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# NEWSFILE



**A much needed boost** to the morale of students and faculty of the Howard Law School came in the form of a breakfast attended by alumni of the school during the annual meeting of the National Bar Association in Denver. At that event, alumni contributed \$6,000 to the school and pledged another \$19,000 in future donations.

Said Thomas Jones, national president of the Howard Law Alumni Association, "The law school needs our help, and we are going to help it."

**A new Office of University Computing Services** has been established to oversee all university computer operations. The office is headed by Joseph D. Collins, formerly director of the Office of Computing Systems Service.

In his new post, Collins will be responsible for the oversight, coordination and administration of all the university's computer activities and for implementing the Howard University Computer Improvement Program.

The program, which will cost more than \$30 million, will require the construction of a new building, the acquisition of additional computer-related materials and more staff.

**Two new deans**, two acting deans, four directors and two administrative aides to Howard University President James E. Cheek have been appointed to fill posts at the university.

The deans are O. Jackson Cole of the School of Human Ecology and Orlando L. Taylor of the School of Communications. The acting deans are Beatrice-Adderley Kelly of the College of Nursing and Lafayette Frederick of the College of Liberal Arts.

Cole, who formerly was the associate dean of the School of Human Ecology, replaces Cecile Edwards who became the dean of the university's new School of Continuing Education. He earned his Ph.D. in personality psychology from the University of Michigan.

Taylor is a former acting dean of the School of Communications, and former chairman of the department of communication arts and sciences. He holds a Ph.D. in communications and psycholinguistics from the University of Michigan.

Adderley-Kelly, who holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Howard, had been assistant dean of the undergraduate program of the College of Nursing. She replaces Anna B. Coles who retired last June.

Frederick comes to his new post from a position as chairman of the botany department at Howard and holds a Ph.D. in plant pathology and

botany from Washington State University. He replaces Robert L. Owens III who retired last June.

The four new directors are Thomas C. Battle, Joseph D. Collins, Dorothy M. Haith and George R. Rhodes Jr.

Battle has been appointed director of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center where he was formerly curator of manuscripts. He holds a Ph.D. in American studies from George Washington University.

Collins is executive director of the new Office of University Computing Services and has been with computer services at the university since 1974. He holds two degrees from Howard: a bachelor's in electrical engineering and a master's in computer science.

Haith, a former professor at the School of Information and Library Studies of the State University of New York at Buffalo, is the new director of University Libraries. She earned her Ph.D. in library science from Indiana University.

Rhodes replaces Imogene Robinson as director of the Center for Academic Reinforcement following Robinson's retirement last June. He previously held administrative posts with the U.S. Department of Education and the District of Columbia public school system. He holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from Catholic University.

The two new aides to President Cheek are Alice Green Burnette, executive assistant, and Robert A. Malson, special assistant.

Burnette, who replaces Frederic E. Davison who retired last June, came to Howard as director of development in 1977 after serving in

4 that same position at Morehouse College. She is a graduate of Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Malson comes to Howard following his service as acting administrator of the D.C. Youth Services Administration. A 1970 cum laude graduate of Howard, with a law degree from Harvard, he has served on the White House domestic policy staff, was counsel for the Committee on the Judiciary of the U.S. Senate and was an associate with the D.C. law firm of Steptoe & Johnson.

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**The university's Child Development Center** has received \$100,000 to implement "A Transgenerational Project for Children with Learning Disabilities, Their Parents, and Schools."

The award for the project was made through the College of Medicine by the Division of Maternal and Child Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Roselyn Payne Epps, director of the center, is project director. Wanda Mitchener-Colston is project coordinator.

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**The Physician Assistant Department** in the College of Allied Health Sciences has received a \$360,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enhance and expand its curriculum.

The three-year project will add home health care, patient education and health promotions components to the existing curriculum. It also will provide opportunities for students to broaden their clinical experiences by working at a variety of facilities along the East coast.



**Howard University Hospital** and three other hospitals in the District of Columbia have joined in a consortium which seeks to bring heart transplantation to the nation's capital. The other hospitals are Children's Hospital National Medical Center, George Washington University Medical Center and Washington Hospital Center.

Since the nation's first heart transplant was performed in 1967, more than 900 of the operations have been performed. Because there is no hospital in the District of Columbia designated to perform heart transplants, D.C. residents in need of this potentially life-saving surgery have had to go elsewhere.

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**Gwendolyn S. King**, a 1962 cum laude graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, has been appointed a deputy assistant to President Ronald Reagan and director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Previously, she directed the Washington office of Governor Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania.

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**Pearlie McDaniel**, coordinator of community resources at Howard University Hospital, has been named manager of the women's track and field team for the 1988 Olympics.

She also will manage the U.S. women's track and field team at the Pan American games in Indianapolis in 1987.



**The Smith-Mason Art Gallery** and the house in which it is headquartered have been donated to the university by the gallery's owner, James E. Mason, a former D.C. community newspaper publisher and magazine editor. The value of the gift is estimated at \$200,000.

The gallery, located on Rhode Island Avenue in northwest Washington, was founded in 1967 by Mason and his late wife, Helen Smith-Mason, as a showcase for contemporary art.

Mason expressed his hope that the university use the gallery to help teen-agers develop an appreciation of art.

### **"Counseling Service Helps Write a Happy Ending"**

was the headline of a feature story in The Washington Post last August which described how a School of Social Work project helped reunite an unemployed D.C. mother with a son who had been placed in foster care.

The project is Volunteers for Children in Need (VCIN), which was initially funded through August by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a one-year demonstration project. And its intent is to provide counseling and referrals to troubled, low-income families as well as provide them with clothing, furniture or other specific things they need.

In explaining the rationale of the project, the article quoted VCIN project director Bogart Leashore, an associate dean at the School of Social Work. "There is a disproportionate number of minority kids in the foster care system," he said. "We identify and train minority volunteers to help the families of these children, and ultimately, we link the volunteers with child welfare agencies."

The Health and Human Services funding has been extended through November 30 and the school is currently seeking other funds to ensure continuance of the project.

**The dean of Howard's medical school** has warned that unless something is done to address the national crisis in the availability of financial aid, especially affordable loans, becoming a physician may soon become an occupation open only to the rich.

In an interview in "Perspectives,"

which is published by the College of Medicine, Dean Russell L. Miller said that if present trends continue medical education will be available only "to those of middle, upper-middle and upper socioeconomic family backgrounds. Or to those individuals who are so motivated that they will have postponed their [medical] education for several years to work and save. Or to those students who will borrow the money and graduate so heavily in debt that their first concern will be to make sufficient money to pay off the loans."

Speaking of the present situation with regard to Howard medical students, he said: "We are currently meeting most of the financial needs of our students, but the problem lies primarily in our future needs. I can foresee a time — in the not too distant future — when admission to [our] medical school will in part be decided by one's financial status. Although we are not at that point yet, it is now foreseeable; a few years ago we never would have thought so."

**A book by Francoise Pfaff**, an associate professor of French, has been named an Outstanding Academic Book for 1985-86 by Choice, a national publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

The book is "The Cinema of Ousmane Sembene, A Pioneer of African Film." A press release issued by Greenwood Press, publisher of the book, describes it as a "comprehensive work . . . designed to familiarize the reader with the works of one of the leading representa-

tives of the newly emerging black African cinema."



**William P. Moultrie**, who has been the university's track coach since 1973, has been named Howard's new athletic director. He succeeds Leo Miles, who retired last June.

Moultrie's coaching accomplishments include having helped produce 49 All-Americans at Howard and serving as an Olympic coach in 1984.

He has also been a 1986 National Sprint and Relay Chairman with The Athletic Congress; sprint and relay coach for the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow, and has served as a member of the International Federation of Coaches.

He came to Howard from Stanford University where he was an assistant football coach for five years. □