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HU Wins BET "Student Center" Competition

Have you watched BET lately? If so, you may have seen a few familiar people and places. You may have even seen yourself. Your "Home by the Sea" was featured on "The Center" in December 2006. Hampton University was the winner of the BET "The Center at Your Center Contest."

The producers of "The Center" wanted to find out which Historically Black College or University (HBCU) had the best student center. HU responded and sent in an audition DVD highlighting the many fine points of the Student Center on this campus. "The Center" agreed that HU's Student Center is the best and proceeded to make arrangements to tape on campus. The prize for winning the contest was a visit from Julissa, host of "The Center," and an episode taping on campus. However, the producers had a better idea. They decided to tape three episodes at HU during Homecoming weekend.



The Student Center

Julissa and her camera crew arrived and were led on a campus tour for the first episode. Shana Phillips, junior public relations major from Atlanta, and Charles Pennington, III, senior English major from Kansas City, Kan., showed Julissa the places that make HU special. The group visited

places such as a dorm room, the waterfront, Ogden Circle, the Booker T. Washington statue, the Office of Admissions, and of course the Student Center. While Julissa was on her tour, another camera crew was filming a second episode and visited the Homecoming Bazaar and other popular spots to get candid comments from HU students.

"It was a great experience," said Phillips. "Julissa was really nice and I had fun giving her a tour of the campus."

Phillips is no stranger to giving campus tours.

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You could be HU's 2007 Model Student

Are you a MODEL student? Do you want to be on top? Well, here's your chance. *The Student Connection* staff has come up with the fabulous idea of recognizing HU's 2007 Model Student. This competition will recognize and award a chosen student for being well rounded-academically, involved on-campus and in the community.

All undergraduate full-time male and female students are eligible. All majors are welcome to apply. To qualify students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, be involved in at least two on-campus organizations and at least one community service program. Finalists will have to write a short essay, submit 2 letters of recommendation and will be interviewed by the judges.

Interested? Great! The process is simple.



Students can either nominate themselves or be nominated by fellow students, professors, or staff members. To nominate yourself or someone else send an email to publications@hamptonu.edu. In the email, please include the name, major, and classification of the person that you are nominating. A nomination form will be emailed to you. The deadline to return the nomination forms is Feb. 19.

The finalists will be featured in the March edition of *The Student Connection*. At the end of the competition, the winner will be featured in the April edition of *The Student Connection* and awarded a prize. We wish you the best of luck in your hopes of becoming the 2007 Hampton University Model Student.

-Janell Muhammad

BET on campus

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She is a member of the Student Recruitment Team.

The third episode was a “quiz show.” Several students were selected to compete, men against women, in answering trivia questions. Students knew most of the answers. Can you name the seven continents?

Julissa and the BET crew also had a chance to interview football players preparing for a big Homecoming win against Winston-Salem



Julissa and HU student Shana Phillips



Julissa interviews Miss HU and Mr. Pirate

State University, cheerleaders, marching band members, and Miss HU RaSheeda Waddell and Mr. Pirate Jason Roberts about their HU Homecoming experience. The camera crew made sure to get a complete picture of the HU Homecoming experience and the Student Center. The crew even filmed and walked the entire Homecoming Parade.

HU students showed their excitement for the 2006 Homecoming activities and showed “The Center” crew that HU not only has the best Student Center, but the best campus overall.

If you happen to catch a rerun of “The Center” at Hampton University, take a good look and see why your “Home by the Sea” is a winner.

-Erica Taylor Harrod

Business school promotes forward thinking with chess

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Dr. Sid Credle, dean of the School of Business, compares the game of chess to the rigors of the corporate world.

“Chess is an indirect approach to critical thinking, it's somewhat like corporate America.”

Hampton business students are doing well at both chess, and in corporate America. Since the five-year MBA program was established in 2000, all five-year students have learned chess. They are first introduced to the game in the MBA 300 course Critical Analysis and Strategy, where one-third of the curriculum is learning the game. The other part of the class focuses on logic and critical thinking theory, lecture and book study, and case theory.

Credle, who was the Class D/E United States Chess Champion in 1983, has found that



incorporating chess into the MBA program has been a good move for the students.

“We find we can improve on students to think critically by 2.76 percent,” said Credle of the results from a Cornell Critical Thinking Skills Test given to students before and after the class.

These results were published in the article “The Enhancement of Behavioral and Critical Thinking Skills of Graduate Business Students Utilizing a Competitive Chess Analysis Methodology” in the *Journal of Business Research*. Learning the game of chess improves problem solving and critical thinking skills.

“We can't contribute all the improvement to chess, there are other compounding factors, but it's not doing any harm,” continued Credle.

As it states in the paper, “critical thinking skills, and more importantly forward thinking processes, are the main components for successful managerial decision-making in the current and

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School of Pharmacy students present at national conference

Hampton University School of Pharmacy students recently had a chance to visit with pharmacy students from across the nation. Students were also able to bid for competitive residency positions. Third and fourth year pharmacy students attended the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) 41st Mid-Year Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in Anaheim, Calif., on Dec. 3-7. According to ASHP, over 17,000 registrants representing 46 countries attended the national meeting. Students were able to attend seminars specifically designed for their clinical practice of choice. Seminars included topics such as ambulatory care, inpatient care, and chronic-care.

Students in the School of Pharmacy Class of 2008 “showcased the School of Pharmacy chapter of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ accomplishments and ideas,” said Dr. Tonya Martin, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

The students conducted poster presentations along with other pharmacy students from across the nation.

Students in the Class of 2007 competed in the National Clinical Skills Competition in which they were given a mock case to evaluate. The competitors, Zakia Woods and Akilah Williams, were required to provide recommendations and justifications regarding the case and to present them orally. Woods and Williams were the winners of the HU clinical skills competition and were sponsored by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists to attend the conference and compete nationally.

Each of the 30 students who attended the conference had an oppor-



Pharmacy students present School accomplishments in Anaheim, Calif.

tunity to participate in the national residency match program. HU School of Pharmacy alumni who have completed their residency attended the conference and participated in the job fair.

The School of Pharmacy also hosted its first formal reception at this conference. This was “one of the greatest benefits,” said Martin. It “really put HU on the map with other schools and colleges of pharmacy.”

-Erica Taylor Harrod

“Voting Rights... Northern Style”

HU Journalism School tells unknown voting rights story through grant

Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X. These names are referred to repeatedly when discussing the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Another name, Andrew Cooper, is often overlooked however. Cooper played a critical role in strengthening the black vote in the North and ultimately opened the doors for Shirley Chisholm to become the first black woman elected to Congress.

Now, more than 40 years later, students and faculty in the Hampton University Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications are bringing his actions to light with “Voting Rights... Northern Style.”

In October, The National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC), with funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and in partnership with the producers of the Emmy award-winning PBS documentary “Eyes on the Prize,” announced HU as one of the first-round winners of the Eyes on the Prize HBCU New Media Project.

The other winning HBCUs were Albany State University, Delaware State University, Jackson State University, Norfolk State University, Spelman College, and Tennessee State University. Each winning university received \$5,000 of a \$75,000 grant from the organization to explore



Assistant professors Wayne Dawkins(far left) and Van Dora Williams(center) pose with students Azania Jenkins, Crystal Peters, and Austin Bogues.

contemporary issues of civil rights, American history and local and national leadership.

Lead by assistant professors Wayne Dawkins and Van Dora Williams, a group of four students was formed to share Cooper’s story. The students were Austin Bogues, a junior broadcast journalism major; Antonio Hawthorne, a senior media management major; Azania Jenkins, a sophomore English major; and Crystal Peters, a junior broadcast journalism major.

Unlike the other winning universities who all chose to produce video projects, Hampton’s group decided to utilize their knowledge of new media by designing an interactive website featuring audio clips, video clips, interactive timelines and student blogs.

This multi-media convergence mirrors the same strategy underway with the E.W. Scripps Company, as explained by Kenneth W. Lowe, the company’s president and chief executive officer, when he visited the School in January. Through its various networks, the E.W. Scripps Company encourages its television and newspapers to push the media platform boundaries.

“Why can’t newspapers stream videos over the Internet?” he asked during his visit. “We’ve spent a lot of time exploring new ideas of making television and newspapers more competitive in this new technological digital age.”

The three-page website tells the history of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that stated that black citizens could no longer be denied the right to vote. Unlike in the South where black citizens’ faced an overall inability to vote, Northern black citizens were allowed to vote but their power was weakened so their voice did not count. This was especially evident in the 80 percent black and Hispanic Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant that was represented by five white Congressmen.

In 1966, Andrew Cooper (1927-2002)

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Psychology expert discusses “the Lucifer effect”



Dr. Adolph Brown with Dr. Phil Zimbardo.

On Dec. 1, psychology students and faculty from Hampton University, The College of William & Mary, Old Dominion University and area high schools gathered in the Science and Technology building to welcome one of the most distinguished professionals in psychology, Dr. Philip Zimbardo. Through the efforts of Dr. Adolph Brown, chair of the psychology department, Zimbardo visited the campus to discuss “The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil.”

While the room was as hot as an inferno, the temperature was not an additional part of the discussion. Instead Zimbardo, a professor at Stanford University since 1968, focused on the social psychology of evil, using an analysis of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq for reference.



Dr. Phil Zimbardo signs autographs for students.

He studied how “good” people are seduced or induced to engage in violent or “evil” deeds by situational forces by which they find themselves surrounded, and psychological justifications and interpretations. He explained that instead of asking “who is to blame for this?” the public should ask “what is to blame for this?”

“Good and evil have always been here because it's part of the human condition. You can

be almost anything depending on the situation,” stated Zimbardo.

According to Zimbardo, evil is behaving in ways that demean others, knowing better but doing worse, and intentionally planning to do harm. “Most people are moral. You are your own self-sensor, but there are times when you slip in and out because it's easier when others are doing it too,” he said.

Internationally recognized as the “voice and face of contemporary psychology” through his widely seen PBS television series, “Discovering Psychology,” Zimbardo explained that his interest in understanding the dynamics of human aggression stems from his early experiences growing up in a Sicilian family amid the violence of the South Bronx ghettos.

While most members of the audience had previously seen Abu Ghraib photos on television news coverage, Zimbardo offered a graphic slideshow of additional unreleased photos to demonstrate the heinous nature of these prison acts. He explained that in order to understand the Abu Ghraib situation, one must consider a multitude of factors including the individual in question, the physical location, and the system that put him or her there. The guards' actions demonstrated their moral disengagement, emergent behavioral norms, power differentials, and the dehumanization of their victims.

Ultimately, Zimbardo argued that the system was guilty for allowing these actions to occur. The system placed Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the sole female commander in the war zone, in charge

of military prisons in Iraq. While Karpinski was a proven operations and intelligence officer, she had never run a prison system prior to this and her inexperience allowed for prisoner abuse to occur beneath her.

According to Zimbardo, the system also allowed for the overflow of prisoners in the facility, unfavorable conditions, the passivity of “good” guards and senior officials to ignore the evil actions of their comrades, and the lack of training guidelines given to the guards.

“I thought Zimbardo's presentation was great! He was very personable and kept everything very interesting,” said Oluyomi Alowooja, a senior psychology major from Minnesota.

Zimbardo also referenced his now-classic 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment where he posed the question, “What happens when you put good people in an evil place?” In a dramatic simulation of prison life, the experiment gathered 24 male volunteers and randomly separated them as prisoners and guards. Within days the guards displayed sadistic mannerisms while the prisoners quickly demonstrated signs of extreme stress. Zimbardo's results reasoned the imposed social situation led to the volunteers' behavior.

“I read about the Stanford Prison study, so



Students meet with Dr. Phil Zimbardo following his lecture.

I already knew his [Zimbardo] work. But I was still shocked during the presentation... The pictures had a big effect,” explained Alowooja.

Zimbardo dives further into this subject in his upcoming book “The Lucifer Effect” that will be published by Random House in March.

-Alison L. Phillips



Antonio Hawthorne

started the Northern-style Voting Rights revolution when he filed suit against New York to change this. His actions ultimately led Chisholm to run for the new Congressional seat that November and make history.

The students and professors involved in the project utilized WHOV 88.1 FM's radio facilities to record the interviews with Jocelyn Cooper, the widow of Andrew Cooper; Earl Caldwell, HU writer-in-residence and former *New York Times* reporter; Frank Edgcombe, acting director of the Harvey Library and civil rights worker; and Robert Watson, assistant professor of history and assistant director of the Honors College.

"This project is really important. I love learning about little known things in history, so it was really great that we could record this and share it with a new generation of students here at school," said Hawthorne.

The site also features a blog discussing the project and the importance of voting today. One student told her story of driving 120 miles to Richmond simply to vote in the recent November state elections.

Williams and Dawkins, who both individually worked with Cooper as journalists, were proud to see the end result of the project.

According to Dawkins, the students worked through the weekends and accomplished work equivalent to an associate producer. "The way the students came together for teamwork, it made for a really great out of the classroom experience," said Williams.

Dawkins has his eyes on future projects too. "This should be a spark to see what else we can do, what other compelling stories we can tell," he explained.

In January, NBPC posted all of the winning universities' new media presentations on its website. Visit nbpc.tv/hampton to see "Voting Rights...NorthernStyle."

-Alison L. Phillips

EDUCATION STUDENTS PLACE FIRST IN FBI CASE COMPETITION



Dr. Gertrude Henry (far right) and HU students Angela Pierce, Juanita Devlin, and Guerschmide Saint-Ange(center) pose with competition judges.

Where in the World is Our Agent?" is the name of the lesson plan that earned the Department of Education first place in the first Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Curriculum Development Challenge Competition held in December in Washington, D.C.

The HU team, which consisted of Dr. Gertrude Henry, chair of the Department of Education, and three senior students enrolled in her EDU 300: Curriculum in the Secondary Schools course, developed six lesson plans and a Power Point presentation for the competition. The award-winning students were Angela Pierce, a mathematics major, and Guerschmide Saint-Ange and Juanita Devlin, both English education majors.

Competing against several HBCUs from across the nation, this feat was quite recognizable for HU. Claflin University placed second in the competition and Miles University came in third place.

According to the FBI National Curriculum Development Challenge, its goal is to "tap into the creativity of America's future diverse educators to assist in developing age and stage appropriate lesson plans." Ultimately, the competition's lesson plans are designed to get middle school students interested in learning more about, and perhaps consider a career in, the FBI.

"I really had no idea we would even be one of the finalists, much less win. After we were informed we were one of the finalists, we began working on the presentation," stated Henry.

The whole process began as an assignment in Henry's class that focused on developing lesson plans for middle school students. To make the project interesting, Henry asked the students to register online for this competition and develop two lessons plans each to be submitted in November. The com-

petition required each participating case study team to create a unit made up of six to eight lesson plans addressing one of the three focus areas - intelligence, languages, or information technology. Henry chose to focus on the area of intelligence.

The students titled their submission "Where in the World is Our Agent?" after designing lesson plans that incorporated the duties of an intelligence analyst. In the lesson, middle school students are to assume the role of an intelligence analyst in order to identify an undercover agent who is in danger somewhere in the world. Students use investigative work to trace the agent and assess the potential threats and implications of the geographic locations and ultimately determine if and how the agent should be rescued. The participating students conclude by writing a report of their findings and prepare a mock presentation to national security, homeland security and law enforcement officials. Meanwhile the lesson teaches geography and the differences in culture, language, currency and more between various countries.

On Dec. 8, the top three teams presented their case studies in an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. "The importance [of this] came to me after we got to Washington, D.C., and I began to think how this lesson plan competition may help other HU departments understand that what we teach in the education department is not only valuable, but worth money also," explained Henry.

The department plans to use the \$3,000 towards book scholarships for education majors next semester.

-Alison L. Phillips

Alpha Phi Alpha celebrates 100 years



Members of the Gamma Iota chapter display fraternity bricks with pride.

The brothers of the Gamma Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted a weeklong “Alpha Week” celebration in honor of the organization's centennial. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University and is the oldest among the “Divine Nine” black Greek letter organizations (BGLOs). The Gamma Iota chapter was chartered at Hampton Institute on Feb. 9, 1947.

On Nov. 28, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted Marvelyn Brown, a leading and sought-after speaker on HIV. She has been featured on “America's Next Top Model,” MTV, BET, “The Tavis Smiley Show,” and “The Tyra Banks Show” as well as in *Newsweek* and *Fortune*. Brown spoke to a packed and attentive audience in the Student Center Atrium. Brown, a 22-year-old former high school athlete, was diagnosed with HIV months after her 19th birthday.

On Dec. 7, the brothers hosted an oratorical contest titled “The Development of the African-American Male,” during which HU students gave competitive and compelling speeches on the given topic. Joshua S. Pennant, a junior computer science major from South Glastonbury, Conn., asked “why should we as African-American males lack information on any subject when we are in the information age?”

“I find it hard to believe that my black brothers and I live in a perpetual state of crisis,” said Evan Nave, a junior broadcast journalism

major from Atlanta. Nave went on to discuss the importance of investments and to encourage the audience in the Student Center Atrium to follow Maynard Jackson's “three Bs.”

“The ballot, the buck, and the book must be tools to enhance the African-American community,” said Nave.

William Huggins, a sophomore music education major from Columbia, S.C., was the winner of the contest and received \$100.06. Nave received \$50.06 as the runner-up. Patricia Rae Easley, a sophomore finance major from Chicago took home \$25 as the 3rd place winner.

Also on Dec. 7, the Hampton University Honors College spearheaded a debate in conjunction with Gamma Iota. The debate team members were HU students enrolled in an honors seminar taught by Opel T. Jones, I, director of the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute. Jones is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a former member of Gamma Iota. The final project for students in the honors seminar was to debate the topic “Resolved: That All Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Should Transition to Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs).” Students researched both sides of the topic in preparation for the debate. The two teams of four flipped a coin shortly before the debate began to determine which side they would debate. The debate seminar began with a speech on the role of HBCUs in today's society by Dr. Jerrold Roy, assistant to the dean in the Scripps

Howard School of Journalism and Communications, assistant professor of history, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The negative team, arguing that HBCUs should remain as they are, won by a “slim margin” of 30 points out of a possible 790 points, according to Jones. The debate “really raised some eyebrows about what other people say” about HBCUs, said Jones. Jones also mentioned that the seminar sparked “interest in reactivating the HU debate team to participate in intercollegiate debate matches.” The seminar ended with an open dialogue of different opinions on the topic amongst the team members and the audience.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. aims to promote “manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.” The three organization-wide programs enacted by all chapters are “Go to High School, Go to College,” “A Voteless People is a Hopeless People,” and “Project ALPHA.” The international organization hosted various centennial celebration activities in 2006 including a march at Cornell University and a national convention in Washington, D.C.



Members of Gamma Iota and the HU World AIDS Day Committee pose with Marvelyn Brown (4th from right).

The centennial of Alpha Phi Alpha is “a worthy milestone for the African-American community and black Greeks alike, but is a constant reminder that the work of BGLOs is not done,” said Andrew McRae, a senior political science major from Trenton, N.J.

McRae is the president of the HU chapter of the National Panhellenic Council, and treasurer and chaplain of the Gamma Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

-Erica Taylor Harrod



'Cosby Kid' breaks ice at Michigan State exchange program

Loren Wilder, junior sports management major from Springfield, Mass., is attending Michigan State University (MSU) this semester as part of a new exchange program in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) department. Wilder is one of the "Cosby Kids" who was awarded a full scholarship to attend HU from Bill Cosby and his wife Camille.



Loren Wilder

The William H. and Camille O. Cosby Foundation approved Wilder's exchange this semester because it will help him to broaden his education. Wilder is the first participant in the new exchange program and will break the ice for other HU and MSU students who will benefit from the program over the next three years.

According to Dr. Marilyn Wells, chair of the HPER department, up to three students can exchange each semester. Wilder was selected to be the first and only participant this semester. He was selected based on his academic classification (sophomore and juniors are eligible), and his "diligence in the application process," said Wells. We were "looking for a student that could benefit the most."

Wilder is excited to attend MSU. He looks forward to meeting new people and getting back to the cold weather he is used to in Massachusetts.

He is also considering applying to MSU for graduate school and hopes to learn more about the program.

Wilder will take courses related to his major that will transfer to Hampton University and count toward his degree.

HU students will benefit from the program by meeting new people, studying at a major research institution, and by strengthening loyalty to their "Home by the Sea," according to Wells. MSU students will be exposed to a diverse student body at a private institution. Wells was particularly impressed with the "smooth logistical process" in organizing the exchange initiated by Dr. Kathryn Kisabeth, former HPER associate professor.

Students participating in the HU/MSU exchange program will pay tuition to their home school and room and board to their host institution. Program coordinators "encourage students living in residence halls to experience the culture of the university," said Wells. HU anticipates hosting several MSU students in the fall of 2007. The next application period for HU students will be announced in HPER classes.

Wilder will set the example for the new program at MSU this semester and looks forward to returning to HU in the fall and using this learning experience to his benefit. "He'll grow in a lot of ways," said Wells.

-Erica Taylor Harrod

Thinking outside of the box

It may have arrived at Hampton University as a giant wooden box, but now this large wooden crate has found a permanent home at the HU Childhood Development Center as the new Discovery Playhouse. As part of their service-learning project, students in Dr. Martha Williams' EDUC 295: Learning to Learn class transformed the box into a colorful activity zone on wheels for the children at the Childhood Development Center.

The group began the project in September, when Janice Cawthorn, director of the Childhood Development Center, requested their assistance after receiving the box from the HU Center for Atmospheric Sciences. The box had previously served as the crate for parts of the HALOE satellite and the department thought it could be recycled for another purpose.

The students began by separating into groups to divvy up the responsibilities. Some students aided by designing the playhouse, others cut, nailed, sanded, primed and painted the box. Many of the students, including Charlene Powell, a sophomore sports management major from Baltimore, Md., had never used a power tool prior to this assignment. She and the other students worked to remove exposed staples, install sturdier flooring, and sand rough areas.

The group had to also insure the box fol-



Dr. Martha Williams and her EDUC 295 students begin working on the box.



Students unveil the completed Discovery Playhouse.

lowed safety regulations; therefore ensuring the children could not lock themselves inside.

According to Cawthorn, the Center's children would sneak a peek at the box throughout the refurbishment process, anticipating the day they could play inside.

"The kids are really excited and are primed to play in it," she told the group of students.

Covered in bright primary colors, the Discovery Playhouse was formally unveiled to the campus in December. "After two and a half months of persistence and hard work, the project was completed," said Darren Porter, a junior electrical engineering major from Crawford, Md. "We were proud of our accomplishment."

According to the students, they were proud to be able to provide the children with a new style of learning - discovery learning. The box is recreational and offers the children the opportunity to have fun with their imaginations while simultaneously learning.

"I just want to thank all of Dr. Williams' class. I hope to recruit some of you to work at the Childhood Development Center and I hope that you can come over and play with the kids too," said Cawthorn.

The waterproof box will reside just outside the Childhood Development Center along the brick patio.

-Alison L. Phillips

Student directs HU production, gets ready for the big stage



Joshlyn Turner poses with the cast of "Topdog Underdog." From left to right: Michael Frank, Jr., Turner and David Hunter, Jr.

Lights, Camera, Action! As last minute touches were done, final rehearsals were run, and the props were set, Joshlyn Turner prepared for her last production at Hampton University. One curtain closed and another was opened as she took on the role of her-life center stage in the real world.

A senior theater arts major, Turner is ready for life on the big stage. She graduated in December 2006 and will pursue her life's dream of writing, producing and directing major plays and productions. Writing since the age of seven, Turner always knew that she would one day see her work brought to life. "I always knew the nine to five job would never fit my personality. I am a creative thinker and love the feeling of bringing true experiences to the stage," Turner said.

To wrap-up her final semester, Turner was charged with directing the end-of-the year production "Topdog Underdog," making her the first student since 1989 to direct a play at HU. "Topdog Underdog," by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Suzan-Lori Parks, is a dramatic comedy about two African-American brothers who confront their family's history and their own rampant sibling rivalry. The roles of Topdog Lincoln and Underdog Booth were played by Michael Frank and David Hunter, Jr., respectively.

"Joshlyn was intense. We, David and I, always made sure we did what was asked of us because we didn't care to see her anything but pleased, and she often was. Overall, her vision and determination made for a great show, and I am happy to have worked with her," said Frank.

While at Hampton, Turner was actively involved with the Hampton Players and Company, a professionally-run performing arts ensemble at the university. Turner has contributed to productions including "Taming of the Shrew," "West Side Story," "The Wiz," and this past fall's "Lysistrata."

Although this was Turner's grand finale at Hampton, her future is already showing promise. Turner is currently interning with Grammy award-winning producer Dallas Austin and his production company, Rowdy Productions, in Atlanta, Ga.



Joshlyn Turner

-Janell Muhammad

Architecture students inducted into Tau Sigma Delta

Eight architecture students became the first class inducted into Iota Alpha chapter of Tau Sigma Delta, the architectural and allied arts honor society, on Nov. 29 in Dubois Hall.

The students inducted were Kim Stone, president; Tracie Sansavera, president-elect; Deborah Deck-Suarez, secretary; Nikkolas Smith, treasurer; Lauren Greene; Justin Harris; Melanie Simmons and Dominique Wilmore. Friends, family and architecture faculty witnessed the event.

Students need to maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average and remain in the top 20 percent of their class to be considered for membership.

"That same drive that brought you to the level of becoming Tau Sigma Delta will be the same drive maintaining that level of excellence," said Sansavera.

Members will don a special stole at graduation and each year one student will be chosen by the other members for distinguishing themselves in design and will be given a bronze medal.

Architecture faculty members Shannon Chance, assistant professor; David Peronnet, assistant professor; Daisy Williams, assistant professor; and Dr. Alfred Willis, adjunct associate professor and assistant director of Collection management of the William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, are members of Tau Sigma Delta and assisted in the induction. Peronnet, the faculty advisor, advocated for the chapter.

"The Department of Architecture is the current manifestation of Hampton University's founding principles of Samuel Armstrong, an education



Faculty members stand behind the newly inducted students.

for the head, heart and hand. The original building trades curriculum eventually developed into our accredited architecture curriculum today," said Peronnet.

The architecture department is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year with festivities that include a monthly lecture series, student presentations, awards and alumni recognition. There is also a scholarship fund that each department graduate is being asked to donate \$1,000 toward the goal of \$100,000.

"What a better time to have this recognition," Sansavera proudly stated.

-Nina Stickle

Students to fly high at national competition

Hampton University's flight team placed second in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region 10 Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) held at the Hickory Regional Airport in Hickory, N.C. on Oct. 24-29. This placement earned HU a spot at the National SAFECON that will be held May 7-12 at Ohio State University.

"With the national competition on the horizon, the team will be working hard to ensure they are well prepared," said Capt. (Ret.) Darryl A. Stubbs, U.S. Navy, associate professor of aviation and flight team advisor.

Liberty University and Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute tied for first place at the regional competition. The schools competed in ground and flight events.

Ground events consisted of manual flight computer accuracy, ground trainer simulator and aircraft recognition, just to name a few. The flight events were precision power-on and power-off landings, air navigation and message drop. This will be HU's fifth time attending the national competition and student Andre Watkins-Clark's second time.

Watkins-Clark is a junior flight education major and plans to join the military as a pilot after graduation. He says that his chosen career



Regional Flight Team with Coach James Ide and advisor Capt. (Ret.) Darryl A. Stubbs.



Akilah Hill and Andre Watkins-Clark at regionals.

path feels natural to him and that it's all he's ever wanted to do. He knows he's among the best when it comes to his team.

"There is a strong sense of competition amongst us that it keeps us on our toes, and because they're so good at what they do, if I perform well against my friends, that will ensure that I have success at nationals," said Watkins-Clark.

In the past, the HU team has been one of the few teams with minority members. "There are not a lot of African Americans on other teams," said Stubbs. "There are not a lot of females participating at all."

HU's Akilah Hill is an FAA certified private pilot and is on the team. She would like to see more African-American females in her field. Hill said that it is the technology that fascinates her the most.

According to Stubbs, less than one percent of commercial pilots are black and there are less than 400 professional female pilots. Hill may have company at the national competition this year. HU student Whitney Blackburn is working to complete her pilot training in time to compete. Other students on the team are Alex DeForest, Stacy France, Donovan Johnson, Arden "Ray" Potter, Richard Tabler and Chris Thomas, and 2005 graduate James Ide is the team's coach.

-Nina Stickle

HU CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT SCHEDULE | 2007

Hampton University will honor black history and heritage throughout the month of February.

- On **Thursday, Feb. 1** the activities will commence with historical re-enactments in the Student Center Atrium from noon - 2 p.m., followed by an opening ceremony hosted by the Student Leaders in the Atrium from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- On **Friday, Feb. 2** from noon - 2 p.m., the Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority will discuss influential blacks in health care in the Student Center Atrium.
- On **Monday, Feb. 5** at 8 p.m. Kiki Sheard, national gospel recording artist, will perform in Ogden Hall.
- On **Wednesday, Feb. 7**, the Student Government Association (SGA) will host an HIV/AIDS seminar entitled "Dangerously In Love" in the Student Center Theatre from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On **Thursday, Feb. 8**, the HU chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will host a seminar discussing the "Divine Nine" black Greek fraternities and sororities in the Student Center Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On **Saturday, Feb. 10** in the Hampton University Convocation Center, Tavis Smiley in partnership with Jamestown 2007 will present the annual State of the Black Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 a.m.). Smiley, Tom Joyner and prominent black leaders in education, public policy, religion, and community organizations will discuss the black impact on western culture. The panel discussion will be broadcast live on C-SPAN. This event is free and open to the public. Registration can be completed online at www.tavistalks.com.
- On **Monday, Feb. 12**, the HU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) will host a seminar discussing African Americans in media in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- On **Tuesday, Feb. 13**, the junior class will present a Madam C.J. Walker Hair Show from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

- On **Wednesday, Feb. 14** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the SGA Men's Caucus will host a relationship seminar in the Student Center Theatre.

- On **Thursday, Feb. 15**, the SGA Cultural Affairs committee will conduct a presentation on the Harlem Renaissance in the Student Center Lounge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- On **Friday, Feb. 16**, the Student Leaders will host a "State of the Black Business" seminar in the Student Center from noon - 4 p.m.

- Also on **Friday, Feb. 16**, His Chosen Sounds gospel choir will perform an African American Choral Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Ogden Hall.

- On **Monday, Feb. 19**, the Student Leaders will present a Black History Extravaganza in the Convocation Center. The African Marketplace will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and children.

- On **Wednesday, Feb. 21**, the senior class will recognize and address Diabetes Awareness Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center and they will host a diabetes seminar at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Theatre.

- On **Friday, Feb. 23**, His Chosen Sounds will present a concert in Ogden Hall at 8 p.m.

- On **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, the Student Leaders will end the event-packed month of activities with re-enactments from noon - 2 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium and a closing ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Hampton University Museum.

For more information about the schedule of activities, contact the Office of Student Activities at (757) 727-5691.



Biology major is a Gem of a student

Sabriya Rosemond is a shining gem in the HU biology department. Her team was awarded at the international Genetically Engineered Machines (iGEM) competition that was held at MIT in early November.

According to iGem's Web site, students compete to design and assemble engineered machines using advanced genetic components and technologies.

Rosemond, an HU student, was on a team with Davidson College biology professor Malcolm Campbell and two faculty and three students also from Davidson College. Rosemond worked with the team members this past summer conducting synthetic biology research.

"Our goal is to genetically engineer a biological system that can compute solutions to a puzzle called the burnt pancake problem," the team announced on their website.

Rosemond's team's name was Flapjack and The Hotcakes. The name was symbolic of flipping sections of DNA.

More than 400 students competed on 37 teams. Teams came from Europe, Asia, Latin America and North America and hailed from schools like MIT, Harvard, Princeton, UCSF, Berkeley and Cambridge.

Rosemond and her Davidson College teammates collaborated with Missouri Western University and won four awards in the areas of best part, best poster, best cooperation and collaboration and best conquest of adversity.



Sabriya Rosemond

Rosemond received funding from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to cover her expenses while at Davidson and learned of the project from HU biology professor Dr. Edison Fowlks while taking his genetics class.

In a gracious email to Fowlks, Campbell complimented the difficult tasks Rosemond endured and said "what a great treat to work with her."

Fowlks echoed that sentiment by saying, "I am extremely proud of Ms. Rosemond who was an excellent student in my genetics class."

Rosemond will graduate in 2008 and plans to go graduate school, get her Ph.D., and teach cellular and molecular biology. She always wanted to be a scientist. She had a microscope before grade school and said she was the official dissector of her group in her 10th grade biology class.

"One of the things I'll take with me is how to manage a lab," said Rosemond.

She will be able to put this lesson to good use as she'll now be helping Fowlks organize his synthetic biology lab on campus.

"This is a new field of science that we are trying to get jumpstarted right here," said Fowlks.

According to Fowlks, genomics has opened the door for synthetic biology that can allow scientists to engineer new life forms that are capable of doing different assigned jobs.

Two years ago, Fowlks introduced synthetic biology to students taking genetics by weaving it into genomics and biotechnology labs. He heads up a synthetic biology research group on campus.

-Nina Stickles

Business & Chess

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future business world."

"You have to know how the pieces move," said Credle. This parallels to corporate policies and rules.

Opening the game is like beginning a new business deal. The middle game involves tactics and trading and positions, that is your business plan and how you are going to negotiate through it. And the ability to close the game, winning, is closing the business deal, reaching your final objective goals.

"Think and move," said Credle. "That's the slogan of our school."

Chess is not just for business students. The Hampton Knights Chess Club recently sponsored a campus-wide chess competition. This was the fifth year for the tournament and eight people entered the competition. The student winner was Dexter Wright, a business management major in the College of Continuing Education, and the faculty winner was Dr. Michael Ganzburg, a mathematics professor. They each walked away with a trophy and \$150. Another on-campus tournament is slated for the spring.

Ganzburg, who has played chess since childhood, was the faculty winner twice before. "It was tough competition and I was really glad to win," he said.

"I love the game of chess, anytime I'm able to play I'm all for it," said Wright. He has goals of being the world champion and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

Credle is the club's advisor. They meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the chess room, Buckman 206. You don't have to be a member of the club to play in the room, it's open to students, faculty and staff.

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