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## UDC Tuition Increase Hits Home Students criticize administration's priorities

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Editor-In-Chief

During the past two years, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) has gone undergone several changes, both cosmetic and fiscal. As the fiscal changes are being implemented with the reported about tuition increase, students wonder how the increase is going to affect them in the future and if there concerns are being addressed.

Those questions were answered at the Tuition Hall Town Forum in late January. Presented by the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), the forum served as a platform for both information and feedback. Dr. Clemmie Solomon, Vice President for Student Affairs discussed plans for the reported student center, which the increase will assist with the funding. "The #1 plan in the

university master plan is the student center, he said. Every other university has a meeting place where students can congregate. That's my vision."

Some students were not convinced mentioning that various classrooms conditions on campus needed to be looked at first before a student center is considered. According to Provost Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, the lab classrooms in Bldg. 44 and 68 classrooms will be renovated starting this summer. Reuben-Cooke reminded everyone that there are only three institutions with tuitions comparable to UDC and with the tuition increase, UDC will remain the lowest of any university.

UDC has not seen an increase since the fall semester of 1997. The undergraduate resident tuition was set at \$75 per semester hour and resident graduate tuition at \$198 per semester hour. Undergraduate

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### COMMENTARY:

## Is Civil Rights Dying?

BY ALESHA JONES  
Special to the TrilogY

Forty years ago, scores of men and women stepped forward toward the mental liberation of African Americans and to destroy the confines of the segregated cages.

Today, we are loosing our leaders to death and old age, but are we upholding the fight? We have plenty of men and women whom offer lip service and falsehoods for the sake of money or fame, but will there be another Martin Luther and Coretta



Scott King? Will this generation give birth to another mother of a movement like Rosa Parks? Do we simply mourn the loss of our freedom fighting icons simply because the work they have accomplished or because we followed aimlessly behind them loosing the way

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## A Plea from the USGA President

BY WILLIAM KELLIBREW, IV  
President, USGA

I knew there was something special about her when she came into my office to volunteer, but nothing prepared me for her absence. Natasha Edwards was missing from her normal duties during the fall 2004 semester as an Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) volunteer and I had no idea what happened to her. I had initially signed her up as my personal assistant to run errands, retrieve messages, copy documents, and a host of other duties that personal assistants are asked to do. Noticing her immediate absence, I questioned some of her friends around the school, but I did not get a conclusive or comfortable answer. Natasha, I heard, was suffering from breast cancer and could not continue her classes.

The next time I saw Natasha, she did not look well. She had blackened shadows around her eyes and could hardly walk as she waddled down the hall in Building 38 toward the USGA office. I asked her how she was doing and she just



Courtesy Photo

Natasha Edwards

replied, "Ok." That was not good enough for me, but I could not impose by asking her more questions and making her feel uncomfortable.

Then, I did not see her for some time. The spring and summer 2005 semesters passed and still no word. In the middle of the fall 2005 semester I received some news that Natasha was in the Washington Hospital Center suffering tremendously from her cancer. I did not

know to what extent she was suffering, but I did not have a good feeling about it.

I also received this news before I was to travel to Houston, Texas. Upon my return, my first stop from the airport via my home was the Washington Hospital Center. I found her room and as I approached her room, I could see her lying on the bed through the cracked wooden door. I shocked her with my surprise visit and told her that I was visiting her on behalf of the students at the University of the District of Columbia. She seemed excited and thanked me for coming to see her.

That's when it hit me. I decided that I would assist Natasha with her ordeal and I let her know that the university's students would be there for her. And that brings us up to date with her current situation. As I spoke with Natasha over the past few days, I decided to let the student body know how much their fellow student was suffering from such a dreadful tragedy.

In October of 2001, Natasha

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## Katrina Rains on College Seniors Plans

BY KARA EDGERSON  
Black College Wire

For some college seniors who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina, returning to the Big Easy has not been easy. The fall semester was disrupted by the storm and floods. Among the students' lingering frustrations are very real worries that plans must be altered or put on hold.

To help students earn required credits, many New Orleans colleges, including Dillard and Xavier universities, are offering two accelerated semesters that end with summer graduations. For example, Dillard opened the first of its two 13-week sessions on Jan. 9 and scheduled graduation for July 1. Xavier University classes resume Jan. 17 and end July 28; commencement is scheduled Aug. 12.

These schedules have unintended consequences for some seniors who are applying for internships, jobs and graduate school.

Tanisha Ross, an urban studies and public policy

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# TRILOGY TEASERS

## ANGELOU SPONSORS BLACK COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

One of the most influential poets of all time, Dr. Maya Angelou, along with Alltel Communication Corporation will establish a scholarship program aimed towards students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The winners will be chosen based on the depth and passion of their response to question, "What words of wisdom will you pass on to those who come after you?" Each winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to a participating HBCU institution, which can be found at [www.alltell.com/wordsofwisdom](http://www.alltell.com/wordsofwisdom). Entries must be post-marked by March 3rd.

## UDC'S PSYSR CHAPTER RAISES \$600 FOR ROMONA'S WAY

In December, The Psychologist for Social Responsibility (PsySR) of the UDC Chapter, with some assistance from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority hosted a Christmas Event for the women and children who receive services from Ramona's Way. Ramona's Way is an agency that serves women who are struggling with some chemical or alcohol issues along with the issues of domestic violence. One mother who was truly touched said through her tears, "This is the first time anyone has ever done anything for me." In a last minute effort, the chapter was able to raise more than \$600 for food, gifts and entertainment in just two days. A special thanks goes to Shanyse Watts, President of PsySR, P. Precious Porter-Gardner, Vice President and coordinator, members of PsySR, Zeta Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Chapter, and the entire UDC Community for opening their hearts and contributing to the event.

## THREE NEW MEMBERS FOR UDC'S BOARD

In January, three new members of the Board of the Trustees were sworn into service. "These three distinguished gentlemen [Verle B. Hammond, Gerald B. Lang, and Major General Leo V. Williams, III] bring a wealth of experiences and ideas that complement our Board membership," said James W. Dyce, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Most recently, Mayor Anthony A. Williams approved the nomination of Kristin Mannion and Emily Durso to join the expanding roster.

*Dr. Joan K. Jackson and P. Precious Porter-Gardner contributed to this report.*

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major at Dillard, had hoped to attend the Summer Research Opportunities Program at the University of Illinois, Chicago, which begins in May. But her senior-year schedule shifted when Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Now, because Ross might not complete undergraduate work until July, she fears she will not be able to enter the program.

She's not alone. Christy Malbrew, a public health major, said summer graduation changes her choices for graduate school programs: She's now considering programs that start in the fall instead of summer. Patrice Coleman of Dillard said she will now work after graduation instead of pursuing another degree. Attey Harper of Xavier University of Louisiana is considering pushing her graduation to December so she can complete a summer internship.

"I want to take advantage of an internship because employers really look at your experience before they hire you," said Harper, a psychology major from Baltimore, "and I can't do that if I am in New Orleans until August."

Coleman, a mass communication/print journalism major, said she has decided to complete only the first of the 13-week sessions; she plans to apply for a summer internship. She needs only about 15 credits (or five courses) to complete her graduation requirements, she said. Then Coleman plans to return to New Orleans for the July commencement.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, many students evacuated, believing they would return in a few days.

However, when the levees broke, destroying sections of some campuses and forcing New Orleans to empty the city, thousands of college students faced a choice: They could sit out a semester or hastily enroll in another university as a visiting student. The seniors are seeing the consequences of their choices.

According to the National Student Clearinghouse, an estimated 18,000 students from such universities as Tulane, Southern of New Orleans, Loyola New Orleans, Xavier and Dillard were taken in by institutions across the country. Some earned college credits by taking online courses. Others had to drop out or look for work to help their families.

Many seniors said they were worried that the accelerated semester would be difficult, especial-

ly if they had core courses to complete. Other seniors contacted for this article said it might not be too hard to finish needed classes because they took their most difficult courses during their sophomore and junior years. Still others stayed on schedule by taking advantage of the generous terms many colleges offered Katrina's victims in the fall: free or reduced tuition, no-waiting and no-transcripts admissions, and temporary status as a visiting student.

"I think I will adjust and rely on my inner strength so I can make it through these semesters," said Malbrew, who must finish 12 credit hours and her senior thesis to graduate. When Dillard closed, she moved home to Baton Rouge, La., and spent the fall semester at Southern.

Harper briefly considered leaving Xavier when she realized that returning in January to accelerated semesters would eventually add up to spending a whole year straight in school without a break. She had attended Spelman College in the fall after evacuating from Xavier. Her mother had urged her not to go back to New Orleans.

"Of course, I was upset when she told me that," said the senior, who needs about 30 more credit hours to graduate. "I told her, 'You are not realizing that I have to start over'" if Harper leaves. "That will mean more loans and more expenses. I am a senior, and if I leave Xavier, Spelman will only accept 100 of my credits, leaving me to take 58 of their credits."

"I can't do that," Harper said. "I need to graduate."

Several seniors also have fretted about faculty layoffs and cutbacks at the New Orleans schools. On a promising note, several of the colleges that reported cutting back staff and faculty after the storm have rehired some to accommodate students who registered in January.

Still, several seniors interviewed for this article said they were concerned about getting the classes they needed, because professors were laid off or were displaced by the storm.

Warren Bell, spokesman for Xavier University, offered assurances that this concern has been considered.

"Every effort is made to make sure that all needed courses are offered," Bell said. "In addition, students have been advised/counseled for several weeks already on courses, and they know that any needed course that is not offered at Xavier's campus may be taken at one of our cooperating local schools, such as Tulane and Loyola."

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During 18 years at the Washington Post, Lynne Duke has written local, national, and international magazine articles and served 4 years as bureau chair for the Post in Johannesburg, South Africa. *Mandela, Mobutu and Me*, was a finalist for the 2004 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award in Nonfiction.

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# The War on Unreasonable Drug Laws

BY NELLY AGBAYANI  
Trilogy Staff Writer

Last fall, Kemba Smith spoke to a group of UDC students, many of which were enrolled in law related courses instructed by either Dr. Hill or Mr. Hampton who began with introductory remarks about her compelling case. Smith is now a first year law student at Howard University and has recently served as a Soros Justice Fellow, allowing her a two-year stipend of \$50,000 in order to draw attention to drug policy reform. Specifically, she addressed the harsh penalties of mandatory minimum sentencing for drug offenders including those with no previous convictions.

At age nineteen and a freshman at Hampton University in Virginia--not far from her hometown of Richmond--she fell in love with the "Big Man on Campus"; he had money, respect and a reputation which preceded him. Unbeknownst to her, he also ran a crack cocaine operation which prosecutors would later tally as upwards to 255 kilos. If hindsight were 20-20, she would have told that girl who had her entire life ahead of her: "Do not look at your present circumstances from stopping you on [your] journey." And those caustic jibes about her looks as countrified or the nickname "Grandma" which was given to her by her roommate for her "conservative" dress seem almost childishly nostalgic, even friendly when compared to what happened to her next. She discovered she was pregnant. Seven months into her pregnancy, fearing for the life of her child and her parents, she went to the authorities who have been actively looking for her boyfriend. Although she eventually gave them his whereabouts, a condition for immunity from prosecution, the information came too late to be of help. Never mind the fact that she had no previous criminal record or that she was in an abusive relationship--one where there existed real danger of physical harm if not explicitly to herself, certainly to her family. These mitigating circumstances were ignored. She was sentenced to 24 1/12 years in federal prison of which she served six years.

The prison sentence is only part of the humiliating process after having been deemed a criminal. Even after her release, she was still liable to follow certain court procedures. Many of which included five years of supervised release in which she is considered to be in a probationary status; she had to meet with a probation officer regularly; she had to file a request to leave the state of Virginia; she no longer has the right to vote including voting against the very laws which have criminalized her. Smith acknowledges that the "right to vote is a powerful tool" and is dismayed that she never exercised this right. Perhaps, future legislation may correct existing harsh punishment against drug offenses. As the laws stand today, a consequence for having a drug conviction (this does not apply to any other felonies including murder) means a ban from many government programs, such as financial aid, welfare, government subsidized housing to name a few. Unfortunately, "minorities are over-represented in drug offenses" as they are over-represented in

prison.

Her story could have had a tragic end if those closest to her had not rallied for her early release. Smith credits many organizations in helping to free her. Among those who were highlighted were: her parents--Gus and Odessa Smith--NAACP, particularly Elaine Jones, and a group of high school students from Ohio who raised money through bake sales and car washes and most importantly raised their voices on the steps of Capitol Hill with their posters and picket signs. Even then President Bill Clinton couldn't ignore the innocent cries of kids demanding to be heard. In December 2000, he awarded clemency to her and Dorothy Gaines, another woman convicted in similar circumstances. A community effort helped to shed light on the problem of minimum mandatory sentencing, which has become a prosecutorial tool rather than a deterrent. The law, passed in 1994, has proved ineffective in stemming the tide of drug cases. Because the war on drugs has been upstaged by a war on terror, Kemba Smith has a lot of work ahead of her to maintain attention to the plight of many women in prison "still serving lengthy sentences."

There are at least 450,000 cases to date where a first time, non-violent drug offender received a disproportionately harsh mandatory sentence. In her case, the prosecutor admitted that she neither sold nor used drugs. Yet, due to her association with a known drug trafficker, she was made accountable for the totality of drugs that comprised his operation and was given a sentence according to this alleged amount. She and her family were devastated by the 24 1/2 year sentence, particularly when assurances from her lawyer led her to expect only twenty-four months when signing her confession to three of the five charges. She admits that she "knew what he was doing" but mistaken in thinking that "what he does" would have any effect on her. She says that "she jeopardized her life, her freedom and admits that she is lucky to have her life." "Some women...do not make it out." By "her life," one can surmise that she means her future, but it can be taken literally. Her boyfriend, Peter Hall, was murdered in Seattle but not before he murdered his best friend whom he believed had become a government informant.

"I speak for two reasons." She speaks in order that those who have heard her story "can learn from the mistakes" that she's made. More importantly, she hopes that "our community [should] stop ignoring the drug problem." "The drug culture is something that is around; we have to deal with it and be smart about it...People [entrenched] in the drug culture will protect their money and their freedom." Moreover, "it is a reality that the 'feds' already have [someone as an informant] and wants other people [to be implicated in the operation]." Having been through this ordeal, she believes that it is morally incumbent upon her to tell her story, particularly to those in colleges who may be faced with this dilemma so that they may be aware of different choices, better choices.

## The Clinton Foundation Brings Relief to Many in Dire Need

BY DEMEL BABER  
Trilogy Staff Writer

According to the Associated Press, former President Bill Clinton announced from his Harlem, New York office that his organization, The Clinton Foundation is in the process of negotiating agreements to lower prices of rapid HIV tests and anti-AIDS drugs in what has been called the developing world.

Four companies, under this agreement will offer the tests for prices ranging from 49 cents to 65 cents each. Should this happen, it will cut the costs of diagnosis in half. An additional four other countries will antiretroviral drugs such as efavirenz and abacavir at a price about 30 percent less than the current market rate. Clinton feels passionate about his foundation's current proposed mission. "Too many people die because they can't afford or don't have access to the drugs. This agreement will save hundreds of thousands of lives," he said.

The Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative, founded in 2002, provides technical, financial, and logistical aid to countries of poorer economical structure struggling with the epidemic. These are the countries unofficially called the developing countries. There are 50 of these developing countries in several continents included in the Clinton Foundation's procurement consortium. Solely, the foundation and those developing countries will have the availability and access to the products and reduced prices of the tests, drugs, and additional HIV/AIDS treatments approved under the negotiation.

## Kenya Suffers Corruption Scandal Once Again

BY DAWN HARRISON  
Trilogy Staff Writer

Kenya, one of the most modern countries in Africa has its share of economic woes. During the last administration, some of these some officials were implicated in corruption which raped the country of millions of dollars known as the "Goldberg Affair." It is long known that Africa is an easy prey for rich resources such as gold, silver, platinum, oil, and diamonds. "The Goldberg Affair" paid non-existent exports of gold and diamonds.

Moody Awori, Vice President of Kenya, and one of four ministers in the country are accused of corruption. Awori and three other officials have been forced to resign after serious allegations involving hundred of millions of dollars in government contracts diverted to a phantom company. The scandal known as the "Anglo Leasing Affair" Kenya's energy minister, Kiraitu Murugi, and George Saitoti are among the three officials who were forced to resign on Monday, February 13 amid corruption allegations. Officials close to President Mwai Kibaki fear demonstrating and rioting in the streets of Kenya and are beckoning the President to head off protest by ridding himself of his vice president. President Kibaki, newly elected in 2002, ran on a platform which pledged to fight against corruption in government. Kibaki urged citizens of Kenya to be patient and to wait for a complete investigation of the "Anglo Leasing Affair." The Moi Administration, (the previous administration) failed because of the "Goldberg Affair." Kenyan's at watching closely knowing that they don't need more of the same corruption.

"The media has made me the most vilified and hunted person in Kenya," says Awori. John Githongo, former anti-corruption chief accuses the President of foot dragging with the Anglo Leasing scam as Kenyans grow impatient. Maini Kiai, said that the resignations are just not enough and that the Kibaki administration should put more pressure on those accused.

## UDC SPANISH CLUB IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Looking for “the club” or organization to be in? Well, look no further. Join the UDC Spanish Club!! Hi, my name is Jackson Caesar. I am an undergraduate student currently active with the UDC Spanish Club. Like me, I’m sure most of you have longed for that opportunity to put into practice what you’ve been learning while in your Spanish Courses. You’ve probably been looking for a place where you can practice in conversation or learn Salsa but just couldn’t fit it into your busy schedule. Well, I have great news! “You pay what we pay!” Nothing! It’s absolutely free! That’s right. The UDC Spanish Club has student workshops with you in mind. These workshops are for all students- including beginners, intermediate and advanced.

Here at UDC we want to provide a most productive and progressive way of learning a foreign language. Take advantage of this opportunity because these opportunities don’t come free anywhere else. Please know that the Conversation Workshop is used as an aid not a tutoring lab. Spanish tutoring is offered here at the University in building 38. (You do not have to be enrolled in a Spanish Course in order to participate in these workshops).

### FOR INFORMATION ON THE CONVERSATION WORKSHOP, SEE DATES AND TIMES BELOW.

Who: UDC Students  
 What: Free Spanish Conversation Workshop  
 When: Every Friday afternoon from 2:00pm-3:30pm  
 Where: Building 41- 4th floor. Room #420-A

### FOR INFORMATION ON THE DANCE WORKSHOP, SEE DATES AND TIMES BELOW.

Who: UDC Students  
 What: Free Dance lessons in Salsa, Merenque etc.  
 When: Every Wednesday afternoon from 12:00pm-1:00pm  
 Where: Building 46- A level. Dance Studio

Look for the flyers posted around campus for more details. Thanks for your time and interest and we hope to see you in our Workshops!

Spanish Club Advocate  
 B. Jackson Caesar

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stumbled across a lump in her breast. However, she chose to ignore it. As time went by she felt a pain about her chest. As usual, she decided to leave the situation alone. She was naturally too busy starting school to let a little pain and a lump stop her from attending her classes. It wasn’t until she was in the Trilogy office one day and decided to ask one of her colleagues about her problem with the lump and the pain that she decided to pay attention to it. Her colleague suggested going to a doctor.

At first, she did not want to scare her family, so she avoided telling them anything. At that point she made a decision to call a doctor to have inquiry checked out. Before going to the doctor she told her mother what was happening.

During the appointment, the doctor noticed that one of Natasha’s breasts was unusually hard and that she had a large mass inside her breast. Knowing the symptoms associated with cancer along with performing tests, the doctor decided that Natasha needed immediate surgery. He mentioned that the lump was too big.

Her first surgery took place on April 16, 2002 at Southeast Community Hospital. She waited at great length before

going into surgery. She spoke with the anesthesiologist about the process and eventually only remembered waking up in the recovery. She noticed quickly that her one of her breasts was gone. However, her surgery seemed successful and she was released from the hospital. When she returned home she just stayed in bed.

Natasha still did not know her results and made an appointment to see the doctors again. It was when she returned that the doctors revealed to her that, “You have breast cancer.” After conducting more tests during her visit, the doctors also concluded that there were cancer cells probably still in her breasts and that they needed to remove another part of her breast. She amazed herself by being calm and collective. She said that she spoke with God and realized that he was real in her life and that she needed him.

A second surgery was performed to remove another part of her breast on April 22, 2002. Natasha recalls being blessed because in her return to the hospital they were able to also tell her that if not removed, her cancer would have spread much farther. The doctors told her that she would have to take chemotherapy

## A MESSAGE FROM NATASHA:

There is a message that Natasha wants to deliver; some advice that she wants to give to others who has or will suffer like she does.

- Write as much as you can
- Part-take in arts and crafts
- Go to church (have a connection to God)
- Pray
- Do not ignore signs of abnormalities; seek immediate attention
- Find a support group immediately
- Keep yourself going in a positive direction
- Keep taking your medicine
- Continue visits to doctors
- Do what the doctors tell you
- Do not double-up on medication, take regular dose and no more
- Moisten your face and skin more than usual

and that she would loose her hair.

During Natasha’s first chemotherapy session she remembers going home by herself. She actually had to get on the subway and she recalls it being very difficult. During the chemo session Natasha asked that her God take good care of her. When she arrived at home, every-

went her third surgery. Now, she finds herself on not only cancer prevention medicine, but heart medicine. She takes countless chemotherapy pills and other medication for pain.

Natasha has now been out of school for two semesters and does want to come back to school. Even though there is a

## “EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A HUGE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TUMORS IN HER LUNGS MAY BE BECOMING BACK, IT HAS NOT PREVENTED HER FROM HAVING A GREAT ATTITUDE ABOUT LIFE AND WANTING TO CONTINUE HER EDUCATION.”

one was crying. She immediately told everyone to stop crying and that everything was going to be alright.

Natasha was dealing with the fact that she is not going to grow any hair; probably wear wigs for the rest of her life, and the psychological effects of having just one breast. This devastated her. She mentioned that she used to stuff her shirts with socks to give the appearance that she had breasts.

Natasha’s support group helped her to discuss her issues with people who have similar issues. People like Glenda and Mark, her friends from the support group, were very supportive and sensitive to her needs. Despite the support she was still suffering physically, mentally, emotionally, but held on spiritually.

Not long after things started to settle down, she experienced pain in her bones and the doctor ordered more tests. The doctors found that her liver and kidneys were affected by the cancer as well. It had spread and the recurrences were surfacing in different areas.

Not long after Natasha started suffering from the recurrences, the doctors noticed fluid and tumors in both of her lungs. She also suffered from congested heart failure. That is when she under-

huge possibility that the tumors in her lungs may be becoming back, it has not prevented her from having a great attitude about life and wanting to continue her education.

My plea to the student body is to assist Natasha in living her daily life. As students, we understand the hardship and crisis that plague our lives daily. You can help Natasha Edwards by donating money into her account in the cashier’s office. Go to Building 39, second floor in the Cashier’s Office and apply your money to the “Natasha Edwards Breast Cancer Fund”. All Seasons Natural Bath and Beauty’s owner, Lanita Winfield has agreed to pay \$2.00 for every pound of Shea Butter sold until December 31, 2006.

### NOTE:

According to [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org) every two minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer. They mention on their website that in 2005, it is estimated that 212,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed. It is also true that breast cancer is the leading cancer among white and African-American women. For more information on how to detect possible breast cancer go to [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org).

# The Motivational Success Story of Alfred Dudley

BY DEMEL BABER  
Trilogy Staff Writer

Dudley's products are more than just products that are commonly used in African-American owned and operated salons. Their products are a household name. Dudley Products Incorporated is also a family owned business that has deep-rooted beliefs that families should support one another.

Alfred Dudley of Dudley Cosmetics, a multi-million dollar company, will be the first to tell you that his success did not happen overnight. However, he stressed the importance of knowing what one's goal is and working hard to achieve it.

Dudley is from a family of eleven brothers and sisters. During their mother's pregnancy with the eleventh child, the family's house burned down and they were homeless. Their father had given the sons the choice of either quitting school to build another house, or continuing to go to school and to live in a shack. "Thank God we decided to stay in a shack," he says.

His parents had always taught them that when one of them



Alfred Dudley

Courtesy Photo

"made it, reach back and pull the others," meaning that if one sibling finished school, or succeeded at any other endeavors, that sibling was to help the other siblings through trying to achieve their own goals. As far as for Dudley's financial support, "we had to work our way through college," he said. In 1976 the 11th sibling graduated with the support of his older siblings. He attributes his family's success because of the support they have for one another. Currently all of his brothers and sisters work for the family company, but nonetheless he says, "The greatest lesson is that, to this day, we all still work together."

The birth of Dudley Prod-

ucts Incorporated is thanks to Dudley's brother, Joe Dudley Sr., who got his start by selling Fuller Products door-to-door. Alfred witnessed his brother return home exhausted. "Most people would have quit," but his brother was out of a job and selling Fuller Products paid his way through school. Joe went on to sell Fuller Products for ten years.

He started working on his own business in the 1960s. He worked full-time shift selling Fuller Products and an additional eight hour shift selling and promoting his own products. In 1972 Dudley began working with his brother. He was in the navy and wanted to quit his job, but his brother persuaded him to stay until the business blossomed. In 1985 he came to work for his brother full time and sold \$30,000 worth of Dudley products in one week. That record that was not broken until the mid 1990s.

One of Dudley's products that they are most proud of is the very first one, which Joe Dudley made in his own kitchen. It is a hair and scalp conditioner ideal for irritated scalp.

Are Dudley's products specifically for African-American hair care? Yes, most of their

products are for course textured hair, which tends to absorb oils, but they have products that are effective for hair textures similar to that of Caucasians.

The Dudley's cosmetics and hair care empire endlessly evolves. They sell their own line of make up and started making spa products in 2001, consisting of lotions, body oils, and other skin moisturizers and conditioners. In 2002, they decided to change their marketing concept of selling their products directly to hair salons. They now allow individuals from the ages of 18 and up to sell their products to individuals through catalog orders.

Dudley's also contributes to the community. They've provided thousands of individuals with jobs. The community also benefits from the fact that had the Dudley's not chosen to distribute to hair salons only and sold their products in beauty supply stores, a lot of salons would go out of business. Distributing the products only to salons, gives the cosmetologist the opportunity to earn additional money.

Dudley strongly feels that African-Americans need to support each other. "We must come together as a group if we

want to get out of poverty," he says.

At the Dudley Beauty College, he teaches the cosmetologists strategies of success using books that motivated his brother and himself. Those books are also recommended in the book "I am, I can & I will walking by Faith" by Joe L. Dudley Sr., where Alfred Dudley wrote a chapter.

In the book, there's a photograph of the shack that the Dudley's lived in during their childhood. There are also other family pictures and pictures of celebrities such like Dr. Bobby Jones and many others who are supportive of the Dudley family business.

Dudley's advice to anyone who has a goal that they want to achieve or a dream that they want to follow, the key thing to do is save your money. To across he uses an example of how bank tellers made fun of his brother because he was known for coming to that bank to deposit bundles and bundles of pennies. He also said to be careful who you associate yourself with. "If you want to be successful, hang around people who are successful, and to educate yourself by reading."

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toward the path they began to plod? Is the goal for Civil Rights amongst our people in America dead because the initiators have passed?

Why do we, black Ameri-

cans mourn these heroes and heroines? We have our new age warriors in hip hop; the outspoken Kanye West whom has no qualms of degrading our country's president and our women in his videos; the undying legacies of Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace a.k.a.

Notorious B.I.G. who were the poster children for media hyped "war" of the coast. The list continues with contradicting examples of what we have left-our extortion kings and queens of the pulpit, Jesse, Al, Creflo; the militant groups, the Nation, the Panthers and NCOBRA

and our athletic superstars, Kobe, MJ, and Shaq. Of these individuals, or whom ever else comes to mind when we think of our famous or our rich who fights for our collective rights unabashedly? We have Oprah, sort of, but will we ever see our overly pampered stars in the

streets, feeding the hungry or clothing the naked. If it took another passionate march, like the 1963 march on Washington, do you really see our new breed or role models leaving their million dollar homes to come together for this cause?

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and graduate tuition for non-residents were set at \$185 and \$329 per semester hour. For the 2006-1007 academic year for undergraduate residents, students will be charged \$105 per semester hour from the \$90 that is currently charged. Undergraduate non-residents will have to pay \$215 per semester hour. Graduate residents tuition will remain the same at \$225 per semester hour.

"It takes money," Reuben-Cooke stated. Solomon stated that UDC receives the lowest percentage of state funds out of all 50 states. He encouraged



students to ban together and go to city council to request more money.

Some students understood the increase. "I don't have anything against the tuition as long as the fees and the money are directly for the students. That's my main concern. The meet-

ing today was a good start for everybody coming together. I think we've made progress," said Ronna Furler, a senior Public Health Major.

Reuben-Cooke stressed that students wanting to voice their concerns to the president [of the university] can. Every Friday from 2-4 p.m., students can visit his office in Bldg. 38, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and speak with him personally. You don't need to have an appointment. "He wants to hear your opinion," she said.

Future improvements include the renovation of some classrooms and laboratories. "We want more for the University of the District of Columbia," Solomon said.



# SPORTS

## UDC Has New Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

BY J. MICHAEL ANDREWS  
University Spokesperson

The University of the District of Columbia has announced the appointment of Dr. Harold M. Merritt, Ed.D, as the new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. Dr. Merritt will join the staff of the only public university in the nation's capital in February following seven years of service as the Director of Athletics, Intramurals, and Athletic Facilities at the College of Staten Island (CSI) in New York City.

"We couldn't be more delighted to welcome Dr. Merritt to the Firebird Country," said Dr. William L. Pollard, President of the University of the District of Columbia.

"He has the solid credentials and impeccable record of service that make him well-suited to assume the leadership of our athletics program."

Dr. Merritt is scheduled to assume leadership of the University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in February. He will replace Dr. Kelly J. Higgins, who has served as Interim Director since November of 2004. Dr. Merritt has a distinguished career in the management of athletics. Prior to his post at CSI, he served as Director/Assistant Director and Youth Sports Program Executive Director for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Houston, Texas. He has also coached men's basketball on the intercollegiate level at Northern Arizona University, Morris Brown College, California State College - Long Beach and University of New Orleans, holding the head coach position at Northern Arizona and Morris Brown.

As Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Dr. Merritt will be responsible for, among other

duties, the management of the day-to-day operations of the University's Athletic Department, which includes Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross-Country, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Tennis and Women's Volleyball and other athletics programs.

"We see Dr. Merritt as an educator - a teacher," said Dr. Clemmie Solomon, Vice President of Student Affairs at the University. "Someone who's going to emphasize academics before athletics and who will put learning first. We wanted to move in the direction of a high-caliber, experienced athletic director, and Dr. Merritt fits that role. He has a doctorate with an emphasis on sports management. We're getting an educational leader with excellent credentials."

Dr. Merritt's qualifications are extensive and impressive. While heading the sports program at CSI, Dr. Merritt built an impressive record of accomplishments. CSI Teams won 23 City University of New York Championships during his tenure while earning 13 East Coast Athletic Conference and six NCAA Tournament berths in a variety of sports. A native of Harlem, he spearheaded the development of the Men of Color Action Group at CSI, and has been an adjunct lecturer in History of the African American Athlete.

"It's been a great, seven-year run," said Dr. Merritt in reflection of his tenure at CSI. "I was lucky enough to work with a wonderful staff and a great bunch of student-athletes and I hope that I have left a positive mark on the department during my tenure. This opportunity at the University of the District of Columbia is one that I am excited about."

## Will Orlando Bring Victory to UDC?

BY DEMEL BABER  
Trilogy Staff Writer

Among the NCAA Division II schools, UDC freshman, Jonathan Orlando was ranked number 8 in the goals scored at the end of the 2005 Soccer season. He is a graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School.

Orlando, who ranked 10 points each game played among the Division II Schools, placing him among the Division II elite soccer players in the country is the son of UDC Head Soccer Coach Osman Orlando. In the 6 categories of soccer scoring; game winning goals, shots, points, shot goals and assists, and goals Orlando is team leader. According to the Associated Press, he is reserved and humbled by his success, achievements, and recognition for them both. He feels confident that if he continues to excel at this pace, he may have a shot at the professional soccer. His father is overjoyed by his achievements and does not



Jonathan Orlando Courtesy Photo

hesitate to let him know where he needs to step up his game.

The University of the District of Columbia soccer team completed the season with a two game winning streak, and defeating Goldey Beacom College 3-0, making the Firebirds number 19 among the NCAA Division II schools in scoring offense.

  
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# Sky's the Limit for UDC'S Williams

BY DEMETRIA WILLIS  
Trilogy Staff Writer

Robin Williams realized her dreams of playing basketball in the 5th grade growing up in the Bronx, New York. Being the youngest of nine, she says playing basketball was a way of keeping up with her five brothers and four sisters. Now a sophomore at UDC her dreams of playing on a team has come true and she has spent her first semester here playing on both the Ladies Firebird basketball and tennis teams. She is so excited to be playing under the direction of the new coaches, Ladies basketball coach, Lester Butler and Ladies tennis coach Sandra Woods. As number 15 on the basketball team, Robin uses her head, heart, arms and legs in any game she plays, although she hasn't yet played a Firebird game.



Photo: Malcolm Jordan

**Robin Williams**

Williams spends almost everyday for at least 3 to 4 hours practicing at both sports, mostly at UDC's gymnasium and tennis court. She says that she doesn't have any special 'tricks' that she plays, but she says that her style can be compared to that of her favorite NBA player, Kevin Garnett. Ever since Williams can remember, her goal has been to play on a professional team in the US and/or overseas. When asked her opinion

about the future of the athletics department especially following the recent controversy that is surrounding the program, she says proudly, "I'm confident that the future of the UDC athletics program will be a bright one. Right now, the program is in a rebuilding stage with new coaches, players and staff members, so everyone has a positive outlook. There is a new vibe and new attitude so the only way to go from here is up!"

# Racism in European Soccer Fields

By MARTHA TEGEN  
Trilogy Staff Writer

The crowd yells monkeys, throws bananas, wave swastikas; and officials spit racial slurs. At the time when American racism almost went underground, the Europeans are just unveiling their deep feeling; the worst part of it is they chose the soccer field as their medium.

Particularly the past one year has been very uncomfortable for Black players. In Spain, the whole thing started when their national coach Luis Aragonés called a Black player "Black shit," he then said it wasn't anything derogatory, it was just an encouragement; nobody bought that and he was charged 3 thousand by Spanish Football (soccer) Federation and was left alone without being reviewed by UEFA.

Roberto Carlos a Black player who plays for Spain was subjected to monkey chants that refer to him every time he touches the ball.

Last year Robbie Russell, a Black American player has suffered racism for being on a winning team in Norway. "A

woman spit in my face," he said. "The entire time a group of supporters were yelling racist things at me." Norwegian officials' condemned the act by saying "We condemn all forms of racism in Norwegian soccer," they also promised to review the tapes and take necessary action; however, there is no specific punishment that has been reported.

England's Shaun Wright-Phillips and Ashley Cole were the main victims of thrown bananas and monkey chants during the friendly game last November between England and Spain that later forced British Prime minister Tony Blair to protest the act to Spanish officials.

Piara Power, Director of Kick it Out, a London based organized campaign that challenges racism and work for positive change, believes that their campaign's ultimate goal is to wipe out any discrimination and racism in the soccer fields and everywhere else in Europe.

The organization tries to send representatives in most of European games and records incidents and pursue punishments. After several similar incidents and the match between Eng-

land and Spain, Spain was fined close to £ 44,750 (\$----).

Kick it Out's Power expressed his disappointment suggesting that this is just a slap on the wrist, "We would have expected for the Spanish to be forced to play behind closed doors and warned about any incidents of racism at future games." As one of soccer crazy countries Spain would have behaved better for games to come if the fans were banned from a game or two, suggested a UDC student who follows European Soccer (it is my view—we don't have to use it).

Backed by Nike, Thierry Henry, French national and England's Arsenal star who was also a subject of racism launched a campaign, Stand Up Speak Up to battle racism, his campaign is also selling interlocking black and white bracelets to raise money for the cause.

In England there are active groups one of them lead by a taxi driver, are working hard to wipe out Black players from the English national team. They recruit their members from Stadiums. English soccer fans are known for their heavy drinking and trouble making in stadiums.

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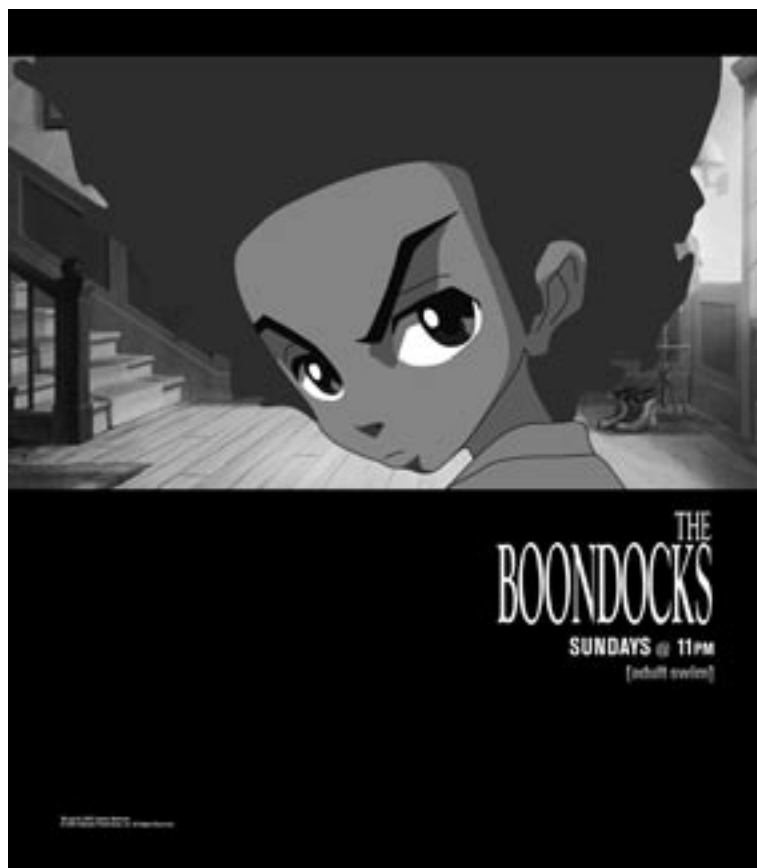
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