UMES students get involved in the political arena

UMES has a high-profile presence in Annapolis again this year. Three seniors are legislative interns with the Maryland General Assembly, thanks to a gift from Salisbury attorney Kenneth Gaudreau.

- **Alisa Belt**, Suitland, is assigned to the office of state Sen. James Rosapepe, D-Prince George’s County.
- **Whitney Gladden**, Annapolis, works for the House Ways and Means Committee under the supervision of Del. Sheila Hixson, D-Montgomery County.
- **John Kahler**, Street, Md., is serving on the staff of Del. Patrick McDonough, a Republican who represents Baltimore and Harford counties.

Dr. Kathryn Barrett-Gaines, associate professor of history, is the faculty advisor. The students are earning a full semester’s worth of credit working in the statehouse and must regularly file reports and execute other assignments as part of the internship.

This is the third year the university has been able to place students in these hands-on positions with the support of Gaudreau, who believes college students should see up-close how state government operates.

Meanwhile, 14 student leaders spent Feb. 7 at the statehouse as the campus delegation for “UMES Day in Annapolis.” Lower Shore lawmakers had a surprise waiting for them.

Both chambers of the General Assembly adopted ceremonial resolutions saluting UMES’ contribution to education over the past 125 years. Del. Charles Otto (R-Somerset) and Sen. Jim Mathias (D-Worcester) were lead sponsors on behalf of the Shore delegation and presented them to the students.

The university’s divisions of Student Life and Enrollment Management and Institutional Advancement organize the annual trip to Annapolis.

UMES news makes magazine covers

UMES was recently featured on the covers of two magazines. “Shore Life,” an upscale large format magazine geared to style and fashion on the Shore, featured 2012 UMES Gala guest Jaclyn Smith on the cover of the Feb./March issue. Inside, six pages were dedicated to a Q&A with the actress and business woman. UMES woman bowler Megan Buja was featured on the cover of the Winter 2011-12 issue of “U.S. Youth Bowler” as a winner of the U.S. Bowling Congress’ “Star of Tomorrow.” A four-page article titled, “Surviving College” featured Buja along with fellow award recipient Kyle Anderson.
Grammy nominee headlines UMES Homecoming Concert

Rapper J Cole, a nominee for Best New Artist at this year’s Grammy Awards, will perform Feb. 23 as the headliner for the UMES Homecoming Concert.

The 27-year-old released his gold-selling debut album “Cole World: The Sideline Story” this fall. It includes the hit single, “Work Out,” which sold 12 million downloads.

Born Jermaine Cole, he first dreamed of being a rapper at the age of 12 and starting making tracks at age 15. His lyrics tell the story of his poverty-stricken Fayetteville, N.C. community.

Cole is a success story, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor’s in communications from St. John’s University in New York. Music, though, was his calling.

Cole was the first artist to sign with Jay-Z’s Roc Nation label. He had several successful mix tapes, “The Warm Up,” “Who Dat” and “Friday Night Lights,” was featured on Jay-Z’s “Blueprint 3,” and opened on tours with Jay-Z and Rihanna. This month, he appeared on “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon” singing “Can’t Get Enough.”

Other artists appearing at the university’s concert are R&B singer/songwriter Miguel, the hip hop/rap group Travis Porter and the New Impressions Band.

Miguel, 25, released his first album with five records, “All I Want is You,” two years ago. It includes the hit single of the same name with J. Cole and his second single, “Sure Thing.” The L.A. native calls his style “eclectic.” Miguel co-wrote on Usher’s “Raymond V Raymond” album.

“Ali” Mattox, “Quez” Woods and “Strap” Duncan are Georgians who make up the group Travis Porter. Their 2012 hit, “Go Shorty Go,” made the Billboard R&B/Hip-Hop Chart. Other hits are “Bananas,” “Bring It Back” and “Make It Rain.”

Tickets for the Homecoming Concert are $40 for the general public and $30 for UMES students. The concert is 7 p.m. at the William P. Hytche Athletic Center with doors closing at 10:30 p.m. Call 410-651-6434 for more information.

Late Night Comedy Show features DeRay Davis

DeRay Davis brings his brand of stand-up comedy Feb. 25 to the university’s Late Night Comedy Show—a homecoming tradition.

L.A.’s Davis is cast in Columbia Picture’s film “21 Jump Street” starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum and co-starring Ice Cube, Dave Franco and Rob Riggle. Due to be released March 16, Davis portrays “Domingo,” the leader of a bike gang.

Davis is known for his character “Ray-Ray” in “Barbershop” and “Barbershop 2.” He also appeared on the big screen in “Jumping the Broom,” “Old Dogs,” “Life as We Know It,” “Licensed to Wed” and “Scary Movie 4.”

A Comedy Central regular, Davis won the Laugh Riots Competition early in his career and has since appeared in “Reno 911!” and “Premium Blend.” On the small screen, he has appeared in BET’s “Comic View,” MTV’s “Nick Cannon’s Wild ’N Out” and “Short Circuit,” and HBO’s “Entourage.” Last summer, his special, “Power Play,” aired on Showtime.

Davis also is featured in music videos such as Chris Brown’s “Yo (Excuse Me Miss).”

The show starts at 9 p.m. in the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts, with doors closing at 10 p.m. Admission is $25 for the general public and $15 for UMES students. Call 410-651-6434 for more information.

Rivalry between Morgan State and UMES explored

Just in time for Black History Month and Homecoming, Eric Jodlbauer, library technician at the Frederick Douglass Library, presents a lecture Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. in the Student Services Center Theatre on the long-time rivalry between Morgan State and UMES.

“I compare it to a sibling rivalry,” Jodlbauer said. “They’re like the older brother that you compete against for attention.”

Jodlbauer explains that Morgan State and UMES “are all from the same family” since UMES was founded in 1886 by the Centenary Biblical Institute, which later became Morgan State. The school remained “under their wing” until the mid-1930s when the state purchased the school and renamed it Princess Anne College.

The year 1947 greatly impacted the Morgan and UMES rivalry in the classroom and on the athletic fields.

In the wake of the Marbury Report, University of Maryland President Harry C. “Curley” Byrd, unwilling to lose land-grant status, lobbied to keep Princess Anne College, its Eastern Shore branch, and to build up the rural campus. The rivalry between Morgan State and Princess Anne for state monies and for students had begun.

As for athletics, the rivalry took a while to evolve. For the first half of the 20th century, Morgan was in a different athletic conference. Then in 1954, the two were members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAA), but avoided playing each other for the first few years, Jodlbauer said.

It was at the first game of the 1957 series, known as “The Maryland Classic,” which ended in a 7-7 tie, that the two began to compete athletically on a regular basis. “That’s when the rivalry really heated up,” said Jodlbauer.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Call 410-651-6669 for more information.
Fulbright grant funds UMES alum’s study in Africa

UMES alum, Naeemah Kitchens, on a quest “to have a more international understanding of human rights and environmental issues” will have a Fulbright grant to back her.

“The Fulbright is a prestigious and competitive grant program administered by the U.S. Department of State, which sends the best and brightest American students and scholars as ambassadors around the world,” said Kathryn Barrett-Gaines, associate professor of history and director of African and African American studies at UMES.

Kitchens, a Spring 2011 graduate, had all but forgotten about the application when she received a call from the Fulbright grant program advisor for Africa and the Middle East. The offer—a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Africa.

Having been placed on Fulbright’s alternate list, Kitchens entered graduate school at Boston University. It was there, while working toward a master’s degree in African American studies that she got the call.

“I was a little apprehensive about telling my parents that I wanted to leave school for a year,” Kitchens, an Upper Marlboro native, said.

Kitchens will sublet her apartment, coordinate her departure from Boston University and board a plane bound for Kenya on March 15, not to return until November.

While there, she will be teaching English 20 hours-a-week at the Ummul Oura Education Centre in Nairobi and working on a video documentary blog about her experiences.

“I’ll be assisting in the classroom as a native English speaker,” Kitchens said. “The school is for teachers who attended Arabic media universities and want to improve their English.” The college also provides courses on Islamic religious education for both pre-primary and primary school teachers, she said.

This will be Kitchens’ second trip to Africa. Through Barrett-Gaines, she visited a small rural primary school in the village of Kyamuilinga, Uganda in the summer of 2010. There, she lived with the family of the school’s director and founder and assisted in the classroom.

“That’s when I started thinking about the Fulbright…when I was in Uganda,” Kitchens said. “It influenced where I applied to do my grant assistantship.”

First, Kitchens said, she had to have an official Fulbright program advisor. She approached the dean of her academic school at UMES and Barrett-Gaines was assigned the task. “She helped me with my application and other preparations,” Kitchens said. The application was submitted in October 2010.

“I fell in love with East Africa when I went to Uganda,” Kitchens said. “I can’t wait to go back.”

Dr. T. H. Baughman delivered guest lectures and served as an adviser to an “eco-tour” group that visited Antarctica during UMES’ winter break.

Baughman estimates he’s made the trip some two dozen times to explore a frontier that has fascinated him for four decades. He first visited Antarctica in the early 1970s as a member of a scientific staff led by noted glaciologist Ian Whillans.

Baughman delivered lectures on the early 20th century “Heroic Era” for guests aboard an expedition cruise ship. The trips this time of year help him visualize what early explorers encountered and experienced – at least during the warm season south of the equator.

“It really brings authenticity to one’s writing to visit the places you are writing about,” said Baughman, who has published four books about daring polar explorers.

Depending on the subjects he is assigned to teach each semester, Baughman looks for ways to incorporate material he gathers from his on-board experiences.

The Antarctic landscape is rugged and dramatic, but opportunities abound to see seals, penguins, albatrosses and other wildlife on the continent, the island of South Georgia as well as the Falkland Islands, he said.

Daytime temperatures in the summer along the Antarctic Peninsula generally reach into the 30s, although they can dip below freezing at night. While some of the ice and snow cover has melted, visitors still encounter plenty of it to get an idea of how harsh the environment is there.

Baughman said this type of hands-on eco-tourism draws enthusiasts from across the U.S. and Europe.

“Although potentially rich in resources, Antarctica’s greatest treasure is the beauty and mystery which its landscape evokes,” he said. “Once people see it, they remain to a real extent under its spell.”

The UMES community is encouraged to contact the public relations office with news and story ideas that it can publicize. 410-651-6669.
more like 1:30-9:30 a.m. She starts by gathering information from emails and AP wires for the station’s morning show. When it airs at 5 a.m., she takes to the control room. There, she makes sure the shows timing is right and there are no overlaps of live material by commercials. She walks in and “mics up” guests whom she has lined up for the show. After the show, she produces the live cut-ins of news into programming and transitions to “Good Morning America” at 7 a.m. Before her day is done, she often co-produces the noon show and assists with web and Facebook pages.

Gilchrist is paying it forward. She is mentoring UMES senior Chante Graham, who is following in her footsteps. Graham interned with Discover UMES this fall, networked with Gilchrist, thanks to Forsythe, and is now interning with WMDT. “I like that they (Discover UMES) train you on various equipment and roles (in broadcast journalism),” Graham said. Since there isn’t a major in communications, she said, it helps students gain experience that you wouldn’t be able to get in the classroom.

More importantly, she said, “It opens opportunities,” allowing students to build relationships with people who work or are guests at the university.

Graham plans to pursue her master’s in telecommunications and become a public relations specialist after graduation. “I’m a behind-the-scenes, not an on-camera, kind of person,” she said.

UMES introduces WEPA printing

Documents can stay there for up to 24 hours. To print at a kiosk, users can upload a document to their WEPA account at wepanow.com, use a print driver in one of the computer labs on campus or a personal computer or with a USB drive.

WEPA accepts the Hawkcard, a credit card or can be placed on a WEPA account. For questions or support, visit wepanow.com, email support@wepanow.com or call the support center at 1-800-675-7639.
Dallas C. Taylor Jr., is a 21-year-old senior from Salisbury, Md., majoring in human ecology – dietetics. As an upperclassman, he is among the leaders of one of UMES' most visible and best-known student groups – the Gospel Choir.

What honors and student offices have you held or currently hold?
I serve as president and a student director for the Gospel Choir and musical director for the 2012 Dinner Theatre production. I was the choir's vice-president and musical director for the 2011 Fall Theatre Series.

Why did you join the Gospel Choir?
I got involved because of my love of music, but especially my love and passion for gospel music. I was always inspired by the performances I had heard prior to attending our university. I have been with the choir since the fall of 2008.

How many hours do you spend rehearsing and performing?
About six hours. We have rehearsals twice weekly and singing engagements weekly as well.

What was your reaction to President Obama singing Al Green “Let’s Stay Together” at the Apollo dedication?
I was initially surprised at his rendition. I didn’t know President Obama had any singing ability. I’m glad to know we have a President who has sense of humor and has the ability to relate to others.

What impact has being in the choir had on you?
This organization has helped me to build upon my leadership skills and advance me in my level of people skills. I think … everyone should be exposed to some type of leadership position.

Your favorite song?
"May the Work I've Done Speak For Me." It should be everyone’s ultimate goal. We should want our lives to outlive us.

Your favorite Super Bowl ad?
… the young man dreaming about a young lady and just before he was to kiss her he woke up and it was a car. It was quite a comic relief.
HAWK TALK

Athletics Hall of Fame inducts new members

UMES inducts 10 new members in the athletics department’s Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities later this month. The class will be enshrined Feb. 24 at a ceremony in the Richard A. Henson Center ballroom. The new class is comprised of five former student-athletes and five administrators, the latter being honored in conjunction with the university’s 125th anniversary.

The 2012 UMES Athletics Hall of Fame class is:

Clarence Clemons – Football
After Clemons left Princess Anne in the early 1960s, he became known as one of pop music’s premier saxophonists. While a student at Maryland State, he was a powerful offensive lineman who paved the way for Hawk running backs and according to teammates, was good enough to play professionally.

Fred Engh – Golf
Engh enrolled in Maryland State to study education in the late 1950s and joined the golf squad, making it one of a handful of integrated collegiate teams at the time. He teamed with the late Bob Taylor to form a formidable one-two tandem and in 1961 Engh helped the Hawks win the CIAA and NAIA District 31 championship. He has become a pioneer in youth sports, forming the National Alliance for Youth Sports, International Alliance for Youth Sports, Global Gear Drive and Hook a Kid on Golf.

William Gordon III – Basketball
Gordon played three seasons, from 1971-74, scoring more than 1,200 points in 91 games. He was a key player on the Hawks’ 1974 National Invitation Tournament team (the first historically black institution to play in that event) and was drafted by the Seattle SuperSonics in the 1974 NBA draft. One of nine student-athletes to play professionally, he played two seasons and won the Continental Basketball Association title in 1975.

Gorman Johnson – Baseball
Johnson played baseball from 1966-69 and was considered the ace of several Hawk pitching staffs. He was undefeated in his first two seasons and propelled the team to Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in 1966 and 1967. He pitched both ends of a double-header in 1969.

Robert Kearney – Basketball
During Kearney’s four-year varsity career, from 1968-72, he amassed 1,656 total points, including a Hawk single-season record of 683 points (25.2 ppg) as a junior in 1971. The two-year co-captain led the Hawks to a 27-5 record and a berth into the NAIAs finals as a freshman before propelling UMES to a 29-2 record as a sophomore in 1970.

Henry Brooks – Faculty Athletics Representative
Brooks has been a tireless worker for the athletic department over the years, using his superb leadership and vision to bring together Hawks athletics since 1989. He is a former president of the MEAC Delegate Assembly and serves on seven MEAC committees.

Sharon Brummell – Women’s Bowling
Brummell, who recently resigned as the women’s bowling coach, left behind a legacy that will be tough to match. She amassed over 800 NCAA wins in her 14-year tenure. Since 2007, Brummell’s teams won 82 percent of their matches and posted almost 600 wins – including three national titles. She finished her career with the Hawks as a two-time National Coach of the Year.

Archie Buffkins – Administrator
Buffkins was the chancellor from 1971-75 as it transitioned from Maryland State College to University of Maryland Eastern Shore and became a charter member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. He was in MEAC’s inaugural Hall of Fame Class in 1981 and was one of the founding fathers of its incorporation.

William P. Hytche - President
During his tenure as president, Hytche oversaw UMES’ move from NAIA to NCAA Division I, and is also a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. He worked at the university for 36 years and was admired for making the institution a better place. The campus athletic center is named after him.

Nelson Townsend – Athletics Director
Townsend, class of 1962, served as the athletics director of UMES twice over his career - from 1976-79 and then again from 2003-05. In his final season, the UMES bowling team captured its second MEAC Championship, which launched the program toward national prominence. During a 30-year career, the Horntown, Va., native has been an athletics director at four institutions. Fred Batchelor and Alex Temkin were among the coaches he hired.
Student leaders attend Life Skills Academy

From left, (seated) Nicholas Cooper, Phi Beta Sigma, and Cierra Clark, Phi Beta Lambda, are greeted by administrators (standing) Residence Life Director Marvin Jones; Interim President Mortimer Neuville; and Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Ronnie Holden; at the Life Skills Academy hosted by the Office of Residence Life.

From left, Extremities Salon and Day Spa co-owners Kaile and Marie Turner along with salon manager Tammy Coston and BB&T banker Keisha Jackson present a $1,250 check to UMES Honors Program Director Denise Meade, Human Ecology Department Chair Dr. Nina Lyon-Bennett and Honors Program Coordinator Aundra' Roberts. The donation represents the proceeds from an event that featured students showcasing the latest trends in hairstyles and clothing. The Salisbury salon owners recruited co-sponsors to underwrite the first-ever event in support of the Honors Program.

Students schooled on registering to vote

UMES student Brittany Sample, a junior majoring in exercise science, registers to vote. The Office of Residence Life invited the Somerset County elections board to meet students about registering to vote and how to fill out the voter registration form.

IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DATES:

Voter registration deadline for primary election: March 13
Primary election: Tuesday, April 3
Voter registration deadline for general election: October 16
General election: Tuesday, Nov. 6
**February**

23 *Art Exhibit Opening*
4-6 p.m. Mosely Gallery “Invitational Exhibition”
Show on display Feb. 2-March 15
Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
410-651-7770

24 *Homecoming Exhibit and Reception*
Noon-5 p.m. / Reception Noon-1 p.m.
Frederick Douglass Library, Jessie Cottman Smith Exhibit Room
“Floats, Funerals and Football: Homecomings of the Past”
410-651-6669

24* Step Show
7-9 p.m. Doors close at 8 p.m.
William P. Hytche Athletic Center
Greek-lettered organizations showcase their talent in the
art of stepping
$13 per person • 410-651-6434

24* President’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Student Services Center Ballroom
Inspirational music and messages
$30 per person, $270 per table of 10 • 410-651-6102

24 Black History Month
10 a.m. Student Services Center Theatre
Lecture: “Roots of the Morgan State–UMES Rivalry”
3:30-5 p.m. Student Services Center Courtyard
Walking Tour: “Hidden History of UMES” • 410-651-6669

25* Homecoming
10 a.m. Antioch Church Rd. – Parade
Noon-1:30 p.m. Tawes Gymnasium – Pep Rally / Tailgate
2 p.m. women’s game
4 p.m. men’s game / William P. Hytche Athletic Center.
Basketball game vs. Morgan State
$20 includes both games • 410-651-6669

25* Late Night Comedy Show
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**Homecoming Open House!**

University alumni who work on campus are
invited to join us for light refreshments and
goodies as we jump-start the 2012
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Wednesday, February 22, 2012
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For more information, please call the Office of
Alumni Affairs at (410) 651-7686 or (410) 651-6277