“TNT” Returns to UDC as Opening Convocation Speaker

Prominent civil rights leader Thomas N. Todd will deliver the keynote address at the University’s Twelfth Annual Opening Academic Convocation on Tuesday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the University’s auditorium. Mr. Todd was the speaker at the University’s 28th Commencement Convocation in May, 2005, and delivered the keynote address at the University’s Founder’s Day Convocation in February, 2005.

An activist attorney widely known as “TNT” for his oratorical skills, Thomas N. Todd, who will be 68 when he addresses the UDC Opening Convocation, served as a lawyer in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1967 and joined the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago in 1967. In this capacity, Todd made history when he developed the first criminal case against a Chicago policeman for deprivation of an individual's civil rights in 1968.

Todd organized and established the first Civil Rights Office in a local U.S. Attorney's Office in 1969. United States v. Gorman, the first federal criminal case against a Chicago police officer ended in a hung jury in 1971. Todd was the first full-time black law professor at Northwestern University, where he taught from 1970 to 1974. Todd has been admitted to practice law before many courts, including the Louisiana Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, the Illinois Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. A powerful spokesman for civil rights, Todd was president of the Chicago Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1971 and president of Operation PUSH from 1983 to 1984.

The University’s theme for this convocation - “A New Day, A New Opportunity,” returns to an idea expressed by President Pollard throughout his presidency. The theme reflects the University’s mission as providing an affordable opportunity for a better education and an improved quality of life for all District residents.
Philip L. Graham Fund Awards Grant to University of the District of Columbia

The Philip L. Grant Fund, which has dedicated resources to betterment of the Washington, DC area since 1963, has selected the University of the District of Columbia to receive a discretionary award of $50,000 for the University’s unrestricted use.

The Philip L. Graham Fund’s president, Ms. Candice C. Bryant, notified UDC President Dr. William L. Pollard of the award, acknowledging that the Fund does not traditionally make grants to colleges and universities. The Fund does recognize, however, “the significant contributions that institutions of higher learning make to the intellectual, economic and cultural well being of the communities in which they reside.” To encourage such efforts, the Fund makes unsolicited awards to metro area colleges and universities from time to time.

In a return letter to the Fund, Dr. Pollard indicated great excitement within the University concerning the generous gift. “The start of another school year will bring (the University) new challenges,” said Dr. Pollard. “This grant will help to financially position the University to meet ongoing and new objectives that impact the intellectual, economic and cultural welfare of our students and community.”

“We see a favorable future for the students and citizens we serve,” Pollard went on to say. “This gift will be used where it has the most immediate reward.”

The Fund is named for Philip L. Graham, who was publisher of The Washington Post and president of The Washington Post Company for many years before his death. Gifts from his widow, the late Katharine Meyer Graham, his friends, and The Washington Post Company formed the corpus of the Fund. From its earliest days, the Fund's mission has been, first, to use its resources for the betterment of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and, second, to support activities that will foster improvements in the field of journalism and communications.

UDC Receives Tom Joyner Check

District Councilmember Kwame Brown, UDC Board Chairman James Dyke, VP Student Affairs Dr. Clemmie Solomon, President Pollard and Melvin Witten, Director of Marketing and Media Technology, pose with a “big” check representing UDC proceeds from the Tom Joyner Foundation’s School of the Month Campaign. The check was presented August 18.
Celebration of Reopening of Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives and Renovation of Learning Resources Division September 19th

The University will celebrate the renovation of the Learning Resources Division and the expansion of the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives and host an Open House on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Learning Resources Division, Building 41. The University Community and the general public are invited to attend this celebration.

The Learning Resources Division manages the University’s collections and provides information access to the University community. The Division’s Center for Academic Technology Support maintains the University’s learning portal and provides technology support to students and faculty. In addition to remodeling and refurbishing areas within the Division, spaces have also been redesigned to increase teaching and study areas, improve services and support, and provide a better environment to its users.

The renovation of the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives – the University’s stellar resource and research center – has provided a state-of-the-art facility for one of the greatest treasures at the University. The Archives houses several major collections including the collection of Felix Grant, the internationally renowned jazz authority and radio personality, and an ongoing collection of materials that document the history of jazz at the University of the District of Columbia. The evening will also feature the unveiling of an exhibit showcasing the trombone of Calvin Jones, a legendary figure in the Washington, DC community, who was professor of music and director of the University’s Jazz Studies Program from 1976 until his death in 2004.

Two art exhibits will highlight the celebration. African Perceptions is a limited edition of serigraphs inspired by African art and created by the acclaimed Argentinean artist, Eduardo Mac Entyre. Mac Entyre is the recipient of many international awards and his works can be found in major museum collections in Latin America, Europe and the United States of America. This exhibition is made possible by the collaboration of the Colección Campomar, Buenos Aires.

The Sculptures of Allen Uzikee Nelson, a former faculty member in the University’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will complement the graphic display. Uzikee’s sculptures can be seen around Washington, DC and are designed to bridge the gap between African ritual and abstract art as well as African and Western culture. An exhibit of the 2000-2006 winners of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association Literary Awards will be also on display.

The University’s Jazz Studies Program will join the Open House festivities with a performance by the UDC Jazztet that is sure to spread the celebratory spirit. For more information about this event, call the University’s Learning Resources Division at (202) 274-6370.
ATTENTION FACULTY & STAFF!!!

The University of the District of Columbia
Division of Student Affairs
Counseling & Career Development

ANNOUNCES

THE FALL 2006
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SEP)

WHAT: “SEP Request For Student Worker Form” are now available for
Faculty & Staff who are seeking for students to work in their department/office
for the Fall 2006 Semester

WHEN: Thursday, August 24, 2006 –Friday, September 8, 2006

WHERE: Counseling & Career Development Center, Bldg 39 Suite 120

DEADLINE: All “SEP Request For Student Worker Forms” Are Due By
Friday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

***NOTE: All Requesting Worksites must follow SEP Procedures & Guidelines in order to receive a student. No exceptions! Contact the Counseling & Career Development Center if you have any questions, (202) 274-6251 or (202) 274-6000.

UDC Delegation Attends DPI/NGO Conference at United Nations

The Office of International Affairs/University Relations & Communications is pleased to report that a UDC delegation is attending the 59th Annual DPI/NGO Conference at the United Nations in New York City September 6-8. The theme for this year’s conference “Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development.” More than 2,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representatives and other civil society partners from more than 90 countries are expected to attend. The Conference aims to build on what has already been accomplished by greater NGO and civil society participation in many of the debates taking place at the UN, including Informal Interactive Hearings by the General Assembly President with NGOs, civil society and the private sector. On return, the UDC delegation will hold an event to update the University community on highlights of the conference.
The University of the District of Columbia
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**ScreenJustice**  *A Film Series*

**Doing Justice**
**The Life and Trials of Arthur Kinoy**

A fascinating, fast-paced journey through the life of Arthur Kinoy, "the people's lawyer," founder of the Center for Constitutional Rights and a hero of civil rights. Abby Ginzberg directs this classic portrayal of Kinoy's landmark cases from the Rosenbergs, through voting rights, wire-tapping, and the right to protest, to Watergate. *Silver Gavel Award, American Bar Association*

Katherine S. Broderick, Dean of the David A. Clarke School of Law introduces **Wade Henderson**, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and a former student of Arthur Kinoy.

5:30-6:00pm Wine & Cheese Reception
6:00-6:50pm Screening
6:50-7:30pm Q&A

**Tuesday September 12th, 5:30-7:30pm**
**UDC's David A. Clarke School of Law, Bldg 39, Room 201**

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Enter between buildings 38 & 39 on Connecticut Avenue
For more information: 202.274.6256, or 202.274.7400
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  
(301) 262-1166  
Shot-gun Start:  9:00 a.m.  
Tournament Fee:  $100 per player

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.glenndalogolfclub.com for more about the Glenn Dale Golf Club.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Profiles SGA President

(Reproduced from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s website September 2, 2006) “College students sound off on benefits of internships” William Kellibrew, 31, business administration major at University of the District of Columbia, multicultural relations intern at Miller Brewing Co. “We went a lot of places. We used certain forums, like the Leaders Forum, elements that Miller brought into play, like the Young Professionals of Milwaukee. We were able to visit the Milwaukee Art Museum, the War Memorial. We’ve been to Discovery World, the Midwest Airlines Center. So we actually have really toured this place. We even rented a pontoon boat so we could explore it on water.”
UDC Partners with State Education Office to Host Mayor’s College Fair

The University of the District of Columbia will be the host site for the First Annual Mayor’s College Fair 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the University Gymnasium (Building 47). President Pollard and Provost Reuben-Cooke will join Mayor Anthony Williams, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and DCPS Superintendent Clifford B. Janey (all currently scheduled to attend) and many other notables for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 AM. The University is a participating partner with Higher Education Financial Services Department of the D.C. State Education Office in conducting the College Fair.

The First Annual Mayor’s College Fair is focused towards rising high school seniors in the District of Columbia. The event will allow a projected 2,000 students and their families to interact with admission representatives from close to 60 postsecondary institutions (including UDC) to discuss course offerings, admission, financial aid requirements, college life, and other information pertinent to the college selection process.

This fair will be a first for the State Education Office, who is anticipating representation from many of their D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant Program (DCTAG) partner institutions, the U.S. Department of Education, private scholarship providers and other college support agencies. The fair will be the first major college fair of the season in Washington, D.C. There will be heavy media coverage of the event, including live radio broadcasts from the Gym.

If you have any questions concerning the college fair, please contact Higher Education Financial Services Department of the D.C. State Education Office (1-877-485-6751 or 202-727-2824) or email to kenneth.howard@dc.gov.

Announcing Homecoming 2006 - October 22-28

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!!!!
The University of the District of Columbia Latino Students Association invites YOU to participate in the following events:

“Empowering Latinos to Empower Latinos”

Reception & Exhibition *
Sep 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Window Lounge, 38-2nd Fl

Latin American Film Festival
Sep 12 - Oct 09
Bldg 41-A03

Health Awareness and Comida Latino Americana
Sep 19, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Building 44-A03

Música & Folklore Latino Americano
Sep 26, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Firebird Inn

Open Forum *
Latin America & US relations
Sep 27, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Window Lounge, 38-2nd Fl

Live Debate:
Columbus: The Leyend *
Oct 10, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Window Lounge, 38-2nd Fl

Escrítor Latino Americano:
Distinguido Dr. Carlos Marruadas
Oct 12, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Building 44-A03

Voces de Mi Tierra
Oct 13, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Auditorium, Bldg 46

* Those interested in attending should call 202.324.5622 or email flucio@ndc.edu

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Hispanic Heritage Month 2006
September 12 - October 13
First Home Inspector Class Graduates

The first cohort of students to attend the home inspection class taught by the American Home Inspectors Institute (AHIT) completed requirements on September 1st. COES and PATHS collaborated to create the first cohort of students. The 10-day course was the result of a strategic referral agreement between the AHIT and UDC. Seven of the 8 students enrolled were PATHS students who had previously enrolled in home improvement and an Apprenticeship for Construction program. The goal for PATHS students is to take part in the booming construction industry for the Washington Metropolitan area. Along with the classroom theory, students completed three field trips under the supervision of their Instructor, David Fogle, who is a certified AHIT trainer. Pictured with the students and the AHIT instructor is Lucious Anderson, Acting Director, Division of Continuing Education and Nicolle Johnson, PATHS Outreach and Retention Coordinator.

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 FLIERS – text paragraphs in Times Roman 12 (black) only. We always welcome photos and appropriate clip art.