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NEWSFILE

In other administrative changes, two top aides to Interim President Carlton F. Alexis have been named.

Alfred F. Fisher, former executive assistant to the executive vice president, is now executive assistant to the president. H. Minton Francis, former executive secretary of the University-Wide Self-Study Task Force, is now special assistant to the president. Both appointments were effective July 1.

Prior to coming to Howard in 1988, Fisher served as associate director of the division of public health protection in the Office of Public Health for the New York State Department of Health (1985 to 1988) and executive vice president for administrative affairs of the National Medical Association (1975-84).

He holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences from North Carolina Central University and a master of education degree from Pennsylvania State University.

Francis came to Howard as director of university planning in 1979. His background includes a 21-year career as an officer in the U.S. Army and service as deputy assistant secretary of defense from 1973 to 1977.

He is a West Point graduate and holds an M.B.A. degree from Syracuse University.

Howard Plaza Towers was approaching full occupancy as we went to press. Owned by the university and operated by Shannon and Luchs Management, the new, luxury, high-rise apartment complex is located at 2251 Sherman Avenue, N.W., adjacent to the main campus.

It consists of two ten-story towers which together house 792 separate units. These units include efficiencies, double studios and one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

The West Tower is designated primarily for undergraduate students, while preference in the East Tower is given to graduate



and professional students, students with families and members of the faculty and staff.

Conceived as an "academic village," the complex is designed to provide residents with computer accessibility to the university's mainframe, study rooms on each floor and rooms for lectures, seminars, workshops and cultural programs.

Among the features of the complex are an underground parking garage for 200 vehicles, a state-of-the-art electronic security system monitored 24-hours-a-day by a front desk staff, a landscaped courtyard, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, laundry rooms on each floor, and carpeting throughout.

The development team for the \$48 million project consisted of the Howard University Foundation; the joint venture team of Gilbane Building Company/Precision Contractors, Inc., as construction manager; the joint venture team of Bryant and Bryant and Baker-Cooper Associates, as architect; and the financing team of First Boston Corporation, Pryor Govan and Counts, Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, and Wheat First Securities.

Financing for the project was provided through \$67 million in District of Columbia industrial revenue bonds. Revenues generated from income on the buildings will be used to retire the debt.



Constance S. Rotan, secretary of the university since 1987, has been appointed to the recently reinstated position of vice president for administration.

In addition to continuing to serve as secretary of the university, Rotan now oversees the operation of Cramton Auditorium, WHUR-FM radio, WHMM-TV and three departments: Physical Facilities Management, Physical Facilities Planning, Human Resources Management (excluding the benefits and pension section.)

Previously, she served as executive assistant to the vice president for administration (1975-87) and assistant dean and an assistant professor of law at the School of Law (1972-75). Before that, she was general counsel to the United Planning Organization in Washington, D.C.

Rotan holds a law degree from the Howard School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Southern University.

Rents are comparable with similar buildings in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. They range from \$515 for efficiencies to \$995 for three-bedrooms. Most students bring costs down considerably by sharing units.

A formal grand opening and dedication ceremony was held June 2.

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“One-Third of a Nation: African American Perspectives” is the title of a major conference that will be held on the Howard campus November 8-12.

The conference will bring together scholars and policy-makers to discuss a wide range of issues affecting the nation, particularly as they relate to African Americans and other minorities.

“Our approach will be to analyze conditions in order to make recommendations for improvements that can be carried into the 21st century,” said Lorenzo Morris and Ura Jean Oyemade, co-chairs of the conference.

Among the specific areas to be examined are voting and political participation; substance abuse; education; religious institutions; and economic development.

The conference, which is being planned by a task force composed of faculty members from throughout the university, represents a response to various recent reports detailing the de-

clining status of minorities in the U.S.

Outgoing Atlanta Mayor

Andrew J. Young has been elected the alumni trustee to the Howard University Board of Trustees. The 1951 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts joins nine other new members who recently were elected to the board.

These new members include two students — Jacqueline B. Dunmore and Darrin P. Gayles — and seven individuals who have achieved prominence in a variety of fields. The seven are:

- William B. Daniel, executive vice president for Wheat First Securities, Inc., in Richmond, Va.;
- Elizabeth H. Graham, assistant commissioner for maternity services in New York City;
- Earl G. Graves, publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine;
- Claude H. Organ Jr., M.D., a surgeon at the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City;
- Martin D. Payson, general counsel for Warner Communications, Inc., in New York City;
- Harry J. Pearce, vice president and general counsel at General Motors in Detroit and;
- Wayman F. Smith III, vice president for Anheuser Busch Cos., Inc., in St. Louis

The board has a total of 33 trustees.

Howard University Hospital

has established the Dr. Charles R. Drew World Medical Prize to honor minority medical professionals in the United States and developing nations who have made significant contributions in public health, health research or the delivery of health care.

This year, two \$50,000 prizes will be awarded, with the recipients slated to be honored October 11 at a dinner at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall Jr., chairman of the hospital's surgery department, is chairman of the awards and dinner committees.



At a reception announcing the Drew prizes last June, Joseph D. Williams, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Warner-Lambert Co., contributed \$50,000 to the prizes' endowment fund.

Drew, chief of surgery at Freedmen's Hospital [predecessor to Howard University Hospital] from 1941 to 1950, is perhaps best known for his pioneering work in developing the means to store blood plasma.

The Bison got the football season off to a rousing start when they defeated the University of the District of Columbia, 40-0, in their September 2 opening game at the university's William Henry Greene Memorial Stadium.

The game marked the public debut of Steve Wilson as the team's coach. Afterwards, the NFL veteran told a *Washington Post* reporter, “I don't remember too many opening days that we won by a score like that.”

That that victory wasn't a fluke was evident a week later when the Bison triumphed over Grambling, 6-0, in the Whitney Young Memorial Classic before a crowd of almost 30,000 at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands (N.J.)

A 1979 graduate of Howard, Wilson brings to the coaching post 10 years of experience as a player with the NFL.

A new Magazine Publishing Procedures Course designed to help minorities already employed in the publishing industry develop the range of skills necessary for advancement was held at The Howard Inn last summer.

Thirty participants attended the week-long course, which was sponsored by the university's School of Continuing Education in cooperation with *Smithsonian* magazine. Support for the program also came from the Magazine Publishers of America and a variety of individual magazine publishers.

Under the tutelage of a faculty made up of top professionals in magazine publishing, participants examined such basics as magazine editing, advertising, design, research, circulation, marketing and manufacturing. They also had the chance to put what they learned to immediate use by developing several prototypes of magazines they would like to publish.

The Howard representatives on the planning committee for the new course were Raymond Boone, associate professor of journalism; Abdulkadir Said, editor of *New Directions*; and John White, assistant dean for programs at the School of Continuing Education.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation

has awarded the College of Nursing a three-year grant of \$1,040,520 to assist it in its mission to improve health care for the homeless.

For two years, nursing students have been helping to provide care for residents at the 1,700-bed Federal City Shelter in Washington, D.C., as part of the college's regular curriculum. (See "College of Nursing: Caring for the Homeless" in the April 1989 issue of *New Directions*.)

The Kellogg grant will enable the college to expand both its delivery of health care to shelter residents and its provision of learning and research opportunities for its students and faculty.

More specifically, it will enable the college to develop a round-the-clock program of nursing care at the shelter and to educate and train volunteers who work there. It also will enable the college "to train selected homeless individuals to provide basic health care services at the shelter as a means of acquiring marketable skills," says College of Nursing Dean Dorothy L. Powell.



Wendell T. Hill Jr., dean of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP).

Named for the society's first president, the award is given annually for outstanding contributions in the field of hospital pharmacy.

Hill, a past president and board member of the 22,000-member ASHP, has been dean of Howard's pharmacy school since 1977. He also has served as director of pharmaceutical services at Detroit (Mich.) General Hospital and has been a professor in the College of Pharmacy at Wayne State University in Detroit.

He holds master of science and doctor of pharmacy degrees from the University of Southern California.

Six Howard students — three undergraduate and three graduate — last summer became the first recipients of internships sponsored by the university's Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program.

The internships provide stipends enabling students interested in public service careers to get a first-hand glimpse of what those careers can entail by working in Congress, in federal and District of Columbia government agencies and in private organizations concerned with major public policy issues.

Assignments for the summer internships included the District of Columbia Standing Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Committee on Government Operations of the House; the subcommittee on Africa of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House; the Office of Pupil Personnel Services of the District of Columbia Public School System; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Africare, the non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in rural Africa.

A second round of internships will be awarded in the spring, and a third, in the summer. Stipends received by the interns in '89, '90 are being funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Internships are one of the activities of the Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program which was established in 1987 in honor of the late Howard alumna and Howard law school dean and law professor who had a distinguished career in public service. Harris, who died in 1986, had been U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The public affairs program at Howard bearing her name is an outgrowth of a bequest she made to the university. ■