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Education students place first in FBI case competition

Where in the World is Our Agent?" is the name of the lesson plan that earned the Department of Education first place and an award of \$3,000 in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Curriculum Development Challenge Competition held in December in Washington, D.C.

The HU team, which consisted of Dr. Gertrude Henry, chair of the Department of Education, and three senior students enrolled in her EDU 300: Curriculum in the Secondary Schools course, developed six lesson plans and a Power Point presentation for the competition. The award-winning students were Angela Pierce, a mathematics major, and Guerschmide Saint-Ange and Juanita Devlin, both English education majors.

Competing against several HBCUs from across the nation, this feat was quite recognizable for HU. Claflin University placed second in the competition and Miles University came in third place.



DR. Gertrude Henry(right) and HU students earned first place.

According to the FBI National Curriculum Development Challenge, its goal is to "tap into the creativity of America's future diverse educators to assist in developing age and stage appropriate lesson plans." Ultimately, the competition's lesson plans are designed to get middle school students interested in learning more about, and perhaps consider a career in, the FBI.

"I really had no idea we would even be one of the finalists, much less win. After we were informed we were one of the

finalists, we began working on the presentation," stated Henry.

The whole process began as an assignment in Henry's class that focused on developing lesson plans for middle school students. To make the project interesting, Henry asked the students to register online for this competition and develop two lesson plans each to be submitted in November. The competition required each participating case study team to create a unit made up of six to eight lesson plans addressing one of the three focus areas - intelligence, languages, or information technology. Henry chose to focus on the area of intelligence.

The students titled their submission "Where in the World is Our Agent?" after designing lesson plans that incorporated the duties of an intelligence analyst. In the lesson, middle school students are to assume the role of an intelligence analyst in order to identify an undercover agent who is in danger somewhere in the world. Students use investigative work to trace the

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ROTC program demonstrates it's 'Army Strong'

Armey Strong. This new slogan, recently announced by the U.S. Army, illustrates how each cadet already brings strengths to the table upon entering the military.

The U.S. Army welcomes those strengths and works to build upon them to make him or her stronger. At the end of the fall semester, three events within Hampton University's Department of Military Science demonstrated just how HU's cadets have fully embraced these simple, yet defining words.

On Nov. 29, the HU Army ROTC program received a Louisville slugger bat and baseball at a U.S. Army awards banquet held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. These items were given to recognize the program's success in commissioning the assigned quota of future Army officers during the 2005-2006 academic year. Every ROTC program at universities across the country is assigned a specific recruitment mission from the U.S. Army's Cadet Command. At HU, the program aims to commission 15 cadets of any major and two nursing major cadets each year.

The slugger bat represents the recruitment of cadets



2nd Lt. Shinita Burke

from any major. The HU program has only accomplished this feat two other times, in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. However, this year the HU program also met the nursing major mission and therefore earned the baseball too.

"This is the first year that we've ever gotten the ball," explained Jacquelyn Walters, administrative secretary in the Department of Military Science.

The ceremony was part of the weeklong annual U.S. Army Cadet Command Eastern Region Commander's Senior PMS Workshop. Lt. Col. Belford S. Wilson, chair of the military science department, attended the event.

Following the awards banquet, several distinguished members of the U.S. and Canadian Armies visited HU's ROTC program. On Dec. 13, Lt. Gen. Andrew B. Leslie, the chief of staff of the Canadian Army; Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command; and Col. J.R. Giguere of the Canadian Military Attaché visited the HU campus. Leslie and Van Antwerp, both three-star generals, were visiting Ft. Monroe and requested to come to HU to learn more about the ROTC program.

According to Wilson, a visit from a general, let alone two three-star generals, is quite an accomplishment and speaks

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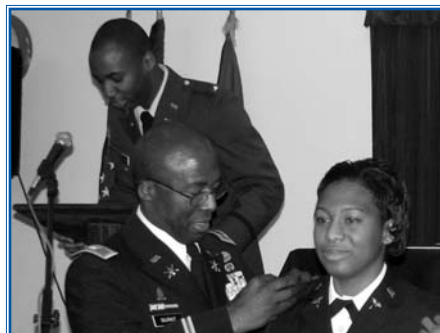
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wonders of the HU program. The group visited the ROTC facility and met with professors and staff to review the program.

While the on-campus visit was brief, the men also met with nearly a dozen of the cadets and offered them the opportunity to ask questions about their military experiences.

“To sit with our own generals and generals from other nations is a very prestigious thing as far an opportunity to gain insight on history and an understanding on where they came from. It gives you a chance to inquire about their experiences,” said Donald Williams, a senior music engineering and technology major and a cadet in the HU ROTC program.



2nd Lt. Shinita Burke is commissioned into the U.S. Army.

Lastly, on Dec. 15, the department held its Winter Commissioning Ceremony where 2nd Lt. Shinita Burke was commissioned into the U.S. Army Nursing Corps by her father. Burke is the first cadet within HU's program to be commissioned under the new “Army Strong”



The HU ROTC program was recognized for commissioning cadets in 2005-06.

slogan. Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Rogers, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command and based at Ft. Monroe, delivered the keynote speech. Rogers spoke of the attributes a successful young officer should possess, the value of setting goals, and the importance of seeking a mentor who can provide guidance. “Welcome to the officer corps. We want you to remain 'Army Strong,’” concluded Rogers to Burke.

Following this commissioning and the passing of her state boards, she will travel to San Antonio, Texas, for training.

Since she is the third generation in her family to serve in the U.S. Army, Burke explained that it only felt natural to join the family business. However, her passion for aiding others led her to join the Nursing Corps. “I like to know that I'm saving lives,” said Burke.

Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, founder of HU, required that all men take part in military drills and organized the first “Hampton Regiment.” In 1919, Hampton's program was designated a Senior ROTC unit and alternated between that rating and that of a Junior ROTC unit until 1926. In 1948, the first officers were commissioned at Hampton and in 1985, U.S. Army ROTC became a separate active Army Command. Along with this change, each ROTC detachment was designated as a Battalion command, thus the HU “Pirate Battalion” has commissioned over 2,100 officers into the U.S. Army through the ROTC program. Today there are 54 cadets in the program.

-Alison L. Phillips

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School of Pharmacy students present at national conference

Hampton University School of Pharmacy students recently had a chance to visit with pharmacy students from across the nation. Students were also able to bid for competitive residency positions. Third and fourth year pharmacy students attended the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) 41st Mid-Year Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in Anaheim, Calif. on Dec. 3-7. According to ASHP, over 17,000 registrants representing 46 countries attended the national meeting. Students were able to attend seminars specifically designed for their clinical practice of choice. Seminars included topics such as ambulatory care, inpatient care, and chronic-care.

Students in the School of Pharmacy Class of 2008 "showcased the School of Pharmacy chapter of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists accomplishments and ideas," said Dr. Tonya Martin, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. The students conducted poster presentations along with other pharmacy students from across the nation.

Students in the Class of 2007 competed in the National Clinical Skills Competition in which they were given a mock case to evaluate. The competitors, Zakia Woods and Akilah Williams were required to provide recommendations and justifications regarding the case and present them orally. Woods and Williams were the winners of the HU clinical skills competition and were sponsored by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists to attend the conference and compete nationally.

Each of the 30 students who attended the conference had an opportunity to participate in the national residency match program. HU School of Pharmacy alumni who have completed their residency attended the conference and participated in the job fair.



Pharmacy students present School accomplishments in Anaheim, Calif.

The School of Pharmacy also hosted its first formal reception at this conference. This was "one of the greatest benefits," said Martin. It "really put HU on the map with other schools and colleges of pharmacy."

-Erica Taylor Harrod

HU CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT SCHEDULE | 2007

Hampton University will honor black history and heritage throughout the month of February.

- On **Thursday, Feb. 1** the activities will commence with historical re-enactments in the Student Center Atrium from noon - 2 p.m., followed by an opening ceremony hosted by the Student Leaders in the Atrium from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- On **Friday, Feb. 2** from noon - 2 p.m., the Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority will discuss influential blacks in health care in the Student Center Atrium.
- On **Monday, Feb. 5** at 8 p.m. Kiki Sheard, national gospel recording artist, will perform in Ogden Hall.
- On **Wednesday, Feb. 7**, the Student Government Association (SGA) will host an HIV/AIDS seminar entitled "Dangerously In Love" in the Student Center Theatre from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On **Thursday, Feb. 8**, the HU chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will host a seminar discussing the "Divine Nine" black Greek fraternities and sororities in the Student Center Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On **Saturday, Feb. 10** in the Hampton University Convocation Center, Tavis Smiley in partnership with Jamestown 2007 will present the annual State of the Black Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 a.m.). Smiley, Tom Joyner and prominent black leaders in education, public policy, religion, and community organizations will discuss the black impact on western culture. The panel discussion will be broadcast live on C-SPAN. This event is free and open to the public. Registration can be completed online at www.tavistalks.com.
- On **Monday, Feb. 12**, the HU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) will host a seminar discussing African Americans in media in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- On **Tuesday, Feb. 13**, the junior class will present a Madam C.J. Walker Hair Show from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.
- On **Wednesday, Feb. 14** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the SGA Men's Caucus will host a relationship seminar in the Student Center Theatre.
- On **Thursday, Feb. 15**, the SGA Cultural Affairs committee will conduct a presentation on the Harlem Renaissance in the Student Center Lounge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On **Friday, Feb. 16**, the Student Leaders will host a "State of the Black Business" seminar in the Student Center from noon - 4 p.m.
- Also on **Friday, Feb. 16**, His Chosen Sounds gospel choir will perform an African American Choral Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Ogden Hall.
- On **Monday, Feb. 19**, the Student Leaders will present a Black History Extravaganza in the Convocation Center. The African Marketplace will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and children.
- On **Wednesday, Feb. 21**, the senior class will recognize and address Diabetes Awareness Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center and they will host a diabetes seminar at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Theatre.
- On **Friday, Feb. 23**, His Chosen Sounds will present a concert in Ogden Hall at 8 p.m.
- On **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, the Student Leaders will end the event-packed month of activities with re-enactments from noon - 2 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium and a closing ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Hampton University Museum.

For more information regarding the schedule of activities, contact the Office of Student Activities at (757) 727-5691.

Psychology expert discusses “the Lucifer effect”



Dr. Adolph Brown with Dr. Phil Zimbardo

On Dec. 1, psychology students and faculty from Hampton University, The College of William & Mary, Old Dominion University and area high schools gathered in the Science and Technology building to welcome one of the most distinguished professionals in psychology, Dr. Philip Zimbardo. Through the efforts of Dr. Adolph Brown, chair of the psychology department, Zimbardo visited the campus to discuss “The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil.”

While the room was as hot as an inferno, the temperature was not an additional part of the discussion. Instead Zimbardo, a professor at Stanford University since 1968, focused on the social psychology of evil, using an analysis of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq for reference.

He studied how “good” people are seduced or induced to engage in violent or “evil” deeds by situational forces by which they find themselves surrounded, and psychological justifications and interpretations. He explained that instead of asking “who is to blame for this?” the public should ask “what is to blame for this?”



Students meet with Dr. Phil Zimbardo following his lecture.

“Good and evil have always been here because it's part of the human condition. You can be almost anything depending on the situation,” stated Zimbardo.

According to Zimbardo, evil is behaving in ways that demean others, knowing better but doing worse, and intentionally planning to do harm. “Most peo-

ple are moral. You are your own self-sensor, but there are times when you slip in and out because it's easier when others are doing it too,” he said.

Internationally recognized as the “voice and face of contemporary psychology” through his widely seen PBS television series, “Discovering Psychology,” Zimbardo explained that his interest in understanding the dynamics of human aggression stems from his early experiences growing up in a Sicilian family amid the violence of the South Bronx ghettos.

While most members of the audience had previously seen Abu Ghraib photos on television news coverage, Zimbardo offered a graphic slideshow of additional unreleased photos to demonstrate the heinous nature of these prison acts. He explained that in order to understand the Abu Ghraib situation, one must consider a multitude of factors including the individual in question, the physical location, and the system that put him or her there. The guards' actions demonstrated their moral disengagement, emergent behavioral norms, power differentials, and the dehumanization of their victims.

Ultimately, Zimbardo argued that the system was guilty for allowing these actions to occur. The system placed Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the sole female commander in the war zone, in charge of military prisons in Iraq. While Karpinski was a proven operations and intelligence officer, she had never run a prison system prior to this and her inexperience allowed for prisoner abuse to occur beneath her.

According to Zimbardo, the system also allowed for the overflow of prisoners in the facility, unfavorable conditions, the passivity of “good” guards and senior officials to ignore the evil actions of their comrades, and

the lack of training guidelines given to the guards.

“I thought Zimbardo's presentation was great! He was very personable and kept everything very interesting,” said Oluyomi Alowooja, a senior psychology major from Minnesota.

Zimbardo also referenced his now-classic 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment where he posed the question, “What happens when you put good people in an evil place?” In a dramatic simulation of prison life, the experiment gathered 24 male volunteers and randomly separated them as prisoners and guards.

“Good and evil have always been here because it's part of the human condition. You can be almost anything depending on the situation.”

Within days the guards displayed sadistic mannerisms while the prisoners quickly demonstrated signs of extreme stress. Zimbardo's results reasoned the imposed social situation led to the volunteers' behavior.

“I read about the Stanford Prison study, so I already knew his [Zimbardo] work. But I was still shocked during the presentation... The pictures had a big effect,” explained Alowooja.

Zimbardo dives further into this subject in his upcoming book “The Lucifer Effect” that will be published by Random House in March 2007.

-Alison L. Phillips

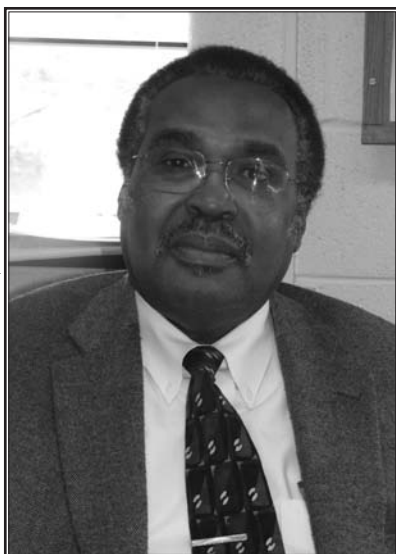


Dr. Phil Zimbardo signs autographs for students.

Professor, alum awarded for cultural contributions

Dr. Patrick Lewis '66, chair of the Department of Political Science and History, received the national honor of Grand Cross of the Most Precious Order of the Princely Heritage (GCH) on Nov. 1 at the 25th Independence Celebrations of Antigua and Barbuda. According to Sir James B. Carlisle, governor-general of Antigua and Barbuda, Lewis was awarded this honor of post-nominal letters "because of [his] significant contribution in the areas of culture and heritage."

Since 1995, Lewis has served as the ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations. Prior to this, he served as the ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the Organization of American States from 1991-1995. His services have been heavily involved in Antigua and Barbuda's culture, including drafting the 1988 Antigua and Barbuda National Awards Act and aiding in the planning of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Emancipation in Antigua. Lewis has also



Dr. Patrick Lewis, GCH

been heavily involved in the Antigua Labor Party.

"I traveled a lot and became well known in the Caribbean circle as an ambassador for the U.S. and United Nations and became a leading voice for the Caribbean on the concept of globalization and its effect on developing countries," said Lewis.

According to Lewis, this prestigious honor is considered to be just below the level of knighthood. "I think anyone honored by his own country is humbled by the knowledge that his countrymen recognize his efforts. I felt certainly honored to be recognized and it is something to be very proud of," explained Lewis.

He explained that upon receiving this award he is only further encouraged to continue contributing to the cultures of Antigua and Barbuda.

A 1966 graduate of Hampton, Lewis also earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Cincinnati.

Unable to attend the event due to prior obligations, Lewis' son, Pascal Lewis, accepted the honor, conferred by Carlisle, on his behalf.

-Alison L. Phillips

HU students' nonprofit grants local Christmas wishes



Miss Hampton University RaSheeda Waddell poses with two children from ForKids.

Hampton University students Dominique Steele and Steve Young made Christmas dreams come true for local children experiencing homelessness, children with physical and mental handicaps, and children with other needs through their nonprofit Project: Dream BIG.

Steele and Young, co-founders of the nonprofit, partnered with the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute to make it an unforgettable day.

More than 50 children from ForKids, Safehaven, Transitions Family Violence Services and Friends of the Homeless shelters gathered in McGrew Towers Conference Center on Dec. 9. Members of the HU orchestra, university choir and Above Deck Tap Group performed. Miss Hampton University RaSheeda Waddell sang "O Holy Night" and posed for pictures with the children.

Breakfast, donated by local restaurants, was served first and the morning concluded with each child receiving gifts, donated by local and northern Virginia businesses.

The true highlight of the morning was watching the children's faces as they entered the

door and saw Santa Claus there to greet them. Several volunteers had to wipe their tear-welled eyes after seeing the children's joy.

The children made holiday cards for Hurricane Katrina victims and Steele and other Project: Dream BIG volunteers visited St. Paul's Catholic Church in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward in December to hand out the cards.

Both Steele and Young are juniors. Steele is a psychology major with a leadership studies minor and Young is a music major. They dreamt up Project: Dream BIG while volunteering with children and now partner with several well-established and respected nonprofits.

"In volunteering with so many children, we would often see kids lose their dreams because of the situations they were in and the circumstances they were facing," said Steele. "I wanted them to have fun, dream big, and see that dreams come to life."



Dominique Steele and Steve Young pose with Santa during the Project: Dream BIG event.

"I think it's important for the children to see a positive male influence and it's important for everyone to see this," said Young.



HU students were "elf volunteers" for the morning.

Project: Dream BIG receives assistance from The House, Inc., a leadership center for student based in Northern Virginia. They were recently awarded a \$1,000 mtvU grant. Steele and Young thank faculty and staff members including Dr. Faye Gallop, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation (HPER) and the HPER department, Opel Jones, director of the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute, Dr. Jarris Taylor, assistant professor and associate director of the Leadership Institute, Shelia Taylor, director of special projects, and Cynthia Thomas, administrative assistant for the Leadership Institute, for assisting in the event.

Project: Dream BIG will host a young men's breakfast and young women's tea on Feb. 24 in McGrew Towers Conference Center and a scholarship marathon walk on March 31 at the Hampton YMCA, both events benefiting children experiencing homelessness. There will also be a "Wonderland Ball" on May 26, allowing physical and mental needs children a chance to experience prom.

-Nina Stickles

≡≡≡ The Leaders of the Pack: high school students experience HU ≡≡≡

More than 75 high school students from across the country gathered at Hampton University Nov. 17-19 for the 10th Annual High School Summit sponsored by the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute.

Students who expressed an interest in attending HU were invited to attend. Throughout the weekend, students participated in social, team-building and group-work activities that revolve around leadership training. They also interacted with current Leadership Institute fellows. The high school students also interviewed on-site with the admissions department, and nineteen students were accepted.

George Johnson was one of the aspiring fellows who applied and was accepted. He heard about the summit through the educational talent search at Phoebus High School.

"It said HU so I wanted to be a part of it," said Johnson. "I've been about HU since my ninth grade year, I knew I wanted to go here."

Johnson was a member of HU's Summer Transportation Institute in 2003, participated in band camp, and was awarded the most outstanding leader award within his group during the summit.

"Not everyone is born a leader, but you can acquire what you need," said Johnson.

Kiira Harper, from Long Island, N.Y., is another student who was accepted. HU was her first choice.



George Johnson shows his HU pride.

"The leadership weekend was a really good experience. Not all colleges do this and I got to meet a lot of people from different areas," said Harper. Harper received a leadership award for her group during the summit. She didn't want to go home, and wished the experience lasted longer.

One of the highlights of the weekend was keynote speaker Edwin Walker '78, deputy assistant secretary for policy and programs for the Administration on Aging with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He helps develop policies and oversees the operations of programs that positively effect life for older Americans and their families.

Opel Jones '00, director of the Leadership Institute, was pleased to have Walker as the summit speaker.

"He was chosen for his accomplishments in his chosen career field and his leadership capabilities



Opel Jones and Edwin Walker after Saturday afternoon's speech.

at such a young age," said Jones.

Walker, who received a bachelor's degree in mass media arts, was equally proud to have been asked to speak at HU.

"Everyone in our family comes to HU, it's our family tradition," said Walker.

Walker shared how he went from working in the media to the law sector to the health sector. "I was encouraged to succeed without limits," he said.

One of the current Leadership Institute fellows who enjoyed Walker's speech was Kristen Cozart.

Cozart said she was shy and uncertain before coming to Hampton and is now a member of the student recruitment team.

"The Leadership Institute has helped me find myself," said Cozart. "I've met so many wonderful people."

She plans to take her leadership skills and apply them in law school after she graduates.

The Institute was created in 2000 to further prepare students to make a positive difference in the workplace and community by ethically applying the principles of leadership. There are currently 86 leadership fellows.

"I am extremely proud of the current fellows," said Jones. "For the incoming leadership fellows, I expect nothing less. We will continue to raise the bar by getting more involved on campus, increasing the participation in the student leadership summit for high school seniors, and performing a variety of service learning internships."

-Nina Stickle

FBI competition

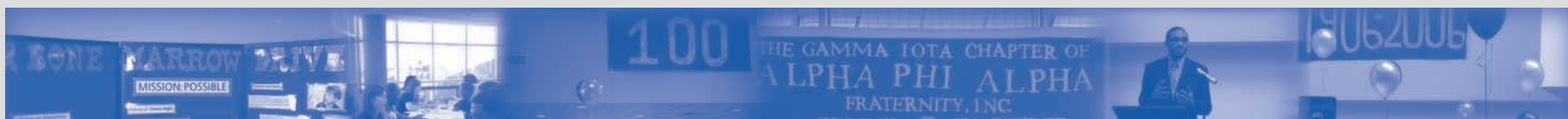
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agent and assess the potential threats and implications of the geographic locations and ultimately determine if and how the agent should be rescued. The participating students would conclude by writing a report of their findings and prepare a mock presentation to national security, homeland security and law enforcement officials. Meanwhile the lesson teaches geography and the differences in culture, language, currency and more between various countries.

On Dec. 8, the top three teams presented their case studies in an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. "The importance [of this] came to me after we got to Washington, D.C., and I began to think how this lesson plan competition may help other HU departments understand that what we teach in the education department is not only valuable, but worth money also," explained Henry.

The department plans to use the \$3,000 towards book scholarships for education majors next semester.

-Alison L. Phillips



Alpha Phi Alpha celebrates 100 years



Members of the Gamma Iota Chapter display fraternity bricks with pride.

The brothers of the Gamma Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted a weeklong “Alpha Week” celebration in honor of the organization’s centennial. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University and is the oldest among the “Divine Nine” black Greek letter organizations (BGLOs). The Gamma Iota chapter was chartered at Hampton Institute on Feb. 9, 1947.

On Nov. 28, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted Marvelyn Brown, a leading and sought-after speaker on HIV. She has been featured on “America’s Next Top Model,” MTV, BET, “The Tavis Smiley Show,” and “The Tyra Banks Show” as well as in *Newsweek* and *Fortune*. Brown spoke to a packed and attentive audience in the Student Center Atrium. Brown, a 22-year-old former high school athlete, was diagnosed with HIV months after her 19th birthday.

On Dec. 7, the brothers hosted an oratorical contest titled “The Development of the African American Male,” during which HU students gave competitive and compelling speeches on the given topic. Joshua S. Pennant, a junior computer science major from South Glastonbury, Conn., asked “why should we as African American males lack information on any subject when we are in the information age?”

“I find it hard to believe that my black brothers and I live in a perpetual state of crisis,” said

Evan Nave, a junior broadcast journalism major from Atlanta. Nave went on to discuss the importance of investments and to encourage the audience in the Student Center Atrium to follow Maynard Jackson’s “three Bs.”

“The ballot, the buck, and the book must be tools to enhance the African-American community,” said Nave.

William Huggins, a sophomore music education major from Columbia, S.C., was the winner of the contest and received \$100.06. Nave received \$50.06 as the runner-up. Patricia Rae Easley, a sophomore finance major from Chicago took home \$25 as the 3rd place winner.

Also on Dec. 7, the Hampton University Honors College spearheaded a debate in conjunction with Gamma Iota. The debate team members were HU students enrolled in an honors seminar taught by Opel T. Jones, I, director of the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute. Jones is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a former member of Gamma Iota. The final project for students in the honors seminar was to debate the topic “Resolved: That All Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Should Transition to Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs).” Students researched both sides of the topic in preparation for the debate. The two teams of four flipped a coin shortly before the debate began to determine which side they would debate. The debate seminar began with a speech on the role of HBCUs in today’s society by

Dr. Jerrold Roy, assistant to the dean in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, assistant professor of history, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The negative team, arguing that HBCUs should remain as they are won by a “slim margin” of 30 points out of a possible 790 points, according to Jones. The debate “really raised some eyebrows about what other people say” about HBCUs, said Jones. Jones also mentioned that the seminar sparked “interest in reactivating the HU debate team to participate in intercollegiate debate matches.” The seminar ended with an open dialogue of different opinions on the topic amongst the team members and the audience.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. aims to promote “manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.” The three organization-wide programs enacted by all chapters are “Go to High School, Go to College,” “A Voteless People is a Hopeless People,” and “Project ALPHA.” The international organization hosted various centennial celebration



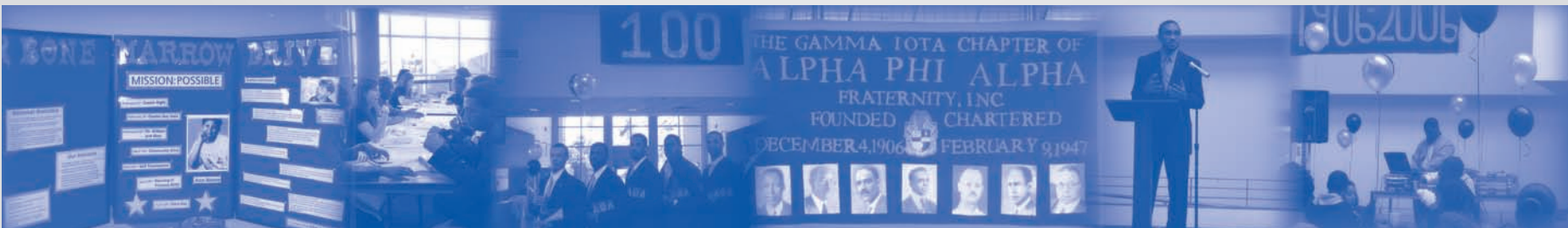
Members of Gamma Iota and the HU World AIDS Day Committee pose with Marvelyn Brown (4th from right).

activities in 2006 including a march at Cornell University and a national convention in Washington, D.C..

The centennial of Alpha Phi Alpha is “a worthy milestone for the African-American community and black Greeks alike, but is a constant reminder that the work of BGLOs is not done,” said Andrew McRae, a senior political science major from Trenton, N.J.

McRae is the president of the HU chapter of the National Pan Hellenic Council, and treasurer and chaplain of the Gamma Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

-Erica Taylor Harrod



Business school promotes forward thinking with chess

Dr. Sid Credle, dean of the School of Business, compares the game of chess to the rigors of the corporate world.

"Chess is an indirect approach to critical thinking, it's somewhat like corporate America."

Hampton business students are doing well at both chess, and in corporate America. Since the five-year MBA program was established in 2000, all five-year students have learned chess. They are first introduced to the game in the MBA 300 course Critical Analysis and Strategy, where one-third of the curriculum is learning the game. The other part of the class focuses on logic and critical thinking theory, lecture and book study, and case theory.

Credle, who was the Class D/E United States Chess Champion in 1983, has found that incorporating chess into the MBA program has been a good move for the students.

"We find we can improve on students to think critically by 2.76 percent," said Credle of the results from a Cornell Critical Thinking Skills Test given to students before and after the class.

These results were published in the article "The Enhancement of Behavioral and Critical Thinking Skills of Graduate Business Students Utilizing a Competitive Chess Analysis Methodology" in the *Journal of Business Research*. Learning the game of chess improves problem solving and critical thinking skills.

"We can't contribute all the improvement to chess, there are other compounding factors, but it's not doing any harm," continued Credle.

As it states in the paper, "critical thinking skills, and more importantly forward thinking processes, are the main components for successful managerial decision-making in the current and future business world."



"You have to know how the pieces move," said Credle. This parallels to corporate policies and rules.

Opening the game is like beginning a new business deal. The middle game involves tactics and trading and positions, that is your business plan and how you are going to negotiate through it. And the ability to close the game, winning, is closing the business deal, reaching your final objective goals.

"Think and move," said Credle. "That's the slogan of our school."

Chess is not just for business students. The Hampton Knights Chess Club recently sponsored a campus-wide chess competition. This was the fifth year for the tournament and eight people entered the competition. The student winner was Dexter Wright, a business management major in the College of Continuing Education, and the faculty winner was Dr. Michael Ganzburg, a mathematics professor. They each walked away with a trophy and \$150. Another on-campus tournament is slated for the spring.

Ganzburg, who has played chess since childhood, was the faculty winner twice before. "It was tough competition and I was really glad to win," he said.

"I love the game of chess, anytime I'm able to play I'm all for it," said Wright. He has goals of being the world champion and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

Credle is the club's advisor. They meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the chess room, Buckman 206. You don't have to be a member of the club to play in the room, it's open to students, faculty and staff.

-Nina Stickle

H U K N E W

University Heroes recognized



On Dec. 22, ten HU staff members were honored for their outstanding commitment to the HU community in 2006. The recipients of the Hampton Heroes Annual Staff Award display an outstanding work ethic, have a superior work attendance, and demonstrate a positive attitude towards the University. The awardees were given a plaque and a check for \$500.

The recipients of the 2007 award are (left to right) Alison Phillips, Office of University Relations; Wilbert Maupin, Grounds Department; Udana Galbreath, Department of Health, Physical, Education and Recreation; Shirley Wiggs, Student Accounts; Brionna Jones, Office of the President/ General Counsel; HU President William R. Harvey; Marian Hinton, Office of Financial Aid; Vermont Moore, College of Continuing Education; Chief Leroy Crosby, University Police; Dorthia Foye, Housekeeping Department and William Carrington, Vehicle Services Department.

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