L. Butler, Jr.</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-5085/F: (202) 274-5065/E: <a href="mailto:lbutler@udc.edu">lbutler@udc.edu</a></b>
	<b>Assistant Women's Basketball Coach</b>	<b>Aileene Frazier</b>	<b>P: (202) 274- 5085/F: (202) 274-5065</b>
	<b>Assistant Women's Basketball Coach</b>	<b>Shamayne Coles</b>	<b>P: (202) 274- 5085/F: (202) 274-5065</b>
<b>Men's Cross Country</b>	<b>Director of Track &amp; Field\ Cross-Country</b>	<b>Marc J. Harrison</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-5024/F: (202) 274-6353/E: <a href="mailto:mjharrison@udc.edu">mjharrison@udc.edu</a></b>
<b>Women's Cross Country</b>	<b>Director of Track &amp; Field\ Cross-Country</b>	<b>Marc J. Harrison</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-6353/F: (202) 274-5065/E: <a href="mailto:mjharrison@udc.edu">mjharrison@udc.edu</a></b>
<b>Men's Tennis and Women's Tennis</b>	<b>Head Coach Men's Tennis</b>	<b>Russie Alexander</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-5024/F: (202) 274-5065</b>
<b>Women's Volleyball</b>	<b>Head Coach for Women's Volleyball</b>	<b>China Jude</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-5024/F: (202) 274-5065/E: <a href="mailto:udcvolleyball@yahoo.com">udcvolleyball@yahoo.com</a></b>
<b>Men's Soccer and Women's Soccer</b>	<b>Head Men's Soccer Coach</b>	<b>Orlando Osman</b>	<b>P: (202)-274-5074/F: (202) 274-5065/E: <a href="mailto:oorlando@udc.edu">oorlando@udc.edu</a></b>
<b>Women's Track and Field</b>	<b>Director of Track &amp; Field/ Cross-Country</b>	<b>Marc J. Harrison</b>	<b>P: (202) 274-6353/F: (202) 274-5065/E: <a href="mailto:mjharrison@udc.edu">mjharrison@udc.edu</a></b>



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University of the District of Columbia  
Student Activities and Conference Center Survey

The University Of the District of Columbia is in the process of planning for the building of a Student Activities and Conference Center. The Student Center Steering Committee wants to know what you think! So please take a minute to complete the survey.

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER:      MALE                       FEMALE

ETHNICITY:       Black, Non- Hispanic       American Indian or Alaskan Native       Asian or Pacific Islander  
                          Hispanic                       White, Non-Hispanic

CLASSIFICATION:       Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior       Graduate Student  
    Law school

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY OF NATIONAL ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you attend most of your classes?       Daytime     Evening     Weekends

Select the three most important types of space to be included in any Student Center project.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cafe/restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail kiosks/workstations/copy center
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation /activity space) a TV lounge, video and arcade games, billiards
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Study rooms for students	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice space for student performance groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Large multipurpose event room with kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Organization offices with resource center and storage units
<input type="checkbox"/> Lounge space for socializing and programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Music store and studio
<input type="checkbox"/> Lounge space for quiet study and conversation	<input type="checkbox"/> Banking center
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting rooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Incubator Space(Business start up venture Space)
<input type="checkbox"/> Moot Court Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter Student Lounge(lockers, microwave, etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail spaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Smart Classroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Store
<input type="checkbox"/> Movie theater/ performance space	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other programs and services( Please Specify)	

When a Student Center is built, how often would you use it? SELECT ONE

Daily       2-6 times per week       Once per week       Less than once per week

Never

What encourages you to attend an activity on campus?

To meet new friends                       To interact with school administrators

To interact with school professors       To interact with students from another country

To learn something new or for personal enrichment

Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

What was the last event you attended on campus? \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to provide any additional comments or suggestions regarding this project \_\_\_\_\_

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