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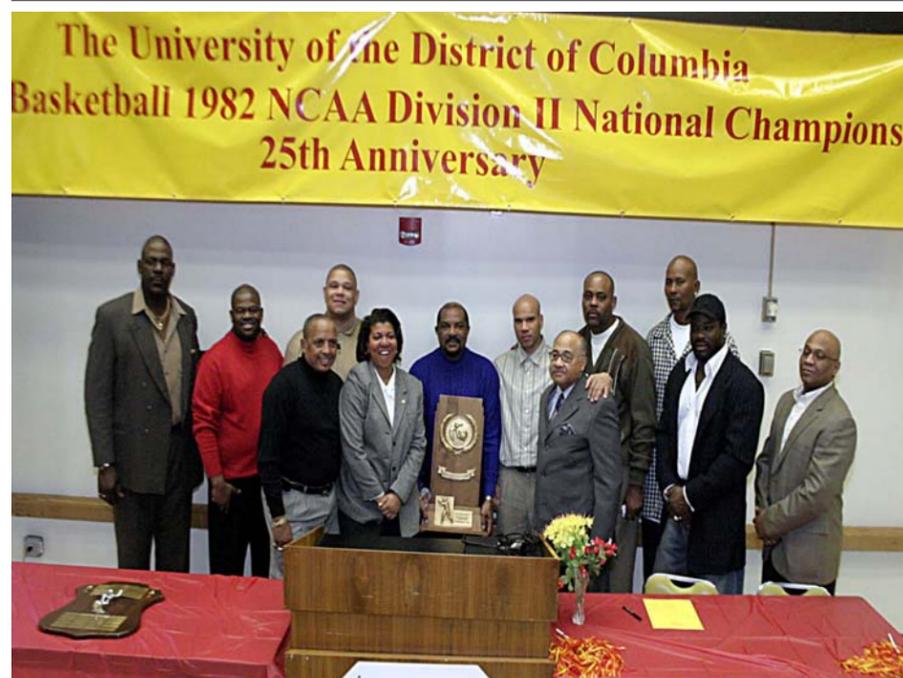
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## 1982 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

BY ADRIAN WILKINS



NCAA Division II National Champions, 1982

On March 20, 1982, the University of the District of Columbia's Men's Basketball Team achieved what all programs in any NCAA division strive to do, and that is to win a national championship. On that night, the Firebirds defeated Florida Southern University by a score of 73-63. That year the Firebirds finished with a record of 25-5.

The championship team was led by the duo of Earl Jones and Michael Britt who became the very first All-Americans from the University of the District of Columbia for their academic achievement. In the championship game, Earl Jones was the lead scorer with 24 points while Michael Britt had 8 rebounds. Earl Jones graduated in 1984 and was drafted in the first round of the 1984 NBA draft by the Los Angeles Lakers, while Michael Britt was drafted 8th in the second round of the 1983 draft by the Washington Bullets,

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## THE FUTURE OF STUDENT CENTER IN DEBATE

BY ROBIN WILLIAMS

At an open forum held on March 1, faculty, staff, and students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions regarding the proposal to build a new student center on the Van Ness Campus.

The University, which has been allocated \$500,000 from City Council to develop the Student Center, is hoping to provide a place for students to study, hold functions, and to help bolster school spirit. The center is projected to cost up to \$30 million to build.

The University's Vice President, Dr. Clemmie Solomon, who attended the forum, said that the University must first "identify how we will use the \$500,000."

However, many fear that these funds, which were granted two years ago, will go unused and eventually be taken back or channeled to other projects.

"If we reprogram the money," said University Student Government Association President William Kellibrew, IV, "we're not sure how to get the mon-

ey back."

In an attempt to get more information regarding the funds, Kellibrew has written a letter to the Board of Trustees asking when a decision will be reached, and urged the Board to involve and inform the student body of developments being made. He has yet to receive a response to the letter.

"These decisions are made behind closed-door executive sessions," In the Mayor's plan for the center, "no students were involved," in the planning, said Kellibrew. "We want to know the intended purpose of the \$500,000."

Also at the meeting, students raised concerns about a suggestion made at a Facilities Committee meeting held on Feb. 9, by Chairperson of the Facilities Committee Fernando Barrueta, in which Bldg. 52 could be developed into a hotel. The proposed 'hospitality school' came as a shock to some in attendance, and did not sit well with students.

Barrueta, who is also the President and CEO of the Hispanic College Fund, has over 30 years of commercial

real estate experience said that the proposed hotel could be used as a training facility for the University's Hospitality Management and Tourism department.

"It would be a good thing for the Hospitality school to get real hands on training," Barrueta stated in a recent phone interview with a member of the *Trilogy* staff.

"We are consistently being left out of things," said Kellibrew regarding Barrueta's proposal. "I want more information."

On March 7, a Student Affairs Committee meeting was held, where information about the plans for the student center was discussed, among other topics such as the newly organized "Senior Year Experience" program, and the University's Convocation ceremony which was held Feb. 22.

Speaking on the matter of the student center, University Alum and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Joseph L.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## FROM THE EDITOR WE KNOW IT IS IMPORTANT BUT IS THE STUDENT CENTER A PRIORITY?

BY MEMAR AYALEW

Following series of open meetings involving building a student center, there is a new vibe going around campus. Many students support the idea and are willing to join the Undergraduate Student Government (USGA) in assuring the implementation takes place sooner than later. There is no question how important having a student center on campus will benefit students. These benefits go beyond just having a lounging area for socialization. It goes beyond having ballrooms and conference rooms. It goes beyond having offices for student government leaders. And have we forgotten that all clubs and organizations operate from the USGA office, which is a deterrent in operating at a level that other clubs and organizations at other colleges and universities? Many may not notice the University Senate does not have an office or conference room to operate from. How about events that are held in classrooms and the small auditorium? Anyone who has visited other campuses knows exactly how impor-

tant a student center is in making college experience one for a lifetime. Student center is not a luxury but a necessity at a university level. When will the University of the District of Columbia have the most important edifice on campus?

Many other students are not exactly thrilled about having a student center on campus because they believe that the University still has a lot to improve on its main campus before adding additional responsibility. These students show concern in areas ranging from classrooms that need renovation to lack of permanent professors that care if students pass their courses beyond a semester, and staff employment. Our laboratories are begging for both material and technological upgrades, and has become a great concern for many majoring in the rigorous science fields. Most of the laboratory utensils are out-of-date, partially or not operating at all. Students have been missing laboratory experiments because materials were not available to them. This and other shortcomings in the science department need urgent

attention so that students will be confident competing for real world career opportunities. Outdated library books is another issue that needs to be dealt with because the information in the available books is no longer relevant because so much has changed since the books were published. And there are places like the garage that are health hazards. For those students who continue to pay attention to the immediate need of the University, a student center seems a far cry from providing what they are looking for; the quality of education, being the most valid point. Now it is up to the University to raise the bar. Students do not just learn in class, they learn from their social life. Thus, it will not be asking too much if students receive both a quality education and a student center, which will accommodate these equally important priorities the students of the University of the District of Columbia deserve to have. Other aspects of college life, such as school pride, will then come naturally.

## USGA PUSHING FOR A STUDENT CENTER

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Askew, Jr. said, "This is going to be done. It's just a matter of determining the best way to do it." He also assured that, "There is going to be a decision made very quickly."

Presenting the case of the student center along with Kellibrew to the Board of Trustees was sophomore and Graphic Arts major, Hortense Brent, who has been working diligently on the student center project.

"We are not going to just sit back," said Brent, and urged for quick action regarding the planning stage of the center. "We're just asking you to move," on the matter.

"Individuals understand that the Board is behind this one hundred and twenty percent," said Askew. "I will continue to be passionate about a desire for a decision being made," he added.

Reassuring students that the University has every intent of building a student center, Askew said, "The student center is the highest of priorities in the master plan...we are fully committed" to it. "The days of not being accountable are gone."

The state of Bldg. 52 was also raised at the meeting. "We are

not cast with the responsibility to get into the nuts and bolts of our capitol projects," with students.

However, Askew said, the Board "does not make decisions without having the appropriate input."

## 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).

## FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION

BY JAY BELMORE

When freshman Joshua Richardson showed up early Thursday morning to attend the University's Founders' Day Convocation, he had no idea that he would be assisting the Director of Business Development and Higher Education for HBCU's, Lisa Menzies of Johnson Controls, around a campus so unfamiliar to her.

As this graphics design major from Southeast D.C. found himself helping this veritable stranger out of the taxi; carrying her luggage and guiding her to the University Auditorium for the event, he also had no idea that his actions would ultimately serve as a reminder of what Founders' Day at the University is all about; service, dedication, and the growing of roots through education.

This year's Founders' Day theme, titled "UDC Celebrating 30 Years; Reclaiming our Alumni," not only honored the "roots" of those who taught and graduated from the University and her predecessor school's --- Miner Teachers College, Washington Technical Institute, and Federal City

college --- but also was held in honor of Nursing student Angel Walters, and board member Leonard H. Robinson Jr., who both recently passed away.

The event, which started at 10 a.m. sharp, opened with greetings from James W. Dyke, Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, followed by a few words from newly-elected Mayor, Adrian Fenty.

"I will make sure we are providing an excellent education for our students," said Fenty, whose father, Phil Fenty graduated from the University in 1974 after the merger of schools that now make up the University of the District of Columbia.

"Our special hometown institution takes on a real community feel," said Fenty. "Go forth, learn, succeed, and earn your mark. You have our full support."

Following the Mayor's address, was keynote speaker Thomas N. Todd, activist and Civil Rights attorney. Todd, who has made many trips to the University in the past, reminded the packed auditorium about the meaning of Black History Month, and warned

about the importance of growing and maintaining roots; the roots that make up the foundations that the principles of higher education are built upon.

"Why are we still not free? We have today what I like to call, the hydroponic negro."

A reference to the process of growing plants in a nutrient-rich solution instead of soil, Todd compared this growing technique to many in today's African American community.

"The hydroponic negro has no roots. Alumni, students, faculty, administrators and politicians" are moving on with their lives and forgetting where they come from said Todd.

"We need your roots planted deeply," said Todd. "Are your roots firmly planted or hydroponic roots? Do you stand for something? Are you solid, or can you be moved?"

Todd, warned students of the perils of pop-culture, also attempted to redefine the University's student body, many of whom have been referred to as "non-traditional students."

"You are not non-traditional students. You are students

from a different tradition," said Todd. "'Non' means negative, nothing, no account, no good. And that's not UDC. From this tradition, or that tradition, [the University] are here to educate no matter what tradition."

Todd, who spoke directly to younger students, referred to the effects of pop-culture as a "quagmire of competing relevancies," in which young people are forgoing education for entertainment.

"Be concerned about what's in your mind and not on your behind," Todd went on to say. "Tupac is dead, but education will always be with you. And when Beyonce has lost her wiggle, when Snoop Dogg is an old dog, when Fantasia can read and write, and 50 Cent is only worth a nickel, education will still be in style, in vogue."

Todd finished his speech by reminding students, faculty, and staff of the theme of this Founders' Day, being part of the University alumni post-graduation. "UDC is transforming history with its rich legacy, reclaim the alumni."

Georgia Johnson-Herron, who is a member of the Na-

tional Alumni Society, graduated from Miner Teachers College in 1946, and is currently working with the University to help recreate a solid alumni base.

"I stand here to be a part of this institution. I hope that local papers will advertise UDC, and bring in more money and media attention...most colleges have strong alumni, and we are trying to build it up again."

Theresa Nelson-Travis, vice president of the National Alumni Society, who encouraged all University students, past and present, to keep in touch with their alma mater, also attended the event.

"We are trying to embrace all students who came out of the University. Past students are part of, and are just as important to the University as new students. We need them to come forward."

For more information on how to get involved with the University's alumni project, please contact Jay Morrow at 202-274-6253, or Dr. Sandra Lawson at 202-274-6272.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## STATE OF UNIVERSITY'S DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

BY JAY BELMORE

On Feb. 27, 2007, the University of the District of Columbia's Disability Resource Center, met with students, faculty, and staff, to discuss the present state of the University regarding services directed toward students with disabilities.

The event titled "Educating the University Community About Persons With Disabilities; their Rights and Responsibilities Under the Law," was attended by over 50 people, and focused on the legal aspects surrounding students in higher education with physical, mental and emotional disabilities, and warned students that, even though the laws protect them from discrimination, it is still up to students with disabilities to make known their impairments to counselors so they can avoid discriminatory practices.

"There are two laws that protect disabled students in higher education from discrimination; The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and Rehabilitation Act signed in 1973 which states no handicapped student shall be denied the benefit...of education because of absence of educational auxiliary aids for students" with disabilities, said A. Jamal Reed, Assistant Director of the University's Disability Resource Center. "Both laws prohibit discrimination of persons with disabilities under the umbrella of Civil Rights."

Reed also spoke on issues such as the newly proposed Disability Resource Center, tutoring and peer mentoring

services, and emergency preparedness and response. "Advocacy, resources, information and collaboration with other community organizations," is vital to the success of the campus organization. "The ADA covers a wide range, from housing, employment, the prohibition of discrimination and education...our University will provide full access" for those with disabilities. "We hope to have the new center up and running by the fall semester, he added. Robert Kairy, junior and Graphics Design major attended the forum, said, "It's rather difficult [getting around campus] because the doors often don't operate, and it's hard to pull the doors," when entering some buildings on campus.

Kairy, who is seeking a career in photojournalism, gets around most days by electric wheelchair, and suffers from severe arthritis in his hands, knees and spine, as well as sciatica and scoliosis. "My biggest problem is with the photo lab in Bldg. 41 on the second floor. They are using that classroom as a storage room for things they don't and will not use. I can hardly get into the door, and I need that class. Photojournalism is my main thing," he added.

Katrice Suggs, freshman and Criminal Psychology major is also the vice president of the soon to be chartered student organization, "Conceive It and Achieve It." She expressed concerns for students with disabilities, and hoped that the new organization would be able to alleviate those concerns through action. "We are

here to help out no matter what is needed, including tutoring. Don't be afraid to raise your hand."

Reed, who led the event, said that roughly "two-percent of the University's enrolled population is considered disabled," was excited about the large turnout of the event, and hoped that the function would help create an awareness of the difficulties that disabled students face on college campuses. "Whether it's hidden or visible, temporary or permanent," students "that suffer from some form of disability often need assistance."

President of "Conceive it and Achieve it" Alex Garrett, sophomore and Radiology major, said the University is has come a long way in working with students with disabilities, but that more needs to be done.

"Professors at the University need to be educated in working with students with mental, physical and learning disabilities. I found that some professors are compassionate, cooperative, and understanding, and take time to help. However, some professors are not willing to assist students with disabilities, and are more willing hinder their progress by not complying with federal and state disability laws."

For more information about the University Disability Resource Center, please contact A. Jamal Reed at 202-274-6152, or call 202-274-6417. To find out more about "Conceive it and Achieve it," contact President Alex Garret at 703-980-5116, or email at [www.alex462222@yahoo.com](mailto:www.alex462222@yahoo.com).

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## LATINO GREEK LETTERED ORGANIZATIONS LOOKING AT UNIVERSITY

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

When you think of fraternities and sororities on the campus of the University of the District of Columbia, what do you think of? Many people think of organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated. These organizations, also known as the Divine Nine or Noble Nine, are under the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The University is getting ready to open doors to another group of organizations governed by the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization (NALFO) and a few of their organizations could be on their way to University. One such organization is Phi Iota Alpha Latino Fraternity, Incorporated.

Phi Iota Alpha Latino Fraternity, Incorporated was founded on December 26, 1931 when delegates from Phi Lambda Alpha Latino Fraternity and Sigma Iota Latino Fraternity decided to merge to better ad-

dress needs of Latin Americans in various universities and colleges. Some students are excited at the thought of other fraternities and sororities coming on campus because it will bring diversity to the Greek life on campus. More information about Phi Iota Alpha is available at their official website, [www.phiota.org](http://www.phiota.org).

Another NALFO coming to the University is Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated (LTA). LTA is the first Latina sorority in the United States. They were founded on the campus of Kean University in Union, New Jersey in 1975. Lambda Theta Alpha has established chapters throughout New Jersey, Connecticut, Puerto Rico, New York, Maryland, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Arizona, Michigan, Illinois, Virginia, Tennessee, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Washington. For some women attending University, this is a breath of fresh air and is seen as an opportunity to bring about diversity among sororities on campus. Although Lambda Theta Alpha was founded to cater to the needs of Latinas, they make it clear that all ethnicities are accepted. Anyone wishing to know more about Lambda Theta Alpha can check out their website at [www.lambdalady.org](http://www.lambdalady.org).



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# WORLD

## "RACE AND IDENTITY"

BY CECILE DINGONG EBOA

On Feb. 28, 2007, the Gamma Lambda of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity presented an Open Forum on Afro-Latinos in America titled "Race and Identity," which focused primarily on the question of racial identity, and its aftermaths which are in some cases, closely related to slavery.

Paul N. Tennessee, Director of the International Affairs department at the University hosted the event, and began it saying: "There is no purity of blood," and outlined the debate, which raised questions such as black people as race or a culture, and the status of Afro-Latinos in the black community.

Student Marcos Bellamy, majoring in Spanish at Howard University, reminded the panel and audience that African people are a presence in the world that cannot be denied, and that the consequences of slavery are felt through a need to know about his origins. He also highlighted nationalism and the repression of the African Arts during slavery was a way to take away their identity. "Nobody asks to be whoever we

are. Afro Latino/ African American terms resulted from white people enslavement."

The panel also discussed the importance of knowing who you are and touched on the question of people who are born with a multiple identity, and that some people live to witness racism even among their own community, due to different skin complexions and economic factors.

Farrah Barrios, International Economist at the Department of Treasury, had a completely different perspective of where the question of identity started. According to her the consequences are coming from economic issues.

"It is important to realize a generation was brainwashed into knowing what they are made of," regarding their racial identity and money. "We can't deny an entire population," a living based on their skin color, said Barrios.

For more information on upcoming events by Gamma Lambda Chapter of Phi Sigma Fraternity or Spanish Club, please contact Jackson Caesar at [bhebrews1@aol.com](mailto:bhebrews1@aol.com) or (202)-276-6130

## LOVE STANDS AGAINST 'DAILY RACISM'

BY MEMAR AYALEW

This year's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has more than motivation and moral going for it. In Belgium, more than 500 couples symbolically tied the knot in a Flemish town where three couples refused to have their wedding

ceremony overseen by Deputy Mayor Wouter Van Bellingen, the first black councilor elected in northern Belgium, St. Niklaas. Adopted by a Flemish family at birth, the councilor never met his Rwandan family. And that is why this latest situation was a shock for many but Van Bellingen knows this is a norm for daily discrimination against colored people like him around the world. Thus, he invited couples with a mission to send a powerful message against racism, a phenomenon that still plagues many European countries and the rest of the world.

## GHANA TURNS 50

BY MWANGI G.

Ghana marked 50 years of independence on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, with pomp, color, and pageantry. The red, yellow, and green Ghanaian flag with a prominent black star reigned supreme as thousands waved it, wrapped themselves in it or had its colors painted on their bodies.

The celebrations were reminiscent of those of 1957, as Ghana became the first Black African country to gain independence, turning a major milestone for this western African formerly known as Gold Coast, and the rest of African countries that were fighting for independence from white rule.

Leading the Golden Jubilee celebrations, President John Kufuor said that the celebrations were "not only for Ghana, but for the rest of Africa." Kufuor paid a glowing tribute to the founding president Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, and all other freedom fighters.

He also spelled out the country's vision and development for the next 50 years.

The festivities included tens of African presidents and an array of international dignitaries.

Reverend Jesse Jackson who was in attendance, said that Ghana's independence was a landmark event.

Singer Stevie Wonder was scheduled to sing a special version of his hit "Happy Birthday," this time a dedication to Ghana.

This day heralded yearlong celebrations at a tune of \$20 million, and while many were happy with the plans, other citizens said that the government had overspent.

Of the more than 50 African countries, only Ethiopia and Liberia remained uncolonized.

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# ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

## BRIGHT INKS

### Corpses Think Too

Eye poking, the darkness I'm wrapped in  
Within it, I tried to regain my composure  
To make peace with ghosts and demons fightin'  
Though I'm entangled by their curses, to break  
away

Deafening, the silence I tried to communicate with  
Amplifying the clamor, I couldn't shut out of my  
mind  
Where words and thoughts I couldn't decipher  
were thrown  
Hopes were toxic; for it was only my fear immune

Time was dimensionless; it never existed  
Neither was there an urgency to alter it into subsis-  
tence  
There were no aspirations for survival  
Memories were oozing, no wind of pictures march-  
ing back to yesterdays

In the end, the nightmares disappear into fogs  
And for a while, I shelled off of from that darkness  
Time counts, without the sun, make no difference  
Memories resume, and I remember  
I was a passerby by life, now forgotten  
Just a soul looking for comfort in this casket  
To get used to my own corpse and the confusions  
innate

BY MEMAR AYALEW

## GASTON'S

### CORNER

## To the Grandmothers, Mothers, and Sisters of UDC

BY DAVID GASTON

This article is dedicated to you. I just want to thank you publicly for all that you have done for me over the years. Since, returning to college in 2005, I have put my official game face on (meaning... I've been very serious about my academic and professional business on this campus) and many of you who have known my mission have encouraged me to Think Big! I'm very thankful for that kind of support you have provided me because, I did not have such support when I was a young man living in New York City. I've received every bit of what makes our HBCU culture so unique and important for African American men. Here we meet our mothers if we did not have a mother at home. In my case, I met my grandmother, mother, aunt, sister, and cousins. Nowhere! and I mean not even in my own family have I been as loved, respected, and encouraged to succeed as I have been here by "UDC women".

Today, I'm a good son, an even better man, and a great dad (my daughter thinks so anyway), a true friend, and most recently a college graduate among other things!!! I've just recently started taking a GRE course because of two women coming together in support of me. In my mind, I wouldn't have found this kind of support anywhere else but here. So, it shouldn't be hard for anybody to understand why I'm so eager to give back to this university and to the women who run it! So much has been given to me that I truly believe

it to be my duty. I'm committed to not only getting my masters degree in counseling but, also my PhD in education, and if all that's well, ends well...the Gaston Media Group will one day be a very successful academic management company. There are women on this campus who I just absolutely love, respect, admire, and cherish with all of my heart. Here at the University of the District of Columbia women, are working harder than I have ever seen women working in my life. The women on this campus come from all over the Washington, D.C. area and beyond. I've been exposed to young female students debating the issues of the world in class one minute to the executive women running the business of this university the next. It's been a blessing to be surrounded by so many positive, progressive, and powerful African American women. I have learned a lot from my family here, which makes talking to my ten year old daughter everyday fun and a lot easier to do. We talk about everything and I feel that I'm able to give her so much more because of my many positive relationships with the women here at UDC. That's why I felt it was important to dedicate this article to you. March is a great month to recognize the women of the world but luckily for me I recognize your impact on the world each and everyday!

Thank You! For all you do.



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BY MEMAR AYALEW

## ON THE SPOT

BY RINA T. DANIELS

### Jeffrey Joseph Zulu

Many believe that advancements in the field of science and technology propel a country into economic deliverance. Senior chemistry major, Jeffrey Zulu is a young man on his way to taking the eight steps toward fulfilling the needs of a nation.

Originally from the capital city of Lusaka, Zambia, Jeffrey is a very active member of the on-campus, University community. Sporting a 3.6 cumulative GPA, he is currently a member of the UDC Men's Cross Country Team under the leadership of new head coach, Marc Harrison. The cross country team who represented the University in the NCAA regional finals in November 2006.

Zulu has also worked for the talent search program under college preparatory programs at UDC, and plans to volunteer for math tutoring sessions in the future. Jeffrey identifies his most successful achievement as being his research work conducted in synthetic chemistry at UDC under the guidance of Dr. Norman Kondo. His role model has been his late father, Joseph John Zulu. "My late father had very humble beginnings yet he was able to excel so far beyond many in his circumstances. His humility, resolve, and work ethic are just some of the qualities that I would like to emulate."

Undoubtedly, a man of such determination and drive will continue to excel and no prouder could a father be than of a man with goals and dreams fulfilled.

BY RINA T. DANIELS

### Josephine Whitehead "Miss Jo"

In the UDC bookstore you will find the most needed items including books, University paraphernalia, and for the last 14 years, Josephine Whitehead.

Miss Jo, as she is called, is originally from Rocky Mountain, North Carolina and has been in DC since 1961. Previous to her role at the University, she was a manager on famed Georgia Avenue at both Ida's Department Store in the sixties and at the still-remembered Morton's in the eighties.

Her skills led her to a position with UDC's bookstore where she primarily handles the bookkeeping and accounting. In her more visible roles of customer service and working the cash register, Miss Jo has become known for her cheery smiles and signature scarves. As she peers over her glasses to greet you, there is a sweet, almost magical presence about her that reminds one of Mother Goose or a Fairy Godmother.

Her co-worker, Edith Watson says, "She's very patient and really into her work." For all these reasons and more, it is hoped that the list of returning items from the bookstore for Fall 2007 includes Josephine Whitehead.

# PRIDE WEEK



Chess tournament



Poetry slam winners



Powerful women



Table Tennis tournament winners



Women's Initiative 'Chew & Chat'



USGA Mardi Gras Dance



Open Mic presenting J. Ivy



Cheer at International Reception

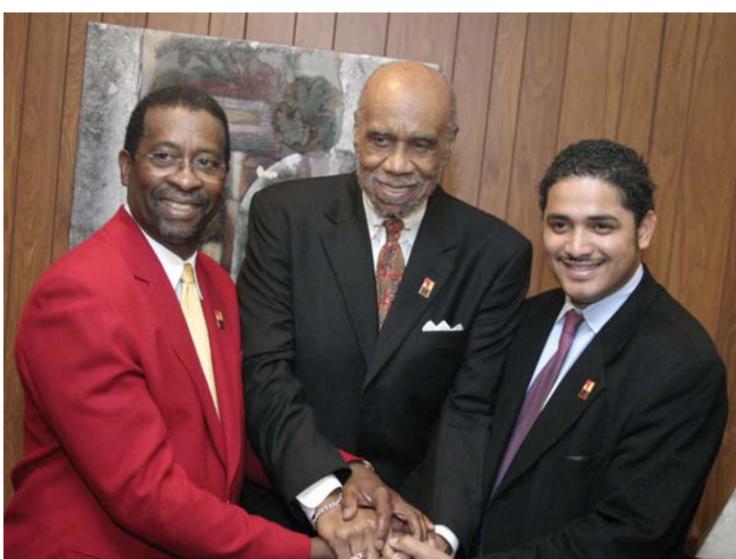
# PRIDE WEEK



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# ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

## J. IVY'S SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE ENCOURAGES MAKING HISTORY EVERYDAY

BY MEMAR AYALEW

Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Support Association in partnership with the Office of University Relations and Communications, and Verizon, the Open Mic took center stage on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007.

Concluding numerous activities of Pride Week, the Open mic attracted a large crowd, mainly because of James I. Richards, widely known as J. Ivy and singer Tarry Torae, his wife.

The superstar, born and raised in Chicago, is one of the young talents that hold the mic to radiate a positive image and energy through performance poetry.

J. Ivy has bloomed since he began exploring his talent in 1993, while a junior in high school but officially started writing poems a year later. J. Ivy said life is his inspiration for most of the themes he communicates through his poems. But he attributes his success to his mother who "laid the foundation" and became the biggest factor in encouraging him to turn into one of the biggest names in the business and his

wife, who "puts the roof on the house."

His talent has not only gotten him respect and well deserved recognition, but also has taken him to places such as HBO Def Poetry, where he was a three time Def Poet, to the Grammys for his contribution to Kanye West's outstanding album, "College Dropout". So, it was not a wonder that his performances of "History in the Making," "Father," and "Dream Big" grasped the full attention of the audience who turned into instant fans.

J. Ivy also does voiceover work for various network shows such as 'HBO Boxing' and 'Monday Night Football'. In addition, he performed with superstars such as John Legend, Erykah Badu, and Carl Thomas, just to name a few.

His triumph as a power performing poet came with a struggle, including what he called the most discouraging challenge of family separation and not having a father at times when he needed a role model the most. However, he was determined to overcome every challenge that tested his dream to be someone in a position to make a difference in society. "I didn't see tomorrow being better than today. After getting through it, the worst

times are the times I look back and appreciate because every situation led me to find something new about myself," he said. And that is what he wants college students to keep in mind when things get rough. He quoted what his friend once told him when summing up how courageous each of us should be as we pursue our goals or things that we do with passion in life, "pain is a temporary inconvenience," it is up each individual to get through it.

In "History in the Making," J. Ivy reminds us the potential of our minute actions in making Black History Month a year-round phenomenon, "February is a building block-a stepping stone, to our everyday pride."

Not just did "slavery instill a mentality that is still here, a chain physically unseen," but he reminded his audience that they are here with the power to relay a new foundation, another contribution to making history a moving inspiration, dream, hope, and challenge for the better.

This young, multitalented poet is making history every day and charging his audiences to do the same. More information on his current works can be found at [www.jtorae.com](http://www.jtorae.com).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BY ANTONIO MARIN-DIETENS

A Black History Month program was held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 in Building 44 at 12:30. The event was organized by the Office of Community Outreach and Involvement. Despite the low temperatures and the ice, the program was a big success.

Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness, Director of the Office of Community Outreach and Involvement, pointed out that it is a vital necessity to share positive stories about African-Americans. People are exposed to too many negative stories regarding black people; even African-American celebrities contribute to the perpetuation of the negative stereotypes.

Oscar H. Pendleton III, a UDC graduate and a current university employee in the office of disabilities, shared his life experience by telling the audience what it means to be a young black male. He commented about going through high-school and university as a young black male. The 31-year old UDC graduate mentioned that, "Black History Month programs and education are important to find something out about our roots that we don't know. It is im-

portant to stay encouraged and seek the knowledge."

Many young African-Americans don't know their history. Black people were denied an identity for a very large period of time in the United States and programs, such as the one organized by Dr. Holness, offer UDC students rich and essential information.

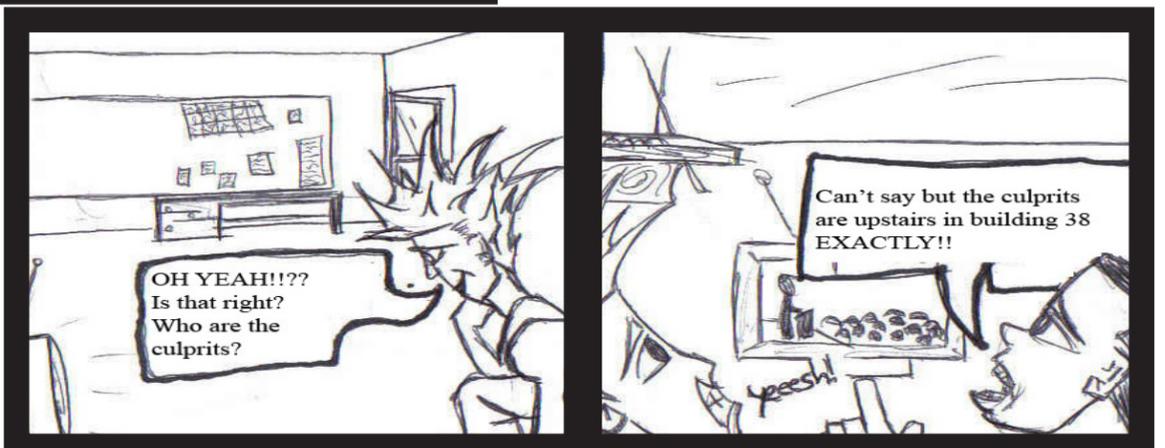
Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber, an assistant professor in the history program, was also present at UDC's Black History Month event. She stated that the lack of knowledge about African-American history might be due to the fact that many black people don't want to talk anymore about the horrible times of discrimination. During the program, Dr. Jowers presented some documents that are related to African-American history, such as the 1965 Alabama Literacy Test that was used to make it a burden for black citizens to vote. Other documents such as the "Testimony of Fannie Lou Hamer" and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune's "My Last Will and Testament" were also presented during the Black History Month program. She ended her speech with the quote, "Something in you should change when you become aware of your history. You can only make a difference when you know your history."



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BY JOSHUA RICHARDSON

*Joshua Richardson*



# SPORTS WITH ADRIAN

## March Madness!!!

It's that time of year again and many offices and fans alike are happy. March Madness is here. Many fans call this period of the year the most exciting time in all of college sports. On the night of March 13th the entire basketball community will be focusing on the UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio, as the opening round game will be played. The winner of that game will go on to face a number one seed in one of the four regions in the NCAA Basketball tournament.

Some experts and analysts have Florida repeating as National Champion while others say that Ohio State, led by super freshman Greg Oden, are well on their way to winning a national title after winning the Big Ten Conference Tournament Title against Wisconsin. Others say that the University of North Carolina Tar Heels is also a favorite in this year's tournament after winning the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship.

The number one seeds in this year's tournament are as follows: Ohio State University (Big X Regular and Tournament Champion and South Region #1), the University of North Carolina (ACC Tournament Champions and East Region #1 seed), Kansas (Big XII Tournament Champions and West Region #1 seed) and the University of Florida (Defending NCAA Champions and

three time SouthEastern Conference Tournament Champions and the #1 seed in the Midwest Region).

What many people really tune in to see is the Cinderella story. Last year's biggest Cinderella team without a doubt was the tournament run that George Mason University out of Fairfax, Virginia had on their way to earning a trip into the Final Four.

Some experts such as ESPN College Basketball analyst, Digger Phelps says that Winthrop out of the Big South is going to make a big impact in this year's tournament. Time will tell how well they do when they face the No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region, the Notre Dame Irish.

Whether it is a run being put together by the University of Maryland (College Park) or a tournament champion out of a mid-major conference such as the Colonial Athletic Association or the Ivy League, this year's tournament will prove to be much more fun to watch and will have as many heartbreaks as people from coast to coast root, cheer and even jeer some of the 65 teams making the tournament.

Tournament brackets for this year's tournament are located on the next page. Have fun with it and fill out who you think will make it all the way to Atlanta, GA. and win it all.

## UDC HOT SEAT FEATURING COACH HARRISON

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

Coach Harrison came to the University of the District of Columbia in June 2006 from Bowie State University (BSU) where he was the track and field head coach. Harrison built a powerful track and field program at Bowie, having the most successful program in the school's history. He is also the three-time recipient of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) coach of the year award. He was the only track and field coach in the BSU's history to win the Women's track and field CIAA Championship. He is now at UDC hoping to bring the same success with him.

**Trilogy:** You just had a very successful season with the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams, do you find it difficult switching gears from coaching one sport such as Cross Country to another sport with many events going on in it such as Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field?

**Coach Harrison:** There isn't much difficulty switching gears. We use cross training season as fall training in preparation for the indoor season. As far as the many events, that's part of the job and that's why you have assistant coaches.

**Trilogy:** Coach Harrison where are you originally from and where did you get your start as a coach?

**Coach Harrison:** I am from Woodbury, NJ and I started coaching at Camden High School in New Jersey. That is where I began to master the art of coaching, and became enamored with seeing young people persevere and achieve. My first college job was coaching sprinters at Copin State in 1996.

**Trilogy:** If you weren't a coach what would you be?

**Coach Harrison:** Well, I do hold another position here. I am also an administrator here at UDC (Director of NCAA Compliance). I was the Assistant Director of Athletics at Bowie State for the past three years, so I believe that I am on a path to be a Director of Athletics soon.

**Trilogy:** I'm going to call a few names from the team and I want you to say the first thing that

comes to your mind:

**Arielle Fox:** Multi-sport athlete, very determined to succeed, EXCELLENT STUDENT.

**Shakira Watford:** Me, myself, and Irene. We don't know which one will show up today.

**Maurisa Williams:** Danica Patrick. When she drives her body the way that Danica drives a car, she'll be on her way to Boston.

**Wilfred Chemallan:** The Man. Nobody works harder than him. He is the most self-disciplined athlete I've ever trained.

**Trilogy:** Your team has been having some strong showings at meets such as the Christopher Newport University Invitational, the Gulden Relays at Bucknell, your alma mater, and the UMES Coach "O" Invitational among others. Some of these meets have teams from Division I schools and your ladies came out strong. What motivates them to keep pushing to that next level?

**Coach Harrison:** Our goal is to leave the building with everybody talking about UDC, positively that is. The ladies told me in the fall that they don't want to be seen as the first UDC team in 14 years, they want to be known as the team that has burst on the track scene and are going to be enthused, energetic, and ready to compete. That attitude has led them to some of the successes they have had this season, but we haven't reached any of the goals yet. They are required to set goals and put them in my office, where they look at them before every practice.

**Trilogy:** One last question for you. In the future, when you retire from coaching, where will you reside, Washington, D.C., Florida or New Jersey?

**Coach Harrison:** I love the DC area, but I think I would like to go back home to New Jersey. I'll have to talk that over with the wife though.

**Trilogy:** Thanks for your time, Coach Harrison. You are now off the Hot Seat.

**Coach Harrison:** No problem.

## UDC SPORTS QUICKNOTES

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

•Willie Shaw is ranked twenty-fourth in the nation (NCAA Division II) in rebounds with 9.4 rebounds a game. He is also ranked eighth in the nation in field goal percentage, shooting 64.2% from the field.

•The UDC Women's Basketball team finished their season 13-16 after a loss to the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown 47-70.

•The Men's Tennis team opened their 2007 season on March second with a loss to Virginia Wesleyan College, but got their first win of the season against St. Mary's College on March 3rd.

•The Women's Tennis team opened their 2007 season on March third with a very close loss to St. Mary's College in St. Mary's, Maryland.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHES REGULAR SEASON 20-9

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

With the 1982 NCAA Division II National Basketball Champions looking on, the UDC Men's Basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 20-9 by defeating the Columbia Union Pioneers 93-83. This win gives Coach Julius Smith, Jr. his first 20 win season as a head coach. Although the team was snubbed by the NCAA Championship Committee, the Men's Basketball team should be proud of what they accomplished.

Junior forward Willie Shaw (Alexandria, VA) paced the Firebirds with a double-double of 22 points and 12 rebounds. Willie Shaw is ranked 24th in the country in rebounds among NCAA Division II schools. Junior guard Charlie Smallwood (Palmer Park, MD) scored 18 points to follow Shaw's lead, while junior guard Frank Petersen (Silver Spring, MD) added 17 points, and Antwon Hawkins (guard-Mitchellville, MD) dropped in 13 points for the Firebirds.

### NEW HOURS FOR UDC WEIGHT ROOM!

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

Looking to get into shape so you can show off your svelte body to the masses this summer? Well, the weight room in Bldg. 47 on the B-Level is open. Did you think it was only for athletes? No. The weight room is open for all students, faculty, and staff of the University of the District of Columbia. The weight room is not just a place to work out, but also a place to get to know and meet new people. The hours of the weight room are as follows:

Monday: 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

# SPORTS WITH ADRIAN

## UDC VOLLEYBALL PLAYER DANIELLA BEZERRA NAMED TO ALL-ICAA TEAM

BY ADRIAN WILKINS

Daniella Bezerra, a Brazilian, freshman volleyball player for the University of the District of Columbia, has been named to the Independent Collegiate Athletic Association 2006 Volleyball ALL-ICAA Second Team.

She was ranked 6th in aces per game among NCAA Division II Schools, with 51 aces and averages .74 per game. She is also ranked 11th in kills per game with 333 kills and an average of 4.83 per game.

China Jude, head coach of UDC's women's volleyball team is extremely excited about the recognition that

Bezerra received. "Daniella is a very passionate and hard working person who wants to be successful," she said. "She has grown athletically and academically, given the fact that she only recently came to this country and had to learn the language." Jude credits Daniella with helping to lead the volleyball program in the right direction.

Bezerra led the Lady Firebirds to a 14-7 season record, which was the best record for the UDC volleyball team in years.

## BASKETBALL, *From page 1*

now the Washington Wizards. In a program that featured UDC Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field coach, Marc Harrison, members of the 1982 National Championship Team were honored by a packed house of family, friends, fans, and even some old professors.

The event titled "An Anniversary Celebration" was more of a family reunion as some of those team members saw each other for the first time in many years. As described by Rev. Weaver Blondin, a former team member, they were a team both on and off the court. They were all like brothers, and Blondin joked about how they even got into trouble together at times.

Some recalled how the practices were rougher than the actual games. "I remember messing up on practice one day and all I heard was 'the buzz is going to get you'," said Reverend Blodin, youth pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, as the rest of the team laughed in agreement. Coach Wil Jones also stated that, "You got to remember that these kids didn't have a gym to

practice and play their games in. Many practices came under street lights."

Kenny Payne, class of 1983, spoke about how proud he was to come back to his hometown and his home school that he helped bring a National Championship not only to Washington, DC, but to the University of the District of Columbia. "I transferred from Rutgers up in New Jersey to help bring a championship to this University. When people told me I was crazy for coming to UDC, I told them that something special was about to happen."

The team was described by Sports Illustrated as the best basketball team you will never see. Many have said that major programs at that time didn't want to play UDC in fear of getting beat by what they would call an "inferior program". The 1982 UDC Championship team did something that Georgetown University failed to do and that was to bring home to Washington, DC, an NCAA National Championship. Georgetown University fell to the University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

Cederic Caldwell, known for his tremendous rebounding and his famous one-handed chocolate thunder dunk, had a couple of nicknames his friends and team mates called him: Big C and The Enforcer. Those names were given to him due to his sheer size and height. He was also described as one of the best men known by other teammates and Coach Jones.

"It's great to see these guys again after all these years," said Coach Jones who now resides in Virginia Beach, VA. "I look at these guys and I see a preacher and a principal. It goes to show that this school did and still do turn out great community leaders!"

After the celebration there was a reception where the championship teammates signed autographs and watched the 1982 Championship game against Florida Southern. After that the Championship team went to see the final game of the season where the UDC Firebirds earned their 20th win of the season by defeating the Columbia Union Pioneers 93-83.

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# HBCU UPDATES

## MUSICAL CHAIRS: What Udc Law Students Want To Be When They Grow Up

BY ERIK PINSONNAULT

As the academic year comes to a close at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, some lucky people have had to work overtime setting up tables and chairs to accommodate the efforts of Dena Bauman, the law school's Career Services guru, to help the law students find jobs and internships. Two of the events she orchestrated recently were an Equal Justice Works Career Fair and an Eight-Minute Networking Panel hosted by the Washington Area Legal Recruiting Administrators Association.

The career fair took place the afternoon of Feb. 27 on campus, in the Windows Lounge of Building 38. The event featured approximately 20 public interest/non profit organizations and governmental agencies that are in the market for interns. Dozens of law students met with representatives of organizations such as the Department of Justice, HALT (Americans for Legal Reform), the office of Kwame Brown, DC Appleeed, and the

Attorney General's Office.

The fair was primarily geared towards helping first year Law students find public interest or public service internships for the summer. UDC-DCSL's chapter of Equal Justice Works provides stipends to each of these students so they are able to do work at otherwise unpaid internships that benefit the community and help train aspiring lawyers. A number of upper-level law students inquired about job prospects for after school. Even those who did not find a job for the summer were able to submit resumes for fall internships, gather valuable information about the many opportunities in the DC area, as well as hone networking and informal interview skills.

At the eight-minute networking event, held at the Metro Center Marriott on February 22, nine first year Law students joined students from several area law schools. The speed networking was different from the job fair because it was not designed for interviews, resume submission, or for getting a job. The goal

of the speed dating-type scenario was to develop networking skills, which are crucial to working in the legal field, and to ask general questions of practicing attorneys in order to get a feel for the profession. The students learned that eight minutes passes quickly as business cards were given out like candy.

In order to network quickly, the lawyers and students entered a large room with rows and rows of tables. A student sat at a table facing a lawyer and they conversed for eight minutes until the lights dimmed. Then the student would switch seats and talk to a different lawyer. Each student talked with about seven or eight different lawyers. Students and lawyers were then able to relax and mingle at a reception.

The networking was particularly interesting for the UDC law students because they got the opportunity to talk to lawyers from big law firms which are generally not the destination of UDC-DCSL grads. The only recruiting done here is by the DC Public Defend-

ers, and perhaps indirectly by some public interest organizations. At the same time, the lawyers from the big firms had the chance to network with our unique law students. It appeared that some of them, who had pushed through law school with their eyes set on big firms or corporate law from the beginning, found speaking with our UDC law students to be like looking at an exotic animal.

## Statistics on the Compensation of HBCU Presidents

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

The median base salary of presidents at public HBCUs is just 52% that of presidents at other public universities. Di-

verse: Issues in Higher Education conducted the survey to which 80% of the public HBCUs responded. Base compensation is the total public funds that the president received in 2006-2007.

Total compensation includes car allowance, housing allowance, club fees and other benefits. The survey showed that no HBCU president earned more than \$360,000 in base compensation.

The median compensation for presidents at public colleges and universities reached \$374,846 compared to only \$189,139 for public HBCU presidents.

The highest-paid president at a public, traditionally White institution (TWI) is Dr. David Rosell at the University of Delaware (\$729,954). The highest paid president at a public HBCU is Dr. Earl Richardson at Morgan State University (\$330,000).

Dr. William L. Pollard earns a base compensation of \$200,000. Factoring in compensation, presidents of TWIs earn almost double that of HBCU presidents.

## Senate Panel Tackles College Affordability Crisis

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

The U.S. Congress formulated two strategies of helping students: increasing the maximum Pell Grant and reducing loan interest rates. However, the Senate offered ideas that begin with the actual colleges. Jennifer Pae, president of the U.S. Student Association and a student in debt \$40,000 dollars brought a group of 40 students to the U.S. Senate hearing.

Jon Oberg, a former researcher at the U.S. Department of Education criticized institutions that provide their own financial aid to high-achieving students who need little assistance while offering only small aid packages to needy students.

This imperfect system has caused about 400,000 students with quality academic records to fail to enroll in college due to their low family income, said Tamara Draut, director of economic opportunity at Demos, a nonpartisan public policy organization.

## Dean's Lunch

BY ERIK PINSONNAULT

"I lived in Sturgis for a while, and yes, I did have a Harley," explained one first year student at the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law. The biker's story was only one of many impressive and surprising short biographies told at Dean Shelley Broderick's home in Cleveland Park on March 12. The dean held a luncheon between classes to celebrate those students who made the Dean's List for their first semester of law school and to learn more about these student leaders.

When asked why they chose the law school at UDC, many students referred to UDC-DCSL's commitment to legal service in the public interest. As Californian Darren Schultz affirmed his commitment to equality, understanding, social change, peace, and love; he reminisced about his search to find the David A. Clarke School of Law. Commiserating with the ideals embraced by DC's public law school and determined to play a part in the fight for social justice, he thought, "... if such a school exists, I need to be there." Another student sought out the school after becoming disgruntled by an inability to

effect enough change in non-legal public policy jobs.

Only after pressed by the dean, did a majority of students admit, by raising their hand that the cost of the school played a part in their decision to attend. UDC has one of the lowest law school tuition rates in the nation. The Dean was relieved that the low cost played a part in bringing these aspiring agents of change because she, and the rest of the administration, fight hard to the keep the costs low.

Dean Broderick had a story of her own to tell. She gave the assembly of feasting students a lively summary of her own life, including her summer spent as a teamster - driving a forklift on an Alaska pipeline. She was chomping at the bit, however, to talk about the recent trip she took with a number of UDC-DCSL law students and faculty to New Orleans. Collectively, they helped some of those still in dire need of assistance after Hurricane Katrina. Not only did they do much needed legal work, but they also honed their carpentry skills when they helped put a home back together.

While the trip to New Orleans was comprised mostly of second and third year students enrolled in a Hurricane Katrina class, one of the first year law

student present at the Dean's lunch went on the trip as well. Former Louisiana resident, John White, emphasized the rewarding experience he had during the week long trip and the amount of need that is sure to remain next year when more UDC-DCSL students return to help ameliorate the effects of a monumental disaster.

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## New Documentary Asks Youth to Critically Examine Hip-Hop Culture

BY NARISSA PETERSON-PAUL

Byrun Hunt presents "Beyond Beats and Rhymes", a documentary composed of images and interviews in hopes of exposing the violence and misogyny in today's hip-hop. The 60 minute film produced by Stanley Nelson aired on PBS on Feb. 20. The film displays interviews of scholars, hip-hop historians and rappers such as Chuck D, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, and Busta Rhymes. Hunt hopes the film will challenge some of the representations of masculinity seen in American culture. Hunt wants the film to be used in conjunction with a curriculum in colleges across the nation. He would also like the film to be shown in prisons and juvenile detention centers to target young men.

The national broadcast of the film is supported by a national Community Engagement Campaign designed to educate young consumers and media makers about issues of gender, race and community values in order to create a national conversation with a focus on Hip-Hop.

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