Concert Chorale puts on extraordinary ‘Spring Musicale’

By Kevin A. Evans

By now I am sure that you may have heard that our esteemed Dr. Rosalyn England and her renowned choir, the HSSU Concert Chorale, was invited to perform at the legendary Carnegie Hall in New York City. The HSSU View was the first local publication to write about it, and soon after other local media outlets followed up on it.

The University is indeed proud of Dr. England, or “Dr. Roz” as she is affectionately called by some of her colleagues and former Sumner High School classmates who were in attendance on Friday, March 31, 2006, for this extravagant event. The crowd was teeming with a veritable Who’s Who among former graduates, community leaders, politicians, clergy, business people and musicians.

As I sat there in the very last row in the Bank of America Theater I felt as though I had the best seat in the house, acoustically speaking that is. Mrs. Ida Woolfolk, consultant for Saint Louis Public Schools, was the mistress of ceremonies, and what a wonderful job she did. What a wonderful job she did; she was so soothed by the music, at one point she even said “This is like medicine!”

Along with the Concert Chorale there were other special guest performances as well; you had the incomparable Loyce Huston & Co., Soloist Austin Layne, Minister Bruce Roberts, and a host of other talented musicians. Among them were Tom Adams, Charles Williams, and Isaac Williams just to name a few.

What a night it was. There was something for everyone’s musical taste. If this is a measure of what New York can expect, then Carnegie Hall is going to be treated with a magnificent experience. The Concert Chorale did a stirring rendition of Francis Poulenc’s Gloria sung in Latin aided by the sweet melodic sound of soprano Chrustal Williams.

It did not stop there. The crowd was then treated to the sounds of Victory Gospel Choir under the direction of Charity Williams. Every performance was solid. Come Ye Disconsolate was sung in perfect

AMA opens chapter at HSSU

By Chasma Smith

Harris-Stowe State University has created a chapter for the American Marketing Association (AMA). The AMA is part of the largest marketing and business professional association in the world.

Students participating in the Harris-Stowe chapter have an excellent opportunity to work as a team acquiring the experience, information and exposure they need to develop skills in marketing and business. The association will assist them in their jobs and career of choice. Student members will learn to develop professionalism, enhance their leadership skills and improve communication abilities. They will also learn how to run businesses efficiently and implement and operate plans.

The AMA offers major networking advantages. Its members will benefit from the most valuable resources and great opportunities to assist them in finding the right interviews and getting the position they desire. The AMA is a great tool to help fellow members obtain their dream job in this very complex job market.

Yaye Astou Thiam, chapter president, kindly invites students to join the AMA and take advantage of all it has to offer. “The forty-five members and I invite all business students to join us and to be a part of this organization. We encourage you to take advantage of all the AMA has to offer.”
Collegiate 100 networking session
By Kevin A. Evans

If one was to ask the question what is the difference between a successful business person and someone who was an extraordinary business person, the answer would clearly lay in the ability to effectively network.

On Thursday March 30, 2006, a few students from the Collegiate 100 (namely Mr. David Beduh, Glynn Crawford, and Michael Carnes) hosted an informative networking session.

In the absence of the scheduled guest speaker, faculty member Reynaldo Anderson (Instructor, African American Studies and Methods of Teaching Secondary English and Social Studies) stepped in and gave students some very valuable information as well as a history lesson in the areas of networking.

Throughout the presentation the importance of networking was outlined for those students who were in the annex attending this event. According to Mr. Beduh, “Networking is extremely important because the people you meet today can become your single greatest resources for success tomorrow.” No matter who you are or what your goals may be, there will always be somebody somewhere in a position to help you achieve your goals.

Students here at Harris-Stowe State University really should learn to recognize these networking sessions as tremendous opportunities, and before you know it once you have graduated you’ll find that all your dreams are easily within your reach if you can use your networking skills.

Hornets Softball Ranked 5th in Region
By Phillip Hunt

When the Region V Softball Rankings for week one were released, Harris-Stowe (13-6, 2-2 AMC) ranked fifth. Hornets softball team, a second year program, is off to one of the best starts in school history under first year head coach Tony Moody.

The Hornets got off to a hot start competing against teams from all across the country. On their Spring Break trip in Santa Ana, California, the Hornets went 7-3 in that tournament. Since the trip the Hornets have lost only two games, with one loss coming against William Woods, the second ranked team in Region V.

Lately the only thing that has been able to stop the Hornets is the

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Message from the President

Dear students:

How swiftly this school year is coming to an end! Our long-awaited Spring Break has already passed the scene, and you and your colleagues are now beginning to gear-up for the finals which actually are just a few weeks away.

And speaking of finals, I urge each of you to do whatever it takes to be well-prepared for those exams! But, even more exciting, as well as a sure sign that the school year is almost over, is the rapidly approaching “crowning” event of Harris-Stowe’s academic year – the time-honored and eagerly-looked for commencement convocation. This awe-inspiring event will take place in just a little under six weeks at the beautiful Powell Symphony Hall, and many comrades, in graduating, will no longer be on campus.

As I think on it, very likely, this seeming swiftness of the passage of time might well stem from the many, and even evolutionary, events and changes that have taken place during this fiscal year. Unfortunately, space available in the last 2005-2006 issue of our HSSU View simply will not permit an accounting of all of these events, or even a fairly detailed discussion of a few. Even so, some of the changes have been of such a magnitude that we just have to pause for a moment to take cognizance of them.

Therefore, in this brief message, I shall give just a running account of the most noteworthy of our institution’s events and changes. Four such, immediately come to mind. The first, of course, is change of the very status, and therefore mission of Harris-Stowe, from those of four-year college to those of a university. And we must keep in mind that this was more than a mere name change; it is, in fact, a significant potential expansion of the Institution’s function and services to the community in which it is located. Much careful thought and planning will now have to take place regarding both.

The second evolutionary change that began implementation was the establishment of a satellite campus for Harris-Stowe, in south St. Louis, on Wilson Avenue, and the housing of our Business Administration Degree Programs there – now, as the Busch School of Business Administration. Much truly outstanding work has been done on the new campus, making that facility a real contribution both to the University and the Community in which it is located.

The third change – which is nothing short of an evolution for Harris-Stowe – is the phenomenal rise of our new student residence hall and student center complex, on the north central boundary of the North Campus.

Few in their right minds would have been able to envision this truly remarkable change. And, if all keeps moving on schedule – as we have been assured it will – then both the residence hall and its adjoined student center will be open for operation, around mid-August of this year.

Finally, though not visible to the naked eye, still another remarkable – and I would add– greatly needed change was the restoration of Harris-Stowe’s open-admission policy and practice. In doing so, our University now lives up to its long-held commitment to providing the widest possible access to all Metropolitan St. Louisans to higher education applied professional disciplines.

This commitment is based on the recognized fact that, regardless of academic readiness deficits, by far the majority of people have the potential to achieve high academic performance – if given the opportunity, encouragement, motivation, and intervention opportunities that promote such.

Now, just a reminder of the three key initiatives started during this school year: The Student Pledge, The Great Student Initiatives (clubs), and the Classroom Decorum “must” actions. I urge each of you to daily commit yourself to living up to each and everyone of these actions. If you do, then, I can assure you that your college days here at Harris-Stowe will be richly rewarding and long-remembered throughout your life.

There is, of course, much more that I would like to share with you about the new Harris-Stowe, but I shall have to do so in later issues of the HSSU View.

For now, I urge each of you to try your best to take up residence in our new Student Residence which has been appropriately named the William Gilliespie Hall! Living there will provide you real opportunity for a genuine campus life.

Henry Givens, Jr., President
on the yard

Photos and interviews by Eboni Johnson

“What’s the worst excuse you’ve ever heard for not turning in your homework?”

“One time I said I was riding a bus and it was hit by one of those freezer trucks carrying White Castle patties. Bam, those meat patties were everywhere! I was knocked out, and when I came to, some of the patties had thawed and smeared the ink on my paper. That was a good one. I’m going to use it again this semester. Wait, is that microphone on?!”

- Comedian Rob

“I don’t remember hearing you say we have homework.”

- James Pennington, sophomore

“The classic, ‘My dog ate it.’”

- Keyonna Ranch, freshman

“I used to always say, ‘My grandmother died.’ At the end of the semester the teacher asked, ‘How many grandmothers do you have?’”

- Samir Suljic

“The best one I heard was, ‘My daughter wrote on it and threw it away.’”

- Sharda Williams, senior

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The HSSU academic team is in the Sweet 16

The 17th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National College Tournament took place Thursday, March 31 through Monday, April 3 in Florida. Harris-Stowe’s 2006 National Team consisted of Dr. Eileen O’Brien, Coach; Jada Boykin, Captain; Players Michael Haas, Lamon Jones, Wendell McCauley and Brandon Wolff; and Angela Cox, Institutional Representative.

Friday began the round-robin game play. Our team, one of 8 teams in the Bessie Smith division, posted wins against Stillman College, Oakwood College, and Alabama A&M University. Our first and only round-robin loss was to Clark Atlanta University.

Saturday marked the final day of round-robin competition, and also began the playoffs. Harris-Stowe won out, beating Xavier University, Texas College and South Carolina State.

Prior to the win against SC State, the division had been in a 3-way tie between Harris-Stowe, SC State and Clark Atlanta, since Clark Atlanta had lost its match against SC State.

Our win guaranteed our team a spot in the Sweet 16. The final game in the division paired Xavier against SC State. The result was a surprising upset, with Xavier winning the match by 200+ points. This meant that the two teams to make it out of the division were Harris-Stowe (ranked #1) and Clark Atlanta. After round robin was complete, the Sweet 16 teams were seeded. To our chagrin, our #10 seeding paired us with Clark Atlanta, who was ranked #7.

The first game of the playoffs was blow for blow, but came down to a final question about the Biltmore Estates that was correctly answered by CAU. The final score was CAU 180 - Harris-Stowe 170.

Clark Atlanta was then paired with Spelman, won that game by a narrow margin, and progressed to the Final Four, which would play for the $50,000 prize on Sunday.

The Final Four teams were Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Central State University and North Carolina Central University. Clark Atlanta and Central State were eliminated in the Semi-Finals. Morehouse College bested NCCU in the final series, thus winning their fourth National College Tournament.

During the ceremony, the Sweet 16 teams were given special awards. All in all, Harris-Stowe had a great showing, boasting three of the top ten scorers in the Bessie Smith division: Brandon Wolff, Michael Haas and Jada Boykin. The team earned $5,000 and will also be featured in the April 17 issue of USA Today along with the other members of the 2006 Sweet 16.

Men’s Tennis Stage Amazing Upset

By Justin Mosley

Recently, two men’s tennis players, Justin Mosley and Renaud “KC” Lucas, won the team’s first matches in school history against Maryville University. After losing a disappointing match, doubles partners Mosley and Lucas had something to prove to themselves, to Maryville and to all the doubters. After losing the first set 2-6, Coach Carpenter encouraged me, “Don’t give up on yourself!” At the start of the second set, I didn’t give up on myself. I stopped trying to kill the ball and just kept the ball in play and eventually won 6-3. After a 4-4 tie, I won the last set 6-4 to win the match. I shook my opponent’s hand and was mobbed by the coaches and most of the players. I learned Lucas won his first set 6-2. After attending seven days of practice, Lucas looked like he had been playing seven years. He was serving like Pete Sampras and getting his racquet on every ball. He’d picked up a lifetime of tennis tips in a week’s time. Lucas overwhelmed his opponent and returned every ball that came his way. He won the second set 6-1. Mosley and Lucas are versatile athletes having also lettered in basketball.
High praise for newsletter staff

In October of 2005, a handful of enterprising students with nothing more than an idea came together. Without money, equipment or technical experience, these students secured advertising and developed the skills to produce what has become a highly-regarded publication.

Receiving neither college credit nor wages for their effort, this team found value in an experience that will surely distinguish them during one of the most important times of their lives – their job searches. Whatever their majors, in whatever field they choose to work, each HSSU View staff member is learning key professional skills that will significantly enhance his or her professional career – time management, budgeting, weighing cost to benefit, taking the initiative, teamwork and setting goals. These are all in addition to the technical skills of writing, photography, editing, sales and management. I could not be prouder of these fine young people who have learned that with initiative and industry, they can indeed achieve great things. Our thanks to all the faculty and staff who helped them with this project!

Mark Zeman, HSSU View sponsor

Jada Boykin, Senior, Business Administration, reporter, photographer

Being a part of the HSSU View has been a wonderful learning experience and an opportunity for me to finetune my writing, photography and interviewing skills. Working with this group of dedicated students has awakened in me the desire to work in earnest (and sometimes against all odds) until my dreams become my reality.

Michelle Dallas, Junior, Secondary Ed, reporter

Being apart of the HSSU View newsletter team has been a pleasing experience. I look forward to another productive semester.

Kevin Evans, Junior, Criminal Justice, Editorial Director, reporter, photographer

Working on the HSSU View has been a rewarding experience. I especially enjoy being able to see this newsletter grow and develop. The students on board for the HSSU View have a real passion for it.

Brandie Hinton, Senior, Business Administration, reporter

My experience on the newsletter has allowed me numerous opportunities. I was able to see it grow from a mere idea to an actual publication! The most exciting opportunity I had was traveling to Jefferson City to interview Governor Matt Blunt.

Eboni Johnson, Sophomore, Business Administration, photographer, reporter

I’ve been working with the HSSU View newsletter from the beginning. I’ve learned a lot and it has been an awesome experience.

LaQuita Johnson, Freshman, reporter

I had the pleasure of working with a great group of individuals. It was exciting to get a topic and begin the research process. I especially liked to conduct interviews. I learned the value of being a team player, and I respected the views of my newsletter colleagues which made me the intellectual person I am today.
Great Job to a Great Staff!

by Chrystal Williams

Kudos, to the HSSU View newsletter staff! Although I was not able to be with the HSSU View staff the complete semester, I have kept up with every issue. And each one is better than the one that preceded it. I have really enjoyed working with the staff on the newsletter. I can personally testify that all of the members on the View are great people. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of my peers.

Benzon Miles did photography for our first and second issues. His most noted photo was of Natasha Meredith, a survivor from Xavier University in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Working on the HSSU View has been an enlightening experience where you find who your true friends are.

Working on the HSSU View newsletter was a great experience. I learned desktop publishing skills, increased my writing skills, and I got a chance to meet some new people. The best experience was going to Jefferson City for the conference on MOHELA.

I’ve had a wonderful experience working with all the staff members of the HSSU View. I have learned a lot from each person, and this experience has helped me grow. Everyone has put in a lot of work, and I am looking forward to continuing our success during the upcoming years.

I really enjoyed working on the HSSU View practicing my editing skills and observing the way people write. It is an educational experience for anyone, no matter what your major is.

There are many types of students at Harris-Stowe but when in search for the great ones, the HSSU View staff breaks the mold. Showing such a high level of skill in writing, design, photography and research; I can see why the newsletter is so great. Congratulations HSSU View staff for an incredible first year! I hope every issue continues to get better and better.

Chrystal Williams, Editor

THANKS to all our guest photographers and writers, the library for putting PageMaker on the computers, the Follett Bookstore for their donation of supplies, and the media lab for loaning us their cameras!
Gillespie Hall Field Day

By Leonard Tewolde

On March 16, 2005, Collegiate Management and Development Services hosted a field day in honor of the soon-to-open William Gillespie Residence Hall. The field day marked the last day students who were interested to sign up for the special rate of $495 a month. Students who sign up after March 16 will have to pay the $540 a month rate.

Collegiate Management and Development will accept these applications any time, but due to the limited amount of space, students are still encouraged to turn in their applications as soon as possible.

The application fee is $25 and the security deposit is $150. They accept payment in the form of cash, check, credit cards, debit cards and money orders. Those lucky students who turned in their applications prior to March 16 will receive one free ticket to the Nelly Concert which will be in the Emerson Performance Center on April 30, 2006.

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weather; their last scheduled games have been cancelled.

The Hornets have a very experienced team led by its two returning senior All-Americans Carol Lyons and Dianna Dix. Lyons serves as the ace of the pitching staff, leading the team with seven victories and also having struck out 74 opponents which leads the conference. Dix is also having a good season with a .333 batting average.

Junior Tara Mitchell has been the offensive star for the Hornets as she leads the conference in batting average (.426) and RBI’s (23). Defensively, senior Amanda Cantrall has been a human vacuum at third base.

Coach Moody stated “without her good defensive play we would not have the record that we have now.” As a team the Hornets lead the league in fielding percentage and is second in batting average.

Graduating senior suffers fatal heart attack

Gerron Kidd, M.I.S. major, died the weekend of April 8 after suffering a fatal heart attack. Kidd had just picked up his graduation packet for graduation in May.

The university expresses its sympathy to his family and friends during this time of loss.

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harmony by students Dean Morris and Theresa Payne. *In the Name of the Lord* was never more beautifully performed than it was on this night by none other than Minister Roberts.

Mrs. Woolfolk was mindful to mention that the trip to New York City was going to be expensive, and she asked the audience to kindly make a donation to help defray some of the cost for their stay. During the program Morris and Minister Roberts each presented Dr. England with a bouquet of flowers. This Spring Musicale was well worth the five dollar admission.

I would like to give a big shout out to those working behind the scenes of this event: Dr. Terry Werner, sound technician; Linda Todoroff, stage manager; and to the Facilities Manager Benny Lewis. What a wonderful group people. Great job guys!

On behalf of the *HSSU View* we offer our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. England and her wonderful Concert Chorale and all of the other talented performers who blessed us with their talent thank you!

Maureen Simmons

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Remembering the Buffalo Soldier

Student Shirley Murphy-Ruffin reflects upon the passing of her cousin, Ulysses Grant Mullen, age 97. In addition to remembering him as a pastor, husband and father, Murphy-Ruffin reflected upon Mullen’s role as one of the famed Buffalo Riders.

Dubbed “buffalo riders” by warriors of the Cheyenne and Comanche tribe for their fearlessness in battle, the 10th Cavalry Regiment was established in 1866 as an all-black regiment lead by all-white officers. Their military objective was to help tame the frontier, doing battle with such notorious individuals as Billy the Kid and Pancho Villa. They tracked cattle rustlers and pursued Native American leaders including Geronimo, Sitting Bull and Lone Wolf.

Of equal importance but perhaps less known, units of the Buffalo Soldiers helped tame parts of the unexplored Southwest; they mapped large tracts of land, strung telegraph lines and built and repaired roadways.

Mullen enlisted in 1940 during World War II and later was transferred to the 10th Cavalry. During this era military units were segregated. Black soldiers ate and slept in their own quarters, and the base theater was divided by a thick rope with blacks on one side, whites on the other. It was not until 1948 that President Truman officially integrated the armed forces, even though in practice segregation persisted for decades.

As a soldier Mullen served in the signal corps, mastered firing machine guns and broke, watered, groomed and nursed horses. He was eventually selected for the elite color guard team. At the time of his passing we honor not only the memory of a proud solidier, but also of a proud man who played an important role in the struggle of equality.
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Continuing Ed course teaches you, increase job prospects

Liberal Arts course makes you think, increase GPA

Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.,Admin Building
Continuing Education
By Kevin A. Evans

When the subject of higher education comes to mind for those students at Harris-Stowe State University, usually the Office of Continuing Education is far from their minds. Casandra Blassingame, M.Ed., Director of Continuing Education, has extended the resources of Continuing Education throughout the community and the state to service those individuals in need courses offered through Continuing Education.

The primary mission of Continuing Education is to provide first-rate course offerings and customized programs to meet the educational, professional and personal needs of our students and to be recognized as a leader through providing viable educational programs and productive partnerships with area businesses and community organizations.

Some of the programs offered are short-term vocational courses leading to employment or promotion, basic skills, GED prep, high school diploma classes, and English as a second language (ESL) for those for whom English is not their native language. These are just a few of the wonderful programs that are offered at very affordable rates. Chief among their responsibilities is sharing a commitment to access and excellence.

In talking with the Office of Continuing Education it was apparent that they believed that people have the capability of change and that education can transform individuals and enrich their lives.