University Mourns Passing of Board of Trustees Vice Chairman

A Message from Dr. Pollard - I am deeply saddened to have to express my personal sympathies and those of our entire University community to the family and friends of Leonard H. Robinson on his recent passing. In addition to being vice-chairman of the University Board, Leonard was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs from 1983-1985. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State from 1990-1993, and was responsible for US policy towards Central and West Africa.

His commitment to a lasting impact for the African community was expressed when Leonard took the helm of the US African Development Foundation, established by Congress in 1981. During his 6 years as president of the Foundation, Leonard successfully lobbied Congress to increase the appropriations from $1M to $17M to provide substantive assistance to community based organizations and grassroots enterprises throughout Africa.

Trustee Robinson had been an engaged member of the Board of Trustees, serving as the Chairman of the Board’s Committee on Development and Alumni Affairs. He was also a member of the Boards committees on Academic Affairs and Facilities. Mr. Robinson was also a highly visible supported of University activities both on and off campus.

He is remembered as a committed world citizen motivated by need and circumstance, rather than meaningless borders or immaterial skin color.

The family plans to conduct a memorial service to honor Trustee Robinson. Details will be provided at a later date.
Oh, oh, oh – UDC Returns to the Tom Joyner Morning Show

August of 2004 was a landmark month for the University of the District of Columbia. It marked the University’s designation as “School of the Month” by the Tom Joyner Foundation. For many years the Tom Joyner Foundation has administered a Scholarship Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) that raised and gave millions of dollars in scholarships for students attending HBCUs. As “School of the Month,” students of the University of the District of Columbia received significant benefit from this program, as 100% of all funds raised by the Tom Joyner Foundation during August of 2004 went to scholarships here at UDC. During UDC’s time as School of the Month, students, faculty and staff journeyed to the Blumenthal Center in Charlotte, North Carolina and the Tower Theater in Philadelphia to be part of the Sky Show experience honoring the University. (Tom Joyner is shown at right greeting Dr. Pollard at the Philadelphia Sky Show while Vice President Clemmie Solomon looks on) Now, two years later, the Tom Joyner Foundation will commemorate its support of the University in an upcoming Tom Joyner Sky Show to be held Friday, August 18 at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Make plans today to attend the unique experience of the Sky Show, and cheer Dr. Pollard as he accepts a presentation from Tom Joyner marking the special support. Details will be provided at a later date.

Announcing Homecoming 2006 - October 22-28

(Submitted by the Homecoming Committee) It’s the time of year for our annual homecoming festivities in celebration of our great university again! Remember to keep these important dates open: October 22 through October 28, 2006 for “Homecoming.” During that week, a full schedule of activities presented and produced through the auspices of the Office of Student Life and Activities in conjunction with the USGA, will take place on and around the University campus. You are invited to support, assist and participate in the planning for any of the various events and related activities.

Plans are in the works for a parade on Saturday October 28, 2006. Make plans to come join our parade and festivities and make a day of it. Volunteer to work on one of our dedicated committees. Send us your suggestions for new and novel events. You may contact Ms. Mary Roberts (274-5350) or Ms. Jacquelynn Thompson (274-5206). Go Firebirds!!!!
Board Chairman Nominated as Top Lawyer

The Washington Business Journal is pleased to announce the finalists in the third annual Top Washington Lawyer awards program. Finalists were selected from a pool of more than 400 nominations. James W. Dyke, Jr., an attorney for McGuireWoods, LLP and the chairman of the University of the District of Columbia’s Board of Trustees, is one of three nominees for the category of “Local and State Lobbying.” The Washington Business Journal, along with sponsors Beers & Cutler and Jones Lang LaSalle and General Counsel award sponsor Bracewell & Guiliani, will honor the finalists and announce the winners at an evening awards reception Thursday, September 14 at the Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C.

ASSISTANTS WANTED
DO YOU HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OR THE DESIRE TO WORK IN SPORTS INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION?

If your answer to this is yes, then you should consider working as a student or faculty/staff assistant with the UDC Sports Information Office this coming school year (2006-07). Previous experience is preferred, but we will train serious applicants. The following positions are available for part-time assistants:

- Clock Operators
- Game Announcers
- Spotters
- Firebird Mascot
- Linesmen
- Statisticians
- Game Attendants
- Scorekeepers
- Writer/Editor

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UDC Theatre Graduates Active in D.C. Summer Theatre

The Source Theatre housed The Hip-Hop Theater Festival, a production of the D.C., Commission of the Arts and Humanities. The festival included "An Evening of Shorts" presenting the work of four Washington playwrights. John Johnson's "Sentenced" was selected for presentation. Excerpts from "Sentenced" were performed on July 13 and 14 at The Source Theatre. Appearing in the performance was UDC grad, Jason Anderson, and Afuw Muhammad, UDC student.

Micha Kemp appeared in the Washington Woman in Theatre production of Friendship Betrayed by Maria de Zayas at The Warehouse Theatre July 13 and 15. Micha performed the role of Laura in a translation of a play written in 1631 by a Spanish female playwright. Washington Women in Theatre has provided women writers and composers in the Washington metropolitan area and opportunity and platform to respond to political, social and historical issues.

Urban Debate Program to Host Argumentation Academy

The DC Urban Debate League (DCUDL) will conduct its annual debate institute, the Argumentation Academy, at the University from Monday, August 7, through Friday, August 11, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM daily. The goal of this free program is to introduce District public high school students to the skills necessary to engage in civic discourse through competitive debate. Additionally, students who have previously participated in DCUDL programming are given the opportunity to further develop their skills in workshops on advanced debate strategies, and District teachers train to establish and coach debate teams at their respective schools. The DCUDL, a grant-funded program housed in the Department of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences, and Social Work under the direction of Dr. Sheila Harmon Martin, provides breakfast and lunch for free as well. If you would like to learn more about the DCUDL Argumentation Academy, please contact Colin Touhey at 202-341-5101 or colin2e@dcdebate.org.
University of the District of Columbia
National Alumni Society (UDCNAS)
presents its
Fourth Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, October 6, 2006
at the
Glenn Dale Golf Club
11501 Old Prospect Hill Road
Glenn Dale, MD 20769
(303) 262-1166
Shot-gun Start: 9:00 a.m.
Tournament Fee: $125 per player
Early Bird Special: $100
(must be received by August 15)

For more information on sponsorships or for more details on the tournament, contact Jacquelynn Thompson at (202) 274-5206, jthompson@udc.edu; Ben O. Latigo at (202) 274-5027, blatigo@udc.edu; or Evelyn Anderson at (202) 274-6455, eanderson@udc.edu.

Go to www.glenndalegolfclub.com for more about the Glenn Dale Golf Club.
Walk for Literacy Seeks Volunteers, Walkers

The State Education Office at the University of the District of Columbia has is looking for assistance with their support of the Nation’s Capital Walk for Literacy scheduled for this September.

VOLUNTEER NOW! - Learn valuable event marketing & production skills – Be a part of Street Teams (distribute flyers in strategic locations), a Media Assistant (follow-up calls to media), or part of Rally Teams (provide support and motivation to walking teams for literacy). TO VOLUNTEER: 866-832-2289 or walkforliteracy@gmail.com. The Nation’s Capital Walk for Literacy Needs Walkers! Join us on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at Tech World Plaza (9th & K Street, NW), Check-in Begins @ 8 a.m. – Walk Starts @ 9 a.m. – Go to signmeup.com/53273 to register now! Students $10.

Final Thoughts

The UDC Spark is your publication. It can only be effective if you make contributions. If there is something happening in your department that everyone else should know about, then tell us. As always, we ask that you please submit items of interest in text format by e-mail only to mandrews@udc.edu by noon on every other Thursday. PLEASE – NO FLYERS – text paragraphs in Times Roman 12 (black) only. We always welcome photos and appropriate clip art.