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Lincoln University Receives \$1 Million Contribution from the Oxford Foundation to Renovate Ware Fine Arts Center



Lincoln University President Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D. (center), is presented with the commitment of \$1 million from the Board of Directors of the Oxford Foundation to renovate the University's Ware Fine Arts Center, Theatre and Studio. The Board members (L-R) are: John H. Ware IV, Carol Ware Gates, Board Chairman Paul W. Ware, and Marilyn Ware.

On March 5, Lincoln University announced that the institution has received a commitment of \$1 million from the Oxford Foundation to renovate the University's Ware Fine Arts Center, Theatre and Studio.

"Lincoln University is very pleased to receive this very generous gift from the Oxford Foundation to renovate our campus facility for the study of fine arts. The Foundation's gift demonstrates strong support of the University and helps us to continue to provide an excellent higher education to current and future generations of students, in a first-rate facility," said President Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D.

President Nelson added, "This marks the first significant gift of its kind that Lincoln has received from a major donor in Chester County, Pennsylvania. It clearly signals our strengthened relationship with our community and supporters as we prepare to launch our 150th anniversary celebration. The renovation of the facility reaffirms Lincoln's commitment to our students. Once the work is completed, the Ware Fine Arts Center will also be of great educational and cultural value for the community and region." **LR**

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Message From The President

University Begins Yearlong Sesquicentennial Celebration

Lincoln University — founded in 1854 as America's first Historically Black University — will begin the yearlong celebration of its sesquicentennial on April 10, at 11 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend this historic occasion at Manuel Rivero Hall on the campus in southern Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The celebration is being presented in conjunction with our Annual Honors Convocation at which the University will salute its highest achieving students. Speakers and a short video will also pay tribute to Lincoln on the celebration of its 150th anniversary.

Television commentator, educator and author Tony Brown will deliver the keynote address on the topic of the "Significance of Academic Achievement in the Global Society."

Brown is the commentator of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) series *Tony Brown's Journal*, the longest running of all PBS series. He is the honorary chairperson of the National Organization of Black College Alumni, Inc. that spearheads the movement to preserve Black colleges and universities.

From April 10, 2003 through May 2004, the University will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary with an array of campus and external events, activities, and announcements. These include the presentation of grand gala events in four cities (Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and New York City); eight major events, including at Homecoming in October 2003 and two Founder's Day programs in May 2003 and 2004; 150 campus programs; and anniversary services in major churches in 10 American cities.

As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, I am pleased to recognize Lincoln's outstanding achievements and to participate in its most promising future. The University's agenda for the decade is to continue preparing our students to compete successfully in a highly technological and global society.

For more information, contact the Office of Special Events and Community Relations at 610-932-8300, extension 3224 or 1235.

See you on April 10! **LR**

**Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D.
President**



President Presents Report on University to Trustees

Lincoln Attempts To Cope With State Funding Cuts

On February 15, 2003, President Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D. presented his Report on the University to the Board of Trustees. Here is a summary of that report.



2003-2004 Operating and Capital Budgets

In December 2002, the Commonwealth announced a spending freeze and fund transfer to balance the State's 2002-2003 budget. The freeze included a 1% reduction for Pennsylvania State, University of Pittsburgh, Temple and Lincoln University, the state-related universities. The cut means a loss of \$128,000 of previously expected operating revenue for Lincoln University for the current fiscal year.

The University was also notified that "considering the uncertain economic picture and current and prior revenues,notifying your organization to prepare, as you finalize your next annual spending plan, for the possibility that the state support could be decreased from current funding levels."

Considering the current situation with the State budget, Lincoln University is attempting to draft a 2003-2004 Operating Budget, which incorporates a 0% increase in operating expenses. The proposed budgets should be ready for review and adoption by the Board of Trustees before the end of the fiscal year.

Lincoln's 2003-2004 Commonwealth Budget Request

Due to the change in administrations in Harrisburg, budget appropriation hearings will be held later than in previous years. As such, the Governor has not yet released his 2003-2004 budget. Budget presentations before the House and Senate Appropriation Committees previously scheduled for March 25 and April 1, 2003 in Harrisburg respectively, have since been postponed. As in previous years, the vice presidents and student representative(s) will accompany the President to Harrisburg for the budget hearings.

Commonwealth Department of the Auditor General

The Department of the Auditor General reported no findings or recommendations with respect to the monies appropriated by the Commonwealth for the period ended June 30, 2001. The Department of Education has reviewed the Statement of Appropriations Earned Audit Report of Lincoln University for this period. Their review has established there are no findings or recommendations. Therefore, the Department considers this audit to be closed.

Academic Affairs

In response to queries concerning Lincoln University's grading systems/practices, the vice president for Academic Affairs conducted a review of Grade Point Average (GPA) and Letter Grade Distributions for all grades earned by Lincoln undergraduates over the past decade. The review found that "Lincoln's overall semester GPAs have remained fairly constant at 2.72 with an up or down variance of not more than 2.57% (0.07 grade points). The 2.72 figure is roughly equivalent to a "low B-."

Mean 10 Year GPA 2.72 (Spring 1992-Fall 2001)
2.72 +/- 0.07 (or +/- 2.57%)

GPA Range 2.65 (low) to 2.79 (high)

2.714 = mean fall semester GPA (since Fall 1992)
Range: 2.65 to 2.79

2.724 = mean spring semester GPA (since Spring 1992)
Range: 2.65 to 2.78

The data show no significant upward or downward trend in Lincoln's mean GPA over the past 10 years. However, A-grades and F-grades may be trending slightly upward, while B, C, and D-grades seem to vary around their means. The vice president indicated that more time is needed to determine if there is any real trend up or down.

The issue of the number of students graduating with honors and the use of the A+ was discussed in a most recent faculty meeting. We will continue these discussions.

Physical Plant

The November 2002 President's Report to the Board reviewed briefly the status of the \$29.4 million Commonwealth-funded capital projects, the 400-Bed Residence

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Hall and the Campus Master Plan for the University. The following is an update on the status of these projects:

\$29.4 Million Capital Projects - Since November, DGS has received bids on all of the \$29.4 million Commonwealth funded projects except for the boiler replacement. The first phase of construction is expected to begin around the end of April.

400-Bed Residence Hall - The President's Cabinet has approved the selection committee's recommendation of an architect for the 400-Bed Residence Hall. The University has entered into a contract with AP3C of Philadelphia.

Campus Master Plan - Six firms were brought to the campus to interview with the selection committee for the Campus Master Plan. We are now in the process of finalizing the contract with Tevebaugh Associates.

Student Services and Space Improvements

During the Semester break, personnel in Physical Plant, Operations, Information Technology and SAEM completed or initiated the following service or major capital improvements to heavily utilized student areas on campus:

1. LU Laundry Card value has been increased for the 2003 spring semester from \$45 to \$55.
2. The Auxiliary Gym floor has been reinforced and resurfaced with the Lincoln colors and logo affixed.
3. The old stained carpet in the Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center Cafeteria has been replaced with new tile flooring.
4. The Greek and Social Fellowships space in the Rendall Hall basement was totally renovated with new walls, ceilings and floors, and new men and women's restrooms were installed. The four smaller rooms are slated for completion this summer.
5. The lighting has been completed on the bottom two floors of the Langston Hughes Memorial Library. Completion of the upper two floors is slated for the summer. New carpeting

on the bottom two floors will be installed shortly.

6. New lounge furniture has been put in place in the upper level of the Student Union Building.
7. A new phone circuit card has been purchased and installed in the Thurgood Marshall LLC to increase the number of phone lines available. This should eliminate the long wait for available phone lines, which students had been experiencing.
8. High-resolution video cameras have been installed on campus for purposes of enhanced safety and surveillance.

Registration of Lincoln University Lion Logo and Seal Design

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office registered the mark "LION LOGO" and the mark "LINCOLN UNIVERSITY SEAL DESIGN" on October 29, 2002, for a period of 10 years. The marks have been assigned Registration No. 2,642,616 and 2,642,617, respectively. Federal trademark statute (the Lanham Act) requires that a Declaration of Continued Use be

filed between the fifth and sixth year from the date of registration to keep the registration in effect for the full 10-year period. The University will be required to file such a Declaration between October 29, 2007 and October 29, 2008.

2003 Commencement

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Board at its November 2002 meeting, invitations to receive honorary degrees at the University's 2003 Commencement were extended to several individuals. Receiving honorary degrees at the 2003 commencement are Dr. Mark Dean, vice president, Storage Technology/IBM Fellow, IBM Corporation; and Mr. Mannie Jackson, owner and chairman, Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc.

Currently, plans are to hold the Commencement exercise on the same site as last year. It was previously thought that a change in venue would be necessary due to the possible excavation of the site for the \$29 million Commonwealth-funded capital projects. It now appears that construction at the site will not begin until after Commencement. LR

The Lincoln Advanced Science and Engineering Reinforcement (LASER) Program Receives \$15,500 from Aetna Foundation



On hand for the March 5 presentation were from left: Karen Lovelace, senior account manager, Aetna; Lincoln President Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D.; Christopher D. Elvidge, manager of business services, Aetna; Cynthia T. Willis, director of emerging markets, Aetna; Dr. Robert Langley, associate professor of Chemistry and LASER program director; and Jeffrey Lucht, FSA, MAAA, general manager, Aetna. The LASER program prepares minority high school graduates for admission into top graduate programs in science, math and engineering. LR



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Trustees Discuss Their Lincoln Days, Current Careers With Student Leaders



Following the February 15 Board of Trustees meeting, two of Lincoln's Trustees participated in a forum at which they discussed their undergraduate years at the University as well as their current careers with the leaders from various Lincoln student organizations.

Here, Adrienne G. Rhone '76 (standing), chairwoman of the University Board of Trustees, and manager of government relations for IBM Corporation in Washington, D.C., talks with students in the President's Board Room in Vail Memorial Hall. Also participating in the forum (seated to Rhone's right) is Trustee Gregory C. Miller '77. Miller is currently director of International Strategic Manufacturing, Alliances and Procurement for GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. **LR**

Lincoln Sprinter Ranked Number One in Nation; Cyrus Jones Honored As One of Track's Great Coaches



Lincoln Sprinter Chazz Clemons (left) pictured here with athletic director and track coach Cyrus Jones, earned the number one ranking in the nation among NCAA Division III universities with his 6.77 second finish time in the 60-meter dash at the Elite Track Meet on January 24 in New York. Clemons' time also ranked him 10th among all collegiate runners in the nation. Both rankings make Clemons, a junior majoring in criminal justice, a strong candidate for the 2004 U.S. Olympics. During the same meet, Jones was honored for his contributions to collegiate track and field, most notably, his 15 NCAA Division III national championships. **LR**



Lincoln Center Leads Division III Schools in Blocked Shots, Team Ends Season on Positive Note

Lincoln Basketball Coach Robert Byars sees a light at the end of the tunnel. Despite the team's 9-15 finish, the Lions won five of their final six games. The team also had two players who were among the country's leaders in NCAA Division III. Freshman center John Bunch (left) led the nation in blocked shots for the 2002-2003 season with 97. The 7-1 Randlestown, Md. native averaged four blocks per game in 23 games. Junior guard Shuaib Abdur-Rahman (right) led the team in scoring—averaging 22 points per game and ranking him 18th in the nation among Division III scorers. **LR**

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