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**Howard University** celebrated its 122nd anniversary with a delightful Charter Day Dinner for more than 2,000 guests on March 1.

Five distinguished graduates of the university whose post-graduate achievements are exemplary received this year's alumni recognition awards. The five are, Army Lt. Gen. Andrew P. Chambers, educator Bernard W. Harleston, foundation director Wanda Weekes Moore, dentist Hugo A. Owens, Sr., and professor of radiology Lionel W. Young.

Chambers, a 1954 physical education graduate, is deputy commanding general, Forces Command, and commanding general, Third United States Army.

Harleston, a 1951 *summa cum laude* psychology graduate, is president of the City College of New York.

Moore, a 1963 political science graduate, is a director of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Owens, a 1947 *cum laude* graduate of the College of Dentistry, is in private practice in Portsmouth, Va., and has served two terms as the vice mayor of his home base, Chesapeake.

Young, a 1957 graduate of the College of Medicine, is chairman of the Department of Radiology at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Ohio, professor of radiology at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine and clinical professor of radiology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.



**Steve Wilson**, a 10-year veteran of the NFL, is the new head football coach at Howard University.

A 1979 graduate of Howard, Wilson replaces former coach Willie Jeffries, who resigned in January to coach at South Carolina State.

Although Wilson has never worked as a coach, it is said he is a fast learner and is expected to do well. And to assist him in the task of building a strong team for Howard, Wilson soon named six new assistant coaches, three of them with NFL coaching/playing experience.

"We recognize he has not coached before. We were very aware of that fact when we hired him," said William Moultrie, the university's athletic director, at a press conference. Moultrie said Wilson was chosen because he "has vision, honesty and integrity and the zenith of what we advocate here at Howard University."

After his graduation from Howard with a marketing degree, Wilson became a free agent and was picked quickly by the Dallas Cowboys. He remained with the team for three good seasons, starting as a reserve wide receiver and punt returner and subsequently played cornerback and defense. The last seven seasons before accepting the Howard coaching position, he played successfully as defensive back for the Denver Broncos.

As student at Howard, Wilson was on the football team as a wide

receiver. He played for four seasons, during which he caught 94 passes totaling 1,399 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was all-conference performer in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in 1978.

Wilson's new assistant coaches are Charlie West, defensive coordinator; Rubin Carter, defensive line coach; Roger Jackson, defensive back field coach; James Royster, offensive coordinator; Anthony Tademy, offensive line coach and A.C. Cauthon, quarterback/receivers coach.

**In a special dedication ceremony**, the School of Architecture and Planning renamed its building for Howard H. Mackey (1901-87), whose pioneering efforts paved the way for full-fledged, nationally-recognized architectural education at the university.



Mackey joined the architectural faculty of Howard University in 1924 upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, becoming one of few Blacks in the U.S. at that time to hold a degree in the field. In 1937, he was appointed head of Howard's architecture department. In 1950, through his efforts, the program won accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board. In 1970, he oversaw the creation of the School of Architecture and Planning as an autonomous academic entity (previously it had been combined with engineering.)

Such bare facts do little justice to the depths of his contributions as

institution-builder, practicing architect, teacher, public servant, role model.

In the words of Howard President James E. Cheek, "Naming this building is a living memorial that stands as testament to the accomplishments of Harold Mackey but also as a reminder of the legacy he created through students and alumni."

In the dedication address, alumnus Lorenzo D. Williams, a prominent Minneapolis architect, praised the "thoroughness and quality" of the education he received at Howard, reviewed some of what he termed the "innovative programs" presently offered at the school and concluded "Dr. Mackey would be proud."

But given the hard realities of homelessness and the severe problems facing the Black community, he added, "I have a hard time boasting." He urged Black architects, especially, to turn their attention to helping to solve these problems. "It could be profitable and spiritually uplifting," he said. "Then we could really be proud. All our people could be proud. And this dedication could take on a whole new meaning."

Other speakers at the dedication ceremony included Michael R. Winston, the university's vice president for academic affairs; Harry G. Robinson, III, dean of the school and a former Mackey student; and Howard H. Mackey, Jr., son of the honoree.

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**Reginald F. Lewis**, chairman and chief executive officer of the TLC Group and TLC Beatrice International, has given the university approximately \$1 million to provide financial aid to economically disadvantaged students.

The money, which will strengthen Howard's endowment and help the university meet the funding requirements of an ongoing challenge grant, is part of \$2 million in donations Lewis has made to 20 educational and cultural institutions. Of these, the grant to Howard is the largest.



According to a spokeswoman for the financier, the selection of Howard was made because Lewis "felt it was the premier Black institution and that he and his foundation should support it."

Lewis, himself, is a graduate of Virginia State University and Harvard Law School, which were also beneficiaries of his philanthropy.

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### **The School of Communications**

is the beneficiary of two unrelated recent actions. The first involves the creation of a new curriculum in advertising sales; the second a gift of \$150,000 from Warner Communications, Inc.

The advertising sales curriculum came about as a result of cooperation between the school, *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun* and Giant Food, Inc., in conjunction with the International Newspaper Advertising and Marketing Executives Foundation, INAME.

An experienced professional in advertising sales will be provided by *The Post* to train students, with Howard and *The Post* sharing in the cost. Scholarships to students in the course will be provided by Giant Food, while *The Sun* will develop with Howard an Adopt-a-University program. The INAME Foundation will coordinate the project with the School of Communications.

The gift from Warner Communications will be applied toward the launching of a new student news program on the university's television station, WHMM.

Lee Thornton, a national correspondent for the American Business Network and a member of the School of Communications faculty, has been named acting executive producer of the program.

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**The university outranked** every other college and university in the nation in the production of minority engineering graduates, according to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The article, which cited statistics compiled by the American Association of Engineering Societies, reported that in 1987 Howard attained the number 1 position with 129 minority engineering graduates, followed by City College of the City University of New York with 116 and Texas A&M University with 98.

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**The Howard University Student Federal Credit Union** opened for business in the university's Meridian Residence Hall on February 24 with more than \$200,000 in start-up capital.

The credit union offers single and joint savings accounts, tuition certificates of deposit, educational loans and other financial services, as well as financial counseling. Membership is limited to students, members of their families and alumni.

With a charter granted from the National Credit Union Association, the new venture joins 16 other student-managed financial institutions around the nation. Howard's is the only one located at a predominantly Black college or university.

The credit union is the product of a two-year effort by 20 students led by business student William Fisher, the credit union's chairman of the board. Wesley Queen, the former director of the Center for Banking Education in the School of Business and Public Administration, assisted the students in planning the venture and now serves as the credit union's general manager.

Among those providing seed money to launch the enterprise

were Giant Food, Inc., Ford Motor Co. and the U.S. State Department Federal Credit Union. Giant Food and Ford committed \$100,000 each in deposits, while the State Department credit union put up \$10,000 and trained many of the students in credit union operation.

**Ten African American former U.S. ambassadors** participated in a special Black History Month program at Howard on "African-Americans in U.S. Foreign Policy," co-sponsored by the history department and the Association of Black American Ambassadors.

Some speakers at the program offered historical perspectives, as did association president Elliott P. Skinner, a former ambassador to Burkina Faso. "Until recently," he said, "the notion that Black Americans would be interested in the foreign policy of the U.S. was not accepted because of the nature of the foreign policy process itself. For many years the foreign policy structure took on the cast of the elite."

According to the speakers, this is far less so today. Terence A. Todman, who has held ambassadorships across the globe (Chad, Costa Rica, Denmark, Guinea, Spain), urged students to actively involve themselves in foreign policy and offered some practical advice for how to make an impact on that policy. Among the specifics of his advice: "Study, so that you become the expert;" "establish and maintain contacts with those who can do something about foreign policy;" "seek and accept media exposure;" "don't be afraid to take on controversial issues."

"What happens in foreign policy affects your lives," he concluded. "This is your country. You helped it grow. You should get involved." [Todman is expected to take on a new post as U.S. Ambassador to Argentina shortly.]

Other program participants and the countries in which they held ambassadorships were: O. Rudolph Aggrey (The Gambia and Senegal, Romania); Theodore R. Britton, Jr. (Barbados and Grenada); Horace

D. Dawson, Jr. (Botswana); Richard K. Fox (Trinidad and Tobago); Irvin Hicks (Seychelles); William B. Jones (Haiti); Arthur W. Lewis (Sierra Leone); and Charles J. Nelson (Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland).

**"Phenomenal Objects: The Works of Skunder Boghossian"** was the title of a well-received exhibition held at the Howard's Gallery of Art early this year.

Boghossian, who was born in Ethiopia and received his art training in Addis Ababa, London and Paris, came to Howard in 1971 as artist-in-residence and is now an



associate professor in the art department.

Reviewing the exhibition in *The Washington Post*, Michael Welzenbach wrote that Boghossian's art "resonates with memories" and that his pictures "seem soaked through with the sun and patterned colors of his native Addis Ababa."

From another section of the review:

"Skunder makes contemporary icons. Indeed, some of his intaglio wall-panels of embossed barkcloth, writhing with curious hieroglyphs, are displayed like remnants of an ancient civilization unearthed by an archeologist. This is intentional, for Skunder's art laments the passing of his own ancient culture, its mythologies and lore, and the assault of Western realities . . .

"Skunder is a seer who creates palimpsests wherein the world may read his origins . . . And in a sense, this show, titled 'Phenomenal Objects,' is just that."

**Samuel Broder**, the new director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), made one of his first public appearances at a meeting of the President's Cancer Panel held at the university in March.

The panel, which is headed by industrialist Armand Hammer, advises the president of the United States on cancer policy. The focus of the meeting at Howard was "Cancer Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention in Minority Populations."

Citing statistics pointing to what he characterized as "the excess burden of cancer deaths suffered by minorities," Broder declared that "we must make sure knowledge (regarding cancer prevention, screening and treatment) is applied on an equitable basis."

He added: "I do not want the next director of the National Cancer Institute to face the same statistics I faced in the first week of office."

Other speakers at the meeting included Kenneth Olden, director of Howard's Cancer Center, who presented an overview of the center's mission and operations; Claudia R. Baquet, chief of NCI's Special Populations Studies Branch, and Barry Gause, acting chief of medical oncology at Howard's Cancer Center, who shared comparative statistics for U.S. Black and white cancer patients in the nation as a whole and the District of Columbia, respectively; Sandra White, an associate professor of microbiology and oncology at Howard, who discussed a promising research project being undertaken at the university on an agent (swainsonine) that appears to be effective in halting the spread of cancer; Barbara Bynum, director of NCI's division of extramural activities, who addressed the dearth of minorities in health science careers; and Maryann Roper, NCI deputy director, who gave an overview of breast cancer today. □