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# THE HILLTOP

The Student Voice of Howard University



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## Students and Faculty Voice Concerns Over Technology Issues in Fine Arts Program

By Shala Wilson & Crystal Anderson  
Hilltop Staff Writers

In a quest to garner exposure for the arts department, officials discussed their mission to rally students around the most prominent issues affecting students in the department in a meeting Thursday.

Spearheading the pursuit for student activism was Art Department Chairman Al Smith who spoke to students on what was needed to bring attention to the program. According to Smith, the University's art program, Visual Information Design Art (VIDA), is in need of outside funding for technology, and has a goal of becoming the University's main source of publishing information.

During the summer, the sculpture building behind Childers Hall was destroyed to provide extra practice space for the band and various sports and activities. The Doors and More building on Sherman Avenue is in the process of being converted into the new 3-dimensional art facility. It has already been furnished with heating, ventilation and air conditioning, along with the power needed to operate the facility. Equipment for welding, woodshop and mold making has already been acquired.

Smith describes the 3-dimensional art facility as a definite "step up." He hopes to convince the administration to give the facility more attention.

In his first semester as the chairman, Smith wants to promote "visual language" at Howard. He said language can't be confined to 26 characters anymore. Instead, image, text, sound and motion are the languages America now speaks, according to Smith.

"Global culture is going towards visual language. It is the new reading

and writing of the 21<sup>st</sup> century that the masses don't understand, thus, our students will be the teachers," Smith said.

C.C. Lee, an electronic studio professor, informed the attendees of the art department's proposed budget for technology submitted last semester that was denied. The department requested \$150,000 in the first year and more than \$380,000 over 3 years. This would have covered the software, rewiring, and new computers among other things needed to renovate the 5-year-old digital studio located inside the Human Ecology building.

According to desktop publishing professor Tewodross Melchishua, the department attempted to trade in the Macintoshes for newer models, however, they were so outdated the company didn't want them.

Forty-two percent of the unapproved budget was allocated to buy 40 new computers—20 PC's and 20 G4's, the newest high-end computers available by Macintosh. The department recently completed paperwork to lease 10 Macintoshes and eight PC's, said Smith. However, Apple wanted better representation so the company leased 15 G4s at comparable rates.

"We need external funds," said Smith. He wants the faculty to form a task force to produce 10 major grants a year in order to get at least funded by three. "You can ask for certain things, but all across campus, deans have had flat budgets," he said. Smith added that even University President H. Patrick Swygert's Strategic Framework for Action Part II called for outside funding.

Smith wants to convey the message that "if you give us what we need, (the art department) can do so much more."



Photo By Shala Wilson  
Students met in the Gallery in the Fine Arts building on Thursday to discuss the status of the electronic studio art lab and other issues in the department.

## University Readies for Homecoming Crowds with Security Measures

By TIFFANIE HORNE  
Contributing Writer

The start of Homecoming week brings about many things for students, alumni and University officials, chiefly the large crowds the annual event brings to the campus.

"This year the magnitude of guests is expected to well exceed past figures," said Melva Jones, chairwoman of the 2001 Homecoming Steering Committee.

According to Jones, this year's Yard Fest will feature approximately 29 booths. They will be both food and non-food.

"The highly anticipated yard fest event will have 29 food and non-food booths this year. Vendors will range from students, faculty, and other members of the Howard University community," said Jones.

According to Student Activities Director, Terrence Samuels, three organizations directly impacted by Homecoming have met to discuss how to make this year's events safe.

"We have been meeting with the Homecoming committee, campus police, parking management and others since May, to ensure that every activity runs safely and as planned."

Preventive measures have been taken to insure that campus police will be able to adequately control the large crowds expected.

"All paid events with the one exception of the step show (which will be held in Burr Gymnasium) will be held in Cramton Auditorium. This gives campus police complete control over the inflow of all guest and allows attendance to be recorded," said Samuels.

In efforts to prevent a parking shortage, the Office of Student Activities along with the Parking Office have been working collectively to accommodate the mass amounts of guests expected to attend the University's annual event.

Parking management is preparing for the mass

crowds in various ways. One Parking Office official, Denise Eanes, said the University would expand it's the parking space.

"There is limited space available, there will be parking on the outskirts of campus and space available in both the Howard University Hospital and Bethune Annex parking lot."

Eanes encourages students and visitors to utilize public transportation to minimize the amount of traffic surrounding the University during Homecoming.

The shuttle service, which will be en route from the Shaw-Howard Metro station to surrounding residence halls, will be on schedule, but have an alternative, "strategic" route due to the expected traffic.

In spite of the large crowds expected to be in the area, safety was an issue that was not on the minds of many students. In fact, many were confident in the University's ability to maintain a peaceful event.

"As a senior, I have attended several homecomings and never experienced any problems," said international business major Antigwe Lumukanda. "I have complete faith in Howard University's ability to successfully navigate us through a invigorating and gallant Homecoming."

Other students felt that in past years safety did not pose a major problem.

"Last year was my first year experiencing a Howard Homecoming and I was amazed by the amount of people that showed up for the Yard Fest event," said sophomore chemical engineer major Jamal Jowers.

"There were so many crowds of people when Jay-Z came to the stage. I can honestly say that I felt safe knowing that campus police had everything under control."

## Anti-War



Photo By Melanie Cecelia Nesbitt

Stan Scarano voices his opinion against Bush and the possibility of war at Malcolm X Park on Sunday. Various groups and many individuals came out to show their disdain for the government's actions against Afghanistan.

## Ashcroft Introduces Plan to Search Student Records in Wake of Attacks

By Miguel Reyna  
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has asked Congress to consider a plan that would give federal officials extensive access to students' private records in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

The plan would allow government officials to search a student's records without his or her knowledge or consent.

If probable cause can be shown, officials from the federal departments of Education and Justice will be able to examine a student's records for past "acts of tension toward America."

Because one of the terrorists had entered the United States with a student visa, a Justice Department

spokesperson said the federal government needs more information about students' records and activities.

One of the terrorist hijackers had enrolled last fall at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif., to study English. He had made preparations to move in with a host family, but never showed up for classes.

But the U.S. Student Association, a national student lobbying organization, said Ashcroft's proposal gives a green light for federal officials to unnecessarily look at students' private records.

"(The law would) violate a student's right to privacy," said Allen Parker, U.S. Student Association spokesperson. "Besides, it will be hard for (federal officials) to determine if a student is a terrorist just by random facts."

A Justice Department official said files will not be opened on random whims. First, probable cause

must be given, and even if the files are looked at closely, only important aspects will be searched — not school-related information.

"(Federal agents) are looking only at certain key traits," said Mindy Tucker, a Justice Department spokesperson. "Grades and other school-directed information will not be looked into. Characteristics like anger displacement and past acts of tension toward America would be the focus of the searches."

The student association said it also fears this will lead to racial profiling, with students of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent being unnecessarily targeted.

"There's no way you can look at someone's records and figure out if they're going to do something. Of course it's going to target Muslims and Arabs," said Basim Elkarra, president of the University of California.

Please See Ashcroft, A3

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# CAMPUS

## Workstudy Students Get Pay Increase

By MAKEBRA ANDERSON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an attempt to compete for student employment, the office of Financial Aid, Scholarships and Student Employment has increased wages as much as 25 percent this semester.

Students awarded work study for the 2001-2002 academic school year will earn on average of \$10-\$14 per hour instead of \$8-\$13 per hour, earned by students in previous years. According to University officials, students have been encouraged to take advantage of this increase to help pay for tuition, room and board, and miscellaneous expenses.

Officials cited outside employment as the primary reason for the rise in student salary.

"The increase occurred because in the past we have not been able to retain students in positions," said Steven Johnson, associate director of the Office. "They are usually able to find better jobs," Johnson admitted.

Over 6,500 students applied for financial aid this year, yet only 637 were awarded student employment. "Work study is allocated based on students needs and our budget," said Beverly Collins, manager for Student Employment. "Each

department submits a vacancy form at the beginning of the year and we fill positions according to those numbers."

In the past students have sought for alternative employment because work study didn't pay enough, but have been lured back the program since the rates have improved.

"In the beginning I knew I wasn't going to claim my award because I found a higher paying job. But when I found out I could make \$12 per hour I quickly went and talked to the people in the work study office," said junior architecture major, Jonathan Cosamaya. Work Study is many students only form of income and for some students the raise in pay will definitely come in handy. "I'm glad they increased the wages, because last year work study wasn't enough to cover all my expenses," said Sharrica Miller, sophomore nursing major.

Although there are some who have not claimed their work study award the money has been allocated and there are no openings. The Office will not begin to offer work-study to other students until everyone who received an award letter has had the chance to claim their award.

This year the Office has added the America Reads program as another alternative for students. It is a tutorial program set up in neighboring high schools that gives students

the opportunity to work off campus. Students must go through a training period before they are hired as tutors and must be available for the selected hours.

According to sophomore accounting major, Tiffany Ellis the America Reads program was a very good idea. "I was glad to find out that I could work off campus tutoring high school kids because it gives me the opportunity to give back to my community, get off campus and I get paid for it."

The alternative to work study is Howard University Student Employment (HUSEP). This program is designed to accommodate those students who did not qualify or weren't awarded work study. But to receive employment through HUSEP you must apply before the spring semester deadline and be in good academic standing with the University.

According to Steven Johnson, the associate director of the Office, people need to remember that work study is a privilege and should be taken seriously.

"Students need to be sensitive to deadlines for the work study program to be 100 percent successful, work study is meant to supplement your education experience and should not interfere with you academic schedule or be taken advantage of," Johnson said.

## Voices & Views

How can Howard improve in the area of technology?



"One thing that they can improve upon is their registration system. I believe that we can borrow a little from University of Maryland to make our own process run smoother."

Harvey Jenkins II  
Finance, Junior



"Howard needs to just invest in it. We're spending our money in the wrong areas of our school. We also need more technicians that know what they're doing. Speaking on the behalf of Graphic Design more computers would be a helpful investment."

Corey Manning  
Graphic Design, Junior



"We need to utilize and expand through technology in our registration system. It's ridiculous that overrides go through about 3 people before being put into the camp."

Meghan Crayton  
Biology/Pre-med  
Sophomore



"Purchase new equipment for some of the science labs. Either the equipment is non-functional or non-existent."

Thomas J. Hardy  
Sophomore  
Biology



"More efforts should be placed into maintaining the technology we do have. I also think that the wireless web should be made available to all students free of charge. Maybe it could be included in tuition/fees."

Naima Harmon  
Junior  
RTV

Compiled By Vince Smith

## CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

This is service provided by Howard University Campus Police. This report was compiled by Campus Editor Brakkton Booker.

Sept. 26

HPT

Hazardous elevator

Burr Gymnasium  
Theft II

Architecture Bldg.  
Attempted burglary

HPT

Lost property

Locke Hall  
Injured person

Mays Hall  
Theft II

2400 Blk. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Vehicle accident

Sept. 27

500 Blk. W St.  
Destruction of property

Academic Support Bldg.  
Unlocked door

Fine Arts Bldg.  
Unlocked door

HUH  
Customer complaint

Engineering Bldg.  
Entry w/out authorization

HUH

Theft I

Annex  
Sick transport

Annex  
Theft I

Academic Support Bldg.  
Hazardous smoke

Burr Gymnasium  
Theft I

Douglass Hall  
Lost property

1500 Blk. of Euclid  
Theft from auto

Sickle Cell Bldg.  
Suicide threat

HPT  
Theft II

10<sup>th</sup> & W St.

Theft from auto

Gresham Pl.  
Theft from auto

Sept. 28

600 Blk. of W St.  
Damaged property

Slowe Hall  
Alarm activated

Founders Library  
Injured person

Sept. 29

Architecture Bldg.  
Theft from auto

Sept. 30

HPT  
False alarm

Dental School  
False alarm

Dental School  
Hazardous water

Quad  
Hazardous elevator

Stokes Library  
Alarm activation

## Bison in Britain

### Perceptions of the "Other" in the UK

By KERRY ANN HAMILTON  
Contributing Writer

This semester I opted to do a study abroad, thus perpetuating our motto, Leaders for America and the global community. The school is Richmond, The American International University, which lies in the city of London, England of the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom lies off the Atlantic coast of mainland Europe, and consists of England, Scotland, and Wales (Great Britain) and Northern Ireland. Since 1945, the United Kingdom has become home to thousands of immigrants, primarily from the Caribbean former British colonies in Africa, as well as Asian countries including India and Pakistan. This has given Britain a multi-cultural, multi-racial, and multi-ethnic flavor.

However, despite the mosaic of cultures and ethnic groups, stereotypes and preconceived notions of the "other" is present in London. The dynamics of race here is arguably less covert than in the United States.

The race relations have been described by many American students as "mello," relaxed, less confrontational, and little animosity, just to name a few.

Dania Sutton, an internship student from Mount St. Mary College in Brentwood, California says that racial tension in the UK is minimal. "Race is not an issue, I go out to the clubs and other social places and it is just an array of people having a good time. Its not taboo for interracial couples, to me it seems to be the norm, the stares are not as piercing as in the US," Sutton said.

Matt Reuben, a junior from the University of Rhode Island, also agrees that the interaction among different ethnic groups are contrasting to the United States. "Unlike when I go to New York City, in London there is less harassment and fights among groups, the prejudices are not as prevalent as in the States," Reuben said.

America: the land of the free and home of the brave. This is not only a line from the Star Spangled Banner, however, these are precepts held dearly by Americans. The greatest land on earth and of course the world's Super power. To the surprise of many that is not the global view of America and its citizens.

In interviews with several students at Richmond, Americans and non-Americans, the view is quite the contrary. Americans are viewed as lazy, loud, materialistic, aggressive, and dull to cite a few examples.

Studying at an American and International university allows one to dispel many myths and stereotypes about other groups, in a rational and open-minded way. A student from Bulgaria was asked in a Sociology class what is her perception of poverty and the underclass and her response was Americans in McDonald's. McDonald's is portrayed by the media as an American symbol and many outsiders looking in view that negatively.

The same is true for people from the Middle East. They are easterners, back-

ward, overly religious, barbaric, and in recent times Muslims have been viewed as terrorists.

President Bush and other world leaders are attempting to obliterate this fallacious notion, thus emphasizing the critical point that terrorism and Islam are separate entities. Nevertheless, there is a clash of civilizations as the West views itself as Superior.

The Politics of the Middle East class at Richmond, is an excellent learning ground for both cultures, West and East. The roots of stereotypes are explored and students are enlightened. "The perception of the East is perpetuated by the media, politicians, movies, and through scholarly writings as backward and uncivilized. The classroom allows us the opportunity to critically examine both cultures and their policies, it is not a bashing session West versus East," said Mehdi Moslem, Professor of Middle East Politics, Richmond College.

The stereotypes are not limited to international views on America, but also how Americans from different regions view each other. Yes, the issue of country versus town and North versus South is also a very debatable ground.

Nicole Cottrell, a junior from George Washington University and a native of Kentucky, found that the stereotypes of the South were quite uninformed and unsubstantiated. "Admittedly, I have a strong Southern accent, that does not mean I am dumb and unintelligent," Cottrell said.

Shannon Wilkins, a history major from Radford University, agrees that the study abroad experience allows him to learn more about the diverse composition of the US and its citizens. "Because someone is from the South does not mean they tip cows, drink sweet tea, or live on a farm, we need to move away from those stereotypes," Wilkins said.

There are also misconceptions about schools as well. Cottrell viewed Howard University as a school only for Blacks. As the Howard Ambassador to Richmond College, I had the noble duty of informing my colleagues about Howard University, thus emphasizing that historically Black and predominantly Black does not translate to a school exclusively for black people.

This experience of studying abroad is phenomenal; one learns about the uniqueness of other cultures and also learns to appreciate rather than merely tolerate others. Our perception is based upon the world as we see it, largely based on our experiences as well as socialization. However, our perceptions are merely beliefs and to a great extent our opinions, and not imperial facts. Bernard Baruch, an economic advisor to U.S Presidents for over forty years in his wisdom said, "Every man has a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts."

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## Rappers Delight



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt

Campus rappers took part in the first taping of the new show Five Minutes of Fame. The show is a weekly show where campus artists showcase their talents via singing and rapping. The show will be taped in Jasmynes Pizza every Friday. It will air on WHUT.

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## WE SPEAK THE TRUTH.



### Ashcroft Introduces Plan to Search Student Records

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 California-Berkeley Muslim Student Association.  
 But Laurie Rebjoahnos, another spokesperson for the Justice Department, said race will not matter in the searches.  
 "Muslims and Middle Easterners will not be targeted," Rebjoahnos said. "Americans have tendencies toward terrorism also. So (Americans) would be looked closely as well."  
 Members of Congress are reviewing Ashcroft's plan and drafting different types of antiterrorism legislation, which House and Senate committees are expected to consider this week.  
 Ashcroft has not yet outlined the criteria under which colleges must turn over confidential student data.  
 Past laws have allowed official searches of student profiles, but they contained limitations.  
 The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act prevents colleges from releasing students' personal information without the written consent of the student.  
 But the law does give leeway for several exceptions, including a "health or safety emergency."



Photos By Melanie Nesbitt

The Lou Stovall art exhibit was on display on campus last week.

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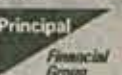
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# NEWS

## Officer Acquitted in Shooting of Youth Howard, Ohio Students Express Outrage at Judge's Decision

By MONICA STEELE  
Contributing Writer

Howard students from Ohio reacted angrily to Wednesday's acquittal of Stephen Roach, a Cincinnati police officer, who shot and killed a 19-year-old black teenager, Timothy Thomas, who was unarmed. The fatal shooting sparked the worst riots in Cincinnati history since the 1960s.

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Ted Winkler, hearing the case without a jury at the request of Roach, acquitted Roach on misdemeanor counts of negligent homicide and obstructing official business. Roach, who did not testify during the seven-day trial, had given police investigators different versions of what happened when he shot Thomas in the early morning of April 7th when he responded to a police call about a fleeing suspect.

"This is total disgrace of our justice system," said Stefanie Brown, President of the Howard University Student Association. Brown is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

"I hope that the people of Cincinnati rally around working to get this decision changed," she said.

Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken and



After the murder of unarmed youth Timothy Thomas (right) last April, Cincinnati experienced its worst riots since the 1960s. The officer involved was acquitted on Wednesday.

other city leaders are calling for the community to respect the ruling, and if they must, to protest peacefully.

"There's no reason for any violence or criminal activity, I hope that the citizens of Cincinnati let their opinions be expressed in a peaceful manner," said Luken.

"Hopefully, the politicians and activist in this town have learned from the events last



April that inflammatory rhetoric at a time like this is a recipe for disaster," Luken said.

In three nights of rioting that followed the shooting, dozens of people were injured and more than 800 were arrested before a temporary citywide curfew ended the disturbance. The city had not seen such racial

unrest since the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Thomas was the 15th black to be shot and killed by a Cincinnati police officer since 1995.

Howard students from Ohio reactions was of complete dismay and outrage. Among them was senior business management major Wade Harris.

"Basically, justice isn't served in this county. Police officers usually get off, because different rules apply to officers, then to that of a normal citizen. Cincinnati has had a history with cops, I would have been surprised if the officer would have got charged."

Since April's riots, 154 people have been either killed or wounded, in an unprecedented wave of shootings, which jumped 600 percent this summer.

Howard community members also agree that this is a tragedy for not only the people of Cincinnati, but also the nation as a whole.

Officer M. Jones of the District of Columbia Southeast Division said, "Every time a cop draws his gun, he must first think about every alternative method pertaining to the situation, and until changes are made in the way officers are trained, this injustice will continue to occur."

## NATION AND WORLD BRIEFS



### Colombia

Leftist guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia are believed to have abducted at least 15 people from their vehicles off a road in northern Colombia on Saturday. RAFC, the country's largest rebel army, freed six hostages after anti-kidnapping troops mounted rescue operations. However, government security forces are still searching for former Culture Minister Consuelo Araujo. Araujo is the wife of Inspector General Edgardo Maya, the head of government investigations.

### Los Angeles

"Mexico is willing to go all the way to help the United States in the war on terrorism by supplying oil, preventing the movement of terrorists' money, and preventing them from crossing the border to the U.S.," said Mexican President, Vicente Fox. He also stated that Mexico will control and enhance the law within their territory and on the border, to make sure no terrorist will come through Mexico to go to the United States. However, Fox assured the United States that Mexico did not expect to participate in any US military activity.

### Vietnam-Hanoi

Floods in Vietnam Mekong Delta have killed at least 154 children, among a total of 182 people who have died. In this area, there are nearly a million people who are facing food shortages. These deaths have been occurring since mid-August in the six provinces of the southern rice growing region, and officials said more than 270,000 houses have been flooded.

### Rwanda

Congolese rebels have launched a military offensive to dislodge thousands of Rwandan and Burundian rebels, who captured a strategic town in eastern Congo. Commander Sylvain Mbuki, army chief of the Congolese Rally for Democracy, said fierce fighting began Thursday as his troops launched an operation to flush out rebels from the two neighboring countries. The development put increasing pressure on efforts to end war in Africa's third-largest nation that has claimed an estimated 2.5 million lives.

### Guyana

Police have charged Donna Scott, a 41-year-old seamstress and mother of three, with the murder of former member of the Peoples National Congress Election Campaign, Dr. John Pluck. Scott appeared before Magistrate Cecil Sullivan in Georgetown, but was remanded to prison until October 5.

### India

Indian police have confirmed that Madhav Rao Scindia, one of the leaders of India's opposition Congress Party, died in a plane crash Sunday afternoon. Scindia was one of eight people, including senior Indian bureaucrat and several journalists, aboard the C90 Cessna plane flying from New Delhi to the northern city of Kanpur. It crashed 300 kilometers southeast of New Delhi. Funeral arrangements will be announced in the near future.

### Jerusalem

Four Palestinians have been killed and more than 50 other injured after violence broke out across Gaza. The Israeli army said its troops were besieged by hundreds of young protesters, with stones and Molotov cocktails, at three locations in Gaza on Saturday. The troops returned fire with tear-gas and live ammunition, and one soldier was slightly injured.

Compiled by Stephanie Crouch

## Justice Department Issues Racial Profiling Study Officers not required to participate in study

By CRISPIN BROOKS  
Contributing Writer

The justice department announced recently that it would soon begin a study of racial profiling at local police departments and precincts. The main objective of the study is to investigate whether or not police officers perform traffic stops based on race or ethnicity. Police officers will not be forced to participate, but will do so on a voluntary basis.

Though many see this as a step in the right direction by the Justice Department, the program has come under tremendous criticism due to the clause in the study that permits officers to choose whether or not they want to participate.

According to an article by the Associated Press, this clause only serves to aid in the study's success.

In an interview with Assistant Attorney General, Ralph Boyd, he said, "the preference is to have folks do it voluntarily, to be invested in what they're doing." Boyd went on to say, "We are not here to micromanage police departments all over the country."

According to the article, it was Boyd's belief that "The overwhelming preponderance" of officers were struggling to correct

the practice of racial profiling within their own communities. He said that the Justice Department would work in collaboration with police departments to correct the problem.

This, according to Howard University Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nicole Johnson, is certainly a step in the right direction by the Justice Department.

"The fact that the department will now have collected evidence will make better arguments when looking into police cases of racial profiling," Johnson said.

She added that this sort of study should not be limited to police departments, however, they should be carried out at all levels of government. Only then, she feels, we would have gotten to the root of the problem. "The fact that such a study is necessary is proof that there is a problem and should suggest significant implications for police departments across the country," Johnson said.

The issue of police participation has gone under scrutiny by the studies critics. Johnson agrees with the study's critics. "For such an important issue all officers should be encouraged if not forced to participate."

She added that "It does a disservice to everyone if we continue to find ways to mitigate such issues. The more information we

know can only serve to help."

Professor Johnson warned that we should be aware of such injustices and hold those that carry these acts out accountable for their actions. She said that persons in law enforcement should be the last to make judgments based on race or ethnicity, as they are here to protect us all, regardless of our background.

Other critics say that allowing officers a choice in the matter will only mask the true results of the study. Their assumption is that officers who are aware of their wrong doing will be more hesitant to participate in the study which would allow them to continue this injustice.

To ensure the integrity of the study, the justice department plans to seek the assis-



The Justice Department will begin a study on racial profiling at local police departments and precincts.

tance of both academicians and researchers who have studied racial profiling data from police departments around the country. Both the Justice Department and the White House have made ending racial profiling a priority.

## African King Enacts Sex Ban to Curb the Rise of AIDS

By ANTON WRIGHT  
Contributing Writer

After King Mswati III of Swaziland celebrated his 33rd birthday, he announced a five-year sex ban on the young women of his country. King Mswati III did this in reaction to the recent statistics on AIDS in Swaziland, 25.3% of the population has the virus.

In a hope to curb the spread of AIDS and preserve the virginity among young girls, the rite of Umchwaso chastity was imposed on young women. The announcement came by Lungile Ndlovu, the leader of the woman's organization, Imbabli Yemaswati, which means, "flower of the nation."

Ndlovu said that women who are 19 years of age and already sexually active must wear a chastity belt that is red with black tassels. While girls who are virgins will have to wear a belt that is blue with yellow tassels. Physical contact with males is for-

bidden as well as wearing pants.

She spoke of the new decision as something the elders of Swaziland deemed fitting. The announcement did come with resentment among the women as they all howled when Ndlovu explained to them the new policy of wearing chastity belts.

There was a bit of confusion on the rules of physical contact between males and females, but Ndlovu cleared up confusion in an interview. She said, "Male and female students can touch one another, but not with the intension of sharing intimate feelings."

King Mswati said that any man who touches a young woman wearing these special tassels would have the tassels thrown at them. The violator will also pay a fine to the traditional court of 1,300 emalangeni, which is the equivalent to one cow.

"The spread of HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, particularly is an extremely significant force in policy making precisely because of its destructive force and impact

on all areas of the regions, societies, and economics," said Dr. Cummings, Professor and Chairman of the African Studies department.

Mpho Chinyolo, junior business administration major, is a native of Botswana. Her homeland has the highest AIDS/HIV rate on the continent: 35.8% of their population of 1.5 million carries the virus.

"My country is mostly rural where a lot of people don't get a lot of information on AIDS. Girls get sugar daddies. People believe that God created sex to be practiced naturally, so they don't use condoms. They say that you can't enjoy the sweetness of candy with the wrapper. What's really bad is that people don't want to know and would rather die than go get tested," she said.

The results of King Mswati III's efforts to lessen the number of HIV/AIDS carriers in Swaziland will be known in five years.

Cummings said that it would be difficult to determine the results of efforts to fight

## Whites Live Longer Than Blacks, Study Says Homicide plays a key role in blacks' life expectancy

By ANTON WRIGHT  
Contributing Writer

A recent study by the Center for Disease Control has revealed that whites outlive blacks on an average of six years. Since the early 1900's studies have been conducted on life expectancy, and life for blacks has always been shorter than whites. These are an important indicator to the health of populations according to the Center for Disease Control.

The report by the CDC was an analysis of the National Health Statistics on mortality. The study examined the association of homicide and race when computing Life Expectancy. Homicide was the third largest cause of death among blacks. Heart disease (27.4%) and cancer (19.4%) were the only causes higher than homicide

(9.7%).

The account of homicide may not be the best way to track life expectancy for blacks. In 1998, homicides ranked 13th in causes of death in the US; accounting for only 1% of all deaths. However, homicide ranks 10% of the differential between life expectancy between blacks and whites.

Because of this some health experts have different views on how mortality rates should be examined. In 1998, Dr. Arline Geronimus, a professor of Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan noted that circulatory disease; not-homicide has been the most important contributor to the higher mortality rate.

Geronimus, a specialist on the effects of poverty and institutional racism on health, is concerned with the methods and variables used to measure life expectancy

among blacks.

"I'm concerned the accuracy of the excess mortality measure. Excess mortality takes all whites as the optimal health standard for poor blacks. I suggest possibly using a standard other than whites when evaluating health for blacks," Geronimus said.

Some students at Howard feel as if homicide factors have nothing to do with the life expectancy of blacks.

Khalil Johnson, president of the sophomore class of medicine said, "Socioeconomic status is a key factor in life expectancy."

In 1990, the Chicago Reporter did a study on life expectancy within social groups. The mostly white middle-class residents on the northwest side live to be between 75-80 years of age. While blacks on the south side of Chicago live to be around 60 years of age.

While the disparity of life expectancy between blacks and whites will take time to close, there are steps being taken now to close the gap. Dr. J. Harrell a graduate professor in Howard University's psychology department is conducting research on health psychology.

Harrell's research has come with some interesting discoveries.

"It's not just about what you eat, but what you think and how you respond to life," Harrell said. He said that racism is a major component that hinders blacks' health. He suggests that blacks should begin to change their outlook about themselves and their culture.

He also gave a few health tips. Cardiovascular exercises such as aerobics is healthier than weight lifting. Enjoying music and dancing is also a good way to stay healthy. A diet consisting of whole grains, non-fat dairy, fruits, vegetables and low meat intake will also promote good health.

"It's time that we as African Americans take our health into our own hands and come up with a health plan that caters to our special needs living in America," Harrell

## Bison Victimized By Rattler Poison In Lopsided Loss

By AISHA CHANEY  
Contributing Writer

Despite the spectacular passes and devastating sacks in Greene Stadium Saturday, Howard University fans didn't have much to cheer about, as the Bison were thrashed 53-20 by the Florida A&M Rattlers.

The loss was the Bison's third overall. It came on the heels of a dominating performance against a Morgan State team that just barely fell to the Rattlers.

Although this was Howard's eighth straight loss to the Rattlers, FAMU's head coach Billy Joe said that this year's victory was one of the most convincing of his tenure, especially since it came on Howard's home field.

"This is the first time we've ever put numbers on Howard in the nation's capital," said Joe. "This was a big win for us, because anytime you come to the nation's capital and come out with a convincing victory, it's such a great feeling."

The Bison (1-3) played the whole game from behind as the Rattlers got off to a 7-0 lead early in the game. The touchdown, a five-yard run by running back Kelsie Lordeus, followed by an extra point by kicker Juan Vasquez, came with 4:39 remaining in the first. A missed 43-yard field goal by Vasquez later in the quarter kept the score at 7-0 going into the second.

Despite a nice defensive effort by the Bison, the second quarter belonged to the Rattlers. With 6:58 left in the quarter, Lordeus rushed for his second touchdown - this time from 13 yards out. The extra point by Vasquez was good, making the score 14-0.

The Bison responded on their next drive when senior wide receiver Jevonte Philpot caught a pass from junior quarterback Donald Clark for a 25-yard touchdown reception. The extra point by senior kicker Jason Walker was no good, leaving the score 14-6 with only 1:23 to go in the half.

The Rattlers' final touchdown of the quarter came with only 19 seconds remaining in the half. After avoiding numerous tackles and scrambling to find the open man, Rattlers' quarterback, Quinn Gray, completed an amazing 42-yard pass to wide receiver Marco Junious for the touchdown, making the halftime score 20-6 after the kick by Vasquez was blocked.

"That play never would've happened if I hadn't seen my man open. I was just trying to throw the ball away, but fortunately for us, I saw my man wide open. When you're able to make big

plays like that, you're able to take the momentum out of the team," said Gray.

Bison head coach Steve Wilson said that Gray's last second heave was devastating to the Bison, and a huge lift to FAMU overall. He called the play the turning point of the game.

"That touchdown right before halftime with 19 seconds to go was crucial. I've never seen a play like that and I thought I've seen them all. It definitely made them more aggressive," said Wilson.

The Rattlers were in control the rest of the game. They racked up five more touchdowns, one off of a fumble recovery, and their defense held the Bison to only two more touchdowns, both in the 4th quarter.

The Bison first fourth quarter score was a two yard rushing touchdown by sophomore running back Jay Colbert, with 8:04 to go in the game. Colbert's 2 point conversion was successful, making the score 46-14.

The last touchdown by the Bison was a five-yard run by junior running back Tauric Rice. The failed two point conversion by senior back-up quarterback Roy Anderson was the last play of the game, making the final score 53-20, in favor of the Rattlers.

A key factor in the Rattlers' victory was their strong running game. They finished the game with a total of 303 rushing yards, while the Bison only rushed for 134. Coming into the game, the Rattlers were ranked last in the MEAC in rushing yards yielded per game. However, their early scoring outburst may have led to the Bison having to abandon a run heavy game plan.

FAMU's Lordeus, finished with 16 carries for 76 yards and three touchdowns, while teammate Edward Baker finished with three carries for 89 yards. Gray threw for 129 yards on 11-18 passing and got two touchdowns.

For the Bison offensively, Colbert performed well in both rushing and receiving. He had 13 carries for 51 yards, a touchdown and caught four passes for 53 yards.

Philpot added one more touchdown to his stats, keeping him ahead of everyone else in the MEAC, with a total of seven for the season in just four games. He finished with four catches for 82 yards and a touchdown.

Clark finished the game 8-18 for 137 yards and a touchdown. He was sacked a total of five times due to the aggressive defense



Photo By Mark Coleman

FAMU handed to Bison football team a stunning loss Saturday in Greene Stadium.

of the Rattlers, and the fact that they blitzed 85 percent of the time.

Defensively, junior linebacker Tracy White ended up with seven solo tackles, five assists, and two tackles for losses, while senior free safety Keith Weber racked up eight solo tackles, three assists, and three tackles for losses.

Next week, the Bison will travel to Indianapolis to play Tennessee State in the Circle City Classic.

## Jumping on The Sports Bandwagon

By ALLEN POWELL II  
Sports Tuesday Editor

So the last couple of weeks in sports have been pretty eventful haven't they? The greatest player to ever dribble a basketball announced that he thinks that the third time is really the charm, Barry Bonds inched ever closer to the mag-

### Column

ical number of 71, and the National Football League resumed play after a one week lay-off. Hell, the Cincinnati Bengals even beat the mighty Baltimore Ravens. However, none of these things is stranger, or more interesting, than the pipe dreams of the thousands of fans all over D.C.

See I'm from New Orleans, so I can understand loving a team that rips your heart out every year. But, what I can't understand is the irrational belief of Redskins fans that their team this year is a contender. The reason I bring this up is that I have a number of friends who are rabid 'Skins fans. Everyday I have to listen them talk about believing in Stephen, about how Fred Smoot and Darrell Green are better players than Deion Sanders, and about how Michael Westbrook is a good NFL player. Over crunchy Punch Out onion rings, they make excuses for the Redskins 0-2 start, and Smarty Marty's complete inability to manage his team.

Enough Already!  
The Redskins suck. No matter how many championships they may have won in the past, they suck right now. Your team has been mediocre for three years and now its finally catching up to them, so sack up and accept it. You have only scored 16 points in three games, while giving up more than 100. You are the worst team in the NFL and have a good chance to go 0-16. Move on.

However, please, please, don't move on to the Wizards. That's right folks the newest crack induced bandwagon in Washington is "the Wizards are making the playoffs" wagon train. All idiots who didn't watch last season's NBA games please hop on board. Next stop, Lotteryville.

See D.C. it doesn't matter if Jordan comes back, the Wizards will not be a contender in the East next year. Michael Jordan is not God, I repeat. MJ cannot change water to wine, heal the sick, or bless the Wizards with a frontcourt that can rebound and defend. He cannot carry this team of misfits to the postseason, or even to a .500 season. The most he will do, if he lasts the whole season, is add five to 10 wins to their win total. All Wizards fans should ask themselves this, which team in the East will the Wizards replace? Damn near every team in the East got better, and they were already all better than the Wizards.

I actually heard someone say that the Wizards were going to play the Orlando Magic in the Eastern Conference Finals next year. THE FINALS. Imagine my surprise when they also told me that Allen Iverson, Vince Carter, and Ray Allen had all been captured by aliens from Planet Sausagehead, which coincidentally is also that person's birthplace. I mean people, hope is commendable, stupidity is pitiful. People are rejoicing in the streets about a team that plans on starting Chris Whitney at the point, and bringing Tyrone Lue off the bench.

Enough already.  
Finally, Bison support all of our sports teams, not just the football team. All Bison, from the outstanding Women's Soccer team that is having a great season, to the gritty Cross Country team that has all of its meets on the road, deserve some love.

Lastly, I have one parting comment, Redskins suck.

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## Women's Volleyball Defeat Hampton in Howard Classic

By STEPHANIE CROUCH  
Contributing Writer

The Howard University Women's Volleyball team left the Howard Classic last Thursday and Friday, with both the sweet taste of victory and the bitter bile of defeat in their mouths. The Bison suffered a loss against Virginia Commonwealth University (17-30, 23-20, 22-30) and St. Francis University (15-30, 30-27, 13-30, 28-30), while gaining a win over Howard's long time rivals, Hampton University (30-27, 30-17, 19-30, 30-27).

The Bison fought hard till the end against Virginia Commonwealth University Rams. Sophomore outside hitter Dawn Thomas led the game with 11 kills and 11 digs. Jerri Hayes also contributed to Howard's endless fight, obtaining 9 kills, 23 total attacks and an ace. Howard's setter, freshmen Brittany Williams, recorded 25 sets and 14 digs, placing the Bison only 8 points behind Commonwealth in the final game.

The Bison attempted to turn the tables in their next match against St. Francis, but unfortunately the Bison fell short again.

The team's strong effort went un-rewarded in the first game against St. Francis as they fell 15-30. However, the team was undaunted and bounced back during the second game and defeated St. Francis (30-27). Outside hitters sophomore Dawn Thomas, senior Denise Corbett, and middle hitter sophomore Jerri Hayes tied for 8 kills in the match. Thomas also left the game with 13 digs and 32 total attacks. In the end, the Bison surrendered the match to St. Francis leaving them 0-2 in the Howard Classic.

Head coach Linda Spencer credited the losses to a lack of aggression during the matches and the team's inexperience.

"We have to be aggressive. This is a young team, although I don't want to say their young - especially since each of them bring some experience from their previous programs. But we have 7 freshmen, 3 of which are walk-ons, and only three seniors," Spencer said. "What the teams needs to do is learn how to put teams away. When the girls have the lead, they need to play like they have the lead. They should play aggressive and put the ball away."

The final game for the Bison came against Hampton Friday afternoon. Spencer said that the team used the break between Thursday and Friday to make some minor adjustments to their strategies.

"We actually had a back row line-up change. This change was necessary since the girls weren't passing," Spencer said. "Once we start passing we will be able to run our offense."

With the change, the Bison were able to conquer Hampton. Both Thomas and freshmen outside hitter Markezia Jennings recorded 11 kills each. Corbett followed with 7 kills and Williams obtained 29 sets. Thomas also had 28 total attacks.

Along with the victory over Hampton, Jennings was also named Rookie of the Week by the MEAC.

Their next match is away against Delaware State on Tuesday at 6 pm.



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## Some relationships between coaches, athletes go overtime

By LIZ GUARD  
Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — A recent report highlighting romantic interludes between coaches and athletes has sparked questions of morality in the sports world.

Professional athletes such as Jackie Joyner-Kersey, soccer star Julie Foudy and tennis player Meghann Shaughnessy have married or dated their former coaches. However, coach-athlete romances are not limited to pro sports.

Although no such instances have been reported at Southern Illinois University, these relationships have been popping up all over in the realm of collegiate sports as well. According to a recent article in Sports Illustrated, these romances have come to the surface since then enactment of Title IX in

1972. From 1972 to 2000, the number of female athletes has risen from about 300,000 to more than three million. On the flipside, the percentage of females coaching women's teams has dropped dramatically. Also between 1972 and 2000, the number of females coaching women's collegiate teams has dropped from 90 percent to 45.6 percent. And in the past two years, 80 percent of the vacancies have been filled by men.

Because of this, the number of romantic relationships between athletes and coaches, and the number of sexual harassment cases filed by collegiate athletes against their coaches have increased.

Celia Brackenridge, a British sociology professor and former international lacrosse player, is one of the few professionals delving into the world of athlete-coach relationships.

In a recent Sports Illustrated article, Brackenridge commented on the causes of such relationships.

"One, the coach has power over the athletes, and the higher you go in sport, the more pressure there is to conform to whatever the coach says. Two, there are selection concerns, possible favoritism, in which sports squads are chosen," Brackenridge said.

While romantic relationships and sexual harassment between coaches and athletes are an escalating problem in women's sports, there has been no comprehensive research in the United States or worldwide.

Sandra Kirby, a professor at the University of Winnipeg and a former Canadian Olympic rower, surveyed a group of Canadian athletes, 80 percent of whom were female. She found that 21.8 percent of the 266 athletes said they had engaged in sexual intercourse with a

coach or sports authority figure. Many people disapprove of such behavior, like Jeff Goelz, head coach of the SIU women's swim team. Goelz explained the situation from a coach's point of view.

"I think it shows a complete lack of professionalism and ethics, and somebody with low moral standards and it's really a violation of that student-athlete trust and bond," Goelz said. "There has to be a bond there, but there are some people that go too far."

Goelz said when things like this happen it hurts everyone involved. "Not only the individual, but it hurts the department, the program and the sport," Goelz said.

According to Goelz, romantic relationships among coaches and athletes may develop for a few reasons.

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## Sex and the Chocolate City

### And We're Supposed To be Teases?

By TIFFANY D. JACKSON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

While sitting on the yard on a bright and sunny Friday afternoon, I overheard some men (who, by the way, don't even go to Howard) talking about how Howard girls are straight up and down teases? Now, I don't sit in everyone's bedroom and watch them get it on, but I'm skeptical about there being all these female teases. Considering the high STD and pregnancy rate in this city especially, I highly doubt it. But tease is such a delicate word that's thrown around like promotion flyers. So what is a tease, and how would you know if you are one?

Sadly, I do admit to being a tease. Not intentionally or to be cruel, but really to make the situation easier. I try my best not to hurt guys' feelings, because it may ruin chances for my eligible single sisters if that particular man can't get over the fact that I don't want him. Furthermore, I wouldn't want a guy to hurt my feelings if the situation was the other way around. For example, if some man pulled up to you on Georgia Avenue and begged you for your number, it would just be easier to give him a fake number than reject him. If you rejected him, he'd try harder and wouldn't leave you alone. And, if you still rejected him after that, he'd make you feel guilty. However, if you give him a fake number, he'll think he succeeded and his game is on point.

Now, I realize that some girls will be lying in bed, butt naked, saying that they don't want to have sex after having worked a man all up. That is a good reason to take a cold shower, but it is not a good enough reason to call all girls teases. If that was the case, then most guys could be considered teases too. I don't have sex often, but if a guy has his game on point, and says he is going to put it on me like a superstar, I do get excited. But after he's done, I'm not left feeling disappointed in the one-minute man that's sleeping soundly next to me. I'm feeling frustrated that I was teased all those weeks for basically nothing. And we're supposed to be teases?

So, before you jump to conclusions and brand all girls as certified teases, just remember, the bridge goes both ways. But hey, who am I? I just live life and write about it.

## Fiction

### 'For All the Right Reasons'

By AURELLIA ANDERSON

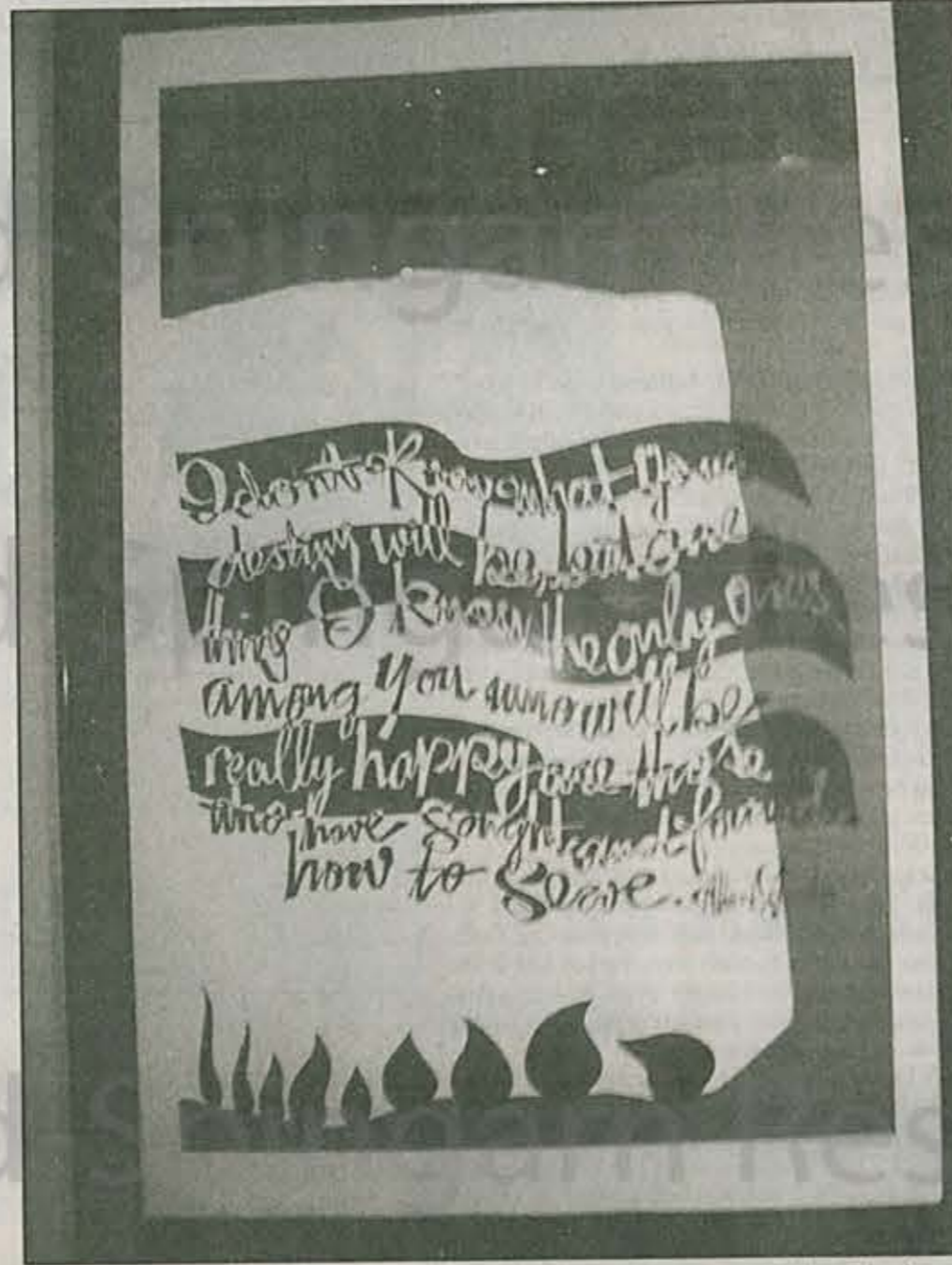
Who knew that I would have to rescue a dying woman? It was 1:27 a.m. when I received her telephone call. She called me to come get her and her four-year-old son. The terror in her voice made me tremble and prompted me to act immediately. My first thought was, "That bastard," and my second one was, "Lord protect her until I get there."

Quickly, I put on my sweats and rushed across town to save my dying friend. I did not know what had happened, but I knew there had to have been an earthquake in her house again. As I drove to her house, I realized my speed was increasing as my anger was. I slowed the car down immediately. And, because of the angry thoughts running through my mind, I did not realize the tears streaming uncontrollably down my cheeks. "Lord, protect my friend," I prayed over and over again. As I turned down her street I saw in the distance a small-framed woman holding a tiny little boy in her arms with no luggage beside her. The closer I came in distance, the clearer I saw her face. Her body was full of blood, and her face was almost unrecognizable. Stepping out of the car, the only words that came from her mouth and met my ears were, "He's worth leaving [him] for." She pointed at the sleeping boy in her two arms.

From that moment on, my personal feelings about marriage and divorce were kicked out of the door. I hurried them into the car and drove away from the hurt and pain inside. Never can she go back. For all the right reasons she left, and for all the right reasons I supported her decision. Today was like no other. A dying woman saw a reason to live, and now her broken body and heart can heal.

To be continued...

This is the first in a series of fictional short narratives.



Lou Stovall's exhibit, "The Art of Silkscreen Printmaking" will be displayed in the art gallery of the Lulu Vere Childers building through October 14.



Stovall's exhibit opened Sunday, September 30 with a reception held at the Lulu Vere Childers building.

## Lou Stovall: 'The Art of Silkscreen Printmaking'

By JAMALL COLEMAN WHITE  
Contributing Writer

Lou Stovall's "The Art of Silkscreen Printmaking" exhibit opened September 30, in the Howard University Art Gallery of the Lulu Vere Childers building. Silkscreen printmaking is a stencil process in which coloring matter is forced through the meshes of a prepared silk or organdy screen.

I was moved by Stovall's work. The series Stovall did on Jacob Lawrence, a late prominent Black Artist, was extremely captivating. As a curious student, I asked Lou how he and Jacob Lawrence came to be the recognized artist they are today. He replied,

"Jacob got to be the way he was by realizing he had a talent, and that he loved making pictures. Then he realized that he had a talent for storytelling. Also, he was non-discriminating in who he would tell his stories to. He loved communicating his ideas, and he realized that he was appreciated for his pictures." Lou added, "By the time you realize this (art) is what you want to do, you're faced with practicing and getting it right. There is a drive to get back to the work. Art is unlike other professions where you can just walk away. Art compels you. The creative thing that you think you control is actually in control of you".

"The ultimate goal of the exhibit is to show what I've done over the past 35 years. This show is a selection of some exemplary prints I've made. It's not all of them. It's meant to show off possibilities in silkscreen printmaking. It's a selection of prints I've made since 1969," said Stovall.

The way Stovall expresses himself in his painting is a work of art in itself. It is as if his paintings breathe, causing one to come closer and possibly find themselves within the paintings. After viewing the exhibit, I was compelled to find out more about Stovall, the master printer.

Stovall, a 1966 Graduate of Howard University, studied under the leadership of Dr. James L. Wells and graduated with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. Shortly after graduation, Lou founded his own studio and named it Workshop Inc. There he creates prints, and according to artist Sam Gilliam, helps other print makers develop their own prints. Stovall has made prints for more than 60 artists.

Other related programs that accompany the exhibit include a technical discussion on the process of silkscreen printmaking to be held on Thursday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the Auditorium of the Blackburn University Center. A lecture entitled, "Working with Jacob Lawrence," will be held on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, in the Ira Aldridge Theater. Lastly, a gallery tour and talk with the artist will be held on Sunday October 14, at 3:00pm, in the Art Gallery of the Lulu Vere Childers building. To find out more about Lou Stovall, and his art, stop by the art gallery. The gallery is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.

## Cries of the Caribbean

### Past, Present, Future of Haiti Wrapped in Greatness

By ECLEYNNE MERCY  
Special to the Hilltop

Freedom! Democracy! Liberation! Justice for the people! These are the shouts of my people deeply rooted in the threshold of my being. This is my past, my present and my future.

When one thinks of being Haitian, one can see Madame Ayiti. She wears a gown of red and blue. She wraps the new flag around her head as a symbol of the new democracy-covering the short, sun-colored, braided mass that lies beneath it. She carries two ripe mangoes in one hand as a symbol of fertility, and the Holy Bible in her other to show her faith. Her dust-covered sandals signify her struggle, as her muscular arms and legs show her strength. She walks sternly, holding a bucket of water on her head as a sign of purity. And as

the sweat glistens down her face she sings, "Ayiti Cherie."

When you are Haitian you know your past, you remember the stories of the enslavement of your people. You must realize that your past is a part of you. You know that no amount of CK One will take the stench of sweat and heat off your body, left by centuries of exposure to the hot sun. That Victoria's Secret lotion will not smooth away the cracks and roughness from your hands, carved by a lifetime of working the fields. That Winterfresh chewing gum will not take away the smell of mangoes from your breath, nor will Chapstick erase the dry juice of sugarcane upon your lips.

Being Haitian, my identity is shaped by my culture. My family's love for God, respect for hard work, excellent education and honor have made me who I am today. I am a strong woman not afraid of being myself, able

to fight for what I believe in, and willing to speak out against the double standard that suppresses all.

In conclusion, my name is Ecleynne Mercy. I am the granddaughter of farmers, herdsman, merchants and revolutionists. I fed the pigs, milked the goats and chased away the stray dogs. I have read Cornel West, studied W.E.B. Dubois, enjoyed Chopin, recited from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," and have gotten lost in Elizabeth Catlett's "Negro es Bello." I am who my ancestors dreamed of being. I have been given birth by a great nation; I am the proud daughter of "Peye de Ayiti."

The next Haitian Student Assembly will be held on Wednesday, October 3, in Room 142 of Blackburn.

Ecleynne Mercy is the President of Haitian Student Association

## Poetry Corner

### EVERY WOMAN


If every woman in the world  
Could feel the way I feel  
when I...  
Hear your voice,  
Touch your hand,

Smell your cologne...  
You would be illegal.  
If every woman in the world  
Could feel the way I feel  
when...  
You're near me,  
or when  
I think of you...

You would be illegal.  
You would be manufactured and rolled up in blunts.  
You would be distilled in breweries and sold only to minors in neighborhood liquor stores.


You would fill syringes and be injected directly into the quivering veins of...  
If every woman in the world  
Could feel the way I feel  
when I...

Taste you...  
You would be illegal.  
Courtney Wade (2005)



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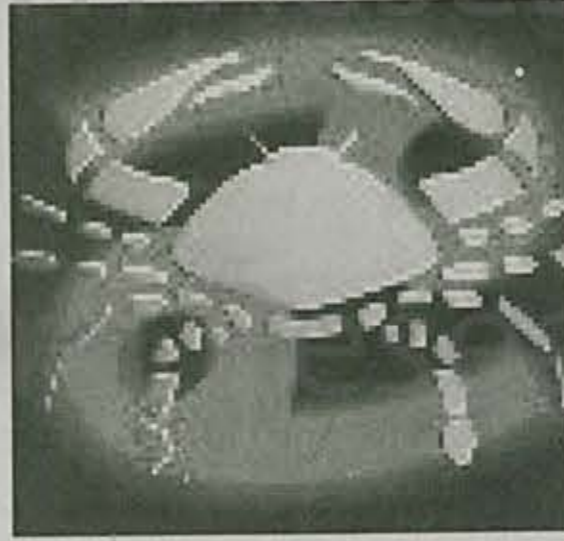
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## Is Astrology True?

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Is astrology, the study of the supposed influence of planets and stars on the course of human affairs, true or is it just another one of those mythological beliefs?

In order to debate about the validity of astrology and zodiac signs, one must first understand what the zodiac is about. The ancient Greeks, the originators of astrology, believed that the sun was at the core of an individual's personality. According to them, your zodiac sign is determined by the position of the sun at the time of your birth. The zodiac consists of twelve signs, each represented by an animal, humans, or an inanimate object. The signs are as follows: Aries (Mar. 21-April 19) represented by the ram, Taurus (April 20-May 20) represented by the bull, Gemini (May 21-June 21) represented by the twins, Cancer (June 22-July 22) represented by the crab, Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) represented by the lion, Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) represented by a virgin, Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) represented by the scales, Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) represented by the scorpion, Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) represented by the archer, Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) represented by the goat, Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) repre-

ented by the water bearer, and Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) represented by the two fish.

Although each individual sign has its own uniqueness, the signs are further broken down into elements that share similar characteristics. The elements are fire, earth, air and water. The fire signs are: Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. People born under these signs usually have bad tempers and are domineering, especially the Leo. The fire signs also express creativity and arrogance. Fire signs are usually the center of attention, and they always draw crowds at social events.

The earth signs consist of: Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. People born under these signs are generally confident, hard-working and critical of others. Capricorn is the leader of the earth signs, exerting initiative and always staying busy. Taurus is frugal when it comes to spending money on other people, but love to pamper their self. Overall, people born under the earth signs make loyal friends, love the good things in life and will work hard to accomplish their goals.

The air signs consist of: Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. Qualities of the air signs include being flirtatious, curious and indecisive. Aquarius is the visionary of the air signs. These people love to spend time thinking about how things can be

better. Likewise, Libras are objective and want to do what is best for everyone. The Gemini is the intellectual of the air signs, always asking questions and doing what they do best - changing their minds.

Last, but not least, are the water signs. The water signs consist of: Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces. Qualities of the water signs include vindictiveness, sensuality and compassion. Scorpio is the most dominant of the water signs. People born under the sign of Scorpio have high sex drives and will easily get jealous in relationships. Pisces on the other hand are calm people, tending to day-dream and sleep a lot in order to escape their feelings of depression. Overall, people born under the water signs are nurturing and tend to be in their own world.

So which signs are compatible with each other? The fire and air signs are said to be compatible with each other while earth and water go hand-in-hand. But is all of this really true?

Look around you and study your closest relationships, the way you interact with others, your feelings in relationships, and your way of thinking. Thus may all just have to do with one thing - the zodiac sign under which you were born.



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## Some relationships between coaches, athletes go overtime

From Sports, A5

"I think a lot of people, like coaches, if they lack morals, ethics and professionalism, take advantage of their position of power," Goelz said. "Athletes sometimes feel like they'll do anything to please their coach. And that can be good, but I think some coaches may take advantage of that trust and the situation."

There are many other factors that cause these relationships to happen. Athletes and coaches spend long periods of time together on the road. According to Kirby's study, 42 percent of coach-athlete sexual encounters occurred on team trips.

Also, physical contact, like stretching muscles and massaging an injury are acceptable and an everyday occurrence. According to Kirby, coaches and players have a unique bond. They train, win and lose, practice and travel together. This is a significant amount of time that coaches and athletes spend together.

But the NCAA disapproves of this behavior, and has formed rules and regulations to prevent it from happening.

Nicole Green, assistant athletic director and compliance and student services director, said that it is not

permissible for a student-athlete to be romantically involved with a representative of athletic interest.

"Student-athletes can only have certain relationships with representatives of athletic interest," Green said.

A representative of athletic interest is any person who is involved with athletic programs at a university. These people include faculty members, staff, donors, coaches and former athletes. According to SIU's Compliance Manual, once athletes graduate, they become representatives of athletic interest, and once a representative always a representative.

"Anyone working at SIU is considered a representative of athletic interest," Green said. "These are the people who keep the program functioning and support the program."

However, Green said that the rule does not specifically state that athletes should not be romantically involved with their coaches or vice versa, but that it is not permissible due to the fact that it is a recruitment violation of NCAA rules.

"You're crossing the line when you're talking about dating one of your athletes," Green said.

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### Technology—Keep Pushing Forward

In recent years, the University has made subsequent strides in remaining true to the motto "Leaders of America and the Global Community," coined by President H. Patrick Swygert in 1997. Since the introduction of the phrase, the University has made two noticeably large leaps forward in the field of technology to assure its leaders are prepared for their roles.

Late in the spring 2000 semester, students were introduced to the multi-million dollar iLAB that replaced the inadequate computer lab in the basement level of the School of Communications and the limited number of computers available on the ground level of the Undergraduate Library. And more recently, relieving students of the burden of telephone registration by implementing the process where one can select classes on the Internet. Other advances made by the University include wiring the dormitories with wireless Internet and the endeavor currently under way, installing the remaining dorms with cable television.

These advancements are greatly appreciated, however, let's not get complacent with where we are, because we have still

not attained our apex of potential. There are still many technological evolutions the student body needs.

Take for instance, the students in the art department. Why is it that our very own design majors are learning on computers that are so obsolete, that the manufacturer, Macintosh, refused them when the University attempted to trade them in for later models? Why is it that the art department is so desperate for new equipment, they had to go on a quest for funding outside

#### Our View:

Art students deserve a better electronic studio art lab.

of Howard to receive tools for students to adequately learn on?

The lack of technical equipment in the School of Communications is not up to date either. Why do radio production, broadcast, and film majors have to learn on outdated analog systems, when the industry has made a shift to digital formats?

The existing problems that continue to leave the University lagging in the fields of technology are proving harmful for students. It's affecting their education and distracting from the learning atmosphere. How can students be expected to fairly compete in the workforce with an insufficient technological background?

### Bigger than Jesse

Perhaps, Jesse Jackson has finally decided to choose his battles wisely. After reports that top Afghan and Pakistani officials called and wrote two letters urging Jackson to meet with Taliban leaders in Afghanistan, many Americans wondered why acceptance of such an offer would be an option at all.

And while Jackson's achievements as an influential civil rights leader and motivational speaker are noted and appreciated, it seems a bit strange that this self-proclaimed diplomat would find it a good idea to even consider negotiating or making appeals to an entity which may have caused, participated in, or conspired to bring the mass destruction and devastation that this nation encountered September 11, 2001.

As our nation comes to understand the complex nature of recent events, many Americans find it laughable that Jackson, one man, would have the ability to firmly handle such a complicated matter of international scale.

Although Jackson was more than instrumental in the release of the U.S. reconnaissance plane crew in China and extremely vocal just months ago about reparations and racism during the United Nations conference in Genoa, his skills as a negotiator may have run dry on Afghan soil. His well of luck would have experienced an unfathomable drought in any attempts to bargain and negotiate with terrorists or "the nations which harbor them."

The Bush Administration also offered Jackson no support and Secretary of State, General Colin Powell even said, "He's free to travel to

Afghanistan). . . I don't know what purpose would be served."

So, is this just another battle Jackson wished to single handily fight for the press and accolades? Or did he believe that somehow his appeal for the surrender of terrorist fugitive Osama bin Laden would outweigh that of our President, our mourning nation and its intelligence, and over forty other allied nations worldwide? Did he really think that Afghanistan would be the next spot for a photo-op or did he believe that his careful words would mediate a relationship between terrorism and freedom? Thanks to a good decision, we will never know because on the heels of the ongoing detainment of eight Christian aid workers in Afghanistan, Jackson announced that he would decline to visit with Taliban leaders.

It seems a bit unclear exactly what purpose would have been served by Jackson's visit. Conflicting reports reveal that Jackson may have been the initiator of contact with the Taliban and in a statement released by that government, operative in Afghanistan, officials deny initial contact with Jackson and offer that he contacted them to serve as a mediator.

However, his success in mediating previous international crises may not be the best indicator of what his success would have been in Afghanistan. Because the fight against terrorism is an extensive battle for entire nations to wage war against, this is no time for Jackson's negotiations.

#### Our View:

Jesse Jackson should step back for this situation.

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson



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# PERSPECTIVES

## Awakening

Marcus J. Adolphus

I finally arrived in Durban, South Africa for the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance but my luggage didn't. Two stressful days went by and finally I received word that my bags made it after being missing. Leaving the airport on that extremely warm and sunny day with my luggage, felt so much better than my initial arrival. I could finally stop worrying. I was in for a big surprise, the worrying over my material belongings felt minuscule to the issues hours later, I would face.

On the way back to the cottages at the University of Natal where I was staying, my driver informed Carrie, a staff member for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial's Youth Against Racism Project, which I was apart of, that his brother was gravely ill and would it be all right to detour before we drop of my bags to visit him. She agreed and we rode across Durban to, Ubuntu AIDS Research & Treatment Center. Bonga who was the driver, brother was a victim of AIDS and was placed there.

As I walked into the small hospital I was taken back by the horrendous smell of death on my first visit. Room after room was filled with black brothers and sisters suffering with AIDS. I met his brother lying succumbed by the pain of the virus, with glassy yellow eyes and a frail complexion he reached for my hand. I took his hand and just looked at him.

Two days later he met death. I returned to the facility with other people who were attending the conference and work with the issue of HIV/AIDS. We went into a room filled with women infected with AIDS. They praised the local doctor for his extraordinary work and dedication he has for them. The women talked with much emotion about the governmental hospitals that refused to help them and ultimately told them to go home and die. Then the women confronted us and asked whether we had any promises, any hopes, any medication and food. I myself had nothing to offer on the spot.

Looking into the eyes of the women I felt very weak and left the room. I walked and knelt down and closed my eyes; I began to mourn the death of those brothers and sisters in South Africa.

The ugly face of racism and its effects hit me hard in my chest. Utterly disgusted and both sadden, I could not understand why so many South African black men, women and children were dying of this terrible virus which caused the breakdown of the immune system called AIDS, while the world just stands by and allows it. Why don't countries like the United Kingdom, United States, Spain, France, Germany and Canada enact emergency measures to end these great fatalities? There are times when I hear our leaders speak about the urgency to have an American presence in Kosovo, or Bosnia. But rarely have I heard about America feeling need to act to stabilize life in Africa. Attending the WCAR, in Durban left me a little bitter about the state of the African.

America has just experienced a tremendous tragedy, the likes we have never seen in our history. Now, I have been hearing news commentators say America will never be the same. I have also heard many say that America has come closer together.

Now the tragedy last week has taken more than six thousands lives. However, not to diminish the tragedy but do you know that 2.5 million people in Africa have died of HIV-related illness in 2000, according to *AIDS & Africa* homepage.

One could only think that South Africa with its deep root in apartheid, which now has been abolished, would be the perfect place to have such a conference on racism. Just looking back into my memory, I never saw racism manifest itself so vividly in today's society as I had seen in South Africa.

Thinking back over my journey when I reached Durban, I was amazed at the picturesque city with its long stretching beaches and towering hotels. South Africa is beautiful; I never thought Africa would be so developed. Then remembering when I was driven a few miles away from the conference location and became saddened. Thousands of blacks not beaches this time stretched all along the streets in poverty in ghettos called townships.

Well, I came to find that Durban the city was just a facade and for many of the natives, unattainable to enjoy it in the same capacity that I was. I realized that in Musiq Soulchild's lyrics to the song entitled, *You be Alright*, where he says, we share our joys we share our pains; I felt it. The problems that affect America mirror in different levels, that of South Africa. Looking out to the masses of black people, the original people of that land, I saw them holding-on just for survival.

We as Americans have problems and tragedies but we are blessed beyond belief. I hope September 11, 2001 will wake all of us up to love humanity... all life on this earth and cherish it. The precious lives lost at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon can't be regained by a single military action. Maybe the perpetrators in this heartless crime might be killed or brought to justice one day. Horrible people will be taken out and will reappear throughout time. How we as Americans can really show appreciation for the numerous lives lost is to strive toward ending suffering worldwide whether it be economic, health, religious persecution or the loss of dignity and respect. We as Americans must reflect on inclusiveness and look to those that are hurting not only domestically but also internationally. WILL YOU JOIN ME?

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I find it shocking that as the editor-in-chief of the most respected (black) university publication, that you did not find the article *Domestic Terrorism* by Ms. Safiya McClinton on September 18, 2001, to be both slanted and biased, but furthermore, ill-informed and incendiary.

Ms. McClinton cites terrorist activities leveled against black citizens by Mayor Giuliani, whom she should know revitalized the New York City Police Department I order to root out the corrupt cops; of course, there are always rogue individuals who give a bad name to otherwise decent institutions or organizations, and all right-thinking people condemn the acts of those people. But to use this as a platform to promote her racist, militant ideas is not only defamatory, but naïve.

Making the statement that black people are the very foundation of the World Trade Center and citing 100,000,000 American Slaves as the victims of terrorism to justify the acts of bin Laden whoever was responsible, is absurd. Civilization upon civilization has been built atop hallowed ground since the existence of time. Slavery was ugly byproduct of times long ago in this country, and it remains a blemish on our history as a nation. Ms. McClinton should know that there were also black slave mongers who profited from the sale of other blacks. Slavery still exists in this world in places such as Afghanistan, but I'm sure that doesn't concern Ms. McClinton since they are not of her race.

The only religious "leader" who was imprudent enough to make statements about our bringing the terrorist act on ourselves because of the sinful behavior or "homosexuals" and other so called "miscreants", recanted his rhetoric and apologized, but I'm not surprised that Ms. McClinton would cite the ravings of an extremist. Billy Graham was far more typical of the rhetoric that religious leaders used to protest these acts. Mr. Falwell is not a religious leader but a loud-mouth, bigot who has the attention of a so called "moral"

right, who are willing to believe anything he tells them.

In listening to President Bush and other key administration officials, I have never once heard them threaten to attack civilians, or refer to the general Middle Eastern Populous as "those people." The reference to "those people" is obviously. Perhaps Ms. McClinton is too young to recall a campaign referred to as Desert Storm, where we went to the aid of "those people," losing a small, but racially well represented number of American casualties. And how dare she refer to this upcoming conflict as a "white man's war?" How many people of color do you think were in the World Trade Center buildings at the time they were attacked? Tell me how, please, would we be defining the freedoms of white Americans without defending all Americans, and every society on earth? How many Muslim people will we come to learn were also victims, that the likes of bin Laden murdered? His own people though true Muslims, condemn murder and suicide. They came to this country seeking the freedom we have enjoyed, became citizens, raising their families with the freedom to practice their religious beliefs guaranteed by our Constitution. Do we not fight back for their freedom, or do we turn our backs because they aren't Caucasian?

If Ms. McClinton is so concerned about history repeating itself, I suggest she go back to freshman year and learn and understand the problems of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Stop this *woe is me* carping about repression, and start learning how to change her own fate; take pride in her accomplishments of making it through the senior year at a reputable institution, and get off the dime about wholesale discrimination perpetrated by the very government who funds 61 percent of Howard University budget! Grow up Ms. McClinton, and shame of the Hilltop for printing these racist ravings.

Sincerely,  
Julie R. Kimelman

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## INTEGRATING VALUES

Ademola A. Aiyegoro

In the last few days, the outpour of emotions over the catastrophic loss of lives and destruction of institutions must mean, and must demonstrate that what binds man, as a specie, transcends the basic fulfillment of food, clothing and shelter. For in the limit, there is hidden in man, a deep web of ties and feelings that cannot be defined by geographic boundaries.

Although every religion has its own thesis about the origin of man, whether or not a man believes the specific thesis propounded by a religion is left to faith. Beyond the multiplicity of theses regarding the origin of man, the nature, structure and strength of association is very important. Even though the origin of man is very important, it is equally more important to set and redefine the set of principles that should bind human association. I have used the word redefine loosely to mean getting back to the basics.

I think we need to examine the foundations of ethics and the pillars of religion. For, as we have seen over the last few days, it has been difficult, if not impossible to separate religion, race, color, nationality, church and state. Given the mood of the country, few, if any, would blink at the thought of retaliation. Therefore, within

associations or organizations of human beings, an individual's freedom ends where the rights of someone else begins. This is true, at least in democratic systems.

Yet, it must be the case that if man is to survive as a specie, man must survive, first as an individual, then as a colony, be it a geographic entity and/or as a member of groups within a virtual network. These boundaries must be recognized. The overarching boundaries must be circumscribed by ethics, values and morality. Whereas violence in any form must not be allowed, its new millennium dimension, as demonstrated in the killings of innocent citizens and the attack on our nations must be stopped.

Undoubtedly, there is a need for mass education in those countries that condone violence. For, an educated community, though knowledgeable, is able to discern the impact of those extreme and gruesome actions that we have just witnessed. No, violence cannot be explained in terms of religion, because that which a man worships, whatever the religion, does not condone the reckless and wanton sacrifice of human lives. Neither does a man's religion look kindly at the use violence, I think.

The agony from the loss of human lives is very depressing. The effects, as vivid as they are in the short term, must also be seen within the context of enduring pain in the long run. In addition to the impact of the pain being intergenerational, the killings mask the damage embodied in the long-term psychological effects this experience would have on us as people. As we have seen over the past few days, nationality, race or religion become cardinal, but not subordinate to our collective spirit of human feelings, in and out of these three spectrums.

Our recent experience also raises an issue for globalization. The web of social interactions must increase at a rate global enough to encourage civilized association. It must also be defined in terms of the opportunity costs of breakages or leakages in the web that ties man together, irrespective of the nationality, race or religion.

The events also raise the issue of resource allocation, in the sense that nations have to direct resources to the more efficient frontiers of ethics, values and morality, because these define higher levels of associations beyond bread and butter. I choose to term all three "Integrating values." These values transcend

structures that define the forces of association, be they market, command or mixed. For without ethics, institutions market or mixed economy cannot function. Without values, organizations, physical or virtual cannot function, and without morals, man's thoughts about the deleterious effects of violence cannot be contained.

In codifying the centerpiece of human interaction, I suggest that ethics, values and morality should be the centerpiece of our human interactions. Within this framework and in the context of the multifaceted network of man, ethics would define that which is right, values would decide the ordering, and morals would define that which is virtuous. These core requirements, I believe, must be at the forefront of our articles of human association, for without them, we cannot move forward.

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## Separate and Unequal Libraries

Michael Bakeley

As a new doctoral student at Howard University, I have been informally introduced to the auspices of separate and unequal regarding the lack of much needed resources for doctoral students such as myself. Before I digress any further, I think we should have a clear understanding of what exactly is "Separate and Unequal," as it pertains or relates to the university library.

According to Black Law's Dictionary (7th Ed), "Separate but Equal," is the equality of treatment is accorded to the races are provided substantially equal facilities even though these facilities be separate. However, this is not the case when it comes to the library here at Howard University. I am quite certain that many students before me have made similar claims respectively, and yet they have went unanswered for a multitude of reasons.

Some may claim that is due to the lack of monies from the federal government, or even the minuscule amounts of alumni donations. Which ever the case or cases may be, I always thought that the library was the storage of

archival, present, and future information. Based upon my experience so far this semester, our storage of information is hungry for the nourishment of books. I should not have to elaborate on that either for those that have attempted to conduct sound research.

Considering the magnificent and glorious legacy of Howard University, in producing more Black PhD's than any other place in the country, it should really put more efforts in obtaining more books for all its students, as compared to just merely saying what it produces each year. I am quite certain that if you surveyed most of the doctoral students, as to where they conducted their research, their answer may be the likes of George Washington, Georgetown University, or maybe the University of Maryland. Honestly, how often do you think students from other schools within the DC Metro area come to Howard because their own library does not have certain books? Really!

What really amazes me is how can a university with a

research level I status, be so lacking in material that its doctoral students need. This means that if you offer a doctoral degree in a certain area, one would think the library would have extensive material in these respective areas. I am not saying that one cannot find any books in the library; I am merely saying that energies should be directed to augmenting the library bookshelves.

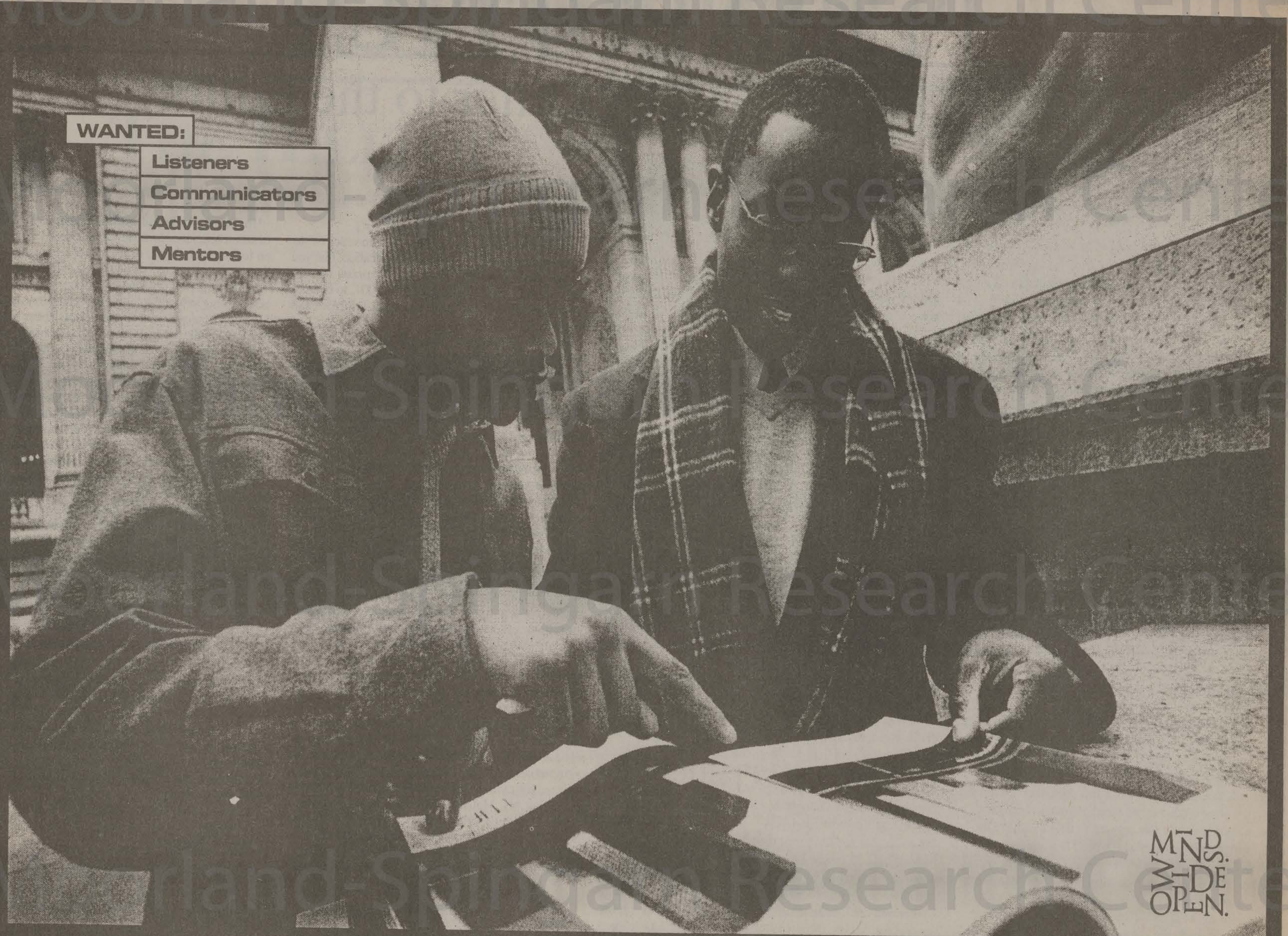
For those that may dissent in my assessment, ask university officials as to what's on the agenda concerning improvements with the library. I am hoping they do not attempt to have you focus on the two new libraries that just opened. I say this because I was informed personally at the Health Services Library, that "If you are not enrolled in any of the health sciences programs, you can only have access to the library until 5 pm."

Whatever happened to my Equal Protection Rights as a student? This is the same type of treatment our collective Black people received historically, when they attempted to enter a library. Here it is in the 21st century

and now some of us are carrying out the same practice unconsciously, on our on people.

My point is to send a clear message to University officials that many students have the same sentiments as myself. As the former Dean of Howard's Law School, Charles Hamilton Houston, placed on all his students to that of very high standard and did not except mediocrity. With that in mind, in order for one to perform at this level, one does need certain tools in order to achieve this level. I hope we realize what we are doing to our soon to be alumni. This clearly means they will leave the University with a foul taste in their mouth, and thereby possibly not donating any much needed money to the university.

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