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Federal Funding and Expenditures Threaten Howard's Operations

By RILEY NELSON
Staff Writer

Even though President Obama recently signed HBCU Initiative, Howard University may still see financial troubles. Since 1870, Howard has re- ceived funds from the government to help with operations. Yet, because the government's annual appropriation remains stagnant while the university's overall budget grows, this "special funds" will cover less of Howard's costs—leading a major gap to be filled. According to the biggest contributor to the university's operating budget at Howard, the gap will be larger than in previous years since 2000, according to a Hilary analysis. If this trend continues, this could mean more increases in tuition and student loans.

According to Howard University's 2010 Campus Budget Summary in 2010, federal appropri- ations were 61.3 percent of the total 2010. 62.8 percent of the university's annual budget. According to the university's website, this is a decrease from the national growth in 2000. Because of inflation, the $800 million worth of federal funding in the 2000's was significantly more than the $518 million currently being funded.

According to Carol Burgan, the Director of Strategic Affairs and Budget at Howard, this situation will not improve soon. "We now expect the appropriations trend to remain relatively flat. The changes have been quite modest over the past few years, due to President Obama's fiscal restraint and the unpredictable federal budgets," she said. With the cuts to the federal funding, the university is forced to cut student aid, remove some support for technology programs, pump in student fees and "require significant growth in endowment income or increased fund- ing for programs," there has been "great need for appropriate efforts to increase fund-raising efforts."

In fact, according to Howard University's Budget Advisory Committee's 2009 Budget Summary, the deficit in the federal budget began even before the current downturn and major increases in the federal deficit.

According to the Committee, "Over the past 10 years, the university's expenditure budget has increased by a total of $108 mil- lion, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 4.5 percent." With inflation at a combined 20 percent, the gap grows each year. The condition under which the university must operate is expected to get worse, Tu- tor, chair and former vice president of the university's board of trustees, said, "The current analysis very much tells us that our resources are lagging behind the increases in the costs that we've been facing in the past years.

Junior accounting major Nelson Mitchell said that even though the allocations may not be significant, "they are still beneficial to the students and university. If it helps the students by getting grants, then the total amount in aid will be just increased and we'll have more students that will feel that—however much they do to get to be able to afford their tuition." In 2010 Budget Request, the Department of Education measured the efficacy of Howard University by dividing the total fund received by the student and the federal aid received. "As an institution, we have not been able to successfully compete for funds," said Howard. Howard did not see its actuarial or forecasted increase in college costs in 2007. Howard did not see its actuarial or forecasted increase in college costs in 2007.

Howard University Professor Makes History with Appointment

By LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

Many Howard University professors have made great strides in their careers away from HU. Al- though several have served as the Chairmen of the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT), James H. Johnson, Ph.D can now be added to a continued legacy of environmental professionals. Johnson was appointed to the Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by President Barack Obama. "I am so proud of this honor, it has made history in her own capacity as the first African American to serve as EPA Administrator," Johnson was quoted as saying.

The NACEPT is an independent federal advisory committee that provides recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a broad range of environmental issues.

Johnson will be responsible for providing policy recommendations to the EPA and people who will provide recommendations to the Administrator, Jackson. As a long-time environmental justice leader across the country, Johnson will use his appointment with the EPA is voluntary and will allow him to be continued to be Howard in a profes- sor emeritus. Currently, he serves as Howard's principal investigator for three projects and is preparing final reports for two other projects that were recently completed.

"However, it is often when decisions are made that impact our everyday lives. In Johnson’s new position, he will be the first African American to serve as the chair of an independent committee advising the EPA on a number of issues dealing with environmental policy, science, technology and implementation. For first-time appointments,

First Lady Donates Gown to Smithsonian

Relieving the confines of its fall ladies, Michelle Obama will donate her inaugural gown to the Smithsonian Institution.

Today, Obama will give her white inaugural ball gown to the National Museum of African History and Culture, which has not seen a similar donation since 1912 have given items as part of the museum’s First Ladies Collection. Whether the coat, hat, shoes or dress, this will be the second这样的 gown donated to the Smithsonian. Inaugural gowns from Laura Bush, EURA Rosewii and more. Enstone her enameled are those that will be featured.

---Complied by Guest Editor, Helen Editor
Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation Gives Students Experience

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation has launched an online way for students to request help if they are having problems in the dormitory. Students can report problems directly to the supervisor or environmental manager.

ResLife Offers Students New Way To Fix Problems

If there is a problem in the dormitories, students can now get the Web to request a fix. Last month, the Residence Life department launched an online way for students to request help if they are having problems in the dormitories called ResLife Quick Fix. Students can report problems directly to the supervisor or environmental manager.

ResLife Intern Dean Marc Lee said this is a multi-purpose function. He said not only are they helping students get the help they need but they are also looking at the sustainability issue.

"We really want to phase out all paper request forms," he said. "This information is processed more quickly." The Office of Residence Life encourages students to take part in this new form of communication.

- Compiled by Takhira Haight, Campus Editor

CEW WEEK

Tuesday: "Solving The Security Situation" Town Hall Meeting, Architecture Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: "Cafe For The Grown and Sexy" Engineering Building, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: "I <3 CEAS Day" Punch Out, 3-4 p.m., Blackburn Cafe, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

March 9, 2010

Campus Briefs

Update of what's going on at Howard.

- The Environmental Protection Agency named former Dean of College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences James H. Johnson, Ph.D., the chair of National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology.

- College of Dentistry Dean Dr. Eo E. House named President-elect of the American Dental Education Association. He will officially become chairman in March 2011.

- Today, Howard University School of Law will hold a panel with California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno on "Sex, Sex, Sex." D.C., at noon.

- Senior Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences Howard University, Dr. Eve J. Higginbotham, was appointed to the National Board of Medical Examiners.

- On Wednesday, WorldNomad Thai and Vietnamese chef, writer, and cookbook author Minh Pham will come to Blackburn Upper Cafe from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- The August Wilson Society, together with the African American Studies Department, will be hosting events this spring for Common Text Project on August Wilson's Pulitzer-winning play, "The Piano Lesson.

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School of ‘C’
Re-counts Votes

The vice-president, as recorded twice, resulting in “Redfine” having 230 total votes and “Excel” having 50 percent. In the runoff code, a candidate needs 51 percent or more to be elected the winner. Thus, a runoff is necessary due to the fact that no one received over 51 percent.

As a result of the runoffs and resolved quills, the outcome of the election results, the “Excel” campaign decided to withdraw from the runoff before the voting was held. The General Election Committee accepted “Excel’s” withdrawal and “Redfine” will run unopposed in the runoff election that will be held March 15 in the Union Hall.

“The slate decided collectively that we were the winners,” Copeland said. “If they called the percentages, they felt this could have been avoided.”

The runoff election will also include the School of Dentistry for the position of treasurer. The Committee also said that they would review the election results for all the school’s balloting.

CEACS Professor
Appointed to NACEPT

News history

Johnson will serve for six years on Howard’s campus within the College of Engineering Architecture and Computer Sciences as the former dean of the college, and former chairmen and profes- sor emeritus of the Department of Civil Engineering. Though not sure how this may appear as a “smile,” opportunity, some students feel as though the outcome of some of the departments is the result of positions like those being available, and the minimal pay that professors receive for their efforts in teaching the courses of Howard as a research institution. “Although it’s a great honor, I am not surprised that he is ben-

ning,” said Bekiel Robinson, senior civil engineering major. “He is a very dedicated person who is taking the time to do this. It’s all about desire really since they are choosing to do what they are. His efforts are amazing.”

Johnson is humbled by the opportunity and plans not to boast in his honor, but make a difference. “I consider it an honor and a privilege,” Johnson said. “The real history is in the contributions that will not be footnoted with his name. The first but I was among the best.”

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Census Reaches Out to Students on Campuses

BY GERRON JORDAN Staff writer

The beginning of the new 2010 Census is a time when few campuses have more going on than Howard University. The United States 2010 Census is eight weeks away from being counted and according to the Census on Campus Initiative, college students have more than enough on their plate.

"The Census on Campus Initiative acted to engage, encourage and inform students living in dormitories, apartment buildings, fraternities and sororities on Howard University," said Kern Knight, "I think they really try to center on the importance of the Census and that they’re doing an excellent job."

Historically, the highly mobile college student population brings on its own unique challenges. Census data collection efforts typically involve a random sample of the population, every individual is counted once, and the resident places are counted.

"The Census on Campus Initiative reaches really timid students," said volunteer Brian Moncrief, "I think that they really try to center on the importance of the Census and that they’re doing an excellent job."

According to the Census Bureau, college students are often a target of the Census because of their frequency of moves. Some of the inactive student populations are those of students who are off campus, are in the military or from out of state.

"It is one of the first civic activities students can participate in and there are two very important activities students can participate in that have important results," said Rachel Canham for WebGL, a network of volunteers that manages projects for the US Census Bureau.

"From April through May students living in social community, more commonly known as dormitories, are counted by the Census takers with assistance from volunteers," said Canham.

As professional organizations and other educational leaders can have an influential role in helping to spread the message of the 2010 Census, Canham and the Census Bureau marshaled the contributions from the local community organization and utilized the abilities of other than 18,000+ students in government funding early this year.

Howard students are living in the city, including second-year students who are making their first April 1 visit.

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Common Job-Seeking Mistakes

Diploma-schilling graduates have a lot on their plates following commencement in May.

After the fanfare and congratulatory parties, these new Howard alumni will need employment.

In a struggling economy slowly regaining its strength, many companies and corporations are placing potential employees under tight scrutiny, analyzing each applicant closely.

Resume fabrications and interview faux pas could easily keep Howard graduates from their dream jobs.

Rosemary Haefner, CareerBuilder Vice President of Human Resources used her company’s Web site, careerbuilder.com, to survey hiring managers of the most common interview mistakes.

Although some of the mistakes seem obvious, most of the surveyed employers reported that the majority of applicants fail prey to these interview blunders.

Arriving Late

Get directions from the interviewer or a map. Before the interview day, travel to your destination in order to track distance and time, and leave home on the day of the interview at least an hour early. If the worst happens, and you cannot make it on time, call the interviewer, and arrange to reach out.

Dressing Inappropriately

A good rule of thumb is to dress in business attire to an interview no matter the job type. It shows professionalism, and lets them know that you take the appointment seriously. When you land the job at the relaxed new public relations firm, then you can gauge the attire limits of your workplace.

Asking Overly Personal Questions

Asking questions in an interview is a good thing as long as they are appropriate and work-related. It shows employers that you are interested in the company and did your research. Employers surveyed said they heard a spectrum of questions from "What religion do you practice?" to "Would you like to go out for a drink after the interview?" Questions like these can be asked, "Where do you see the biggest growth opportunities and challenges for your organization over the next five years?"

Speaking Negatively About Previous Employers

Even if your previous employer was, in fact, terrible, stressing the negative makes an applicant look like a "trouble-maker" or "someone who isn’t a team player," according to surveyed managers. Focus on the positive of how previous employment helped your character or how you plan to grow professionally and make a difference if hired.

Using Cell Phones

A definite turn-off. All managers surveyed agreed that technology should be turned off before entering an interview. If you do forget, apologize and turn it off immediately.

Lying

Employers would prefer applicants admit when they do not have the information at that time but would be happy to follow up over the phone or via e-mail. Honesty is a trait to your character as a possible future employer to have when they scrutinize the opportunity to interact with the hiring manager again.

Compiled by Alexis K. Barnes, Information from CBS News

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Yinka Shonibare MBE Exhibit

BY JESSICA HAPPER

Contributing Writer

Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare MBE's exhibition (closed Sunday), opening this week at the National Museum of African Art.

Since November, visitors have treked across the Smithsonian to view its 14-year worth of the British-born artist's most celebrated works. These pieces include a colorful mixture of paintings, paper, photographs, film, sculpture, paintings and temporary outdoor exhibits.

Shonibare's most recent piece is "Dorian Gray," which opened to the public last month. This is the first major solo exhibition of the artist's work in the United States. The exhibition also features "Leisure Lady (with Ocelots)," an exhibition of Romanian artist, Omara Salaam! that opened two years ago.

"I enjoy the way he conceptualizes his art," said Museum of African Art curator Bruce Lindsey. "It is both beautiful and political." Former Museum of African Art curator, Mohamed Sanoussy, noted: "His figures show animal heads, as well as a colorful mixtures of European and African clothing."

The exhibition makes its way from Germany, "He's been beautifully and political." Former Museum of African Art curator, Mohamed Sanoussy, noted: "This is unlike anything I've seen, but I think it's more emotive than anything else." Another visitor from Ohio, Amy, from Ohio, said, "This is unlike anything I've seen, but I think it's more emotive than anything else."

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About the Artist

Born in 1962, Yinka Shonibare MBE is a British-born Nigerian artist. The age of 15, a white artist, attacked her head and left him haun. In this fi

His art work consists of sculpture, photography, painting and film. Shonibare focuses on European relations, African identity, transport, architecture, race, class, wealth and global is

He was inducted as Member of Order of British Empire, hence the MBE in his name. "The artist is an active of two children standing on a bed playing on a world globe detail'

"The artist is an active of two children standing on a bed playing on a world globe detail'ing areas of the world affected by global warming and environmental

The piece explains the way people feel to get for the world live for it or acknowledge it, the problem dangers.

"Headless Man Trying to Drink" represents the water shortage and drought that plagued the earth.
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The return of ATL Freaknik

By DEANNE BRADLEY

Freaknik has evolved over the years from being a college party to a city-wide event that attracts thousands of people. The event, which is held annually in Atlanta, Georgia, is known for its lively atmosphere and energetic music. The festival has been a cultural touchstone for many Atlantans and has become an important part of the city's identity. Over the years, Freaknik has undergone several changes, including a shift from a college party to a city-wide event. In recent years, the event has been criticized for its excessive drinking and drug use, leading to the city's decision to ban it in 2021. However, the event has since been revived under new management, and it continues to attract thousands of people each year. The festival has also seen a resurgence in its popularity, with many people returning to attend the event after it was initially banned. The event remains a source of controversy, with some people applauding its revival and others questioning its impact on the city's reputation. Regardless of one's opinion, Freaknik is an event that has become an integral part of Atlanta's cultural landscape and is sure to continue to attract people for years to come.
Smiley to Join Forces with King of R&B

Smiley Books is the general trade book publisher that specializes in publishing what black movie mogul Tavis Smiley dubs "social non-fiction," yet is appealing to a broad spectrum of readers, both within and outside of the African-American community. We're used to hearing Tavis Smiley's opinions about politics, pop cultural phenomena and whatever other range of topics he chooses to address.

Most recently and notably, Smiley has been instrumental in the publication of multiple New York Times best sellers. Interestingly enough, with this level of success in publishing, Smiley is jumping into a new project that has specific social implications without changing their heading to a column, or a digest.

This year, Smiley will be adding another book to his publishing repertoire. He is joining forces with R. Kelly, yes R. Kelly. He is doing so in an effort to place in the commercial R&B market, a story that he, and to the world, both him and through Clinton, TV, Hollywood are so much in demand. But ultimately, it's Smiley.

Smiley is offering the help of famed author and David Oyelowo, who has written biographies and autobiographies of individuals such as Ray Charles, Fela Kuti, James Baldwin and Martin Luther King, Jr. and won the prestigious Ralph J. Gleason Award on multiple occasions for his efforts. Thus, Smiley will be the headliner to capture all award winning, write, might ask? An interesting little fact: about the Grammy Award winner, is public.

According to press materials released by Smiley's publishing company, the book will detail the singer's struggle with the death of his mother, the creative genius behind his music, "but not just music." The "wise, unafraid, legally undefined as R&B, but finally ended in vindication when he was found innocent of child pornography charges in 2008." This is similar to O.J. Simpson releasing his self-help book, "If I Did It, How He Hap­pened," after being acquitted of the charges he faced.

The book, Tavis Smiley: "R. Kelly: A Love Story," will be released this Thursday, May 21, 2009, in conjunction with Smiley's upcoming book, Smiley to Join Forces with King of R&B.

Our View: Smiley's book is destined to become a best seller within the community. Although Smiley is, through itself, a book. The issue lies with Tavis Smiley's lack of the publication on the part of the book, will it be as successful at the sales.

Of course, the book will sell. People love self-help celebrity books. If based back the popularity of the common of a certain "talking show," having her annual talk show, the number of celebrity men, who regardless of whether or not the book sell, it will serve to perpetuate sto-
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Due to this effort, the University provided significant financial assistance to support registered students in achieving matriculation. However, we recognize the financial difficulties of many of our students during this time of economic challenges.

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