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Caldwell-Colbert Named New University Provost

By JOI C. RIDLEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, Ph.D., was tapped to serve as the University's second Provost and chief academic officer March 14. Caldwell-Colbert will fill the position currently occupied by interim Provost, Dr. Don Coleman.

"I am delighted that a leader of Dr. Caldwell-Colbert's caliber now joins us in advancing our academic and intellectual pursuits. Her academic credentials are impeccable," University President H. Patrick Swygert said. Swygert announced the selection at a reception in Blackburn just before the start of Spring Break. She will step into her new position on July 1, 2001.

"Howard University is one of the leading research-intensive institutions in the country

and I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as its new Provost and to become a part of the Howard experience. The opportunity to serve at such a prestigious institution in this capacity is humbling," Caldwell-Colbert said in a recent letter to the University.

"I will be listening to what you have to say about your vision for Howard and what you would like to contribute to that realization in support of the Strategic Framework for action. It will take all of our collective efforts and I know by working together we can succeed in realizing this vision for Howard University. As the new Provost, I am committed to taking the University to new levels of academic excellence," she wrote.

According to Gwynette Lacy of the Office of the Provost, Caldwell-Colbert's office will be an extremely important one.

"Dr. Caldwell-Colbert's position can be

compared to that of a chancellor at another university. Under President Swygert, she is next in command," said Lacy.

University Provost Designate Caldwell-Colbert, a board certified clinical psychologist, currently serves as associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of Illinois. She has also held tenure at various universities including Emporia State University, University of Kansas, and Indiana State University.

A native of Salinas, Kansas, Caldwell-Colbert has received various awards for her work in education. A magna cum laude graduate of Spelman College, Caldwell-Colbert received her master's and doctorate degrees in psychology and clinical psychology, respectively, from the University of Georgia. She has received numerous awards and honors including Who's Who in Ameri-

can Education and American Women, and she is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

A selection committee appointed by President Swygert recommended Caldwell-Colbert. Swygert sent the task force on a mission to find "the best candidate possible." One member was current HUSA president, Senelano Simmons. Lacy also mentions that the pool of candidates was definitely "fair and balanced."

The Provost-elect appeared on campus two weeks ago and traveled to various venues throughout campus. Caldwell-Colbert attempted to introduce herself formally to faculty and student groups.

"Prior to July 1st my plan is to make regular visits to meet with the staff in the Provost's office...I will be scheduling future visits to each of the schools and colleges to

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A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, Ph.D.

U. Michigan Law School Admissions Ruled Illegal

By ANNA CLARK & JEN FISH
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Rejecting the University of Michigan's defense of its affirmative action policies, U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman struck down the Law School's use of race as a factor in admissions, declaring that student diversity is not a compelling state interest.

Friedman also refuted the arguments of student intervenors in the case, ruling further that a race-conscious admissions system cannot be used to remedy past discrimination, nor "level the playing field" between minority and non-minority applicants.

Law School Dean Jeffrey Lehman, in a telephone interview from Berkeley, Calif., expressed great disappointment over the decision.

"This is not only a rejection of the University's arguments, but a rejection of two decades of settled understanding within higher education," Lehman said.

The crux of Friedman's decision is his interpretation of the 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *University of California Regents vs. Bakke*. Racial quotas were outlawed in the case, but Justice Lewis Powell, writing only for himself, endorsed the use of race as a "plus factor" to achieve racial diversity.

But since no other justices joined Powell on this particular point, Friedman said, Powell's opinion cannot be interpreted as the controlling opinion in the case.

Kirk Kolbo, lead counsel for the Center for Individual Rights, the Washington D.C.-based firm representing plaintiff Barbara Grutter, said he expects to see the decision influence other cases.

We think it's a very powerfully reasoned opinion," Kolbo said. "I expect many other courts across the nation will look at it."

University President Lee Bollinger noted the sharp contrast between Friedman's decision and that of U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan in the nearly identical suit filed against the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

In December, Duggan ruled that LSA's current admissions policy is legal but that the "grid system" used from 1995 to 1998 was unconstitutional.

"This is a district court holding that

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Black Press Honors Rev. Jackson, Sr.



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., called the Black Press the "headlight" for Black people at the annual NNPA awards ceremony. The organization named Jackson as the Newsmaker of the Year at an event held in Blackburn.

Photos by Jason T. Smith

Jackson Named Newsmaker of the Year by Publishers Association

The National Newspaper Publishers Association named the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., Newsmaker of the Year at the group's annual awards ceremony March 16 at Howard University.

Jackson told the crowd of more than 200 people gathered in the Blackburn Center Ballroom that the Black Press is the "headlight" for a Black people who are "racially profiled" by the White media.

"We need the Black Press more than ever, and we need you to synthesize with the Internet and Black Radio," said Jackson, who is also the founder of the Rainbow/PUSH organization.

The NNPA also awarded the True Voice award to Kemba Smith, whose unfair drug conviction first came to light from an *Emerge* article. Elaine Jones, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund received the North Star Award for Public Service.

The event was part of Black Press Week, which celebrates the March 16 anniversary of the publication of *Freedom's Journal*, the nation's first Black newspaper, in 1827. Each year during Black Press Week, NNPA publishers travel to Washington to meet with prominent Black and White political leaders and to honor fellow publishers and Black newsmakers.

—Compiled from staff and wire reports



Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) introduced his father at the NNPA awards ceremony.

Student Dies in Blackburn From Apparent Heart Failure

By BRAKKTON BOOKER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Close friends of former Howard University student Travis Cortez "T.J." Birgans, 21, described him as a "funny and generous", sports fan who always helped those in need and had a passion for issues that affected the black community.

Birgans died March 15th, while playing pool in the Blackburn Recreation Room. According to police reports, an officer arrived on the scene at 4:38 p.m. shortly after Birgans collapsed and began to administer CPR. Unable to be revived, Birgans was rushed to Howard University Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 5:51 p.m.

Despite being athletic and working out frequently, Birgans had a history of health problems, friends said.

"He had heart a murmur that was not supposed to

Please see Birgans, A3



Travis Cortez "T.J." Birgans

Investigation into School of Business Death Continues

By JOI C. RIDLEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the investigation into the falling death of sophomore Sidney Harris continues, University administrators and students are left to wonder what events led to Harris' death.

Harris' body was found in the parking lot of the School of Business on March 17, shortly before 2 a.m. Harris was a 19-year-old sophomore psychology major from North Carolina.

"The case is being investigated as an undetermined death as of now. The official nature of death has not been released as of yet," University spokesperson Donna Brock said.

Metropolitan Police have, however, confirmed that the cause of Harris' death was "blunt force trauma due to falling from such a height," Brock said. Harris' death was not immediate, however, he was discovered alive and died later in Howard University Hospital.

"This is a very unusual occurrence, but the rarity (of the occurrence) doesn't lessen how tragic it is," said Brock. "We extend sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues at the University."

Many students remember Harris as being "very quiet and always off to himself," said junior computer science major Russell Drake, who knew of Harris.

"I remember seeing him in Drew Hall. He was always on the move, but he never seemed depressed," said Drake.

"He wasn't the talkative type, he was one of few words," junior COBIS major Richard Owens said. Owens served as Harris' team leader while he was a student in the School of Business.

"I wish I could have deciphered what was going on. Even during our team meetings, he didn't seem

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The Hilltop Friday

Life & Style

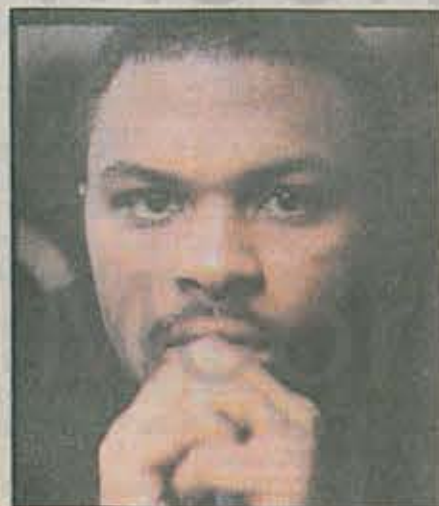
From Small Fry in North Dakota to Top Dog in DC, senior Senelano Simmons has made a name himself. Find out how.

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Sports

The women's basketball team fell to Iowa State University in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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Voices & Views

Should Federal Student Aide be need-based or merit based?



"I feel there should be two subdivisions under Federal Student Aide so both candidates can be equally considered."

—Carolyn Grimmette
Pre-Physical Therapy
Junior



"I think Federal Student Aide should be merit based because it would provide opportunities for those students with scholastic achievement who may not be as financially dependent."

—Monique Webb
Pre-Physical Therapy
Junior



"Federal Student Aide should be need-based for entry into an institute of secondary education."

—Jamal Thompson
Mechanical Engineering
Junior



"It should be need based."

—Donte Bundrent
Communications
Sophomore

—Compiled by Chandra Anderson

Greek Watch

Alphas to 'Come Out' On Yard Today

By MAKEBRA ANDERSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Beta Chapter will kick off the Greek sorority and fraternity "coming out" season noon today when the group welcomes 13 new members to the 95 year-old fraternity.

The probate show, similar to a rites of passage ceremony, is a long standing spring tradition at Howard.

"The probate show is a historic Howard event that happens every year," said senior Jarvis Houston, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "It not only introduces the new members to the University, it also give the probates the opportunity to show how hard they have worked."

New members Kevin Belgrave, Jaha Howard, Russell Robinson, Cornell Williamson, Rico Davis, Kareem Nulan, William Bridges Jr., Patrick Giddings, Chinelo Cambron, Brandon McCalla, Yves

Louis-Jacque, Mark Harris, Jr. and Richard Spencer will step, yell chants, musical greetings, and march on the main yard.

"The show displays the historic importance of Greek organizations, and gives freshmen the chance to experience Greek Life," Houston said.

"Coming out" ceremonies attract hundreds to the Yard on Fridays. "It gives new entrants the chance to show their hard work," said Camilo Martinez of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity. "Nine times out of ten other Greek organizations will be there to support the new entrants."

In upcoming weeks other Greek fraternities and sororities will have their "coming out" ceremonies. The ceremonies are usually advertised by word of mouth.

Some thought the Alphas already had their probate show weeks ago when the valley rang with musical greetings and marching late one

night.

However, that show was only a preview said Alpha probate Cornell Williamson.

"The night probate show is not done for many people, it's a dry run before the real probate."

Williamson said.

This year marks the

95th anniversary of the fraternity. They will be celebrate April 1 through April 7 with a series of programs in honor of "Alpha Week." Alpha week



Photo Courtesy Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc.

Above, new members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Chapter. The new members are Kevin Belgrave, Jaha Howard, Russell Robinson, Cornell Williamson, Rico Davis, Kareem Nulan, William Bridges Jr., Patrick Giddings, Chinelo Cambron, Brandon McCalla, Yves Louis-Jacque, Mark Harris, Jr. and Richard Spencer.

includes a call to chapel and a variety of different seminars.

Campus Digest

WMASA To Host HIV/Aids Conference in Blackburn

The Washington Metropolitan African Students Association (WMASA) will host two sessions addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis that is affecting Africa on Saturday in the Blackburn Center.

The first session will discuss the facts and figures of the disease with an explanation of why the diseases are so frequent in Africa. The second session will focus on the banquet and Africa Aids Tour the WMASA will be funding. A student panel discussion will talk about the segments of the African culture that have an incompatibility with the disease.

The HIV/AIDS administration will provide free testing and optional counseling in regard to the diseases. Registration for the event is from 9:30-10:30am with sessions 1 and 2 running from 10:30-3:00am. Admission is free.

Sports and Entertainment Law and Business Conference

Howard University School of Law will host the 6th annual Sports and Entertainment Law and Business Center Court Conference April 7.

The conference is an annual event consisting of many panels covering various topics in Sports and Entertainment Law and Business. The goals of the conference are to provide a forum for students, professionals and the public, while discussing and learning more about these areas through seminars and workshops.

Topics include negotiating music contracts, making and distributing independent films, athletes and law, financial planning for clients, and other subjects. Panelist representation will come from the ABC network, the NFL player association, and many popular agents. Registration begins at 9am in the School of Law. Prices for Howard students are \$15, any other students \$20, and \$30 for the general public.

African-American Male Empowerment Summit

Kemba Smith, recently pardoned by President Bill Clinton, and the National Center for Non-profit Strategic Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) President, Jeffrey Johnson, will address the 3rd Annual African-American Male Empowerment Summit (AAMES).

The mission of AAMES is to unify African-American men, women, and youth. By gathering, discussing, and conveying various views and goals, the AAMES hopes to enrich the character and ambition of African-American men. Support of the empowerment summit comes from The United Way, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, The Nation of Islam, Concerned Black Men, Inc. and the NAACP. The event is April 6th in the Blackburn Center, and is free of charge for students and youth.

Fashion Show In Blackburn

Fashion Elegance with a Vibrant Attitude (FEVA) is the name for the April 5th fashion show that is sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Society.

The show will display designs from Howard students, in addition to the students of other campuses. Entertainment performances will come from the NSAA African dance group with special giveaways to audience members. The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Blackburn Ballroom. The price is \$5.

—Compiled by Derrick K. Nayo

Lewd Behavior During Spring Break Should Be Curbed, Students, Hotels say

By KERRY-ANN KAMEISH HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

A week removed from the wild beach parties and all-night drinking binges, students say strong morals and good behavior were important to maintain during spring break.

Biology major Meghan Drayton, who spent break in Daytona Beach, FL., said students should stay true to their values during the week. "Spring Break is time for relaxation and to get away from studies and to have fun. However, we cannot afford to depart from our morals and values thus offending members of the host country," she said.

But wild behavior by college students during break has prompted some cities to pass regulations that promote safer, cleaner environments.

Resort areas in Negril and Montego Bay came alive during March as many college students take a break from their studies and relax on the island. Jamaica, which has built a reputation over the years as a top spring break destination, has forced tourism officials to implement behavioral regulations.

The Ministry of Tourism, the Negril division of the Jamaica Hoteliers and Tourist Association (JHTA), in collaboration with the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce has instituted various regulations that ensure that the island promotes wholesome fun and excitement.

"In the last few years, Negril has gained a reputation for risqué behavior by spring breakers and as such we felt it as appropriate to issue guidelines not designed to take away from the fun, but to ensure that we encourage appropriate behavior for the young visitors," said JHTA President, James Samuels.

The behavior of spring breakers in previous years has been described by workers as "utterly disgraceful."

Sophomore film major Tai Davis agrees that regulations should be instituted.

"There is a time and place for nudity and

hotel lobbies are definitely not appropriate places to walk around in the nude," Davis said. Davis also said that resort areas are not only for spring breakers, but families. "Spring breakers need to be cognizant of that fact," he said.

The JHTA warned that serious disciplinary action would be taken against any establishment, which features nudity, or encourages sexually explicit behaviors from patrons. The Association emphasized its responsibility to uphold the moral standards and laws of Jamaica.

Jamaica was not the only spring break destination that instituted regulations. Vanessa Wilson a graduating senior, COBIS major said that behavioral and dress code regulations were strictly enforced on the South Beach of Miami. "The Department of Community Affairs in South Beach Florida had special police officers that ensure that there was no drinking in the streets or unclothed tourists," she said.

Barbados had a similar police presence to regulate springtime tourists. According to Sydney Robertson, a junior international business major, "There was a police presence to keep tourists in check." Robertson said that although restrictions are necessary, too many restrictions could result in that destination becoming less favorable and could consequently affect earnings.

It remains uncertain if these regulations will impact the earnings of small hoteliers. The significant contribution of Spring Break visitors to the Jamaican Tourism earning pie cannot be ignored. Nonetheless, the JHTA maintains that morality and appropriate behavior will be the standards used to measure success. It would be a lost battle according to the JHTA President Samuels, if decency and decorum were sacrificed for profits. Jamaica undoubtedly will remain a safe and fun filled tourist destination; the limits are established to further enhance the package for all visitors.

Students Impressed With New, Improved Howard Site

By THELISHA WOODS
Hilltop Staff Writer

The University recently revamped its website, equipped with a new design, more student access to records and a link that allows students to check book availability in the library, the site is now a favorite among students.

Launched on March 2, the site was changed to better suit the needs of its users, said the new site's creator, Andre Mekkawi. "The old website had no organization and no objective," Mekkawi said. "Now the site is more customer oriented."

Mekkawi said the site provides a better way for students, prospective students, alumni, and faculty to find information.

"The information on the site is more organized, so that different people can quickly find information that relates to them," said Mekkawi.

He was hired to work on the Howard

homepage because of his previous work on the School of Communications and the Graduate school's websites.

"Well, they (Howard) didn't really have a 'webmaster' until they hired me to work on the site, and I had already been working for Howard, so that is what basically got it started," Mekkawi said.

Students say they prefer the new site. "It



Photo by Chandra Anderson
A student looks at the redesigned Howard web page.

is way better than the old one," said senior political science major Jarvis Houston, "the old one lacked information in every way possible."

"It is more convenient to find information," said senior criminal justice major Lee Vason.

The website has been organized categorically which enables users to find other information

that was not available on the old site like a news and events link.

"This was developed so that people can find out what is going on around campus,

so there is a link to Campus happenings," Mekkawi said.

Students like the changes made to the website.

"I like it, it's a lot easier to read and the links are a lot easier to get to than the old one," said junior journalism major Marchand Cox. "It really looks more professional."

The new site was well overdue according to some students. "It's an improvement and it is more aesthetically pleasing and it was time for a change," said sophomore mechanical engineering major Loren Collier.

"I check out the website periodically and I was surprised at the changes," said senior chemistry major Junior Harvard. "Truthfully, it is one of the best college websites I have seen."

The site can be accessed at www.howard.edu.

Student Dies in Blackburn From Apparent Heart Failure

From Birgans, Al

be life threatening," said junior Tiffany Moffett, a close friend of Birgans. Birgans suffered from an unusual heart murmur since childhood, and had a kidney operation last year.

To many, Birgans appeared to be in great shape. "He worked out five times a week, never smoked or drank, and didn't eat pork," Moffett said.

Doctors said the cause of death is currently undetermined, but preliminary results point toward a congestive heart failure. Samples of Birgans' heart have been sent to the lab

for an official autopsy.

His untimely death came as a shock to many people who knew him. They said he was well on his way to accomplishing his dream of becoming a United States senator.

A good friend, Jarvis Houston remembered Birgans as having a natural flare for politics. "He was extremely passionate on political issues," said Houston. According to Houston, he always spoke of going back to Illinois to help the black community. "He wanted to go back to Chicago and use his political ties to help his community," Houston said.

Birgans was taking some time off from school before completing his senior year. His list of accomplishments included being a member of the School of Arts and Sciences Deans list, a candidate for 2000-2001 undergraduate trustee, former program director for HUSA, and a former intern on Capitol Hill for Carol Mosley Braun (D-Ill) and Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-Ill).

Recently, he had obtained an apartment in Virginia and had accepted the position as Personal Executive Asst. to the Chief Administrator at Walter Reed Hospital.

Many who knew him shared the same reaction when they heard of his passing: "disbelief."

"All I remember is sitting down, thinking I need to take a walk," said senior journalism major Courtney Wilson. "It still doesn't seem real; it still has not set in. This is one of the few times in life that I wanted someone to be lying to me," Wilson said.

"I am not going to lie and say I'm not incredibly angry, nor am I going to pretend to understand (why his death is) supposed to be a part of a divine," said Moffett. "[It is] an all too real and painful reminder of mor-

tality despite our youth."

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, as well as a fiancée, Chere Boone, who had accepted his hand in marriage three days prior to his death. Boone, a sophomore at Howard, is set to give birth to their son next month.

Funeral services took place on Mar. 24 at the New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago. Though the occasion was described as "sad and somber" it was also a time of celebration said senior Will Jacobs who attended the funeral.

"For the first time, we (Birgans' friends from Howard) got a chance to

meet his family and share stories about how he touched lives at Howard," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said some of his fondest memories of Birgans stemmed from their freshman year in Carver Hall where they stayed up late debating over issues such as politics, sports, and women.

"He'll be sorely missed," Jacobs said. "T.J. had a great spirit, he brought an exuberance to life we could all learn from."

Investigation into School of Business Death Continues

From Harris, Al

to have a lot of motivation. I just feel like I could've done something to prevent this," Owens said.

Harris' death also reached those who have been faced with the sudden loss of loved ones before.

"It has been a little over one week since I heard of the death of the 19-year-old sophomore student, Mr. Sidney Harris. It hurt me then and it hurts me now. A little over one year ago, my 18-year-old daughter, Ven-

tura died and my life has never been the same," said Betty J. Washington an administrative assistant in the School of Business.

"I'm not saying this as an employee of Howard University School of Business, but as a parent. I have been very troubled over Mr. Harris' death. There are so many rumors regarding what happened on that rooftop. That is between Mr. Harris and God," said Washington.

U. Michigan Law School Admissions Ruled Illegal

From Law, Al

the opinions of Justice Powell, which higher education has relied on for 23 years, was not and is not good constitutional law," Bollinger said in a telephone interview from San Diego.

"Judge Duggan held precisely the contrary as has the 9th Circuit. We believe those courts are right, that higher education is right, that President Ford, General Motors, associated corporations and Colin Powell were also right," he said, referring to the numerous public statements of support solicited by the University.

Friedman excused Bollinger, Lehman and former Law School Director of Admissions Dennis Shields as defendants in the case because they had "attempted to comply with Bakke as they interpreted the decision, while still striving to fulfill their admissions goals."

Although Friedman agreed diversity is a "laudable" educational goal, he said the Law School's system fails

to achieve diversity in a way that is fair to all applicants.

The Law School's consistent enrollment of 10 percent to 17 percent underrepresented minorities in each class since the 1992 adoption of the disputed admissions policy constitutes an unspoken quota, Friedman said.

"The fact of the matter is that approximately 10 percent of each entering class is effectively reserved for members of particular races, and those seats are insulated from competition," he wrote.

Bollinger and other University officials disagreed strongly with this part of the decision.

"A quota is a policy of taking a certain number of students regardless of their qualifications," Bollinger said. "We've made it clear that the Law School takes race into account only as a factor in a pool of students ... that are clearly capable of doing the work and graduating and that

means it can vary in number from year to year as it has."

In making his decision, Friedman credited retired University of Minnesota Prof. Kinley Larnitz, the Center for Individual Rights' statistician, with providing "mathematically irrefutable proof that race is indeed an enormously important factor."

In a comparison of minority and non-minority applicants with similar undergraduate grade point averages and Law School Admissions Test scores, Larnitz calculated the relative odds of acceptance are greater for underrepresented minorities.

Curt Levey, CIR director of legal and public affairs, said the firm is "deeply gratified by the decision."

"It went even further than we hoped for by ruling not just that this kind of diversity is not a compelling governmental interest but even if it were, the University's policy would still be illegal because they haven't bothered to consider less discrimi-

natory practices," Levey said.

Miranda Massie, lead attorney for the student interveners, said Friedman's decision is not supported by the testimony he heard.

"This opinion could have been ghost-written by CIR," she said. "The judge only engaged with the evidence enough to distort and to graft onto it what was clearly a preconceived, highly ideological opposition to affirmative action."

In the opinion, Friedman recognized the "tragic" history of racial discrimination in the U.S., as well as its lingering societal affects, but suggested it is not the Law School's place to remedy this.

While Friedman recognized the threat of a dramatic drop in underrepresented minorities on campus if race-sensitive admissions are eliminated, he expressed hope that this would not happen.

Caldwell-Colbert Named New University Provost

From Provost, Al

meet with deans and faculty, as well as meetings...in all areas of the institution," said Caldwell-Colbert.

"It is with great anticipation that I look forward to these meetings and the opportunity to learn of the exciting initiatives and the areas of concern in your

units...while becoming a familiar face to all," said Caldwell-Colbert.

"Through these traditions and by working together and by working together, we can continue to set Howard University apart and enhance its greatness as an institution," said Caldwell-Colbert.

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NEWS

Calif. Schools Celebrate Civil Leader Chavez

By SARAH GORBACK
The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — He led non-violent protests to unite farm workers. He once fasted for 36 days for their rights. He is Cesar Chavez and for the first time, California is celebrating his legacy.

Gov. Gray Davis has designated March 30 Cesar Chavez Day and students are celebrating the holiday all week with on- and off-campus events.

Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962, and led non-violent protests, boycotts and fasts for the next 30 years to organize labor workers in California.

About 100 people attended the first on campus event Monday at Casa Real. It was a panel discussion led by experts and personal friends of Chavez to educate students about his accomplishments.

San Diego State University President Stephen Weber was there and expressed gratitude toward the legacy left by Chavez.

"Cesar Chavez Day is not just about the day, and it's not just about the man," Weber said. "This day is about us and the California we intend to build."

Speakers included Richard Ybarra, who married

Chavez's daughter, Anna, in 1971. Ybarra served as Chavez's special assistant, security chief, advance man and speech writer and spoke about how he knew Chavez on both a professional and personal level. He talked about Chavez's love for dogs, the game of pool and salsa dancing.

"I got a much better education traveling around the world with him than from school," Ybarra said, a Harvard alumnus.

The two traveled to gain momentum in the efforts to bring together farmworkers who were being treated unfairly and subjected to such conditions as long hours and minimum pay with few or no health and pension benefits.

Chavez helped put an end to these conditions by forming a workers union.

But not without a fight.

He decided to go all out against the California government, which was letting the bad conditions slide, by calling for a worldwide grape boycott. By 1975, a Louis Harris poll showed 17 million American adults were boycotting the fruit. The growers grew desperate and became willing to negotiate better working conditions for the farmers.

In 1991, Cesar received the Aguila Azteca (The Aztec Eagle), Mexico's highest award presented to people of Mexican heritage who have made major

contributions outside of Mexico.

Chavez died in 1993 and more than 40,000 people participated in his funeral.

Minnie Gonzalez Ybarra, Richard's mother, who is referred to as the "matriarch of the United Farm Worker's Movement" also spoke at the event. She told the audience that Chavez would never sign a contract without the United Farm Workers Flag behind him. That same flag was used as the speaker's backdrop.

"Their struggle can be compared to anybody's struggle, whether urban or in the fields," San Diego State University Social Science sophomore Ron Gochez said after the event. "I see myself as no way different than the people working in the fields. I don't see myself higher than them because I am at a university."

The California Commission on Improving Life through Service has donated \$250,000 to the California State University system to support systemwide activities for the holiday.

Wednesday, a candlelight vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m. at California State University, San Marcos to celebrate Chavez's memory.

For more information about events, call 986-6677. The campus will be closed Friday and classes will be canceled to recognize the holiday.

Mad Cow Caused by Abnormal Protein

By KATIE GOLDSMITH
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — The influx of sheep to be tested for a form of Mad Cow Disease has caused concern in Ames and at Iowa State University, but experts say it is unlikely the disease will appear in the United States.

New cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, have been detected in several European countries, including Italy, which was previously thought to be free of the disease, said Nolan Hartwig, Iowa State University Extension veterinarian specializing in beef, dairy, sheep and veterinary public health. However, Hartwig said he thinks it is unlikely the disease will enter the United States. "The risk of BSE getting into the United States is extremely small, extremely small," he said, "but it's not zero."

BSE, or Mad Cow Disease, is a degenerative brain disease, Hartwig said. The term "spongiform" indicates that, microscopically, the nervous tissue of infected animals looks like a sponge. Hartwig compared the appearance of a brain infected with BSE to a Pac-Man game chewing and eating away at the brain. Cows infected with BSE were belligerent, uncoordinated and eventually died.

The infectious agent that causes BSE differs from most other diseases, Hartwig said. BSE is one of a family of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. These are not caused by normal infectious agents such as bacteria or viruses, but rather by an abnormal form of a protein called a prion. "Prions are proteins, not living organisms," he said. "They contain no genetic material, no DNA."

The first case of Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, the human version of BSE, was diagnosed in England in October 1986, Hartwig said. "In the early '90s, we started to see some evidence of these TSEs in people in the United Kingdom," he said.

Animals and humans infected with BSE become belligerent, uncoordinated and debilitated, Hartwig said. Since BSE is a progressive disorder, infected patients take a long time to die. "Apparently the variant form [Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease] takes people longer to die than the traditional form," he said.

Harley Moon, professor at the ISU Veterinary Medical Research Institute, said the idea of a protein causing an illness was controversial when first proposed by Stanley Pruzner, who won a Nobel Prize for his work. Moon said this concept was a leap from previous knowledge.

"It's not a bug," he said. "All these

other things [that cause infections] are bugs. This is not a bug — this is a protein."

Hartwig said prion proteins are present in all animals, not just cows and other ruminants. "We all have prions in our bodies," he said, "but they're formed, created and then they're removed. It's a natural, normal process."

Although prion proteins are the likely cause of BSE, it is still unknown what their function is in the body, said Janice Miller, veterinary medical officer with the National Animal Disease Center of the USDA Agricultural Research Service. "Some [scientists] think maybe it plays a role as a neurotransmitter, because it accumulates at the synaptic nerve endings," she said.

However, she said it appears prions are not necessary for life. In some experiments, for example, the prion protein has been removed from certain strains of mice, and the mice have survived. "We assume that there's a good reason, but that isn't written in stone that there has to be," she said.

The prion that causes BSE is abnormal in the way it is folded, Moon said. He said normal prion proteins have a helical, or spiral, shape, like that of DNA, but the abnormal prions are arranged in flat, pleated sheets. "The protein, in terms of its amino acid sequence, it's not even a mutant protein," he said. "It's the normal protein sequence; it's folded wrong."

Due to the abnormal folding of the protein, it is unable to be broken down properly, and the protein accumulates in the nervous tissue of animals, Moon said. Current knowledge is that this accumulation is what causes BSE.

"The evidence is that this protein, by mechanisms that are not yet understood, is toxic to the brain," he said. The folding of the abnormal prion protein also causes other difficulties, Hartwig said. The prions are very heat-resistant, so they are not "killed" or denatured by normal processes. Such heat resistance is unusual for a protein, he said. "Usually [proteins] are like the white of an egg," he said. "When you heat it, it denatures it. It's just not the same, and that change is irreversible."

Other infectious agents in meat, like salmonella or E. coli, are killed when the meat is heated to very high temperatures in the rendering process. However, prions can't be killed in this way. Also, Moon said prion proteins appear to be resistant to other forms of decontamination such as chemical disinfectants.

"This is not a bug," he said. "So those systems we've put in place to eliminate bugs don't work here."

Maryland Rotation a Perfect 10

By JOSH MITCHELL
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — For many years, the full-court press defined Gary Williams' teams.

While coaching basketball teams at American University, Boston College, Ohio State and the Terrapins, Williams ran a high-octane offense and a pressure defense that kept the game exciting.

Then came his current crop of players. With a limited rotation last season and an abundance of size this season, Williams has strayed from the press for one of the few times in his career. His half-court game has worked beautifully, and the Terps (25-10) will make their first trip to the Final Four at 8:20 p.m. Saturday when they play Duke (33-4) in Minneapolis.

"With our size this year, the biggest thing I had to get away from was always wanting to press," Williams said. "This year, we've got more depth than ever but we've probably pressed less than ever. Now that we're in the Final Four, I think maybe I was wrong all those years."

With a 10-player rotation the deepest in his coaching career Williams has been tempted to run a full-court game, with an emphasis on forcing turnovers to create easy baskets. But that type of play has clashed with this team's style. The Terps have flour-

ished in a slower, half-court game built around junior center Lonny Baxter. They led the ACC in assists and ranked third in the nation in scoring offense during the regular season.

"It suits us better as a team," sophomore reserve guard Drew Nicholas said of the new offense. "We are capable of pressing 40 minutes straight, but sometimes we've had trouble in transition matching up against shooters. Another advantage is our half-court defense, just being able to slow people down and being able to rebound the basketball. We're able to get our hands on a lot of balls."

The Terps' size has prevented Williams from using the press as much as he used to. Baxter (6 feet 8 inches, 260 pounds), senior forward Terence Morris (6-9, 221), sophomore forward Tajh Holden (6-10, 247), senior center Mike Mardesich (7-0, 244) and junior forward Danny Miller (6-8, 220) are more suited for a grinding game.

Williams has adjusted accordingly. The Terps have used a half-court defense, mostly man-to-man, but have switched to zone when needed. In the Sweet 16, for example, Georgetown had a significant size advantage with three players nearly 7 feet tall. But instead of trying to tire the Hoyas with full-court pressure, the Terps used a matchup 1-2-2 zone defense in the second half. The result: The Hoyas

shot 30.8 percent from the field.

Stanford had similar problems, shooting a season-low 41.1 percent in the Terps' 87-73 victory Saturday in Anaheim.

"We're pretty good man-to-man," Holden said. As for pressing, Holden said, "We're good at it when we do it for spurts but it's hard to maintain."

Even with this style, Williams has made good use of his bench. Nine Terps average at least 10 minutes, and seven average at least 16.

"The game dictates the substitution pattern," Williams said. "When I need a guy off the bench, if I need shooting I might need more of Holden and Wilcox. If we're getting beat up inside, I might go to Mike Mardesich."

"I've never been big on trying to maximize our bench. I always worried about having enough guys fresh enough to press. I had to take a long look at our bench and know that they were good enough to play. You have to get a feel for your players, exactly how you can use them."

Mardesich, a team captain, said the team's new style lifts the pressure off individual players.

"We're relying on each other more," Mardesich said. "That can go two ways. It can be difficult [if a particular player struggles], or it can make us trust each other."

Police Discover Mystery Footprints in Zantop Home

By MARK BUBBRISKI & OMER ISMAIL
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Two different footwear impressions found on papers on the floor of the Zantops' home do not match footwear worn by the police or the footwear recovered from 17-year-old Robert Tulloch, according to additional court documents that were released yesterday.

The documents said that the state lab has not yet compared the impression found on the floor with the footwear seized from James Parker, the other teen accused of stabbing Half and Susanne Zantop.

Evidence released earlier this week did confirm that the police have at least matched one set of other bloody footprints found in and outside the victims' home with Tulloch's left boot.

Earlier documents also stated that DNA from blood on two knives found in Tulloch's bedroom matched the DNA of Susanne Zantop. Fingerprints on one of the two knife sheaths found at the scene also matched Parker's prints.

Meanwhile, a lawyer for one of the two teenagers said the public should hold off from making judgements until the incriminating evidence released Monday is reviewed independently.

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable that Jimmy Parker could have had anything to do with

this crime," Doug Brown, a San Diego lawyer and friend of the family for 30 years told The Associated Press. "The nature of these documents does not undermine their confidence in the innocence of their son."

The authorities still appear to be searching for a motive explaining the killings or a possible connection between the German professors and the Chelsea suspects.

"There's no evidence that I am aware of that they knew each other," Brown said.

Meanwhile, despite court documents to the contrary, investigators did not find any neo-Nazi, Ku Klux Klan, or other white supremacist literature in Zantop murder suspect Robert Tulloch's bedroom, according to Assistant Attorney General William Delker.

The New Hampshire Attorney General's office, however, has not issued any formal statement concerning the misleading documents, but Delker yesterday told The Dartmouth that "it would be unfairly harmful to these defendants" for this information to be construed as true.

Delker did confirm that "Der Fuhrer" and other literature relating to the Holocaust and Germany were found in Tulloch's bedroom. He characterized the literature as "history books" and not racist or white supremacist in nature.

Other documents released show that the afternoon before the Zantops were killed, a Canaan,

N.H. man saw a green station wagon — which police say matches a Subaru owned by Parker's family — speeding out of the Zantops' driveway at 115 Treseott Road in Etna.

"It made a pretty strong impression on me. It was leaving fast. That's very out of the ordinary for the neighborhood," Paul Newcity told The Valley News, about the car he saw around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. "People there don't leave their yard at that rate of speed."

Newcity told the Hanover Police that the driver of the green station wagon appeared to be a thin, dark-haired, white male in his early 20s, with no facial hair.

Newcity and another man who was riding with him that day told the Valley News that they had to swerve to avoid the station wagon. Newcity said he only saw one person in the car, but that things happened so quickly he could not be sure whether there may have been a passenger or whether it was actually a Volvo.

Parker's parents own a green 1996 Subaru station wagon, which investigators said was "consistent" with Newcity's description.

Also, two knives not believed to be the ones used to kill the Zantops, were found in the silver Audi in which the two boys fled the Upper Valley. One knife described as "tactical" and another "hunting" knife were found in a toolbox in the trunk of the car.

Law School Applications Show Female Majority

By BEN SELLERS
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Statistics released by the American Bar Association this month revealed that, for the first time, the number of women applying to law school this year exceeds the number of men.

Although the study only reflected those individuals who had applied to law schools as of March 16 of this year, it showed that of the 67,239 applicants nationwide 50.4 percent were women. This was a marginal increase over the 49.4 percent of female students who enrolled in law schools last year. Law schools in Virginia have been aware of the increase in female applicants in recent years. According to Law Prof. John Jeffries, who will take over as dean of the University of Virginia Law School in July, "such changes have already occurred" at the University.

Two years ago, the Law School admitted its first class with more women than men, Jeffries said. The admissions offices at the University of Richmond and Washington & Lee University law schools reported that in past years they have admitted roughly equal numbers of female and male applicants.

Nonetheless, many law school officials said crossing over the halfway point in female applications numbers marked a significant milestone for women trying to compete in a traditionally male-dominated profession. According to Susan Palmer, associate dean for student affairs and admissions at Washington & Lee School of Law, law classes are now more receptive to women than in the past.

The old method "of teaching students by abusing them is gone. Women don't have to learn by combat," Palmer said. Dean of Yale University's Law School Anthony T. Kronman described the teaching method as "ruthlessly interrogat[ing]

students and reduc[ing] them to tears." Changes in social attitudes towards women in law are another important reason for the increasing numbers of female law students, said Amy Arnold, associate attorney at the Richmond office of Hunton & Williams.

In addition, many women see law as an opportunity to gain even more status in the workplace. A career in law offers women "a little more power in controlling their destinies," Arnold said. Glenn Cummings, University interim director of Pre-Professional Services, said there was a keen interest for women in pursuing law careers.

"I encourage them," he said. But "I let them know that there remains a serious shortage of female partners at law firms, so that while the law student demographic may be 50/50 between the sexes, there is still much work to do before women can have quite the same voice in the legal field as men."

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Foreign Affairs Part I

Josef Sawyer

As the year flashes right before your eyes, you are growing tired of making Selmo and Mike L richer by attending their parties. You are now beginning to worry about your grades.

You remember the painful registration process when you had to flip through the course book while listening to the robotic voice of HU Bison dart out commands. Some of the classes you signed up for were mandatory, while others just sounded interesting.

Did you take the time to find out who was teaching the class? No, you didn't, you left it up to the words FACULTY or maybe you just couldn't pronounce the professors name. But since it's college and as Muziq predicted on track number fifteen on Aijuswanaseing, "You Be Alright."

The first day of class comes around, and you meet the professor. He or she probably has no syllabus, and even after they spelled their name on the board you still could not pronounce it. A sense of uneasiness begins to fall over you. You realize you are having a difficult time understanding what the professor is saying even though your attention span is there.

Not what you expected? This is what many students are experiencing, in many of the core requirement classes. But not all teachers from other countries are bad.

There are teachers from other countries that are very competent in their duties, and it is actually refreshing to listen to their unique voices, and experiences. Last semester one of my favorite classes was Principles of Speech. My teacher was a young Nigerian woman who had a pleasing accent, but she was very on top of her game. Not only did she bring an extensive knowledge of her different cultural experiences; she had mastered the material. She was also able to present the information in a manner that was palatable to the best and worst of students.

So what's the big deal with accents? If you are not aware, we all have accents. The word accent by definition is "an individual's distinctive or characteristic inflection, tone, or choice of words," according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. But on the other side of the table there are teachers from other countries who can barely speak English and have unorthodox teaching methods. You find it easier to read the book and skip class than to listen to the professor.

It is not so much the accent, I can get over that; my whole family is from Africa. It is more that these professors aren't really teaching. They lecture and talk about whatever comes to mind, follow no outline or course syllabus, and when you ask them questions they make it seem like you are trying to be insubordinate.

I have only been here for 1.5 semesters but I withdrew from two classes, and changed to another class because my professor in short, was dreadful. And each time the scenario was the same. I think the concept of hiring teachers from other countries is a noble act.

The motto of Howard University is Leadership for America and the Global Community, so it is the duty of the University to widen its spectrum. But all I am asking for is to be able to pick what ever class I want out of the course book and rest assured that I will have a teacher who is actually earning their paycheck.

Josef Sawyer is a freshman from Ellicott City, Md. and can be reached at SheikhBlack@aol.com.

Point of View



Welcome Home

We welcome our new Provost, Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert to the Howard University family. As the University moves into a new direction, we feel that she

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will serve a vital role in assisting President Swygert in leading the University into the 21st century.

With Dr. Caldwell-Colbert's experience at other universities such as University of Kansas, Indiana State University, and Emporia State University these have helped to prepare her for the task of being the Provost of our dear University. Her willingness and enthusiasm about joining the administration of

Howard will only help prepare us to be the future leaders of America and the global community.

She is a welcome addition to the position left vacant by former Provost, Antoine Giribaldi. As the University seeks to eliminate many of the Interim titles of various positions on campus, the hiring of Dr. Caldwell-Colbert appears as a positive step in the right direction.

As we look ahead to the beginning of Dr. Caldwell-Colbert's tenure as Provost, we feel that the President's selection committee sought out the best possible candidate. With that Dr. Caldwell-Colbert, we welcome you.

So Where Do We Go From Here?

Joi C. Ridley

Throughout the election, candidates have pledged their allegiance to making Howard University "better" for both students and administration. All have promised to instill various programs to create a more "harmonious and united Howard."

Yet, when the smoke clears and we are left with our new HUSA President, Vice President, and Undergraduate Trustee, what happens to the plans of all the candidates who didn't win?

Are we left to believe that because candidate John or Jane Anybody did not win, their plans for improving food services, security, and relationships with international students will be abandoned? True, each official wants to work towards the best advantage of students, but as we've constantly been reminded,

they only have one year to work. They can not possibly revitalize every aspect of Howard during their term.

Also, for those candidates who are not victorious in their push towards their respective positions, I ask how they plan to stay active in HU student government. This very question was proposed to candidates in a recent speak out to which all candidates said that they would "lend a hand" to whoever won. I actually felt like I was watching a race for Ms. (or Mr.) Congeniality in a pageant instead of candidates vying for leadership of the student body. The pledge sounds good enough on paper but when it comes to form, how many of the candidates can actually say that they will stay true to their word?

My question simply put is: where do these people go? These candidates who spoke so vehemently about the issues and problems within the University suddenly seem to lose their vigor when they are informed of their defeat. They retreat quietly, once again, to the background, only to be brought out at the next protest (which they did not organize) or rally. Instead of being indispensable in finding the solution to various problems, they continue to talk about them, making them worth just that: talk. And as HU students know, talk is cheap without actions to back it up.

Joi Ridley is a freshman print journalism major.

Grievance Column

Students Speak Out on HU Customer Service

Kirstyn Fields

The Grievance Column an occasional feature that aims to present issues brought to the attention of the Undergraduate Student Assembly. Grievance Director by formal and informal means. The column address grievances submitted by students, as well as updates and progress reports from the U.G.S.A. Grievance Committee's activities.

At long last, the results are in!!! "What you said," also known as the customer service survey analysis, has been compiled and analyzed to determine the overall sentiment of our Howard University student population regarding two major areas of services rendered: Financial Aid and Health Services. I wish I could say that the results are shocking, but that's just not the case. What was shocking is the number of students that added their own bubbles and made comments in areas other than the lines specifically marked for "commentary." I guess that just goes to show that Bison will customize almost anything.

If you take the time to modify a free survey that assesses only two aspects of our school, why shouldn't you invest a little bit of energy in improving the whole University (especially those of you who pay dearly to attend). At any rate, I do want to thank everyone who participated (and apologize to Cook Hall-please excuse our oversight). Also, a quick disclaimer: This survey was completed (and turned in) by a total of 329 students (approximately 3 percent of our estimated enrollment) and the analysis was completed by an amateur. However, our small sample was rather representative including contributions from males and females, all classifications (and a couple of grad students), as well as all of the undergraduate schools and the law school. As for my statistical skills, I did at least pass the class; plus there were no hanging chads to count, so it wasn't exactly rocket science!

And now for your viewing enjoyment (drum roll please):

The Results of the HUSA/UGSA Service Evaluations

According to you:

The likely number of visits you might make to the Financial Aid office is: 1to3 times per semester and the average wait for service is over 30 minutes at a time.

Fifty-nine percent of our participants said that the office attendants are not courteous and respectful while 76 percent felt that they do not receive clear information from the employees there.

Sixty-six percent have had documents lost or misplaced by the office and of the students with refund checks, 62 percent wait over a month to receive them.

On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best), your overall rating for the Financial Aid office is a 2.

63 percent gave the office below average ratings (1 or 2) while a total of 2 students awarded the office a superior rating (5).

As for the Health Center, the likely number of visits is one per semester. Of the students who specified a wait time, 65 percent of students said they wait over 30 minutes to be seen by an attendant for the entire visit. The percentage of students who spend one to two hours (30 percent) in the center is followed by those who spend no time at all (24.5 percent) in the Health Center.

The service ratings for the Health Center reflect more evenly split views, with 52 percent of opinion givers saying that Health Center employees are courteous and respectful and 49 percent agree that they are well informed and give clear information. However, there are still 24 percent and 38 percent who claim to have experienced misdiagnosis or lost/misplaced documents respectively. These are smaller numbers than I imagined, but still disappointing ones.

A more detailed report will be available shortly for anyone interested, but the bottom line is: The Financial Aid office and the Health Center appear to be getting by on the customer service front and obviously they are somewhat effective in their operations, but there are several areas that deserve attention. While the ratings were not atrocious, there is definitely not a unanimous vote of confidence in any area of performance for services their services. This documentation will be helpful in future discussions and planning and the comments that many of you included are equally useful. Thank you for listening and to all a good day.

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POINT OF VIEW

Looking in the Mirror

By GINGER F. SKINNER
Engage' Editor

"Look at her - lookin' like a broke-down Lil' Kim." "I wish these girlz would stop tryin' to flip dey hair like Mary J." "Jus' because they make it in your size, don't mean you look good in it." Sound familiar? Maybe you've said some of these things before. Maybe we're all guilty of having the misconception that putting someone else down for his or her form of self-expression will inevitably elevate us and our self-image. It's okay, we're human, and more importantly, we're women. I'm not here to judge or even make myself look like a talk-show host with the latest expertise on how to love yourself and your sisters. I'm just offering my point of view on this misconceived thing among females that doesn't have a name.

As a 23 year-old woman and a fifth year Howard student (yes, many of you will be here for five years or more too), I've seen and experienced more than my share of haterism, had my share of fake girlfriends, and more than once have had a female tell me "that brotha's no good for you," or "you're too good for him," only to see that same young psychic friend scheming on him for herself. I'd think, "Well, I guess he wasn't good enough for me, but he damn sure looks good enough for you," and then point them both in the direction of the nearest exit of my life.

I began the school year with twenty girlfriends, thinking we'd be tight forever, only to end with one and have the other 19 look me up-and-down, measure and weigh the trivial worth of my shoes to my hair-cut, my toe nails and the arch of my eyebrows, only to conclude that "She thinks she's so cute." Yes, they are right. I mean, if I don't, who will? What is it about us that makes us the experts on fashion preferences, hair color and weight requirements of other women? I mean I'm not here to judge because we're all human. Just think about it.

I've thought about this and it is my OPINION that your life is all about you and what is on the outside is an expression of you. It's that simple, so why is it so difficult? Lately, I've been reading essays in the Hilltop submitted by young women in which they say what women should be about and then go on to berate the women who deviate from this self-proclaimed standard of a real woman. Well, your standards may not be my standards and vice versa. What if I want to look like an "average girl in the video" every now and then? What if that's really who I am? What if I want to put weave in my hair and then wear it short a week later and put a few pink streaks in it next month? Does this make me less of a woman even if I have the same respect for myself as a woman who wears a business suit everyday?

Ladies, when will we learn that it is not about putting other women down for being fake or wearing too tight clothes or being fast - it's all about you, knowing yourself and living up to your own standards of what a real woman is. Let the other ladies do their own thing and be their own judge of what a real woman is. More often than not, finding your own sense of womanhood and self-expression comes through failure, learning from mistakes and simply put, maturity.

When I look in the mirror, I see imperfection. I'm a little pale, could stand to gain a few pounds in some places and lose it in others, but otherwise, I'm all woman and my style reflects that I'm like no one else. Sometimes I wear my stilettos, sometimes I wear sweats, but I'm still the same woman with the same respect for myself. Ladies, I want to ask you to all do something for yourselves: When you wake up in the morning or before you go to bed, look in the mirror. Don't compare yourself to anyone else, but find that thing that sets you apart from anyone else. In doing this, you will find we are all beautiful women, made from God and a mother and father. We are dark, light, short, tall, skinny, fat, weaved, permed, dread-locked, retro, fashion-forward, thrift-shopped, lip-sticked, and wonderful, extraordinary, multi-faceted, women. In the beginning and in the end, there is nothing like us and our beauty is in our variations.



Sellano Paul Simmons: *From Small Fry in ND to Top Dog in DC*

By KENRYA MALIKH RANKIN
Hilltop Staff Writer

The tired little boy with the head full of hair and the easy smile could not have been older than nine. He was on a long trip home from Anchorage, Alaska, and his jumpiness showed just how anxious he was to get back. His mother leaned over and whispered that their journey was almost complete and he jumped to his tennis shoe-clad feet in a burst of pure excitement.

"I'm so glad I'm going home! God is at home. When you find God you should never leave Him. Stay with Him!" the child shouted. When his mother attempted to quiet him, his voice strained even louder, "What Mom, are you ashamed of God? You don't want these people to know you're a Christian?" As her son continued preaching to the passenger car about the virtues of the Lord, Sondra Saddler sat back quietly and looked on in awe.

The young man with the tremendous faith and gigantic mouth that persist to this day was Sellano Paul Simmons.

The Early Years

Sellano Paul Simmons was born in Fairbanks, Alaska on Thursday, January 18, 1979. He lived there surrounded by extended family until about the age of six, when he moved to Minot, North Dakota with his mother and older brother Charles.

Sondra was a young mother in a new state attempting to turn two young boys into men. To ensure that Sellano and his brother got the best possible upbringing, she enlisted the help of her pastor at the non-denominational Ark of Safety Minor Overcomers. Zion Lawrence and her husband Gary welcomed the family into their home and their lives and they forged a life-long family bond. There was never a doubt in Sondra's mind that this living arrangement was the best choice for her children; all that matters to her is that she was able to give her children a better life than she had. She attributes much of who her son is to his relationship with Pastor Zion. "She's his testimony," she said, "She has an awesome life in God."

Each of Sellano's family members and longtime friends is in agreement on one important fact - Sellano has always been a "good guy." His mother remembers a kid who did not always have what other kids had, but who worked hard and shared whatever he did have with everyone. Sellano took on his first job when he was eleven years old, working for his aunt's cleaning business. He then worked through high school at an Asian restaurant moving from dishwasher to manager during his four-year tenure. Through it all, Sellano shared his hard-earned money with his family.

Charles D.D. Simmons, Sellano's 26-year-old brother who returned to Alaska, remembers Sellano as a leader from an early age. "He always talked about how he wanted to lead his

people, even when he was young," Simmons said.

Antonio "Tony" McCoy, one of Sellano's friends from Minot High School, agrees. "He always acted like a leader because he wanted to be seen as a leader. When we would go places he would even walk in front of us like he was taking us around," McCoy said with a smile. He recalls that even then, Sellano would walk around and talk to everyone he passed. "He was always talking stuff, trying to get himself out there," he said.

A Taste of Black Life

While many joke about the lack of Blacks in Minot, the situation is probably more dire than imagined. Minot, North Dakota has a population of more than 35,900 with African Americans comprising just over 1% of the population. (Blacks total only 1% of the entire state's population as well.) Needless to say, Sellano did not grow up around a significant number of Blacks, and by the time he turned 14, he was ready to leave home and experience life with his own people.

The summer before his freshman year he went to visit his godmother, Carol Osborne, in Hampton, Virginia. He enjoyed the experience so much that he asked to stay for one year and attend Kecoughtan High School. There he flourished and set goals for his life that still affect the way he lives today. He vowed to get back to an area where his people were highly visible.

Howard U or Bust

Sellano's longtime girlfriend Shameka Patterson (they met when they were 15) is quick to tell how stuck Sellano was on attending Howard and what he was willing to do to get there. "He was just a little Black kid in North Dakota, but he was determined to get there. It just goes to prove how passionate and determined he is," she said.

Sellano had a prophecy in the sixth grade that told him he could go to any college he wanted. Actually, he always wanted to go to Howard's School of Law - he didn't even know that the undergraduate school existed when he was young. "In the fourth grade, I won a contest for most books read by reading 100 books in a year. One of the books was about Thurgood Marshall, and I decided right then and there that I wanted to go to Howard," Sellano said in a late night interview.

However, it wasn't an easy journey. He had to be brave and leave North Dakota even when his family tried to talk him out of it. He flew with one huge trunk as his only luggage and when he got to Minneapolis he couldn't find a hotel room and was forced to sleep in the airport. When he got to the campus, he was told that he didn't have enough money for a room in Drew Hall and that he should go home unless he had "a rich uncle hiding somewhere."

He refused to give up and went to Dr. Janice Nicholson, the former Vice-President of Enrollment Management, for help. The rest is history; she got him money and a bed in room 320 in Drew Hall. "Dr. Nicholson made everything possible. God used her," Sellano said.

It did not really hit Sellano that he was at Howard until after he had gotten his financial situation handled. "I went downstairs in Drew one day and there were three guys studying - Charles, Tommy, and Brandon - and their majors were chemistry, biology, and business. It was then that I realized that there

were actually Black people studying these subjects. "I went to Howard Hospital and saw Black doctors; I looked out my bedroom window and saw Black FedEx workers. I had never seen these things before. I loved our blackness. Everyone was smart and proud of it. I think that these are things that some take for granted, but I appreciate them."

Growing Pains

Sellano entered Howard as a political science major, but by the spring semester he had changed to legal communications in the School of Communications. During his years at Howard, he has participated in several on campus activities. Currently, he serves the student body as the Howard University Student Association President. Sellano is also a Student Ambassador, he swam with the Howard University Swim Team for two years, was a member of the Mock Trial Team for three years, and worked with Champions for Christ.

Everyone who is close to Sellano feels that attending Howard has been beneficial to his character. "He has deepened his faith while there," said his maternal grandmother, Frankie Jones. "He has come to realize that it's not what you don't have, but what you do with what you do have that matters."

Antwan Brown, who became close friends with Sellano during their freshman year and currently serves as HUSA chief of staff, agrees. "He has definitely grown closer to God." He also feels that Sellano has honed his leadership skills while here. "He was already a natural leader, but he has developed true leadership, especially over the last year."

Sellano has not always shared this complete faith in his ability to lead. "I held lots of leadership positions at home, but those were white people. I wondered if I could lead my own people. I always wondered 'am I Black enough?'"

Dr. Debyii L. Sababu Thomas, Ph.D, an Associate Professor in the School of Communications never doubted his ability to lead. "Sellano is a God-fearing transcendent warrior who can hang with anybody. He has shown that he is a young man who accepts responsibility and looks for and responds to challenges with a level of integrity and maturity beyond his age," Thomas said.

Blessings to Come

Following graduation, Sellano plans to "go to sleep." After he has recovered from his exhausting year, he will begin law school in the fall. He applied to law schools at Howard and University of Texas at Austin, which is near his girlfriend. When asked where he would rather be, he answered quickly with a smirk, "Here, if they let me stay and raise some more hell."

After law school, he plans to work on political campaigns that he believes in to prepare for his own future campaigns. He will also volunteer to recruit teenagers in small towns for college. "Oftentimes, they just need encouragement to get out. No one comes to see us in small towns," he said. Ultimately, he plans to settle down and be a mayor or a governor. "I just really want to be happy with my self, with my life."

Sellano's grandparents Charles and Frankie Jones offer this advice for their grandson to ensure that he is successful in his future plans. "Follow God and continue to be a Christian leader. Live your life to the fullest each and every day, because tomorrow is not guaranteed."

Battle of the Dresses

By JOZEN CUMMINGS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Award shows are more than just a night of celebration. The Grammys, Oscars, and MTV Video/Movie Awards are recognized just as much for their fashion as they are for the giving of awards. Nowadays, post-reports of these award shows are more about what celebrities wore than what they won. There are three reasons for the shift in attention: Jennifer Lopez, Toni Braxton, and Lil' Kim.

Not to single out these three women, after all there have been plenty of other women who have come with a dress just as provocative, if not more. Who can forget what Britney Spears wore at her performance during the MTV Music awards a year and a half ago. And of course we can never forget the pioneer of half-naked clothing at award shows, Madonna.

As a man, I of course have no complaints about what J-Lo came with to the Oscars, or what Toni Braxton comes with every year to the Grammys, or what Lil' Kim will wear on just about every awards show she's invited to. The question is why, after demanding so much respect, are you going to wear something that looks like, well, lingerie?

I know these ladies want to express themselves and claim their individuality so to speak through the power of fashion. As attention-grabbers, these dresses do the trick. I think everyone was just as surprised as I was when Jennifer Lopez came with a dress that was so thin the cameras had to film her from the neck up to avoid showing her breasts. But, how do other women feel about how these celebrities present themselves?

I can't help but imagine how my mother reacted after seeing Jennifer Lopez on Oscar night. I remember her being appalled at what Ms. Lopez wore at the Grammys two years ago, so I'm sure her reaction was just the same after seeing the purple see-through. Toni Braxton, is forever imbedded into a friend of mine's mind as "trashy".

Why these women wear the things that they do is beyond me. For men, I don't see the demand in what they wear at these award shows. Maybe because since our proms all we had to do was wear a nice black something, and voila! instant GQ status.

Maybe Toni Braxton knew she wasn't going to get a Grammy for any albums, so at least she could shoot for People Magazine's Best Dressed award. Maybe Jennifer Lopez grew tired of all the attention toward her posterior and is trying to tell us something with all the glamorizing of her cleavage. I mean the only man I can think of who came to an award show half-naked is Marilyn Manson, but I don't know of many people who consider him a man in the first place.

For whatever the reason, whether it be self expression or low self-esteem, I guess we can always expect some woman to come with an outfit that looks like a giant thong. As a guy I can say one thing: I will never understand why these woman put themselves through so much fuss about their wardrobe, but I, for one, will always enjoy the end result.



Singers Toni Braxton (above) and Jennifer Lopez shocked many with their revealing gowns at recent award shows.



Extremes: *Runway vs. Reality*

By JULIUS MARTIN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Could this ever be reality or is it just a fantasy? As we look at the shows of fashion designers such as Alexander McQueen, Christian Dior, and Versace, and fashion magazines such as Vogue, Elle, W, Mademoiselle and Marie Claire, many times our eyebrows are raised with amazement. Some of these designers create masterpieces that may be shown in the magazine, but not seen in the streets. Have you ever looked at a rainbow-dotted, ruffled, gathered, and flounced blouse or a leopard-print, lace-trimmed skirt accented with ostrich feathers and rhinestones on the runway and wondered, "Who in the world could ever really wear such an extravagant creation?" The answer: Anybody.

Whether you are an undergraduate, graduate student, faculty or staff member, you too, can feature some of the most artistic and outrageous fashions either on your way to class, work, or a night on the town. How you ask? I will show you how you can convert the fantasy of the catwalk into accessible looks that make you feel confident.

Designers on the runway create visual fantasy through the use of make-up, hair and clothes. For instance, in Christian Dior's fashion show he featured fierce tan and tribal markings, with exotic hairstyles, flowing straps that fall to the ground and knee-high cowboy boots. While Alexander McQueen sets the stage with Bad girls, wearing shiny patent-leather jackets and jeans, scalloped coats and shirts, S&M overcoats, skintight leather pants and ornate military jackets. Models' hair was bleached blond while they donned black eye make-up, which created a strong contrast. The result is, a chic gothic image.

Many people take the runway too literally. It must be broken down to make the elements wearable, and the ideas, relate to real life. Let's take Space-Age riding gear, by John Galliano who does a full on theatrical equestrian costume for Christian Dior with a semitransparent top, suede corset, wrapped and bound skirt, and coordinated boots. Now lets make that into reality. Take what you need. The asymmetrical skirt, pulled from its original context takes a turn for the fabulously wearable TSE New York cashmere T-shirt by Hussein Chalayan. Now take a runway outfit of Emanuel Ungaro. His par-

allel acid-washed jeans strongly evoke the mid-eighties when worn with a fringed wrap and skimpy halter-top. One can turn that outfit into reality by wearing the Ungaro jeans with a gray pullover by Helmut Lang.

Lets take a look at designs by Julius Martin. On the runway, a black satin knee length skirt, with black satin pleated leg warmers, a mink back open top, a pink floor length shawl, and a biker's helmet to add drama. The realistic version of that outfit is the black satin knee length skirt with a metallic psychedelic gold sleeveless shirt. That is something you could wear on campus, to class, or happy hour at Republic Gardens. It will definitely turn heads. Lets look at another runway outfit: the metallic silver hot pants, with a silver design pattern train with matching shirt, and silver pattern headress. Lets turn that into reality of real life wear. Take the silver metallic hot pants, and add a black see through long waist shirt, with a black jersey stretch halter-top. Then you are ready to take that outfit to the Platinum nightclub and turn heads in all directions. Got it? Good. You can be that diva that you always dreamed of being.

Women Tell Experiences of Stripping to Earn a Living

By ALEXA AGUILAR & KATE MCCANN
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(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — She struts confidently onto stage, her flimsy lime-green negligee flowing seductively as R&B music pounds from the DJ's booth. Her hips slowly, methodically begin to sway, her hands play with her short brown hair as she grins at the men who are now smitten with the curvy performance.

Unstrapping her bra, she targets two men near the stage. She yanks a stout young man from his chair, pushes her top down and pulls his face to her chest. When she shoves his head away playfully, she's nabbed a dollar bill between her breasts.

And so her night begins.
For the past year, Donna has danced at the Players Club, 2355 U.S. Route 45 in Muddy. She started dancing 10 years ago in Denver when a stripper friend suggested she try it. Saddled with the responsibility of an infant son, Donna figured it was a sure way to make fast cash, and lots of it.

"I was so scared the first time, I just cried and cried. I was wiping away my tears and taking tips at the same time," Donna says. "On stage I was fine until I had to take my dress off and then — ugh!"

Donna's feelings of disgust eventually vanished when she realized how much cash she had scored. So she kept dancing, night after night, raking in \$2,000 each week. Yet she dreaded letting her parents in on her newfound career choice. Donna remembers: "I said, 'Mom, you will never guess what I am doing. I'm dancing — topless.' And she said, 'Donna, all I ask is that you not be a whore and take care of my grandbaby.'"

Now, the savings accounts of Donna's two children justify the arduous evenings spent at various clubs in different states. In almost a decade of dancing, she has secured enough to put her 9-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter through college.

And while Donna and the other dancers admit the little club doesn't bring in as big a crowd as the flashier joints, the girls can still net up to \$500 a night. Sure, there are nights when they leave with a measly \$80 bucks, but the good nights make up for it.

Still, stripping isn't all strobe lights and fast cash. Dealing with stalkers and groping customers, dodging beer bottles and insults — all can turn a routine performance into a frightening ordeal.

"No way would I recommend this to someone," Donna said. "You have to have a certain mentality. You have to be strong. You have to be mentally tough."

Surprisingly, the girls' most frustrating customers can be women. One stripper said she was physically attacked by one who accused the dancer of trying to seduce her boyfriend.

"Remember we're here to work. We don't want your man," said Skye, a 28-year-old mother of four. "We want his money."

A large chunk of that money is swallowed by the cost of black leather stiletto boots, pink feather boas, G-strings, and satin lingerie. The girls' sexy costumes can run as high as \$300.

Ten minutes until showtime on a Thursday night, the pricey accessories lie scattered throughout the two-stall bathroom that serves as the dressing area. Inside these yellowed walls, the air is choked with hairspray and cigarette smoke. The girls continuously trip over the underwear, Marlboro packs and makeup that litter the floor. As showtime creeps closer, the casual chit-chat turns to more pressing matters.

"Do you have any glitter?" says one girl.

"But that's gold. No, no, I want silver."

"Hey, wait, did you see this new outfit I got? Girl, it's adorable."

"No, not that, I don't like just wearing a G-string out onto the floor." When the last leg has been shaved and the last toenail painted, it's time for the

show. It's Portia's turn. She wisps out across the stage, seeming to eye each man with devilish intent. Her hands flutter across her body. And with acrobatic grace, she twirls around the pole, sliding up and down.

The money pours in.

A few minutes later, her song ends. The dancing stops. The men's attention wanes. Portia stops to find her clothes, before getting dressed on stage. Then she plucks her money from the floor and exits.

She makes her way to a table to rest, daintily sipping a Coke, rubbing the bruises on her legs — souvenirs from her trip around the pole. Portia's only 20, so she can't use alcohol to get her through the night.

But Skye is a veteran stripper and drinks steadily between sets. Halfway into the evening, she speaks candidly about the harsh reality of her career.

"When I was younger I thought it was a big old party," she says. "Then you get older and the light burns out. And you say hell — what am I going to do now?"

Skye applauds the professionalism and management of the Player's Club. But dancing still leaves her mentally drained and physically exhausted each night, when she brings home her tips to four daughters.

"I pray it was worth the night to dance," she says.

That's what each of these girls hopes — that the night brings in the kind of money they need to keep afloat, enough to someday move on to a "traditional" lifestyle. When she retires at age 30, Skye hopes to be a firefighter. Donna wants to sell real estate.

"We're not prostitutes; we're not whores," Donna said. "We are here to make money. One girl may be putting herself through college and another may be supporting her kids."

"Every girl has a different story."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Cash Money Signs Mack 10

West coast rapper Mack 10 recently signed a deal to record for Cash Money Records, ending his contract with Priority Records. Mack 10 is scheduled to release his first album on Cash Money in September entitled "Bang or Ball". The New Orleans based label and the west coast rapper have worked together on several projects including the soundtracks for "Next Friday" and "Baller Block'n".

Houston is Next Bond Girl

Whitney Houston reportedly will be featured in the next James Bond film. The actor/singer has agreed in principle to appear alongside Pierce Brosnan and is waiting for confirmation. Houston has starred in such films as "The Bodyguard", "Waiting to Exhale" and "The Preacher's Wife". The new James Bond film is scheduled to begin filming later this year and is scheduled to hit theatres in late 2002.

Ray J Drops 2nd Album

Singer Ray J., brother of singer/actor Brandy Norwood, is slated to release his second album "This Ain't a Game" June 26th. The first single "Wait a Minute" features Lil' Kim. The Neptunes, Rodney Jerkins, and DJ Clue contributed to the production of the album.

Bow Wow Goes on Tour

Miniature rap star Lil' Bow Wow will kick off his first headlining tour April 13th in Cincinnati, Ohio. The shows will be held on the weekend, so his young audience can attend. His debut album "Beware of Dog" has sold almost two million copies and he is featured in this month's Ebony magazine.

Roc-A-Fella Goes Hollywood

After last year's documentary "Backstage", Roc-A-Fella Films is set to return to Hollywood. Co-CEO Damon Dash hopes to release "Paid In Full", based on the lives of three infamous 80's Harlem drug kingpins by early fall. Roc-A-Fella is also gearing up to start production on "The Criminals", which stars Beanie Sigel and features the rest of the Roc-A Fella family.

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Alonzo Mourning

GOOD MOURNING, MIAMI

For the first time in nearly six months, All-Star center Alonzo Mourning was back on the court joined by an overwhelmingly supportive crowd. Mourning, returning to Miami's lineup for the first time since being diagnosed with a kidney disease last October, had nine points, six rebounds, and 19 minutes in Tuesday night's game against the Toronto Raptors. "I'm not just out here for a show, just to prove I can come back," Mourning said. "I'm out here to win, not just to prove I can come back from this disease. My purpose is to help this team win, that's the bottom line."

ANDRETTI BREAKS BOYCOTT

Michael Andretti, who owns a CART-record 40 victories, will enter the Indianapolis 500 next week for the first time since 1995. The 1991 CART champion and son of 1969 Indy winner Mario Andretti is driving this season for Barry Green's new Motorola-Archipelago team. Most CART drivers have boycotted Indy since Speedway president Tony George founded the IRL in 1996. This year's 500 is scheduled for May 27.

WHITE TO ENTER DRAFT

Charlotte forward Rodney White, who led Division I freshmen in scoring this season, is leaving school to enter the NBA draft. White, an honorable mention All-American, averaged more than 19 points in leading the 49ers to the Conference USA tournament championship and the second round of the NCAA tournament. Charlotte coach Bobby Lutz said he has been told White would be a first-round pick in June's NBA draft. White has not signed with an agent yet, meaning he could return to school if he changes his mind.



Photo by Zhao Yingxin Xinhua, AP
Wang Zhi Zhi

ASIAN INVASION

7-foot-1 Wang Zhi Zhi is in the final stages of securing release from the top military basketball team in China to sign with the Dallas Mavericks, which could occur as early as Thursday. Wang, 23, is one of the most famous basketball players in China and he's likely to be followed this year or next by 7-6 center Yao Ming, 20, as the first two Asian players in the NBA. Both already have endorsement contracts with Nike and are receiving either representation or advice from Bill Duffy Associates, a San Francisco-based basketball talent agency.

"It's a bonanza for the league," says Billy Hunter, head of the NBA Players Association. "I understand each is highly skilled and capable. The fact that they can play can only help increase the NBA's popularity and visibility throughout Asia." Last week, Wang sewed up a sixth consecutive national title for the Bayi Rockets, his current team.

If NBA attorneys approve his contract, Wang could be on a plane as soon as Thursday. He'd sign a 2-year deal that would earn him the rookie salary minimums of \$316,969 the first year and \$423,510 the second. "This is hard to believe," says Wang, whose parents are both former national basketball stars and stand at more than 6 feet. "I'm so proud of myself to represent China this way."

GRIFFEY GROUNDED

Ken Griffey Jr. will miss the rest of spring training because of a pulled hamstring and is unsure whether he will play on Opening Day. Doctor Timothy Kremchek said it's too early to tell whether Griffey would miss any regular-season games. "We're not looking at putting him on the disabled list," Kremchek said. Griffey stumbled as he rounded third base while trying to score on a single Monday against Kansas City. Teammates had to help him off the field.



Ken Griffey, Jr.

Photo by Don Frazier, AP

MARCH MADNESS SPREADS

If you think Final Four coaches and players are under pressure, try getting a ticket for the games. Monday and Tuesday, Brown's office sold Maryland's allotment of 4,500 tickets at the rate of one every seven seconds.

But besides the demands of Maryland supporters, people in Brown's position also become an around-the-clock target for scalpers. The so-called ticket-broking business quickly identifies administrators who will handle NCAA tournament tickets, and then the pestering begins.

Because Maryland is the only school making a first-time Final Four appearance this year, Brown's staff probably will get the most attention from scalpers, some offering as much as \$6,000 a ticket. To add to the madness, ticket applications for the 2002 NCAA men and women's Final Fours are available. The Men's Final Four is March 30 and April 1 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Tickets are \$122 and \$102 and good for all three games. The Women's Final Four is March 29 and 31 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Tickets are \$122 and \$92 and good for all three games.

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The Lady Bison were eliminated from the first round of the NCAA Tournament by the Iowa State Cyclones March 16 in Ames, IA.

Journey to the Tourney

Lady Bison Tournament Bid Cut Short by Cyclones

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF
SportsWeek Editor

A dream trip to the NCAA Tournament quickly turned into a nightmare in Ames, IA, as the No. 15 seed Lady Bison were ousted by second-seeded Iowa State in the Midwest Region's first round with a 100-61 defeat in front of 11,462 at the Hilton Coliseum.

Iowa State's transition game and inside play proved too much for Howard (21-10), as the Lady Cyclones outscored the Bison 46-18 inside the paint and 26-5 off of turnovers.

The Lady Cyclones jumped out to an early 4-0 lead before Asia Petty scored on a layup and a three-pointer to give the Bison a short-lived 5-4 lead. Lindsey Wilson answered with a three-pointer for Iowa State to recapture a 7-4 lead and spark a 12-6 run.

The game got away from the Bison as Angie Welle scored two of her 16 first half points out in transition to ignite a 16-4 run to make it 32-15 with just under seven minutes remaining in the first half. Welle finished with a game-high 23 points and shot 7-8 from the field in the first half. During the stretch Howard turned the ball over six times, resulting in five Iowa State layups.

Down by 17, Petty nailed her second three-pointer on the night to bring the Bison within a 32-18 deficit. Then senior Chanell Washington was fouled on a fast break layup. Washington converted the three-point play to give Howard its final points of the half. Iowa State ended on a 17-0 run in the final five minutes of the half to race out to a 51-21 half-time advantage. Iowa State scorched the nets in the first half, shooting a red-hot 70 percent from the field

See Tournament, B4

Losing Skid Continues, Bison Fall to GWU

By ELENA BERGERON
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Bison baseball team continued a thirteen-game slide, losing both games in a wet Tuesday double-header against cross-town rival George Washington 9-0 and 7-2. A rainstorm amplified the combination of wild pitching and fielding errors that has been a problem for the Bison so far this season.

Left-hander Mike Hughes (4 IP, 5 H, 6 ER, 5K) struggled early in the first game, loading the bases on two walks and a hit batter. Colonial LF Dan Rouhier then picked up two of his five RBI's on a double to the right field wall that put George Washington up 3-0 in the first. Rouhier, who went 2 for 4 on the day, crushed a three-run bomb over the left-field wall in the third to make it 6-0.

After a 30-minute rain delay in the middle of the fifth, the field was not the only thing left sloppy. 3B Richard Harris muffed the throw to first on a routine grounder to put Rouhier on base, and DH Jeff Ferra

titta singled off reliever Erik Causey (1 IP, 2 H, 3 R). Harris' second error of the inning sent Rouhier home and Causey surrendered a two-out double to CF Tony Dokoupil to give the Colonials three runs, all unearned.

Head Coach Jimmy Williams showed concern over his team's lackluster play of late.

"We need to make routine plays," said Williams. "If we're going to have any success against [conference teams] then we have to make routine plays because right now, they're swinging the bat and pitching better than us."

Bison bats that were silenced in the first game by a combined two-hit, seven K effort by Colonial pitching came to life in the second game of the afternoon. 1B Reggie Adams knocked a towering solo shot to left center to lead off the second inning. Freshman C Omar Shakoore then smashed a triple to the right field wall and scored on LF Dave Durand's sacrifice fly.

Bison fielding errors led to another big George

Washington inning in the 3rd. Colonial CF Tony Brown began the inning with a solo homerun off RHP Dwight Fortune (4 2/3 IP, 5 H, 4 ER). 2B Travis Crowder then reached on an easy grounder through 1B Reggie Adams' legs. Fortune walked the next batter and his wild pitch put both runners in scoring position. An errant throw to first by SS Byron Espinalles allowed both runners to score. Ferra's RBI double capped off the four-run inning that put the Colonials up 4-2.

Fortune began to show signs of wear in the fifth inning, as George Washington put the game out of the Bison's reach. After striking out the first batter, Fortune walked the next two batters and threw another wild pitch to put runners on the corners. Fortune easily handled C Jeff Ferra's groundout unassisted, conceding a run, but was replaced by LHP Erik Causey after beaming his third Colonial of the day. Causey gave up an RBI double to right that sent the Colonials to 7-2 but got RF Tony Brown to ground-out to second to end the inning.



Photo by Mark Coleman
Many athletes continued competition through the spring recess.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

Athletes Make Sports Top Priority During Spring Break

By ALICIA JOHNSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

While millions of college students headed for the tropical beaches of Cancun, Jamaica, and Fort Lauderdale, some Howard athletes headed to practice.

During spring break, countless athletes remained on Howard's campus or on the road in competition. Such is the price dedicated athletes pay.

When individuals opt to play sports in college they are not only dedicating their bodies to their respective sports but also their hearts, souls, and time. As a result, activities that athletes once participated in must be abandoned for the ultimate goal. Nykia Spells, a graduat-

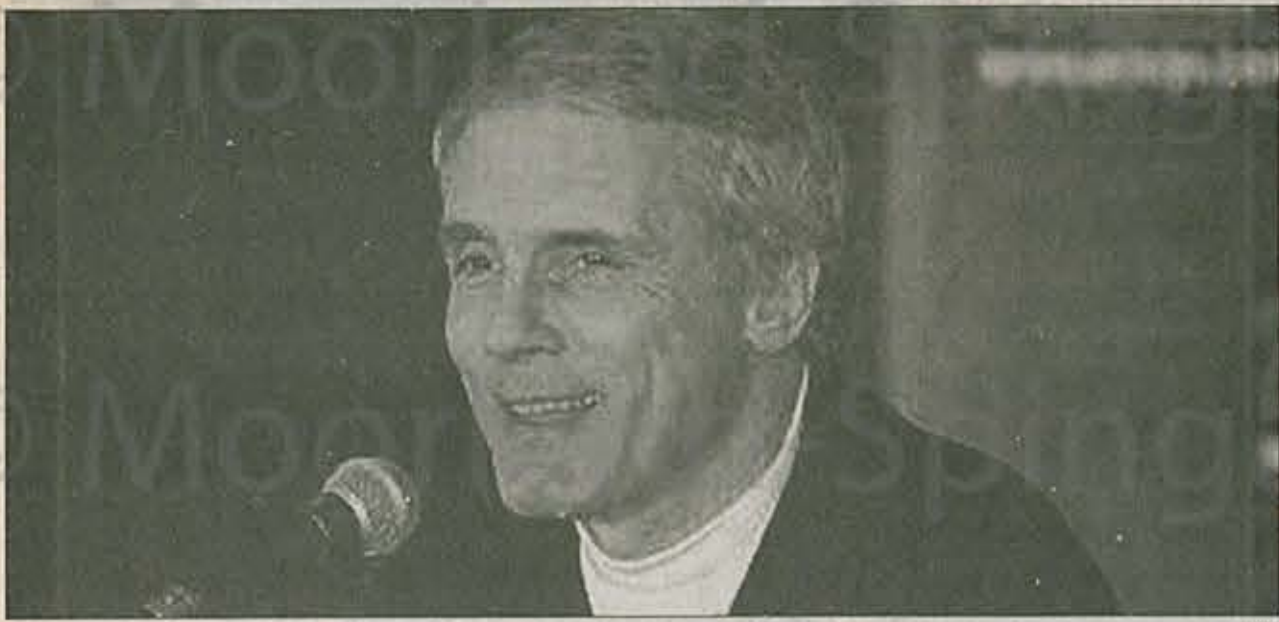
ing senior on the track team said, "I feel it's unfortunate that I cannot get the full spring break experience." Spells says, "However, I know that it is all in preparation for success on the track and that's the sacrifice I've committed myself to making."

Spring break gives athletes the opportunity to work on specific problem areas as well improve their performance in competition. A week of practice could make the difference between a winning or losing season; commitment becomes incredibly important.

Another reason athletes remain on campus is responsibility. Games and competitions were still scheduled during the break and all schools were expected to participate.

"(We gave) our athletes a couple of days off," says Coach Michael Merritt of the track and field team. "But in order to stay sharp in competition we need to practice...if athletes don't show up then they don't belong

See Sacrifice, B4



AP
Maryland coach Gary Williams and his team have had to deal with the instant attention gained from reaching the Final Four for the first time in school history. Maryland will face Duke for the fourth time this season tomorrow.

Maryland Meets the Press, Learns to Live with Final Four Hoopla

By JOSH MITCHELL
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Junior Byron Mouton couldn't believe what he heard when he called home this weekend.

Citizens of Rayne, La. are planning on naming a street after the Maryland men's basketball forward and establishing a "Byron Mouton Day," all in honor of their favorite son.

Mouton and his teammates are dealing with the instant celebrity status that comes with being the first team in school history to advance to the Final Four. The Terps (25-10), who defeated top-seeded Stanford Saturday in the NCAA tournament's West Regional final, play Duke (33-4) at approximately 8:20 p.m. this Saturday in Minneapolis.

"The first thing I did was call my mom," Mouton said. "She's like a movie star. She says all these people came up to her and said, 'We did it! We did it!' She's like, 'What did we do?'"

The Terps returned to campus Sunday morning from a two-week trip that included stops in Boise, Idaho, and Anaheim, Calif., where they swept through four NCAA tournament games and picked up their first regional championship. After taking Sunday off to catch up on sleep, the team began preparing for Duke Monday.

The team was greeted by an army of media members. About 75 reporters and photographers swarmed the court in Cole Field House to talk to players before their afternoon practice.

"You try to expect how hectic it will be, but there's no way to know it," coach Gary Williams said at a press conference Monday in the Student Union. "It's a great feeling. It's great to be busy this week for the first time in my coaching career. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything right now."

The Terps have a daunting task ahead of them. Duke,

making its 13th Final Four appearance, has defeated them twice in three games this season, though both losses were by two points.

Saturday's game has the potential to be a classic. The teams' previous meetings were all memorable, and this time a trip to Monday's national title game will be on the line. Michigan State and Arizona will play in the other semifinal at 5:42 p.m. Saturday in the Metrodome.

The atmosphere will be similar to what the Terps experienced in the ACC tournament at the Georgia Dome three weeks ago. A large crowd will pack the Metrodome, and millions will watch the game on CBS.

Monday the Terps got a taste of their newfound celebrity, as reporters from national publications such as The New York Times and USA Today peppered them with questions.

"It's bearable just because of the circumstances," said senior center Mike Mardesich, who was cornered by a pack of reporters at one point. "If it were preseason media day, I'd be tired of talking."

Sophomore guard Drew Nicholas was sitting in math class Monday when students asked him questions like, "Do you get a ring?" and "When do you leave?"

"Probably the funniest thing is when somebody comes up to you and starts talking, and you don't know them," said Nicholas, the team's backup point guard. "This woman came up to me as I was walking here and she said, 'I was there on Saturday. I watched you guys play.' I'm just looking at her like, 'How much do you know about basketball?'"

Forward-center Chris Wilcox has a much different perspective than his teammates. As the team's only freshman, he's never even experienced an NCAA tournament before, let alone a Final Four.

When he called home after Saturday's game, the North Carolina native could hardly hear his mother on the phone.

"People were hollering," Wilcox said of the group of friends and family that gathered to watch the regional final at a restaurant in hometown Raleigh. "This is a big jump in my life. I'm letting it sink in."

Cyclones Whisk Howard from Tournament

From Tournament

and 46 percent from behind the arc.

Andrea Gardner was held to just two points on 1-for-5 shooting in the first half and managed to grab just three rebounds. Gardner, the nation's leading rebounder, finished with 19 points and eight boards in the losing effort.

"At halftime I just had to reevaluate myself," said Gardner. "I had to say to myself, 'I'm Andrea Gardner, I have to play my game.' In the second half, I played my game."

Despite the seemingly easy victory, Welle recognized what teams in Howard's conference have known the entire season.

"They were all over the place," Welle said. "They are ball hawks...definitely the most aggressive team we've seen all season."

"We did the best we could against a superior team," Parson said. "They were outrunning us in the open floor. They just didn't miss a beat."

With the victory, Iowa State advanced to the second

round against Florida State.

"I'm proud of the team," said Cyclones Head Coach Bill Fennelly. This was a game everyone thought we should win. Sometimes you tend to take these games for granted, but (the Cyclones) had that sense of urgency early."

Iowa State became just the third team to score 100 points on the Bison this season, something Cyclones coach Bill Fennelly had not hoped for.

"Actually, I was hoping that we wouldn't (score 100)," said Fennelly. "You never want to do that to a team. Sure, the fans like to see it happen, but you never want to run up the score. Sometimes it just happens in the flow of the game."

Washington led the Bison with 20 points in her final game for Howard. Petty scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Five players scored in double digits for the Cyclones. Erica Haugen dished 11 assists and posted five steals for Iowa State.

UConn Heads to St. Louis, Final Four

By CHRIS KULENYCH
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — For the past two months, Sue Bird has spent the bulk of her free time scouring the Internet, checking up on how the national media rated her team's chance at a repeat without its top two players lost for the season with injuries.

"She talks to a thousand people every day and she had never seen their faces," Geno Auriemma said. "They go by stupid names with a bunch of alphabet letters on them and they talk about us. And she comes back at practice and says 'whoa, do you know what I heard?'"

Auriemma said he would just brush off Bird's discounting reports each day at practice. Her teammates didn't. To them it was a little motivation.

On Monday night in Pittsburgh, they all got another chance to prove those doubters wrong.

The answer was loud and clear.

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Diana Taurasi scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Tamika Williams added 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Huskies routed Louisiana Tech 67-48 to advance to their second straight Final Four and a third showdown this season with Notre Dame.

"A lot of people doubted us," Bird said. "After you lose two All-Americans, I think a lot of other teams would have folded. You hear things. You read things in the newspaper. Everyone was asking whether we could do it or not."

Against the Lady Techsters they showed it all.

"It's hard for me to put this into words," Auriemma said. "These guys have been through so much this season and it's just remarkable how they just keep coming back stronger and stronger. I'm just happy to be coaching them right now. I'm so proud of them."

And for the second straight game, with his two most experienced players in street clothes, it was his freshman sensation Taurasi that stole the show, following up a 24-point performance against N.C. State Saturday with her first double-double of the season.

"The game of women's basketball has not seen a player like Diana at her size who can shoot the ball the way she can and loves to pass the way she can," Auriemma said. "When you first see her in a room, she's not the first person you would pick out as the player she is. But she is a lot better than she looks."

Swin Cash added 10 points and eight rebounds and Bird chipped in with nine points.

Ayana Walker led the Lady Techsters with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

In a game UConn never trailed, the Huskies led by as many as 12 points midway through the half.

Louisiana Tech cut the margin to five with two minutes to play in the half, but a pair of late Taurasi layups, including a baseline drive at the first-half buzzer, gave the Huskies a 37-24 lead at halftime.

Lady Bison Look to Future

From Future

son, has garnered much interest and attention.

"This has shown that we can play and compete," said Howard interim athletic director and senior women's administrator Sondra Norrell-Thomas. "People already know about Howard academically, but now they know about Howard's athletic program as well."

With the end of the season, Parson expects her team to perform even better next year.

"I'm not gonna hang my head right now," said Parson about the loss to the Cyclones. "I'm pleased we got to this level. The future is bright. With (the return of some key players and arrival of new recruits) we will be a different team, a better team."

"We're believing we're gonna be back and when we come back we're gonna be better."

Since a school receives no financial reward for its women's team making the tournament other than travel expenses, recognition is a crucial part of the tournament experience.

"We get something better than money," said Norrell-Thomas. "We get the chance to represent Howard University."

Howard Athletes Sacrifice Spring

From Sacrifice

out here."

To many Howard athletes, giving up spring break is a minor sacrifice. It is just another part of the commitment that athletes make. Dedication is the main attribute Howard athletes must have. Senior broadcast journalism major and track athlete Chris Ezell says, "In order for me to make it to the 2004 Olympics I must give up everything."

Graduating senior Karla Johnson states, "I made track a priority and by accepting their [Howard's] scholarship I must honor my obligation by sacrificing my spring break."

However, some Howard athletes do not enjoy giving up their vacation. Toni Conrad of the track team refused to give up her break. Many other athletes may share the same sentiment, but fear of repercussions kept them at practice.


Sacrifice is the main expectation placed upon dedicated athletes when participating in college sports. Athletes in all sports must forfeit much of their vacation time to training. Hard work is no stranger to these athletes who have worked tirelessly to get to this level. For the talented especially, college is just the first step towards greater accomplishments.

Chari Chester of the lacrosse team believes giving up spring break, "comes with the territory." Chester says, "It's expected of you when you compete on a Division I level."

As some of the seemingly more fortunate Howard students created lifelong memories with their experiences during Spring Break 2001, dedicated Howard athletes endured practice and playing, knowing their efforts would be rewarded on the field of competition.

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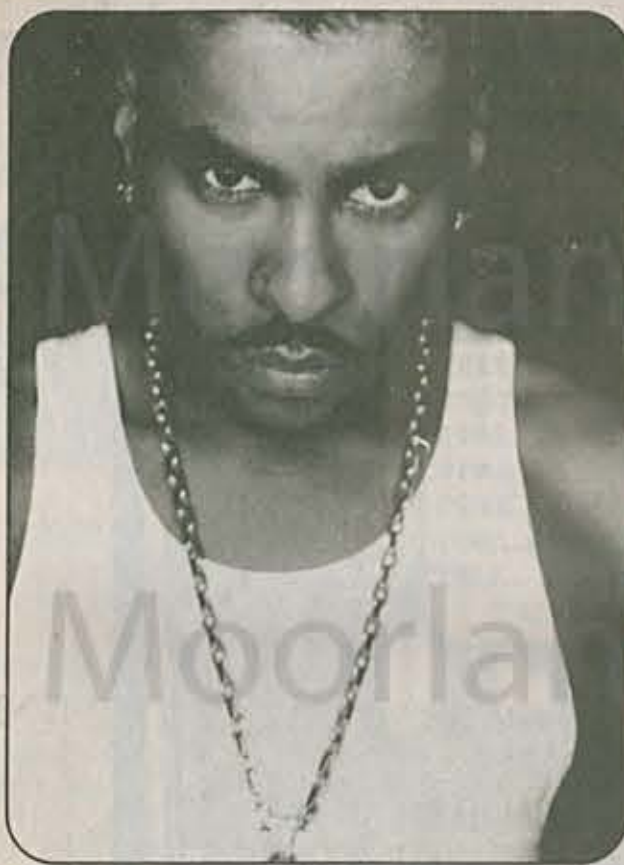
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Friday, 30th

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Jazz artist Abbey Lincoln performs live at the Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW, at 7:30p.m. Tickets are \$27. For information, call 202-467-4600.

Saturday, 31st

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Sunday, 1st

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Thursday, 5th

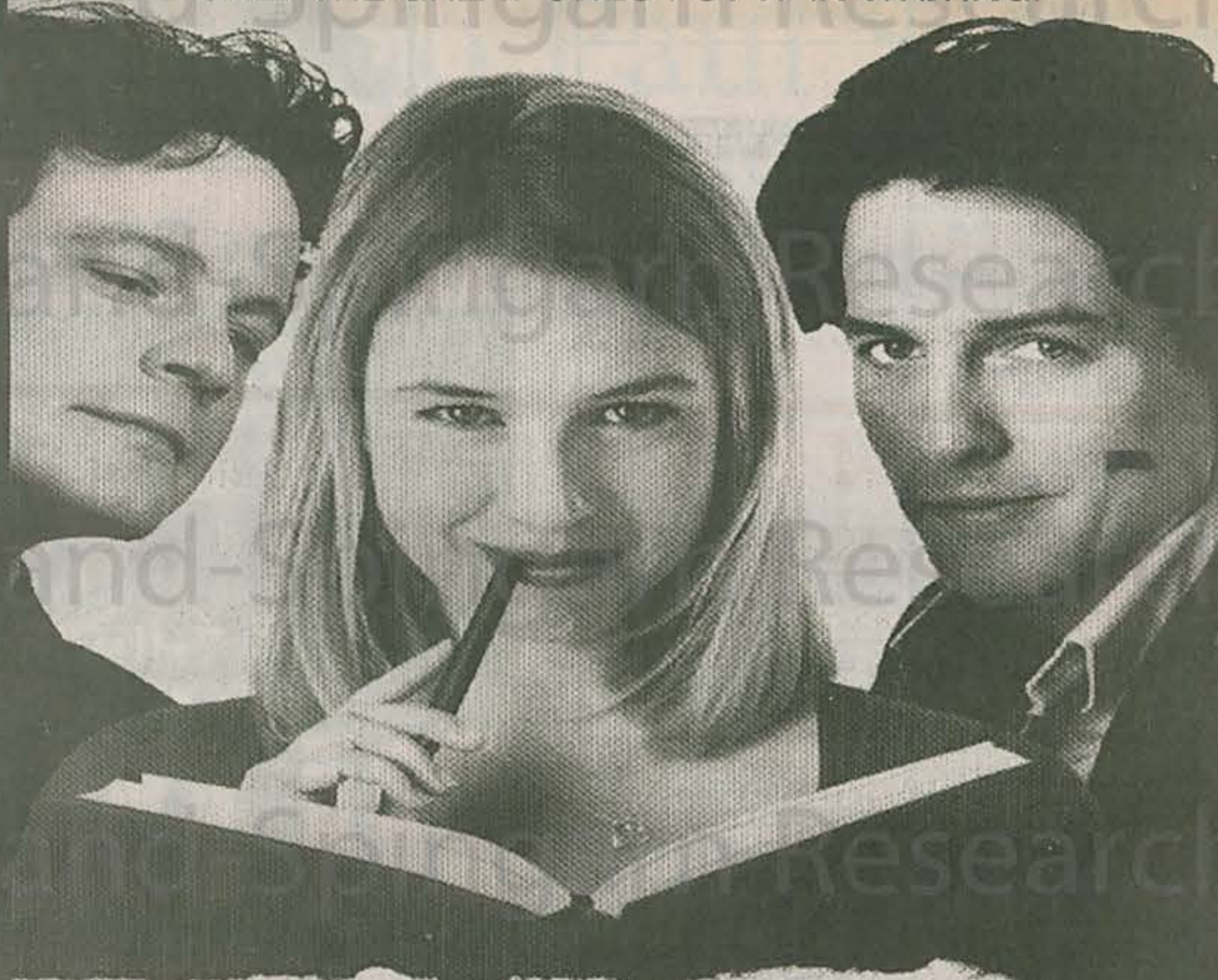
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-- from D.C./MD youngin'

The Omega Train is coming...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAMAL!!!!
FROM-BIG SHANN!!
ps. whoever makes a million first buys the other a BENZ-cool?

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4-13-2001

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to congratulate
Miss Asha French
winner of the
Annual Sadie Yancy Scholarship Essay Contest.
Thank you to all of this year's participants!

4-14-2001

Christina, you're almost there...Keep your head up....

Jay, keep your head on, your almost there...in five more semesters! LOL
--You Know Who

Happy Birthday Jamal!
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Good luck staff in Ocean City! Bring Home the Gold!
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