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HUSA presidential candidates (l-r) Stefanie Brown, Brittney Cooper, and Derek Rodgers at a recent Speak Out. The next Speak Out is Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in the Blackburn West Ballroom.

Photos by Shala Wilson

Candidates Face Tough Issues at Speak Out

Record Crowd Attends Cook Hall Debate on Athletics, Academics

By JOI C. RIDLEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Speak Out held in Cook Hall drew in a record crowd as both HUSA and Undergraduate Trustee candidates addressed student concerns and plans for the future of Howard University.

More than 65 students turned out for the debate between the candidates for HUSA and the Undergraduate Trustee positions.

All five slates participated including Stefanie Brown and Alex Dixon of the EMERGE slate; Brittney Cooper and Mark D. Williams of the T.O.T.A.L. P.A.C.K.A.G.E. slate; and Derek Rodgers and Chandra Anderson of the 3 A slate. Undergraduate Trustee candidates Lauren Bell and

Breana C. Smith rounded out the debate.

Candidates addressed issues such as integrating athletics with academics, protesting the food services on campus, and student activism. Unlike previous Speak Outs, the forum allowed candidates to address one another as well as addressing issues from students.

The discussion intensified as one student asked the candidates to explain their plans in relation to student athletes. The student pointed out that teachers do not always support student athletes that miss classes due to games and competitions.

"Teachers are not always receptive of my needs as a student," said the student.

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Undergraduate Trustee candidates - Lauren Bell (top) and Breana C. Smith at a recent Speak Out.

Photos by Shala Wilson

University Bans Doughnut, Raffle Sales in Blackburn

By BRAKTON BOOKER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and raffle tickets from the ground level of Blackburn Center is a thing of the past.

According to a memo from the Office of Student Activities to all student organizations early this week, the selling of items in Blackburn by student organizations is prohibited.

The memo, which was signed by Terrance Samuels, acting director of Student Activities, says "there will be no ticket, doughnuts, raffle or any other kinds of sales on the Ground Floor of Blackburn University Center."

Samuels cites "safety reasons," accountability for revenue generated through ticket sales, and the University's policy that all ticket sales go through Cramton Auditorium's Box Office, as the reasons the action was taken.

The memo, which was dated Thursday, February 15, did not reach

the mailboxes of student organizations until Monday. And most student leaders interviewed by The Hilltop on Wednesday said they had not received the memo at all.

The ban on sales only serves to highlight the decreasing functionality of the University center, which was at one time seen as a hub for student organizations.

"Blackburn is for the students and for fellowship. It's the center of campus and students should be able to take advantage of all vending opportunities," Fundraising Chair of the Phi Sigma Pi Fraternity, Inc., Sonia Johnson said.

Johnson said that the memo may "put a damper" on one of her organization's activities. In the upcoming weeks the group was scheduled to sponsor a Daisy Troop of Girl Scouts and have a cookie drive.

"It's a shame," Johnson said about the drive that may now be cancelled. Although the sudden change from

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Students Define Concerns As Election Nears

By DERRICK NAYO
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the elections nearly a week away, students from Drew Hall to the Towers are still defining what they feel the issues are this campaign season.

Based on Hilltop interviews with a cross section of students, most said that security, access to technology, and food service will likely be the major issues during next year's HUSA administration.

Students said they hoped the upcoming HUSA leaders would also push the University to expand the shuttle service while also improving customer service in the Administra-

tion Building.

Shaquae Maggett, a senior hospitality management major, voiced her concerns:

"There needs to be some customer service training for the administration building personnel," said Maggett.

"We claim to be as good as the Ivy League, but when I visit Princeton, our school can't compare in many areas," said Andrew Bernard, a sophomore computer science major. "My 56k phone line is faster than Howard's network." He

suggested that there needs to be an implementation of better technology in order for students get their work done.

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Experts Contest Whether SAT I is Racially Biased, Berkeley May Nix Exam

By STEVE SEXTON
Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. -- In recent years, the makers of the SAT have had to defend their test against opponents who claim it is racially biased or useless, but they have never faced as formidable an opponent as the president of the UC system.

UC President Richard Atkinson's announcement last week that the university should do away with the SAT I exam has prompted heated debate over the embattled admissions test, which is still used by 90 percent of the nation's colleges.

"The SAT is a white preference test and everybody kind of knows it," said Jay Rosner, executive director of the Princeton Review Foundation.

After extensive research, Rosner said he has reached the conclusion that test makers do not select "black preference questions" to appear on the test.

He said he reviewed all 580 questions from the 1988 and 1989 SAT I tests and found that the percentage of white students who answered correctly was higher for 474 of the questions. These he called the "white preference" questions.

He found the percentage of blacks who answered correctly was higher than whites on only one question, and that the percentages were the same for five others.

He acknowledged that the scoring gaps can be attributed to a number of factors, including differences in education and wealth. He argues, however, that his explanation of a white preference "explains a big chunk of the score gap."

Rosner said he was able to reduce the overall SAT I score gap by 40 percent when he created a test from questions with the smallest racial gap.

"That should appall anyone who thinks the tests are fair or reasonable," he said.

The College Board, which administers the SAT,

ardently defends the test against allegations that it is biased against minority groups.

"The College Board has long maintained that the SAT is not biased against any ethnic group," said Jeffrey Penn, a College Board spokesperson. "We take extra pain to make sure the test itself does not have an internal bias. It is our contention that those gaps are related to inequality in education, not a bias in the test."

Penn said the College Board has a rigorous method for adding questions to the test, including a review by a diverse group of teachers. He said they also test the questions in a non-scoring part of exams before adding them to the test officially.

"If we see an odd performance for any specific question, we try to revise it or we drop it," he said.

Rebecca Zwick, an education professor at UC Santa Barbara, said she does not see a bias in the test.

"I think the main reasons for the disparity in test scores

is due to inequities in educational opportunity, not a problem with the test," she said.

The purpose of the test is to predict first-year college grades for students, and it does that well, she said.

"It has been very well demonstrated that it does contribute to the prediction of college grades," Zwick said. "I certainly think for large schools it is helpful as a screening device."

One UC Berkeley professor disagrees on the validity of the SAT I exam to predict students' future performance.

"There is no good evidence that SATs predict performance in college," said Richard Walker, a UC Berkeley geography professor. "I think it would just be salutary to get rid of the idea that there is a native intelligence that the exam tests instead of what people learn, which is why we send people to school in the first place."

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President Swygert Proposes at least Two New Buildings As Part of His Strategic Framework for Action II. What Buildings Would You Suggest He Repair or Build?



"Hey Man. It's gotta be Engineering."

—Byron Mitchell
Mechanical Engineering
Sophomore



"School of Engineering should be first, because the facilities are well below college standards."

—Kash'Ka Fain
Computer Science
Sophomore



"Um...Cook or the Towers. Dorms are always first priority. Dorms need a good, suitable place to study after class."

—Ijanayah Greenaway
Theater Arts
Junior



"Slowe Hall. That building is crappy. They need new elevators, rooms and bathrooms. It's depressing living in there."

—Robyn Morrow
International Business
Junior

—Compiled by Vince Smith

School of Business to Implement New Policies On Cheating, Absences, and Forgery Cases

By MIA SOMERSALL
Hilltop Staff Writer

School of Business officials plan to apply tougher policies towards students in order to crackdown on recent cases of cheating, forgery on override forms and unexcused absences, said Samuel S. Paschall, associate dean of the school.

The changes include stricter examination procedures, a mandatory attendance policy, and a method that prevents students from forging faculty signatures on override forms, Paschall said. "The mission is basically to improve the academic integrity of the school."

According to Paschall, a student suspected of cheating on a test in the past did not get much more than a reprimand from the teacher. He said teachers are now encouraged to immediately report students whenever they have a strong reason to believe that the student has been involved

in cheating. "We [School of Business faculty members] are trying to universalize the procedure." The suspected student would then go in front of a judiciary committee of faculty members for a hearing, in accordance with the University Student Code of Conduct and Judicials.

Paschall said the School of Business has set out to improve the quality of learning by encouraging teachers to make attendance a mandatory part of the syllabus. In accordance with this procedure, absent and tardy students who do not have a valid excuse will be punished with a lower grade.

"These students are missing out on the ability to learn from peers who have had many different experiences and their professors who are experts in their field," Paschall said. "Learning comes from a lot of different places other than the textbook."

Besides poor attendance and exam cheating, Jacqueline Greene-Deckard, director of academic services, said there has also been faculty concerns about students forging

teacher's names when overriding classes. "Teachers complain that they have too many students to accommodate in their classrooms," she said. In turn, she said, student services would track down the student who forged their teacher's name from the override slips and that student would be suspended or expelled.

In an effort to combat the problem, student services has decided to ask the teachers instead of the students to turn in the override slips to the student services office. This, Greene-Deckard said, has both helped to improve the integrity of the system and alert students of the severity of forgery. "We have talented students here," she said. "It's a shame for them to throw all that away for nothing."

According to Paschall, the concern about academic misconduct has been growing for a long time and the progress so far has been steadily increasing. Last year around 10 students were either suspended or expelled for academic misconduct, he said.

Although senior finance major Yohannes Mengistab agrees that cheating and forgery should not be tolerated, he said he does not see the point in mandated attendance. "That takes you back into your high school days when faculty acted like you weren't mature enough to come to class on your own," he said. "We're college students and I think we're disciplined enough to handle it."

Paschall said even though some students are mature enough to come to class on a regular basis, there are other students who believe that if they can get decent grades without attending, they will.

Faculty members are not the only ones who are concerned about academic misconduct in the School of Business, Paschall said. He said several students have some of the same concerns towards misconduct as administration. Paschall pointed out that the School of Business student council and several student team leaders have supported the initiative.

I'll Have That One Please...



Photo by Shala Wilson

Students look on as the next contestant graced the runway at the Phi Sigma Pi date auction in the Blackburn Ballroom Wednesday.

Campus Digest

Capital Punishment Forum in Blackburn

Amnesty International is hosting a Death Penalty Awareness Forum featuring four capital punishment experts and a live call-in from death row inmate, Kenny Collins. Many believe Collins is innocent because a key witness confessed to offering false testimony at his trial.

Panelists include Jonathan Hutto, former HUSA President; Sam Jordan, National Coalition for Justice for Mumia; Tonya McClary, National Campaign to Abolish the Death Penalty; Mike Stark, Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

The event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Blackburn Center, room 148 & 150. Food and drink will be served.

Bunche Documentary to Air on WHUT-TV

Howard University's television station WHUT, the nation's only African-American owned public broadcast station, will broadcast "Ralph Bunche: An American Odyssey" on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 10 p.m., and again on Saturday, March 3, at 3 p.m.

'Jeopardy' Comes to the Cafe

The Eta Sigma Phi Classical Studies Honor Society and the Howard University Department of Classics are sponsoring the first annual Battle of the Schools Black History Trivia Competition Monday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m. in the Blackburn Center Cafeteria.

The contest will pit participants from the various schools of the University in a "Jeopardy"-type contest.

'Bamboozled' Screening in Cramton

The Undergraduate Student Assembly will present a screening of Spike Lee's film "Bamboozled" in Cramton Auditorium Monday at 6 p.m. The viewing is the first program in the three-part "Black Face" series. Admission is free.

Deltas Present Woman to Woman Conference

Over 400 young women from 21 schools in the DC metropolitan area came to converse about L.I.F.E. at the 9th annual Woman to Woman Conference sponsored by the Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The conference entitled "Sister's Let's Talk L.I.F.E. (Learning to Invigorate and Further Our Endeavors)" was held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center. L.I.F.E. consisted of 21 workshops including "Technology Skills" and "Etiquette Training".

"We wanted the young ladies to know that by taking hold of their aspirations, they lay the groundwork for attaining any conceivable goal. We want to challenge them to seize the unique possibilities given them and encourage others to do the same" said Aisha Carter, this year's chairperson.

The conference itinerary consisted of opening ceremonies in the Andrew Rankin Chapel with the opening address by Ms. Ramona Gray (star of the original cast of "Survivor"). After the young ladies attended two insightful workshops, they feasted on a luncheon in the Blackburn Ballroom. While the young ladies fed their bodies, Motivational Speaker Ona Brown fed their minds and their souls with the Keynote address. Ms. Brown reminded the ladies that their goals were within arms reach if they put their mind to it. After the Keynote address, the girls were presented with gift bags of keepsakes and candy.

When asked what the main goal for the conference was A. Carter said "If the girls didn't learn anything else, we want them to realize that they are a divine creation unlike any other, and that they should hold themselves in the highest esteem, and accept nothing less."

—Compiled from staff reports

Student Credit Debt on the Rise Survey Reports

By AARON SCHOENEWOLF
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

In recent years the national media has focused on a number of issues related to the well being of America's college students from designer drug use and binge drinking to sexual behavior and campus safety. But some consumer rights advocates claim there is another important issue that is often ignored. The problem is student credit card debt and it has the capacity to ruin a young person's life as completely as any drug addiction or alcohol dependency.

The statistics concerning student credit card debt are either staggering or inconclusive, depending upon who one asks.

Teresa Sullivan, vice president and dean of University of Texas graduate studies, said more conclusive research is needed on this subject. "It is difficult to get [student credit debt] information because you've got to get either a group of students to sit down and do a pretty careful analysis of everything on their credit cards or you've got to

get the credit card companies to open up their data and tell you what people are spending their money on," Sullivan said. Little academic research has been conducted on the overall spending patterns of college students, Sullivan added.

"There are anecdotes out there about students who have horrendous debts for clothes, basically, but they are just anecdotes, that's not really research," she said. "I think it makes a big difference whether students are paying for things that are reasonably part of their college education or if it is principally pizzas and Nikes."

While some independent surveys conclude student credit debt is a major problem both in terms of the number of students with debt and the amount of money that they owe other industry-sponsored surveys reflect different results.

A study of student credit card debt conducted during December 2000 by Nellie Mae, a leading national provider of higher education loans, reported college undergraduates carried an average credit card balance of \$2,748, up from an average of

\$1,879 in 1998.

The debt balances are more troublesome when considering the amount of time it would take a borrower to pay off such a debt, the report said.

A student using a card with an 18 percent annual percentage rate and who makes a minimum monthly payment of \$75 will be paying off that credit card balance of \$2,748 over 15 years paying as much interest on the balance as he or she originally borrowed, the report said.

In addition, nearly one out of 10 undergraduates has credit card debt greater than \$7,000.

The report also showed that 78 percent of undergraduate students have at least one credit card an increase of 11 percent from 1998. Of those who have credit cards, 32 percent carry four or more cards, up from 27 percent.

According to the report, 95 percent of graduate students have credit cards with an average debt of \$4,776, while 6 percent of those students have credit debt greater than \$15,000.

Nina Prikazsky, vice president of operations for Nellie Mae, said her organization conducted the survey because it was concerned about the impact of easy credit card availability and subsequent indebtedness accumulated by students.

Less stringent underwriting criteria at major credit card companies, coupled with the direct solicitation by companies to students on many campuses, has led to overall easier access to credit cards, Prikazsky said.

"Students tend to get into trouble very quickly with these credit cards," she said. "The more

Prikazsky said many undergraduate students, especially incoming freshmen, are flooded with credit card applications more frequently than in the past.

"They're solicited on the campus, they're solicited by direct mail, they're solicited in publications [at book stores], they will apply for credit and their parents won't even know that their kids qualify for these things," she said.

Civil Rights Activist Recounts Crusade for Voting Rights

By Maya R.Cadwell
Hilltop Staff Writer

Civil rights leader and humanitarian Amelia Platts Boynton Robinson stressed the importance of voting and political power as she spoke to a group of students about her many experiences as an activist Wednesday in the Blackburn Forum.

Robinson, who was the keynote speaker at the NAACP's "Voice of America" program, has a lengthy history of political activism. She said her struggle began as a little girl in 1920. Robinson, now 90, accompanied her mother on horse and buggy during door-to-door crusades registering women to vote.

Robinson guided students through her journey in the segregated South. A native of Savannah, GA, Robinson relocated to Selma, AL, during the mid 1930s to help sharecroppers achieve financial independence and gain the right to vote. Robinson's steadfast desire to stand up for her beliefs became evident as soon as she stepped on the train going from Philadelphia to Selma. When the train stopped over in the District, all passengers were instructed to exit the train. The black passengers were to move to the uncomfortable and noisy seats near the engine, while the white passengers settled into comfortable seats. However, when the conductor instructed Robinson to move, she refused.

She and her four-year-old son remained in their seats in spite of the urgings of the porter and others. The standoff concluded with Robinson retaining her seat as she and her son rode in solitude for the remainder of the journey. The incident



Photo by Shala Wilson
Civil rights leader and humanitarian Amelia Platts Boynton Robinson stressed the importance of voting and political power as she spoke to a group of students about her many experiences as an activist Wednesday in the Blackburn Forum.

would not be the first time Robinson took a stand for her beliefs.

Robinson said individuals should not hesitate to fight for themselves. "When you are right, stand up for what you feel," she said. Robinson recalled the conditions which the sharecroppers in Selma endured. She said she saw women nursing babies on curbsides in the rain because segregation would not permit them to seek refuge in most businesses.

Without the right to vote, Robinson said, blacks would be able to do nothing about their situations.

The first Voting-rights march Robinson helped organize began at the foot of the Selma Bridge. In 1965, about 700 supporters gathered with the intent of crossing the bridge and marching to Montgomery. However, the march did not occur because Selma law enforcement officials began to spray protestors with tear gas and violence broke out. Robinson was severely beaten during the protest, barely surviving as she was left for dead by her attackers.

Now known as Bloody Sunday due to the amount of lost lives, the afternoon mobilized many ralliers to attend another march the following week. Several thousand protestors

were present as they marched under the direction of leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who Robinson invited to the march.

The final phase of the march began two weeks later, as 50,000 supporters continued the march to Montgomery, she said. The fifty-mile journey was completed in five days, and was the direct catalyst of the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed by President Lyndon Johnson, the measure extended voting rights to all legal citizens over the age of eighteen, without regard to race, religion, sex, or creed.

"When people can't vote it is easy to keep them down," Robinson said. "The Voting Rights Act was the ticket to letting the world know we are citizens."

Robinson contends that voting rights form the center of humanity. "A voteless people is a hopeless people," she said. "We learn to vote so that we may strive for equality." Robinson is currently a member of The Schiller Institute, an international organization which advocates human rights and fights for issues such as general welfare and cultural advancement. She said she travels the world with Institute groups, describing her experiences as a civil rights leader.

Business Students Taught New Field at Retreat

Supply Chain Management Presents New Options for Some

By Mia Somersall
Hilltop Staff Writer

Richard Owens, junior COBIS major, never knew he would want to work in the field of supply chain management. In fact, he didn't even know what the term meant. That is, until the annual Dean's team leader retreat in Baltimore last week featured a Raytheon Company-sponsored day, which included discussions of both supply chain management and negotiations.

Raytheon, maker of defense electronics is a new sponsor of the School of Business' 21st Century Advantage Program at the undergraduate level. It sponsored the retreat in the hope of developing a professional relationship with students at the undergraduate level and of getting them involved in Supply Chain Management.

Shelley Stewart, Jr., vice president of Supply Chain began the discussion with an introduction of supply chain management. In the field of supply chain management, the company seeks to purchase materials from suppliers at the lowest possible cost while still keeping a strong relationship with them. Working within the field requires a great deal of proposal solicitation and negotiation transactions.

Due to the extensive use of negotiation skills, the company spent the majority of the time speaking on this issue. Arnold Lovering, a consultant of the supply chain, led the lecture and discussions on negotiation.

In order to practice successful negotiations, "you must first figure out what the unspoken needs of the other party are," said Lovering. He said that there are both physical needs (money, product) and there are intangible needs (customer loyalty, reliability, etc.). The job of the negotiator is to create a balance in which both parties are fairly happy with the exchange.

Scattered laughter filled the room when Lovering pulled a hammer out of a bag to illustrate his point. He said that there are three types of negotiations. The hammer represented power-based negotiation in which the theory is that it is cutthroat and impersonal. Lovering pulled out a frisbee and the group tossed it around the room several times prior to the consultant discussing its significance with the second form of negotiation: joint problem solving. Joint problem solving is always fair and there is no distinct winner or loser, he said. And, Lovering's own creation of a plastic ear mounted on the back of a mirror symbolized the third form of negoti-

ation: creative learning. Creative learning is a form of negotiation in which both parties go through self-reflection while also listening to the other party. He said that, while there are clear differences among the three, there is no ultimate or end-all right way to go.

Upon supplying the students with the basics of negotiation, Raytheon employed a tactics workshop in which the students were asked to countermeasure popular tactics in negotiation. If the other party used terms like "All I have is..." or "All I can sell it for is..." one of the counters would be to tell the other side to take it or leave it. "No matter what tactic they use, there is always a countermeasure," emphasized Lovering.

Raytheon Day marked the end of the student leader retreat. It followed a weekend of discussions between the student leaders and the Dean of the School of Business about improvements to the quality of academics within the school. The interaction ended in the creation of several student-based focus groups that were tapped to spearhead the initiatives. The retreat also featured a presentation by the Unisys Company on the future of e-commerce.

Speak Out Produces Heated Debate

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Undergrad Trustee candidate Breana C. Smith commented that she is an advocate of intertwining both athletics and academics. She said she is also in favor of improving the University's athletic facilities. Speaking as a former athlete, HUSA Vice President candidate Alex Dixon shared the same sentiments.

"Athletics can definitely can play a role in the overall thrust of Howard University," said Dixon.

Many students have also voiced concern over the existing contract between Howard and food service provider, Sodexo-Marriott. Although this has been a hot topic with students, General Elections Chairwoman Tori Mason abruptly ended the arguments by informing both the candidates and student body that the contract has recently been renewed for another five years. Many students were appalled.

This Speak Out also marked the first time that candidates were allowed to ask questions of one another. The first question came from presidential candidate Stefanie Brown. Brown posed a critical question to all of her fellow candidates: "How did you develop your platform and whom did you have in mind?" Each candidate had very different responses.

"We talked to students and got their concerns. Leaders are used to bring attention to ideas that students may not have time to," said HUSA candidate Brittney Cooper.

HUSA candidate Derek Rodgers added, "Someone needs to oversee those who are paid and make sure that they are doing their job. We also need to create a stronger bond with all students."

Yet, students such as Xavier Carter a freshman accounting major said they feel that certain candidates may not be able to completely represent student interests without "giving in" to the University administration.

"How can they represent me as a student when they are concerned with what the administration says?" Carter asked.

Many students asked the candidates what set them apart as the best candidate for their position.

Cooper replied, "I approach leadership in an informed manner. I don't fly off of the handle."

Brown cited her previous experiences such as service as president of

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Thursday, March 1, 2001

7:00 pm

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LaPrecious Harrold
Duval (Trey) Miller
Cameron Trimble
Tiega Varlack
Brian Woodward

Senior Class President

Gabrielle Charles

(For the positions that no candidate is represented, elections will be held again in the fall.)

NEWS

Students Learn of Space Study

By KELLEY CHATMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

As Howard University students attended their physics classes last Monday, they studied some of the same principles NASA and Boeing scientists used to land the first space probe on an asteroid.

Built and managed by The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, NEAR-Shoemaker was the first spacecraft launched in NASA's Discovery Program of low-cost, small-scale planetary missions. The exploration and study of the asteroid Eros cost less than 224 million dollars.

The NEAR-Shoemaker space probe was sent into outer space to investigate and explore Eros, an asteroid 196 million miles away from earth. It made an unanticipated smooth landing on the 21-mile-long asteroid notwithstanding scientists' expectations that it would crash and lose communication with earth after impact.

Physics major, Carlette Goodlow, was just as unaware and apathetic about this asteroid study as many non-physics majors at Howard University.

"If the event isn't taking place on earth or it doesn't concern our daily lives then we just do

not care about that particular event whether it is a historical one or not," said Goodlow.

Until recently, scientists and astronomers neglected asteroids. In fact, they were thought to be the "vermin of the skies". Asteroids were given such an unfavorable attribute because when trying to capture an image of the stars, much closer asteroids, moving during the exposure, would make streaks in the photo.

During the 1970s, some astronomers began to study asteroids to see if they could tell us anything about the evolution of our solar system. It was then realized that many of the meteorites that constantly struck earth were pieces of rock that were knocked off of asteroids and then found their way to the earth's atmosphere.

Scientists became interested in the type of impact these meteors could cause if larger pieces were to fall toward earth. This resulted in more serious studies of asteroids and thus, more money being invested.

Like scientists, many people become interested in asteroids only after realizing that they could be a possible threat to the stability of the earth. "Unless an asteroid is plunging down to earth and we are going to experience an 'Armageddon' or 'Deep Impact' then it really is no concern of ours," said Goodlow.

Beth Chapman, an engineer at Boeing in Los Angeles is also concerned with the possibility and result of a large portion of an asteroid ever striking the earth. "If we can get a better understanding of the asteroids and the material that they are made up of, then we can try to predict what may happen if that material were to hit earth and we can know what to do to prevent a negative result from the impact," Chapman said.

Many people feel that if there was a meteor threat that the meteor could be blown up the way such an event is dealt with in Hollywood movies.

Kevin Housen, an associate technician at Boeing in Seattle, Washington confirmed that asteroids could be blown up, but with unfavorable consequences. "Yes, it is possible to destroy a meteor, but that really depends on how much advanced warning you have and generally destroying an asteroid would be a bad idea," said Housen. "The most likely result would end up creating multiple fragments that you would have to deal with," he said.

According to scientists, the study of Eros is not in vain. It will help to prevent dangerous threats to earth and help mankind understand and appreciate our universe more.



Photo by Shala Wilson

Bohemian Caverns: Past and Present

By ADRIA HAIRSTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Venturing down U Street, one might not take full notice of The Bohemian Cavern, a historical landmark at 2201 11th Street.

The Bohemian Cavern may appear to be "just another restaurant", but in addition to being a place to enjoy fine American cuisine, it was also the most popular spot to hear live jazz ensembles during the height of the Jazz era in the late 1940's. Many famous jazz artists performed on the Cavern's stage and Miles Davis, actually recorded an album in the nightclub. Other notable Bohemian Cavern performers were Duke Ellington and the Ramsey Lewis Trio, who won a Grammy for "Best Instrumental Recording" with their song the "In Crowd", which was performed in the Cavern.

In addition to the well-known jazz performers, many up-and-coming amateurs were given the opportunity to heat up the stage in the Caverns.

The owner of The Bohemian Caverns, Angelo Alvino named it such because of its unique interior atmosphere of stalagmites that were crafted along the ceiling and the walls of the nightclub. To many, The Bohemian Cavern was known as the "Crystal Caverns" or simply "The Cave", before it was burned to the ground in 1968.

Now, The Bohemian Cavern is more than just a nightclub, it has become a four-level masterpiece. With the addition of a dim-lit, sophisticated restaurant, this building has a modern touch that blends in with the crafted cavern located on the basement level of the establishment.

"It took three and a half years for us to figure out what the old cavern looked like," said Kia Afshar, the new owner of the restaurant. "We had to talk to old employees and get pictures of the old cavern in order to replicate it." Afshar has achieved her goal of recreating the Caverns' fancy, dreamlike environment.

Following its grand opening this past July, The Bohemian Caverns has attracted many diverse crowds. Kevin Young, a Howard University student and waiter at The Bohemian Caverns, said, "we appeal to professional businesspeople, entrepreneurs, and a few Howard students came in here on Valentine's Day." Many of the regulars include the Washington Wizards players and cheerleaders.

Bohemian Caverns patrons believe it is definitely a fine place to wine, dine, and groove to the laid-back jazz music. "I love the ambiance here," said Young. "I believe that anyone who loves a sophisticated atmosphere and fine jazz music would definitely have a great time here."

Pandas Continue to Make the News

By DANA GRISBY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Though the weather was cold, the Smithsonian National Zoo had many visitors this past weekend. The exhibit that attracted the most visitors was, without a doubt, the giant panda exhibit.

Giant Panda's, Mei Xiang and Tian Tian, arrived at the zoo this past December. Now, having been at the Zoo for more than two months, the pandas are reported as having no problems. John Keister, a volunteer with the pandas, said, "The panda's are doing well, they just took their physicals and that went very well too."

According to Keister, the pandas are eating properly. They eat 40 pounds of food per day,

which is normal for a panda. Compared to the human diet, which averages about 5 pounds of food per day, fulfilling the dietary needs of a Giant Panda is a task within itself. Food is given to the pandas in new and diverse ways. Their food might be given to them in a box filled with hay or in bags. Zookeepers do this to make the panda's lives less routine.

Since the Zoo is the world leader in breeding endangered species, Mei Xiang and Tian Tian are expected to reproduce. The new pandas are a part of the breeding program that matches potential giant panda parents in order to keep the panda population healthy in the future. At the ages of two and three respectively, they are in the pre-reproductive stage right now. According to Keister, at age 4 the pandas are considered to be full-grown and

between the ages of 4-6 pandas are reproductively active.

The panda's are not together all of the time. They are together during the day and separated at night. This measure ensures that separation, which may occur during the instance that one panda might have an overnight stay at the doctor, will not pose a severe problem for either panda.

Zoogoers continue to flock to the panda exhibit and are pleased with the two pandas. Some visit the zoo with the sole purpose of seeing the Giant Pandas. Kim Theuner, a visitor at the Zoo, said, "I feel the panda's are a good addition to the Zoo." Tammy Marsden felt that the pandas are a popular attraction for most. "The new pandas are so cute, they are the only animals my kids wanted to see."

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How Black Can You Be?

By MICHAEL WINFIELD

My problem with Black History Month is not that it is a month. It is not that it involves History, with a capital 'h'. I don't have a problem with people who 'reclaim their roots' or who 'celebrate their Blackness' with special rags and special oils. I don't mind the smelly vendors who sell the special rags and special oils. But I do mind that Black History Month is so concentrated on Blackness, and not history.

The history of Black people in the country is important. It deserves to be learned, to be taught, to be respected, as our contributions must be, evidenced by the cars that halt at traffic lights and food that is halted from rotting in refrigerators. But Black History Month often circles around something more amorphous than History, which is quite simple: an accumulation of material facts, or a procession of ideas manifested through culture. Black History Month often circles around the ugly concept of Consciousness, which is a Black way of signifying, "I have nothing of intellectual worth to say."

Black History Month should not be a podium for race-baiters who have nothing positive to say. It should not be a soapbox for conciliatory Black-folk who want us all to dance in Coca-Cola circles with white girls and boys and kiss them while singing "Kumbaya, My Lord..." It should not be divisive, and it should not be angry or embittered, it should be about education. Black History Month should not be a celebration of any kind; it should be a time to focus in on Black History, namely, the unspoken or oft forgotten achievements of Black people to this great country.

Tell us about the black inventor who helped design the structure of plastic, not the peanut man we are sick of hearing about. Tell us about people other than Martin and Malcolm. Rescue my neighbors who think that Tupac and Biggie are revolutionary leaders of the Black community. Please help these people who think Chris Rock has anything to say that is not self-hating and insignificant. Black History should not promote lifestyle, sanction behavior, or elicit money. We have all year for positive accomplishments; Black History Month should be a time to reflect on those of the past. What that means is that Black History Month has nothing to do with copping an attitude, twisting your hair, and wearing oddly patterned clothing that Africans who consider themselves stylish would never be caught wearing, on penalty of stoning. It is a time to get a book. It is not time to get sour-faced and point out in public people you think are "lost."

Sadly, I am not making these things up.

Part of the tragedy of Black History Month is that its focus is on the culture of Blackfolk. Culture should be studied by anthropologists, by sociologists, by ethnomusicologists. Great. Culture should be amplified in music, idealized by literature, and so on. Great. But history is the providence of historians, and history is the relation of material facts in context to time and place. Black History Month, sorry for being a stickler here, should not be about the orthopraxis or orthodoxy of Black culture, but about our history. Not our "collective history", whatever the hell that means, not our "consciousness" - uh, whatever - but the material facts of our existence and the staggering importance of our presence here on this continent and in this country. It is not about the singularity of Blackness, it is not about us by ourselves, it is about the integration of Black history into the greater picture of the history of the United States. It is designed to provoke Black and White kids alike to reevaluate what 1874 was really like, and by extension, what 2001 is really like. Where do we really live? How does the world really work? What is the structure of our society? Who are we? It is a time of questions, not of answers.

It is a time of statistics, frankly, of very boring things. It is a time to purchase an Encyclopedia Africana. It is a time to see an African film. It's a time to get very, very boring, just as Black people have always been. It isn't exciting, it isn't revolutionary, it's very, very status quo - in fact, it's discovering the Black status quo that has always been, the way we live and the things that we do that allows us to call ourselves a people. It has nothing to do with rags and oils, and if that's who you are - a collection of rags and oils - I'd argue that you are the furthest thing from Black you can possibly be.

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Health Vegging Out

Why Howard Students Are Choosing to Go Green With Every Meal

By JACQUELYN N. HICKS
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Go ahead, bite into that juicy Big Mac. Let the smell lure you into this sinful delight. Let the savory fluids of the meat, leak and provide a tantalizing sensation for your taste buds. Throw away the doubt of possible bad health and welcome the exotic taste of swine. Who can resist these places that draw us to them with the aroma, the aroma of sweet meat. It tastes good going down and it's very convenient to eat but what about alternatives?

Vegetarianism has been defined as any and all diets excluding all or some animal products. However there are many variations of this diet:

1. Vegan- One consuming fad diet excluding all animal products, eating only foods of plant origin.
2. Lacto-vegetarian- One who eats plant foods plus some or all-dairy products.
3. Lacto-ovovegetarian- One who consumes plant foods, milk, dairy products and eggs.
4. Semi or Partial Vegetarian- One who limits their use of animal products and consider themselves vegetarian. Some may exclude red meat only and eat chicken or fish. There are many variations.

Many people adopt this lifestyle, or what some call their "culture" for a variety of reasons including religious/spiritual, political, economical, or physiological. Whatever the reason is, it's a growing trend that has transcended all societies. The American Diabetic Association says that a properly constructed vegetarian diet may not only be healthy, but it could constitute a longer life as well.

This alternative lifestyle that some of us label as a fad is rapidly sweeping the nation and has become more and more noticeable on the college scene.

Sophomore Broadcast Journalism Major, Taryn Jackson, describes her diet as "a way of life." When asked what prompted this change in eating habits she responded, "It's something I heard about all the time and the more people I met, the more vegetarians I came across. So it kind of started out like an experiment to see how long I could hang. The more time went by the easier it was to forget that I wasn't even eating meat."

One might wonder what the benefits of being a vegetarian are. A meatless life may not necessarily discontinue any

present ailments but a vegetarian diet low in fat, cholesterol, and calories can help to reduce your blood cholesterol level, and your chances of developing heart disease all at the same time. This new lifestyle can also help you shed and keep the pounds off while decreasing your chances for diabetes and high blood pressure. There are many different compounds that have been researched and linked to the prevention of cancers and other diseases.

It is true, though, that limiting your meat supply can lead to other complications. The greatest of these deficiencies is lack of vitamin B-12. It's the greatest and most common because it "naturally" occurs only in animal products. This type of deficiency can lead to problems such as anemia, increased homocysteine levels and increased risk of heart disease. So, remember if this is the diet you choose, be sure to contact a nutritional consultant and begin multi-vitamin supplements because your main goal should be health.

The following can serve as a guide:

1. Sulforaphane - Found in broccoli, has a role in neutralizing enzymes that may trigger cancer.
2. Glucobrassicin - Occurs naturally in all cruciferous vegetables (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, Swiss chard, and kale).
3. Beta-carotene - Found in orange and green vegetables, is an antioxidant that has been shown to reduce the risk



Photo by Shala Wilson

The vegetarian lifestyle is a popular choice for many Howard students.

of cancer and hardening of the arteries and can help discourage cataracts.

4. Other carotenoids - Found in dark green, leafy vegetable have been associated with a decreased risk of age-related macular degeneration (blindness being the most common).
5. Potassium - Has been linked to reduce risk of high blood pressure and stroke. Bananas, spinach, and potatoes are excellent sources of potassium. Beans, grapefruit, peppers, squash, grapes, and apples also contain significant supplies.
6. Phytate and protease inhibitors- Both have thought to have a role in cancer prevention are found in beans. Beans are also an excellent source of fiber, and a high-fiber is associated with low cholesterol levels and a reduced risk of colon cancer.
7. Allicin - Is one of several ingredients in garlic and onions that seem to protect against heart disease by lowering blood pressure and discouraging blood clots.

Keeping You So Fresh & So Clean for Spring

By NICOLE COLEMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Even though it may not look and feel like spring yet, it is on its way and there is no better way to prepare for the warmer weather than to make sure your feet and fingernails are in check.

A pedicure or manicure can be a relaxing and stress-relieving treat for women and men. Basic manicures or pedicures should be done once a week. Every 2-4 weeks it is a good idea to seek the services of a professional. The average college student cannot afford the nail maintenance of a professional, so home treatment is ideal. Here are some easy steps to a good at home pedicure for sandal friendly feet:

1. Start by removing dirt, oil, and old polish from your nails with a non-acetone nail polish remover. Acetone is a harsh chemical, which can make the nails brittle and weak, so when purchasing a nail polish remover, remember to check the labels for a non-acetone formula.
2. Using toenail clippers cut your nails straight across leaving a short edge of white. (Many ladies prefer long nails, which is ok as long as they are not scraping your shoes. Face it, its not cute.)
3. Round and smooth the edges with an emery board. Contour the board slightly underneath the nails to shape them into slightly rounded squares or to your desired shape.
4. Soak your feet in warm water for fifteen minutes to soften the skin.
5. Buff away tough, dry skin using a pumice stone, working it in a circular motion. Add a foot cream or lotion to soften the skin.
6. Slather your toes and nails with lotion and then, if necessary, using a stick from a pedicure set, gently push back cuticles along the base and sides. This aids in the growth of the nail, but can be damaging if done to often.
7. Rinse lotion from your toes and pat dry.
8. Separate toes with foam separators. Now apply a clear

From Hands To Toes



nail polish. There is no reason to waste money on several different kinds of clear polishes such as ridge filler, base coat, top coat, or nail strengthener. They all do about the same job. After the clear polish dries, apply a color of choice if you wish. Let dry. You may then reapply

the clear polish as a top coat. This will help strengthen the nail and prevent chipping of the polish.

9. Allow polish to dry for about fifteen minutes or until hardened.

These basic steps can be followed to give yourself a manicure as well, with the exception of the pumice stone step. If your hands are extremely dry and flaky, then use a gentle facial exfoliating scrub to remove excess skin from your hands.

There are several products available to create the at home "spa" treatment which range in price from expensive to cheap. A floral foot soak, fruity hand and foot cream, and a perfect pastel nail color are great steps towards feet and nails that are ready for Spring.

When choosing a nail color, remember to think Spring. Any colors ranging in light shades of pink, melon, pastels or the traditional French manicure are perfect. Even a light shade of

shimery gold or silver is ok, but leave the deep reds, plums, and heavy metallic colors for the fall and winter.

Here are some cool products to buy:

Lucky Chick Sole Survivor Box from Sephora. Includes fragrant foot soak, scrub, lotion, mist, pumice stone, and file for \$30.

Barielle Nail Strengthener Cream from Sephora. Rich in Vitamin E. Prevents nails from chipping and peeling. Shields nails from "enemies" like detergents and too much water exposure. Great for toe and fingernails. \$9

Peppermint Foot Spray from Bath & Body Works. Cooling spray for tired, hot feet. Peppermint soothes and refreshes. \$6

Hemp Hand Protector from Body Shop. Heavy-duty treatment for extremely dry hands and feet. Seals in moisture. \$10 To keep healthy great looking nails remember to:

1. Trim nails regularly, just like you would your hair to keep it healthy.
2. Never file too deep into the corners of the nail. Filing the corners weakens the nail.
3. Apply a clear coat of nail polish regularly to keep your nails protected from the elements. However, it is a good idea to let your nails be free of polish for at least one week in a month.
4. Don't keep nails soaked in water for long periods of time.
5. Make it a habit to moisturize your cuticles every night before bed.
6. Don't bite your nails!
7. Your nails are not hardware tools, so don't use them for opening jars, picking at knots, or scraping surfaces.
8. Wear rubber gloves when doing household work, especially work that involves using detergents. Proper hygiene should be an important factor all year round, but warmer weather means sandals, so do yourself and others a favor and take care of your feet and nails.

Winterizing Your Skin

By ADRIA HAIRSTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Once again winter is here, and along with the harsh, cold wind comes skin problems. The temperature dips, sucking out the moisture from the air and your skin, and before you know it - you are suffering from a case of dry skin. So, the question on everyone's minds is what can be done to prevent dry flaky skin in the winter, without paying a fortune.

Dry skin itches and looks white and flaky. Winterizing your skin can be easy, but some find it difficult. Some seek medical advice for what is actually a pretty simple problem to fix. Many of us spend a fortune on the most expensive products on store shelves. The cosmetic companies are quick to cash in on the demand created by consumer ignorance. In reality, one does not have to spend money in order to keep the skin moisturized.



It is fundamental to remember that dry skin is merely the loss of oil; therefore, you only need to replace those oils. One way to do so is to use pure olive oil. If you think that olive oil is too messy, it is just as cost-efficient to use

petroleum jelly (a small amount) to add oil to dry skin.

Many of us use a lot of different lotions and find ourselves spending money on expensive brand names, but you can take some of the items you already have in your dorm room to make lotion. Erin Carrier, a sophomore suggests that, "mixing a tea-

spoon of honey and vegetable oil with one fourth teaspoon of lemon juice makes a nice lotion for your face."

On the other hand, some may be suffering from oily skin. Many products people use for oily skin have been harsh, because they are usually more appropriate for controlling acne and blemishes. Chauncie Burton, sophomore journalism major uses Neutrogena facial wash. "I have been an avid user of Neutrogena's oil-free skin cleanser. This product is a non-foaming facial wash that specializes in removing most of your skin's oil, therefore it does not cause your skin to burn or peel like it would do with other harsh face washes," said Burton. Neutrogena's face wash is also cost-friendly and usually runs at \$5.99 per bottle.

Whether your skin is oily or dry, you can rest-assure that you will be ready to "face" whatever old man winter has prepared for you. Just remember that whatever your skin situation is, fixing it won't cost you an arm or a leg.



STRIKE ZONE

The Lady Bison pounded the Bethune-Cookman Lady Wildcats on Monday.

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MEAC BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Women's Basketball				OVERALL			
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA
Howard Univ	13-2	.867	93.7	73.2	16-8	.667	82.6	76.3
S.C. State	12-3	.800	72.4	67.7	16-7	.696	70.5	67.0
Florida A&M	10-6	.625	71.6	70.5	14-10	.583	68.5	68.9
Delaware State	10-6	.625	66.4	64.6	12-13	.480	59.2	65.1
Morgan State	9-7	.563	71.6	71.2	9-15	.375	67.5	72.7
Hampton Univ	8-7	.533	75.1	68.5	10-14	.417	75.3	72.2
Norfolk State	7-8	.467	67.2	69.2	11-13	.458	65.6	68.4
BCC	6-10	.375	67.6	72.3	9-15	.375	68.3	73.1
Coppin State	6-10	.375	68.7	73.1	8-16	.333	65.3	73.8
UMES	3-12	.200	53.7	65.8	5-19	.208	54.7	67.8
N.C. A&T State	1-14	.067	65.4	76.9	3-21	.125	63.2	76.3

	Men's Basketball				OVERALL			
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA
S.C. State	13-2	.867	71.8	64.1	16-10	.615	66.5	65.5
Hampton Univ	12-3	.800	78.9	69.5	19-5	.792	77.4	70.0
Norfolk State	9-6	.600	74.5	72.3	9-15	.375	72.7	78.6
Delaware State	9-7	.563	65.4	65.1	10-14	.417	63.0	68.3
UMES	8-7	.533	67.9	70.1	10-14	.417	65.2	74.6
N.C. A&T State	7-8	.500	69.3	67.3	10-13	.435	67.0	70.7
Coppin State	7-8	.500	66.4	63.7	10-14	.417	63.1	68.2
Howard Univ	7-8	.467	69.5	71.7	9-15	.375	69.8	79.6
BCC	4-12	.250	59.2	65.3	7-17	.292	62.1	68.1
Florida A&M	4-12	.250	65.9	74.4	6-19	.240	66.8	80.1
Morgan State	3-12	.200	68.7	73.3	4-19	.174	67.6	75.8

SPORTS BRIEFS

BOWE LOCKED DOWN

Riddick Bowe, former undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, was listed as a jail inmate on the web site of Nassau County, N.Y.'s police department following what police said was a fight with his wife at their Long Island home. Officers arrived at the home and found his wife injured after the boxer allegedly dragged her, leaving her with cuts on her knees and elbows. After initially being charged with kidnapping, Bowe pleaded guilty to a federal interstate domestic violence charge as part of a plea bargain. A federal judge in Charlotte sentenced Bowe to 30 days, citing the boxer's head injuries during his years in the ring as the reason for leniency. In his prime, Bowe was a 6-foot-5, 235-pound heavyweight who won his first 31 fights, all but two by knockout, to earn a title shot against Evander Holyfield.

LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN

The Olympic Torch Relay is becoming a pair event. Echoing the 2002 Winter Games theme of Light the Fire Within, torchbearers will be selected on the basis of how they have inspired others to greatness. In a unique twist, both the torchbearer and the person who nominated them will participate in the relay. Mitt Romney, president and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, introduced the new torch Wednesday in a ceremony on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. The Olympic flame will come from Olympia, Greece, to Atlanta for the start of the 46-state relay. For the first time ever, the torch will pass through Alaska. About 11,500 torchbearers will take part. The relay begins Dec. 4, 2001 in Atlanta and the torch will arrive in Salt Lake City around Feb. 4, 2002.

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER, HATE THE GAME

After two days of hate mail via fax or on his web site, which had to be shut down for several hours Tuesday, and at least one death threat phoned to his team's shop, Sterling Marlin decided Wednesday that he'd had enough. "I definitely didn't do anything intentional. We were just racing our guts out on the last lap of the Daytona 500," said Marlin, a two-time Daytona 500 winner who was longtime competitor and friend of Earnhardt's. "I'd do anything not to be addressing this topic," said Marlin, 43, a two-time Daytona 500 winner. "The focus should be on the Earnhardt family. However, it appears... it would be best if I talked." "You turn the news on, and some reporter is saying the vicious tap I gave Earnhardt sent him into the wall," said Marlin, his voice cracking. "You just want to climb right into the TV and pull the guy out of there." Marlin directs anyone who wants to know what happened to look at the tape. He checked it once, and it confirmed what he already knew: His car was hugging the inside of the track. Earnhardt's car, for whatever reason, drifted down, and they touched.

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Reggie Morris: A True Athlete

By KELLEY CHATMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sensational, determined, and committed. These are among many words that can describe the Howard Bison's senior guard Reggie Morris.

Basketball has been an important part of Morris' life since he was a 2-year-old living in Los Angeles, CA. Morris grew up to be an outstanding basketball player at Westchester High School in Los Angeles.

After high school, Morris was accepted and attended the University of California at Santa Barbara during his freshman year. Upon completing his freshman year, Morris decided to attend Los Angeles Southwest Junior College, where he played under his father who was head coach. Morris then transferred to Howard in his junior year, a far cry from his Southern California upbringing.

"When I transferred to Howard it did take me a while to adjust to being nearly 3,000 miles away from home," said Morris. "It did affect my game some."

If his game was affected it truly did not show on the court. Last year, Morris was one of the main starters on the team and a huge contributor. He finished ninth in the conference in scoring and third in the conference in three-point shots made. However, despite all of his contributions in games, Howard still finished with a 1-27 record.

Despite his accomplishments, Morris was not satisfied. Like a true team leader, Morris puts the team before himself and would rather the team have a better year.

"Personally I had a better year last year, but I feel that it is better to win as a team," he said.

Unfortunately, this year has not been as successful for Morris. Injuries have forced the six-foot-two guard to take a month off and play limited minutes this season.

"He has an arthritic condition of someone twice his age," Bison Coach Frankie Allen explained. "He has



Photo by Mark Coleman

Senior guard Reggie Morris has had a turbulent season after battling back and hip injuries.

a degenerative disc in his back and chronic arthritis in his hips," he added.

At one point in October, Morris had to fly to California to undergo a magnetic resonance image (MRI) by his own doctor.

"Reggie has been playing through a lot of pain, but he still works as hard or harder than anyone else on

the team despite the pain," said team manager Tim Ruffin. "He may not be starting this year, but he is still a great asset to this team."

"If he had been healthy at the beginning of the year he would have started," said Allen.

Most would think that Morris would be upset after losing his starting position, but he has taken it in stride. "Not starting is disappointing, but it is a team sport and here at Howard I have learned to roll with the punches," Morris said.

Allen is very proud of Morris and praises him for his fantastic team leadership and attitude.

"Through all of his pain he stayed with it and he wanted to help the team in every way possible and he most definitely does," Allen said. "He is what helped this team come together last year and his team leadership is invaluable."

Although Morris is not a major part of the team on the court this year, he is still very much respected by his teammates and looked to for advice. Since he is not playing as much as last year, Morris has taken on more of the coaching role this season. He is watching the game more closely and can see what things need to be corrected.

Morris, the perfection striving athlete that he is, knows that there are things he needs to work on in his game. Among these, Morris recognizes one important aspect.

"Defense!" Morris said.

Allen would beg to differ.

"The only improvement that Reggie needs is a new back," Allen said jokingly. "Other than that he doesn't need to improve on anything. He is a great player and a fantastic shooter. It is just the injuries that hold him back and he has played through a lot of pain."

Many things lie in the future for Morris after his playing days are done, but first and foremost he would like to follow in his father's footsteps and become a basketball coach. With the determination he has shown Morris can do whatever he puts his mind to.

Bison Scratch Bethune-Cookman 'Cats

Senior guard turns in a season-high 15 points on the day he is honored by the team

By ALICIA JOHNSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Reggie Morris has not had the senior year of his dreams. In fact, many would look at it as a complete nightmare. A degenerated disk in his back and chronic arthritis in his hips have kept him out of the Howard lineup for a great deal of the season. Yet, on a night when the team and school pays tribute to their seniors Reggie Morris stepped up and played big in his last home game as a Bison. Morris led all scorers with a season-high 15 points as the Bison defeated the Wildcats of Bethune-Cookman, 63-49 on Monday.

Defense was key, as Howard kept Bethune-Cookman scoreless for the first five minutes of the game. By the time the Wildcats put two on the board the Bison had already opened up a 10-point lead. Freshman Hekima Jackson kept Howard on top, scoring 12 of his 14 points in the first half.

Lack of intensity and poor ball movement kept Bethune-Cookman down by as many as 11 points. The Wildcats gathered some momentum behind Tyree Harris (14 points) and cut the deficit to 26-24 with 2:29 left in the first half. The Bison responded

to the Wildcat surge by going on an 8-0 run to end the half with a 32-24 advantage.

The Bison continued their dominance in the second half, as back-to-back three-pointers by Jonathan Stokes (9 points) and Morris brought the lead back to 11. Bethune-Cookman put a press on Howard hoping to cut into the deficit. However, perfectly executed press offense alignments shattered Bethune-Cookman's hopes of gaining their first lead of the game.

Point guard Ali Abdullah (11 points, 8 assists) kept the team focused with strong ball handling key layups throughout the second half. Unselfish ball play allowed all Bison starters to score in the game.

Howard opened its largest lead at 18 behind two consecutive baskets by Morris. Abdullah dribbled out the final seconds of the game as the Bison increased their winning streak to two.

After the game, a pleased Allen spoke of his team's effort. "I thought they [the team] did a good job of finishing the game out," said Allen. "There were no breakdowns in communication...their focus is back."

When asked about Reggie Morris and his dedication, Allen replied, "I'm proud of Morris for hanging in there."

"Morris now gives us an extra shooter for the tournament."

Morris feels thankful for the team and its

See Bison, A7



Photo by Mark Coleman

Freshman Seye Aluko makes a move over Bethune-Cookman defenders. The Bison completed their sweep over BCC to win their second consecutive game.

Bisonette of the Week

Amber Hopkins-Jenkins,
Co-Captain

Age: 21

Sign: Aquarius

Classification: Junior

Major: Journalism

Hometown: Atlanta, GA



THE EXTRA POINT

A True Soldier

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF
SportsWeek Editor



IT TAKES A SPECIAL TYPE OF MAN TO BE A SOLDIER.

He must be courageous. He must be intelligent. He must know his role and play accordingly. He must be ready, willing and able to take that crucial shot when the lives of the men in his battalion depend on it.

Reggie Morris is a true soldier.

For a Howard Bison team that desperately longed for something to look forward to, Morris was that something. After an exceptional junior year on a losing team, Morris was one of the reasons Howard fans had hope for the following year. Morris was one out of a healthy stable of talented guards on Howard's team. Not only did he contribute his sharp shooting to the team, but he also gave a young and sometimes unruly Bison squad a sense of maturity. Morris was set to be the leader of a new generation of Bison basketball.

That is, until an old enemy caught up with him.

A chronic injury turned what should have been a phenomenon.

See Bickerstaff, A7

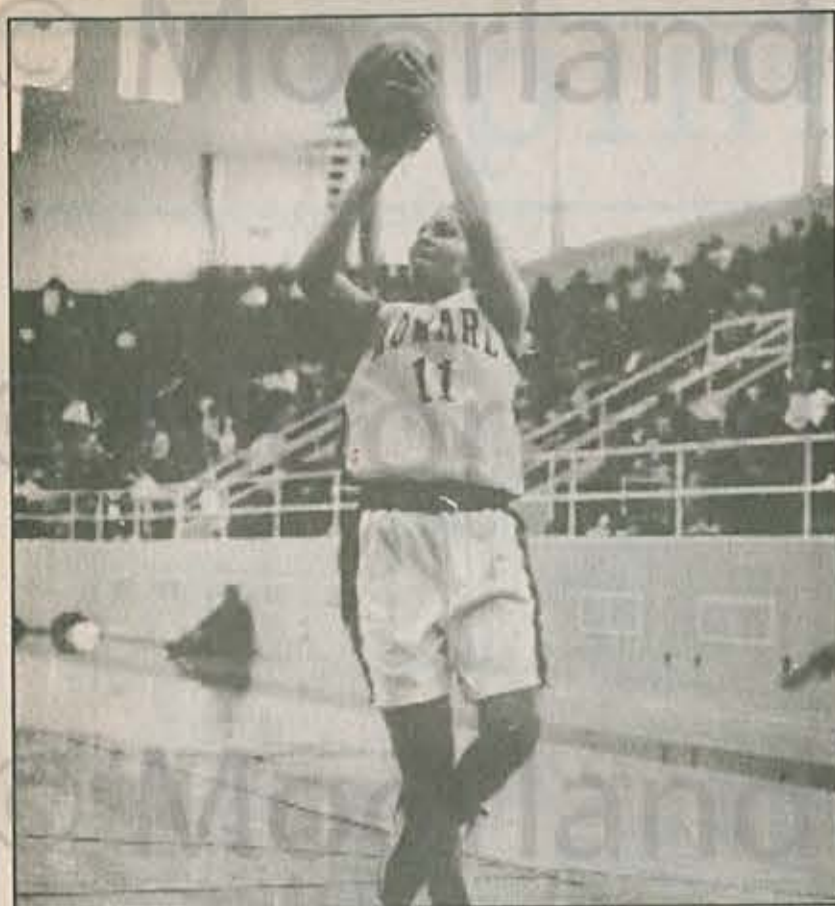


Photo by Mark Coleman
Asia Petty unloads a jumper against Bethune-Cookman Monday. The Lady Bison moved one step closer to their second consecutive regular season title with a win a 101-76 win.

Lady Bison Stampede Lady Wildcats

Asia Petty scores 16 of her 24 points in the second half to boost the Lady Bison

By TYRONE McCANDIES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lady Bison Coach Cathy Parson just sat and waited. Patiently walking the sideline, she waited. Even when Bethune-Cookman College closed a 15-point deficit to within six, she refused to call a timeout. Instead, she continued to sit and wait. Her patience would pay off.

The Lady Bison used a suffocating half-court trap and a 19-3 surge to break open a close game and roll to a 101-76 victory over the Lady Wildcats Monday afternoon in the Burr.

The Lady Wildcats came out scratching in the first half, even with their leading scorer Exzavia

Cunningham scoring just four points in the half. Behind some strong team play, BCC took a surprising 17-14 lead midway through the first half. Then Howard would go to work.

Asia Petty's three-pointer with 11:31 remaining in the half sparked a 13-4 run that put Howard up 27-21. Howard would head into the half up 40-33. In the second half, the Lady Bison just could not shake the Lady Wildcats, even with Cunningham on the bench after picking up her fourth foul plus a technical.

"We knew she was a great player, but you can't let one player stop you," said Cathy Parson on Howard's great play of Cunningham. Cunningham finished with just six points.

Even without their star, BCC hung around like a pesky neighborhood dog. The Lady Wildcats, down 60-47, would go on a 14-7 run to cut the lead to six at 67-61 on an Edna Lastrapes layup with 9:53 to play.

Lastrapes' basket sparked something under the Lady Bison defense, which held BCC to just three points over the next five minutes and allowed Howard to jump all over Bethune-Cookman.

"It's a matter of how long can you stand the pressure," said Parson. "It (the pressure) will get to you eventually."

The pressure got to BCC, as the Lady Bison received a huge second half performance from Petty. The sharp-shooting guard from Perris, CA scored 16 of her game-high 24 points in the second half.

"She has a nice stroke and we must get her the ball when she needs to have it," said Parson.

Andrea Gardner scored 22 points and pulled down 17 rebounds for Howard. Chanell Washington finished with 19 points, and Essence Cogins scored 16.

Lauren Forsthoof's 19 points paced Bethune-Cookman. Janice Haynes had 12 and Lastrapes and Jashell Mitchell each added 10. BCC fell to 8-16 overall, 5-11 in the MEAC. The Lady Bison moved closer to capturing the regular season title with the win, improving to 16-8 overall and 13-2 in the MEAC.

Howard will travel to Baltimore to face the Lady Bears of Morgan State tomorrow.

Bison Scratch the 'Cats

From Bison, A6

coaches.

"I'm thankful that the team executed and got me the ball were I could make (the shots)...I'm happy they believe in me."

One key difference that Morris sees from last year's team is confidence. "We feel like we can go in and win games," said Morris.

Stokes shares the same sentiment.

"We feel like we can go into a game and win by 10 or 15 points," Stokes said.

The Bison improve to 9-15, 7-8 MEAC. Howard heads to Morgan State tomorrow to start a three-game road trip before the MEAC Tournament in March.

A True Soldier

From Bickerstaff, A6

enal senior season for the Los Angeles native into a lackluster stint on the bench. Suddenly, things did not seem as bright for either Morris or the team. When Ron Williamson fell to academic troubles, things seemed downright bleak for the Bison. Not only was their team captain sidelined, but their leading scorer was reduced to the role of spectator.

Things did not look good for the home team.

But Morris knew what he and his team were up against. Instead of lamenting the virtual loss of his senior year as a player, Morris took on a different role. Instead of hanging his head in thought of what might have been, he held his head high not only for himself, but for his team. Instead of contributing his physical abilities on the battlefield, Morris became a general, using his intelligence and experience to help guide his young team. Not many could do what Morris has done this season. Far less would do what Morris has done. He has accepted his role and played accordingly.

In his final game within the hallowed walls of the Burr, Morris laced up his boots for battle. No back injury was going to keep him from leaving Howard in a blaze of glory. The six-foot-two guard lit Bethune-Cookman for 15 points on 5-for-7 shooting from the floor to lead all scorers, proving that when it is time to go to war the old general can still get it done.

Some might have counted themselves out after enduring a season like the one Morris has endured. They might have hung up their sneakers, thrown on their street clothes and relaxed for the rest of the year.

They are not soldiers.

Morris has been as much an influence off the court as he could ever be on it. He would have it no other way.

With the MEAC Tournament looming in the distance and Morris feeling a bit healthier, the Bison must prepare for the ultimate battle. Luckily, it looks as though they have one more soldier on their side.

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Students Define Concerns As Election Nears

From Issues, A1

Still other students said that, despite the issues, next year's HUSA administration will have an uphill battle.

"I feel that a lot of the candidates are not prepared for this position," said Khalfani Walker, chairman of the Undergraduate Student Assembly. "There campaigning strategies are simplistic and cannot compare to the past years."

Other students agreed, but said they would be happy if next year's HUSA officials could help them wade through the bureaucracy in the A-building.

"I would just like my transcripts to get to their destination without having any anxiety on it being received on the other end," said freshman radio-TV-film major Trey Tims who had problems receiving his transcripts. Yet, when asked about HUSA's ability to address problems, he was skeptic.

"Though they're trying to change things, I think that their power isn't enough to overrule the (University) administration," Tims said.

Most students interviewed by the Hilltop said they did not take their concerns to the Speak Outs, though. At the first Speak Out held in Drew Hall only seven students attended. In the past the Drew Hall served as a proving ground of sorts for fledgling candidates. Less than 30 students attended the Speak Out in the Quad.

"I thought the Speak Outs were speeches made by the candidates, without any feedback from the students," said Tims. "I didn't think I'd accomplish anything by going."

Heated Debate at Speak Out

From Debate, A3

the Bison Chapter of the NAACP and also being the only candidate that is actively involved in HUSA right now.

"I know what works and what doesn't," said Brown.

Derek Rodgers chimed in:

"I haven't been in a political 'regime', but I know what it takes to be a leader. I believe in the power of the people. A leader needs to have the power of the people, be one of the people, and have their interest in mind," said Rodgers.

David McDuffie, a freshman business student, set off a heated debate when he

challenged candidates on their individual campus activism.

"I didn't go to any of this year's marches," Cooper said. "Past leaders did not march in the past so that I would still be marching now. There have to be new innovations, marching is outdated. We can't march every time something happens."

Brown contended, "We can't wait for others to do things for us, if there is an issue, find out how you can be involved. Even in past marches, we were successful (on larger levels) because we heightened consciousness."

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Blackburn Sells Banned

From Blackburn, A1

the normal practice may come to a surprise to many student organizations, Samuels said that it is not a change in procedure. In fact, he said that ban on sales have been on the books for some time.

"The rules were being enforced, I just needed to reiterate Howard University policies and procedures," Samuels said.

However, according to Errica Dotson, president of the California Club, she was unaware of the long-standing policy of not being able to sell on the Blackburn's lower level. "From my understanding the plaza level was the only place we [organizations] could sell," Dotson said.

Samuels also made it clear that the memo was sent out because many student organizations were trying to bypass some of the procedural steps, most notably by not going through the Cramton Box Office, to sell various items for their fundraising. The memo said that by selling items on the plaza level there is no way of "tracking monetary amounts after the sale of goods/services is completed."

Dotson's California Club has held many fundraising activities on the plaza level including selling raffle tickets and last March selling of Krispy Kreme donuts. Dotson said Cramton "charges heavily" for the use of its box office, which is a "means of cutting students out of money."

Another problem, Samuels pointed to was that of security. According to Samuels' in past years the security of students has been in jeopardy. Robbers have been able to access the entrances on the ground floor near the Cafeteria and assault students. Although he did not give specific details of past occurrences, Samuels said that he and Campus Police Chief Reginald Smith agreed that a change had to be made.

"It is better to be proactive than reactive," Samuels said. Therefore "no currency exchange is allowed on the plaza level," Samuels said. This includes not having change boxes at events held in Blackburn. "I want to have programs where students just show tickets," Samuels said.

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Opinions & Editorial

Bush's Education Initiative Flawed

KERRY-ANN KAMEISH
HAMILTON

President George W. Bush's education plan entitled 'Leave no child behind,' could leave many behind. According to Mr. Bush's plans, students in grades three through eight will be tested annually in reading and mathematics. Based on the test scores from these exams, schools with raised scores will be awarded bonuses, while "failing" schools will receive a considerable reduction in their budget.

It is important to note that vouchers will not ensure that no child is left behind. Vouchers will help only a few students to attend private schools. Consequently, many students will remain in failing schools with even less funding.

The Bush proposal has raised much alarm and questions from educators, especially in public schools. Tracy Smith, a 7th grade Language Arts and Social studies teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School in NW Washington strongly opposes taking away funds from the public schools. "If schools are 'failing' the opposite should be done, thus putting more money into the public schools to ensure that the proper tools and resources are made available."

The question also becomes, how can a voucher help a poor family. "If the voucher provides approximately \$1500, who provides the other \$14,500?" asks Assistant Principal of Gage Eckington Elementary, Ms. Margaret Ellis. The feasibility of the voucher program needs to be re-examined.

It is important to note that these annual tests will be in two areas, reading and mathematics. Therefore, is it practical to cut school funding based on test scores in ONLY two subjects? The use of only one instrument to measure success whether of students or teachers is grossly inadequate. The Superintendent of D.C. Public schools, Dr. Paul Vance, asserts that test scores do not give a true reflection of student success. "Students should be assessed from where they were to where they have progressed," Vance said. The Superintendent assures that the District is improving its school system and as such, vouchers will not be an option.

The reward and punishment approach of the Bush plan assumes that students do poorly when tested, because teachers and administrators are doing a poor job. In many states there has been a growth in administrative cheating. Last spring, the principal of an elementary in Potomac, Maryland, Karen Karch, was a proctor for the state assessment test. After the exam, Principal Karch reportedly summoned some students who had already finished their exam to 'review' their answers. In 1999, a Texas jury prosecuted the entire Austin, Texas Independent School district on charges of criminal tampering.

In this case, low scoring students were excluded from the exam, thus raising the school's overall test results. In light of these acts and other acts of academic fraud, there are questions as to whether pressures on teacher accountability have gone too far.

An increase in the number of tests cannot act as a panacea for ailing schools. The issue of public education should become a national concern. The United States education system staggers behind many of its industrialized counterparts. However, the family cannot be left out of the educational equation. It is imperative that teachers and parents work together to ensure that our children succeed. Malcolm X said it best, "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for today."

Point of View

By Summer Brown



No More Krispy Kremes?

Let's just say, today you are in the Blackburn Center. You've eaten your nutritious cafeteria meal—chicken a la rice, peas, carrots and you know, whatever was left from yesterday.

Editorial

Yet, something just wasn't enough...you want more. No, not another hormone burger, not an ice cream cone...but, DOUGHNUTS. So you leave the caf' behind you, in search of those Krispy Kreme doughnuts that are frequently stacked neatly behind tables of smiling faces and homemade signs that read, "Support the La Dee Das. Buy Krispy Kremes for \$3.00." But to your dismay, there are no signs, no smiles, no tables and no doughnuts. WHYYYYYYYY!

Almost every afternoon in the Blackburn Center, student organizations raise money for worthy causes by vending raffle tickets, doughnuts, and other fundraising items. However, last week sales of such items were prohibited.

The Office of Student Activities has

cited the following reasons:

A. Safety Reason – In the past year we have had problems on the ground floor with robbers entering through the ground level near the cafeteria exit.

B. Accountability – There is no way to hold an organization or an individual accountable for the revenue generated. Also there is no way of tracking monetary amounts after the sale of goods and services are completed.

C. It is the University's policy that all ticket sales go through the Cramton Auditorium Box Office.

There is still no explanation of why privileges are being taken away from students at the Blackburn Center. Blackburn is already too small and space is always limited when students plan to hold an event, or in this case, sell doughnuts. Selling doughnuts hardly account for a safety hazard.

When administrators restrict students from fundraising in the only place that comes close to a student center, this means that there is time for a new one. If students can't raise money for their organizations in the University center, which is used most by students, what else do you want them to do?

Letters

The Case For Upgrading Our Facilities

I wonder what the president of our University is thinking. After reading the article "Swygert Set to Present New Plan To Board in March" (2/20/01, A1), I was amazed. It must be wonderful to sit and plan building after building using money that is not your own. How gracious he is to be planning to spend the resources of the University and its benefactors on a new science and engineering building, School of Communications and student life center.

I hope President Swygert will tell us what will

be the fate of the buildings he is replacing. I hope he will tell us that they will not be going down the road of the Carnegie building, drifting slowly into the ranks of eyesores such as the Howard Theatre. I hope he will tell us that the maintenance regime will be entirely more stringent than that which is in place to upkeep our once fabulous but now mediocre School of Business.

I put it to any reader of this letter that we need not be building all new facilities. We can upgrade the ones we have. We can be the ones

that step away from the prevailing disposable culture that is leading to the disappearance of many of our older more beautiful and historic structures.

This having been said there are some buildings, which have to go, and some buildings that would show us the foresight of our administrators. The Burr Gymnasium is a joke in poor taste and Greene stadium is not big enough for a high school football program. We need new facilities for varsity and intramural activities. We need parking facilities so that the tickets our

overzealous meter maids love to issue do not increase our financial burdens.

I implore the President and all the administrators here to show through their brilliance through the quality of their work. With all the doctors we have running our administration we need to see more insightful leadership.

—Kevin Taylor

Acceptance of the SAT as an Assimilationist Tendency

A. RAHMAN FORD

In a radical move, the president of the University of California, Richard C. Atkinson, has made a proposal to remove the main SAT from its list of college entrance requirements. In an Associated Press article, Atkinson gave what seems to be his primary reason for advancing such a bold and perhaps controversial recommendation: "Anyone involved in education should be concerned about how an overemphasis on the SAT is distorting educational priorities and practices, how the test is perceived by many as unfair and how it can have a devastating impact on the self esteem and aspirations of young students."

The reference to the unfair nature of the SAT directly implicates various studies which have concluded that the SAT is biased in favor of wealthy whites and that having it as a prerequisite for college entrance acts as an ethnic filter, preventing many minorities such as Black and Latinos from attaining an often elusive higher education. Some research groups have also claimed that success on the SAT is more closely correlated to the wealth available to the test-taker, wealth that can be spent on pre-testing coaching, according to the Associated Press.

The above scenario begs the following question: Would the president of Howard University join the president of the University of California in proposing and pursuing such a radical effort; one that is surely to be condemned as preposterous by those individuals and factions that control the purse strings of Howard University, or would Howard University continue to be spiritually mired in its assimilationist and reactionary ways, as a bison in a herd rather than as a stalwart pioneer of conviction? Sadly and unsurprisingly, the preceding question answers itself.

At last semester's opening convocation, a prideful President Swygert touted the increase in the median SAT scores of the newly admitted first-year class. To him, such an increase was an undeniable mark of progress, and if such was his intent then I would agree with him. However, given that the SAT has proven to be a mechanism which operates in a discriminatory manner, dispossessing too many of our people of the right to a judgment based on academic competence, any and all progress made was

arguably toward an illicit and perverse end.

But again, there should be no surprise. As Howard University began initially as a vehicle for the assimilation of certain peoples into the caustic American corporate culture, such adulterated notions of progress are to be expected and perhaps lauded by many. Indeed, Howard University has remained a loyal child of the heritage provided by its white father, and as a mulatto entity it has been forced to choose, between being a part or being apart. The choice it has made is all too obvious.

The above is not a condemnation. It is merely meant to serve as a partial elucidation of one take on our instant reality here at Howard University, a reality to which we may become oblivious as we endure the inculcation of a system which was inculcated to ensure perpetual inculcation. The result of such inculcation need not, however, lead to passivity or docility. Reliance on SAT scores is not inherently indicative of a follower's mentality. It may become so, however, if the reliance is premised on some larger, broader, perhaps subconscious, goal of the acceptance of flawed ideologies which have the inevitable deleterious effect of producing a reactionary mentality which becomes so pervasive as to become dominant.

The SAT issue can be seen as symbolic. The recommendation of President Atkinson represents a departure, from craftily engineered intellectual constructs, preserved over time for the purpose of creating in the masses a institution of narrow-mindedness, to a mode of thought inhibited by one less construct. Although the idea of President Swygert joining President Atkinson in such a recommendation to do away with reliance on the SAT is an idea foolishly entertained, an examination of the issue is nevertheless instructive because as students at Howard University, we must be aware of those invisible mechanics which exist here, and understand how and why these mechanics work the way they do. An understanding of such mechanics is vital if we are to come to terms with our own individual and collective positions here, as those positions concern the open acceptance and glorification of a biased college entrance examination and other similar tendencies which seem to be an anathema to ideals of Black emancipation.

Misinformation and Leadership

Dear Editor:

Misinformation is the biggest threat to students when it comes to the leaders that they select. And when misinformation occurs, the committed student leader has a responsibility both to the students and to himself or herself to address the issue both expeditiously and expeditiously.

As the Hilltop has informed, it is student government election season for yet another year. As a committed student leader, I want to inform you that there are three slates running for HUSA president and vice-president; to date all slates have a name which are as follows: Cooper/Williams - The T.O.T.A.L. P.A.C.K.A.G.E.; Brown/Dixon-EMERGE; and Rodgers/Anderson - 3A. There are two candidates for undergrad-

uate trustee: Breana Smith - F.R.E.S.H. and Lauren Bell - Progress to Greatness. I firmly believe that all of these leaders sincerely desire to help the student body and make Howard a better place for students.

Do not let anyone or anything make your decision for you but you. Let that decision be one that is informed by your careful examination of the HUSA constitution (found in the H-Book), your interaction with all candidates, and your questions, which have been sufficiently answered by at least one slate or candidate. The best choice for a leader is the informed choice.

—Brittney C. Cooper
Candidate for HUSA President

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Calendar

what's going on in dc????
February 23rd -March 1st

Friday, 23rd

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KRS-One, co-founder of Boogie Down Productions, proves he can still inspire true hip-hop fans with his motivational freestyle at the 9:30 Club, 915 V St. N.W., at 9 p.m.. Tickets are only \$20. For information, call 202-432-7328 or 800-551-7328.

Monday, 26th

Donald Bogle, author of "Dorothy Dandridge: A Biography," discusses his new book, "Primetime Blues: African Americans on Network Television" at Olsson's—Metro Center, 1200 F St. N.W. at 12:30 p.m.. "Primetime Blues", a landmark study by the leading critics of African American film and television, takes a close look at shows such as The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, ER and The Steve Harvey Show. FREE! For information, call 202-347-3686.

The Folger Poetry Series presents poet Lucille Clifton, who will read from her landmark collection, "Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems, 1988 - 2000," at Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. S.E. at 8 p.m. Clifton, who was discovered by Langston Hughes, is the chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, a previous poet laureate of the State of Maryland and author of ten previous poetry collections. A reception and book sale will follow the reading. Admission is \$10. For information, call 202-544-4600 or visit www.folger.edu.

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Saturday, 24th

Celebrating music of Black America, the Levine School faculty and community arts organization will perform music in the African and African American traditions tonight at 6 p.m. in the Jane Lang Recital Hall, 2801 Upton St. N.W. The concert will include spirituals, jazz, classical music by black composers, gospel blues and more. FREE! For information, call 202-685-9772.

It's the last night for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Shakespeare's comedy of a love gone mad in the face of magic at Catholic University's Hartke Theatre, 3801 Harewood Rd. N.E. General tickets are \$15, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students and kids. For information, call 202-319-4000.

Black Movements Dance Theatre celebrates Black History Month and the company's 18th anniversary with dance and creative interpretation starting at 8 p.m. at Georgetown University's Poulton Hall Theatre, 37th and O St. N.W. Tickets are \$7-\$10. For information, call 202-784-8073 or 202-784-7761.

Hear the young voices of the world-famous Boys Choir of Harlem tonight at 8 p.m. at Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. N.W., under the direction of founder Walter J. Turnbull. Tickets are \$28 - \$40. For information, call 202-767-5658.

Tuesday, 27th

Fire eaters, stilt walkers, clowns and magicians are at Lulu's, 1217 22nd St. N.W., for a Mardi Gras Party starting at 4pm. Even if you're not in the mood for a mud bug eating contest, there are three dance floors and live music—and it's FREE before 7 p.m.. For information, call 202-861-5858.

The Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade features floats representing local merchants, live music and of course, beads starting at 8 p.m. at the Clarendon Metro Station (Southwest corner of Wilson Boulevard and N. Highland St. Arlington). FREE!

The 4th Annual DC Metropolitan Reggae Music Awards pays special tribute to Bob Marley and Dennis Brown in a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Ascot Nightclub, 1708 L St. N.W.. Tickets are \$10 in advance, more at the door. For information, call 202-296-7640 or visit www.dcreggaeawards.com.

Sunday, 25th

Opera singer Carmen Balthrop pays tribute to the legendary Marian Anderson, the first African American singer to perform with the Metropolitan Opera, in a concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hall of Musical Instruments, National Museum of American History, 14 St. and Constitution Ave. N.W. The concert features many of Anderson's vocal styles—opera, spirituals, gospels, and art songs. Tickets are \$20, \$15 and \$13.50. For information, call 202-357-3030.

King Hedley II, the latest work from award-winning African American playwright August Wilson, opens today at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Eisenhower Theater, Kennedy Center. The play takes place in 1980s Pittsburgh, where a neighborhood is rocked by violence and economic failure. Tickets are \$20-\$68. For information, call 202-467-4600 or visit <http://kennedy-center.org>.

Wednesday, 28th

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the number one selling group in South Africa, performs its unique sound tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the Barns of Wolf Trap, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna (Va.). Tickets are \$22. For information, call 202-938-2402 or visit www.wolftrap.org.

Although today is the last day of the month, Black history goes on in the photo exhibit "Black and White: Images from the Civil Rights Movement," which chronicles the key moments in the early civil rights movement. The exhibition is on display at the Newseum, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington (Va.). For information, call 703-284-3544 or visit www.newseum.org.

Thursday, 1st

Host of BET's "Comic View" Gary Owen, the white comedian who was the title of "Funniest Black Comedian in San Diego," performs at the DC Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. N.W., tonight at 8:30 p.m. through Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$17. For information, call 202-296-7008.

Brooklyn's finest M.O.P. (Mash Out Posse) bring their furious rhymes to Nation, 1015 Half St. S.E., with DJ Red Alert tonight at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$20. For information, call 202-432-7328 or 800-551-7328.

Ash Wednesday

February 28, 2001

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

12:10 P.M.

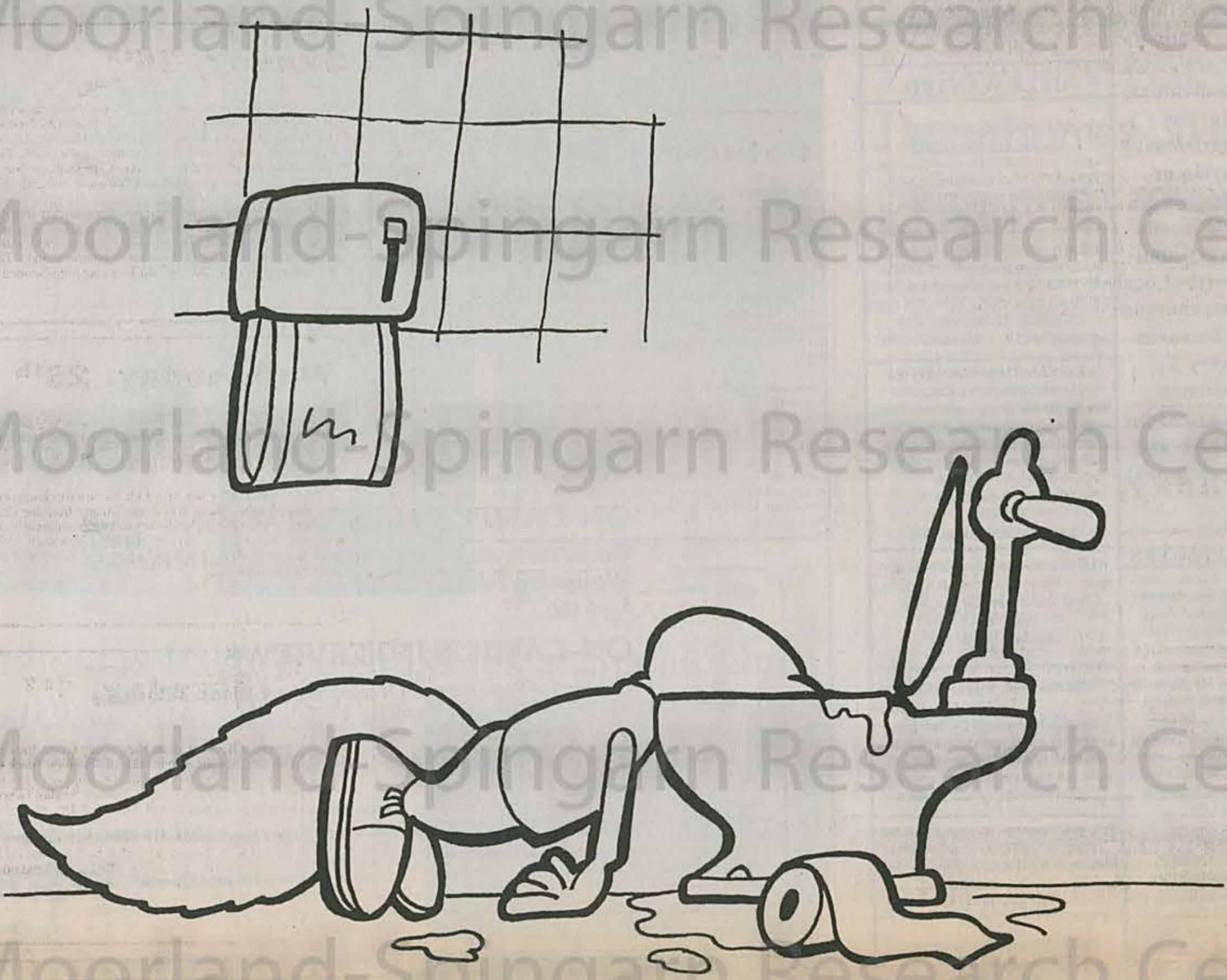
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Rev. Michael Worsley
Tom Skinner Associates Chaplain, Preaching

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FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP
If you will be a Junior or Senior during the school year 2001-2002, have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and demonstrated community involvement, then you are eligible for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Nellie M. Quander Memorial Scholarship. Applications can be picked up at the Office of Financial Aid, Blackburn Center Information Desk, or Founders Library. Application Deadline is February 23, 2001.

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter Presents
Finer Womanhood Week:
What It Takes To Be a Strong Black Woman
* Sunday, 2/25/01 Call to Chapel
* Monday, 2/26/01 HIV Testing Blackburn Center, Rm. 148 11-3 pm
* Monday, 2/26/01 Living a Healthier Life Seminar Blackburn Center, Rm. 148-150 7:20 pm
* Thursday, 3/01/01 Beauty Forum Blackburn Center Reading Lounge 7:20 pm. Refreshments.
* Friday, 3/02/01 Movie Night with the Sisters: The Color Purple Blackburn Center, Rm. 148-150 7:20 pm. Refreshments.
* Saturday, 3/03/01 Finer Womanhood Banquet GW Univ., Marvin Center 12:00 p.m. \$5.00 Donation.
* Tuesday, 3/06/01 Blood Drive Blackburn Center Reading Lounge

Test your financial knowledge. Come to Blackburn, Bottom level 2/27/01 11-2 pm

Your Campus leaders are on lock-down. Come break the financial literacy chains. 2/27 from 11-2 pm in Blackburn bottom level.

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CLAUDIA, Thanks for being you.

STAR BULLOCK, YOU DA BOMB,
Love your two fairies!! SW & MS

To my three car buddies:
They Just Don't Know. They ain't ready.
The ride has been funny and worthwhile.
Friends to the end. 4 out of 4.

-The Praying Mantis

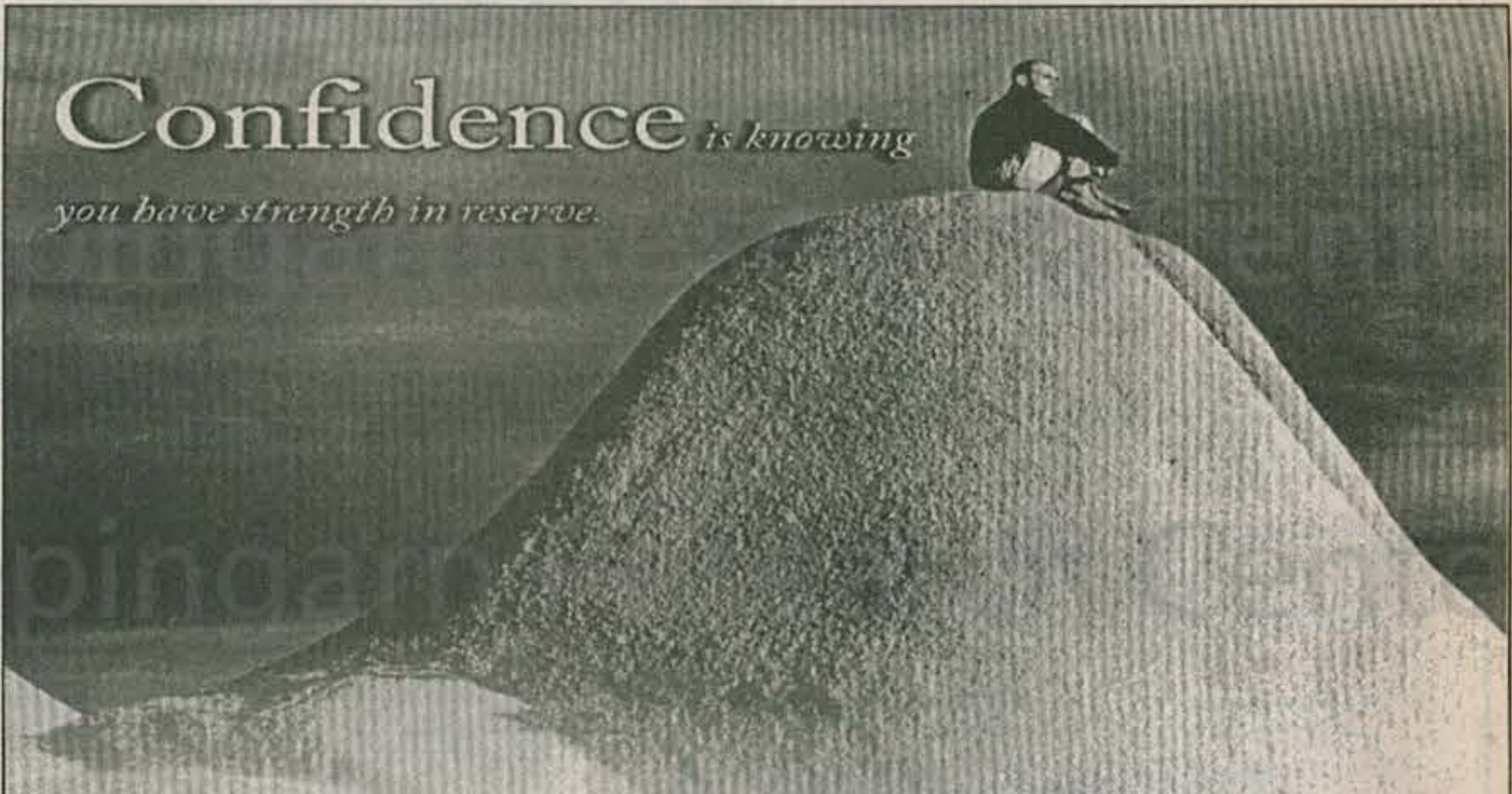
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Welcome to the ranks of the Hilltop Wednesday Warriors. Thanks for the hard work and dedication.

Zora Neale Hurston '24

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