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**NEWSFILE**


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**Bert King**, since 1987 director of corporate relations at Boston University, has joined Howard as vice president for institutional advancement.

King, who played a key role in Boston University's fund-raising campaign of \$200 million during his tenure, assumed his new position at Howard in January as the university's chief development officer. Besides fundraising, under his charge are the university's development and alumni affairs units.

The development and alumni units, as well as publications, university relations and Congressional liaison, were previously under Roger D. Estep, retired former vice president for development and university relations. The latter three areas—publications, university relations and Congressional liaison—are now under the Office of the President and report to Hassan Minor, Jr., special assistant to President Franklyn G. Jenifer.

A graduate of Ohio University, King holds an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School.

Prior to joining Boston University, he was an independent consultant based in Cambridge, MA., serving a number of institutions of higher education in minority recruitment programs. Among his clients during this period, 1984-86, were Yale University Graduate School of Management and Fordham University.

From 1971 to 1984, King served as president and executive director for Council for Opportunity in Graduate Management Education, also in Cambridge. The council was "a consortium of ten leading business schools designed to recruit and provide financial assistance to outstanding minority students and to encourage their subsequent entry into responsible managerial positions in both the public and private sectors."

Earlier, from 1970 to 1971, King was affiliated with the Harvard Business School as assistant director of admissions.

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**A \$3.7 million grant** to fight AIDS was recently awarded to Howard University by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The goal is to develop AIDS clinical trials as well as experimental therapies primarily for African Americans and other minorities infected with acquired immune deficiency disease.

According to national data, African Americans, who comprise roughly 12 percent of the U.S. population, account for 28 percent of the 157,525 cases on record in the United States. Hispanics, who

fall slightly under 8 percent of the population, account for approximately 15.5 percent. The count for women, especially African American women, and children also reveal similar imbalance.

The principle investigator of the project is Wayne L. Greaves, associate professor of medicine at the College of Medicine, and former chief of the infectious diseases unit at Howard University Hospital. (See "On the AIDS Battlefront," *New Directions*, July 1988.)

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is the leading AIDS research unit of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



**The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson**, a former presidential candidate, and since January an elected shadow senator for the District of Columbia, has joined the Howard faculty. He was recently named to

4 serve as Distinguished Political Leader in Residence in the Department of Political Science for the spring semester.

Following the appointment, Jackson was on campus to receive a warm welcome from Howard President Franklyn G. Jenifer, Joyce Ladner, vice president for academic affairs and Ronald Walters, chair of the Department of Political Science.

Jackson's role at Howard during the semester will include lectures, formal or informal discussions on relevant national/international issues and related academic activities.

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**The key role Howard** continues to play and its illustrious history of unwavering commitment to teaching was the subject of a campus Newsmaker Breakfast in February.

The speaker, Thomas C. Battle, director of the university's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, engaged his audience with his thorough knowledge and balanced assessment of historical and contemporary issues impacting on the university community and the nation.

He emphasized that Howard's long record of excellence will serve the university well as it prepares for the coming century.

Responding to a question on the resurgence of campus activism, especially on the issue of dissent involving the Persian Gulf War, Battle said Howard always has had an open atmosphere for constructive dissent on important issues. For example, he noted, campus groups at Howard were at

the forefront of those opposed to the war in Vietnam two decades ago.

Battle, whose professional career at Howard dates back to 1972, was enrolled at the University at the height of '60s-'70s student activism. He later went on to earn a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from George Washington University.



**Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall** of the U.S. Supreme Court was on hand at the unveiling of a bust of him at the Howard School of Law in January.

Also present at the ceremony were six of Marshall's colleagues, Justices Harry Blackmun, Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter and Byron White.

The bust, created by Associate Professor Randall J. Craig of the University of Maryland, was a gift from the 1991 law class in honor

of Marshall's achievements as a civil rights advocate and his vast contributions to the legal profession since his graduation from the Howard School of Law in 1933.

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**Howard University** is one of four Historically Black Colleges and Universities that will share in a recent \$6.5 million three-year grant by the Digital Equipment Corporation, a worldwide supplier of computer systems.

The gift is part of an engineering-computer enhancement program, primarily involving the acquisition of technical equipment, as well as support for faculty and student development.

The other three institutions are: North Carolina A & T State University, Tennessee State University, and Tuskegee University.

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**George W. Crockett, Jr.**, who represented Michigan's Congressional District 13 in the U.S. Congress for 10 years, has donated his voluminous record of legislative activities to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.

A celebrated judge in Detroit and civil rights activist before seeking public office, Crockett served his constituents from 1980 until his retirement in 1990. The papers he gave to the Howard center came packed in 129 boxes. They include speeches, correspondence, photographs and other official memorabilia.

During his 10-year tenure as a member of the U.S. House of

Representatives, Crockett had important assignments on a number of committees, among them, the foreign affairs subcommittees on Africa and international operations, as well as judiciary subcommittees on monopolies and commercial law, and immigration, refugees and international law.

The papers of his predecessor, former longtime Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr., were acquired by the Howard center in 1977.

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**A \$3.7 million five-year** National Science Foundation grant to Howard and others (Winter '91 Newsfile) is for a multi-faceted project to enhance instructional and tutorial programs in science and mathematics for grades K-12 students in the District of Columbia.

Besides Howard, the other participants are: The District of Columbia Public Schools, the University of the District of Columbia, the National Technical Association, the Washington Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women, and Minority Women in Science. □