

News at a Glance

Provost named interim president of Wilberforce University

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Wilberforce University has tapped its top academic official as president of the historically black, private college in southwest Ohio.

Trustee William Lee says Provost Patricia Hardaway will step in as president. He made the announcement during the school's graduation ceremonies on Saturday.

The Rev. Floyd Flake plans to end his six-year tenure as president at the end of June. Hardaway, a Wilberforce alumna, has been the provost for about a year and serves on the board of trustees.



Flake

Former NFL players can sue union over licensing deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge ruled this week that retired NFL players can move ahead with a class-action lawsuit that claims the players union has not paid retirees for use of their images, likeness and names in group marketing deals.

U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup ruled that NFL Hall of Fame cornerback Herb Adderley, who filed the lawsuit with two other retired players, can represent the roughly 3,000 retired players who signed group licensing agreements with the union during a four-year period ending in February 2007.

Alsup called the union's marketing and licensing contract with retired members "an empty promise."

"Only on two occasions has any distribution been made to any retired players and even then it was only to a tiny number," Alsup wrote in his ruling.

The retirees' attorney, Ron Katz, said the older players want the same cut active players received from deals the union made with companies such as card makers and EA Sports, which sells the popular Madden NFL video game. Katz said the retired players are entitled to more than \$100 million under terms of the group contracts they signed.

The National Football League Players Association discontinued use of those contracts after the lawsuit was filed in San Francisco federal court last year.

Union lawyer Jeff Kessler said the retirees shouldn't share in revenue generated exclusively by active players. No images of retired players, for instance, are used in the Madden game or in fantasy football licensing deals.

Washington tells kids science is more important than entertainment

MOUNT VERNON, New York (AP) — Actor Denzel Washington says inner-city schoolkids have to be reminded that scientists are more important than entertainers.

Washington and his wife, Pauletta, award annual scholarships for neuroscience research to college students and make the presentations at city schools.

On Friday, they came to Mount Vernon High School in Westchester County. Mount Vernon is Washington's hometown.

Washington says actors, rappers and basketball stars get more recognition, but someone in a hospital bed is more impressed by a good doctor. He says inner-city students might not be aware of all the opportunities available, and he urged the students to apply for his scholarships.

Washington recently directed and starred in "The Great Debaters," based on the real-life victories of a black college debating team in the 1930s.

Cardwell, Jones feud over party loyalty

ATLANTA (AP) — The Democratic race for U.S. Senate turned bitter on Wednesday as two of the candidates skirmished over party loyalty.

Former television journalist Dale Cardwell accused DeKalb County Chief Executive Officer Vernon Jones — who twice voted for George W. Bush — of running in the wrong primary.

"Vernon Jones is a Republican in Democratic clothing," Cardwell said.

Jones fired back by providing a copy of Cardwell's voting record from the Secretary of State's office, which shows the ex-reporter cast a Republican ballot in the 2006 primary as well as the ensuing runoff.

Cardwell explained that he took a GOP ballot in the primary to vote against former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed, who was then running for lieutenant governor. Reed lost. Cardwell said he could not recall why he voted in the runoff.

But Cardwell told The Associated Press that although he voted for Ronald Reagan in his first White House bid in 1980, he's supported Democratic presidential candidates ever since.

The bickering months before the July 15 primary shows just how caustic the race could become for the right to run against Republican incumbent Saxby Chambliss, who faces no primary opposition.

Cardwell went on the attack against Jones after the former reporter filed paperwork at the Capitol on to get on the ballot.

"It's time that somebody runs as an independent voice for Georgians," said Cardwell, who worked at WSB-TV in Atlanta.

Jones said that Cardwell used his position as a reporter "to manufacture stories and investigations about me" with an eye toward creating a platform to run for office. Cardwell denied that last week.

Also last week, Cardwell labeled a third Democratic Senate candidate, former state lawmaker Jim Martin, "a convenient-crater," who only got into the race after national party officials pledged to funnel cash to his campaign.



Jones



Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai addresses supporters at a pre-election rally in Masvingo, Zimbabwe, on March 16.

Officials fear violence over run off

BY ANGUS SHAW
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HARARE, Zimbabwe — International rights and aid groups expressed alarm about political violence in Zimbabwe as the government and ruling party — if not the opposition — prepared for a presidential runoff.

Human Rights Watch said in a statement late Friday that attacks on the opposition by the ruling party, its allied militant groups and the army since the first round of presidential voting March 29 made a free and fair runoff "a tragic joke." The U.N. children's agency said the violence was hurting the most vulnerable Zimbabweans.

Earlier Friday, the Zimbabwe Electoral

Commission released results from the March 29 presidential election that showed opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai winning the most votes, but not the simple majority needed to avoid a runoff with President Robert Mugabe, the second-place finisher. The opposition rejected the results as fraudulent.



Mugabe

Tsvangirai's deputy in the Movement for Democratic Change, Tendai Biti, told reporters in Johannesburg in neighboring South Africa

that the only way out of the impasse was power-sharing government led by Tsvangirai, but with no role for Mugabe.

Acknowledging that skipping a second round could result in another term for Mugabe, Biti would not, as party leaders have done before, categorically rule out participating in a runoff. But he said there could not be one "for the simple and good reasons that that country is burning" amid violence and an economic collapse from rampant inflation.

Mugabe's party said he would run in a second round, for which no date has been set. Deputy Information Minister Bright Matonga said the constitution requires a second round no sooner than 21 days from

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Foundation works to pass Civil Rights baton

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WASHINGTON — When Levy Daugherty began planning his foundation's next major event, his vision extended into the next generation.

The secondary and tertiary students, teachers and general supporters gathered at the Howard University's Blackburn Center in Washington, D.C., late last month for the beginning of a two-day event that he hoped would re-vamp the players in today's civil rights movement.

It was the King Maker Foundation's and Howard University African Studies' "Civil Rights, Civil Duties: In the Pursuit of Family, Happiness and Peace." The second of the two-day event included a passing of the torch to the next generation of civil leaders.

"We're trying to build a council of elders for the young people," said Daugherty, president of the foundation.

The well-known civil rights names and personalities, such as Mrs. Dorothy Cotton and Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker — both friends and foot soldiers of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — did just that.

"Need is the basis of real movement," said Walker as he stepped to the podium. "And Martin King understood this...I am convinced that King was the quintessential prophet of the twentieth century."

The D.C.-based King Maker Foundation is a youth-oriented organization that allies with other organizations to "provide youth educational programs, youth leadership development, global leaders, and community service projects," according to its website.

With race and class still a central focus of today's civil and social struggles, the forum's goal was clear as panelists Dorothy Cotton, former D.C. Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, Walker and Dr. Virgil A. Wood gave the audience a glimpse into the civil

rights movement of the 1950s, and its importance in changing and shaping lives today.

"I believe we are gathered here for three reasons. First of all for love, second of all for service, and third, it's our time," said Greg Carter, pres-

ident of the Washington AIDS International Foundation, who also served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Through song and sermon, the panelists spoke of progress, sharing intimate details of the struggle that led

to the civil rights movement through their own eyes and the eyes of their friend and associate, Martin Luther King Jr.

The civil rights movement and politics are inseparable.

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Daugherty

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