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## Students Puzzled By Mold Growth in Building Walls

*Dehumidifiers Placed at Infestation Sites*

By COREY CUNNINGHAM  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard Plaza Towers West resident Roilyn Graves was surprised to learn the flu-like symptoms she experienced two weeks into the school year may have been triggered by potentially harmful mold forming inside the building's walls.

"I was coughing a lot, it was like my allergies were being amplified," said Graves, a junior telecommunications major. "I felt like I had the flu at first, but it didn't seem to go away."

Graves visited a private physician who recommended a dehumidifier, common for allergy treatments. The doctor also prescribed her medication.

Students and faculty have attributed similar cold and allergy illnesses to mold infestation formed after an August rainstorm caused flooding to the ground levels of

University's environmental management office, mold is forming at the base of the flooded area's walls. To halt growth, the walls must be remedied of moisture and the plaster molding must be removed, he said.

The University has placed dehumidifiers in flooded locations. Wisconsin-based Thermo-Stor Product's Phoenix 200 dehumidifier is the primary weapon for fighting the mold. It is used to dry water damage, control dew point and prevent mold growth.

The dehumidifier works by contracting air and cooling it down below the dew point. The machine then reheats the air and releases it through plastic tubes located in the molded area. The two-week project will wrap up soon, environmental management officials said.

But the moisture and the plaster removal cannot come soon enough for some Towers residents who live near the flooded areas.

### Affected By Mold?

-Get rid of carpet

-Wash all clothing, curtains, and sheets thoroughly.

-Use a dehumidifier

-Avoid walking through halls where dehumidifying is taking place.

Source: Dr. L. Austin  
Howard Medicine

"I was worried about the mold," said Hakim Hasan, sophomore Physical Therapy major who asked to be moved from the ground floor.

Please See Mold, A3



Photo by Corey Cunningham

Plastic tubes serve as a dehumidifier in the Quad's Crandall Hall

## Students Relieved by Airport Reopening

By MELVIN MOORING II  
Contributing Writer

The tarmac of Reagan National Airport saw its first action in 23 days when an American Airlines flight took off from the airport yesterday morning bound for New York.

It was the first flight to leave the airport since the September 11 terror attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

National was the last airport in the nation to resume flights, even as President Bush urged Americans to go about their normal lives. The

airport had remained closed mainly due to its close proximity to the nation's power base.

The airport's opening comes on the heels of Howard's homecoming, which begins today. Some students said they are still uneasy about the airport's reopening despite new security measures.

"I'm glad that it opened, but I'm still skeptical," April Leon, Sophomore Legal Communications said. "No curbside check-in. I usually have four or five bags. I can't carry them by myself."

With Baltimore-Washington International and Dulles airports overflowing with passengers, stu-

dents said National's reopening would make travel to and from Washington much easier.

"It's the closest airport. Most students don't have cars when they closed it was like we were stuck. I don't have people to take me to Dulles or BWI," Communications and Culture student Timothy McCray said.

Currently, National is operating at one quarter of the airport's normal 800 flights. Newly implemented security measures include the presence of plain-clothed air marshals, limitations on carry-on bags, personnel screenings and enhanced identity checks.

Please See Airport, A3

## Bethune Hall Unlikely Solution to Housing Crunch

*Students Continue to Push for Renovations*



A shattered window now greets students at the entrance to Bethune Hall on 4th Street.

Photos by Melanie Nesbitt

By DERRICK K. NAYO  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The wave of new construction on campus has leaped over the old Mary McLeod Bethune Hall dormitory.

Since its closing in 1997, the building has remained untouched by construction crews while its 4th St. neighbor, the Tubman Quadrangle, endured massive renovations.

Now the building is a mirror of broken windows, yellowing paint and fifty doors. Years earlier, Bethune was home to hundreds of female freshman.

The need for the dorm shrunk as University enrollment dipped and upgrades to the facility became increasingly expensive, ResidenceLife officials say. Students were moved into Bethune Annex and the Quad.

"Then the housing trend fluctuated, so it made sense to close it [Bethune], and we just built the Bethune Annex," said James Coleman, assistant dean of Residence Life.

The University is facing its largest housing demand in history with a freshman class that topped around 1700 students.

In August, Howard felt the wrath of a District dormitory shortage that left area college students without



Students claim the dorm could solve housing problems campus housing. About 300 Howard students were placed in local hotels because University dorms were filled.

But with campus housing becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, students are urging the University to renovate and re-open the dormitory.

"We need more residence halls," said Racheal Townsend, sophomore biology major. "What is the building sitting there for?"

Please See Bethune, A3

## Protesters Flock to Meridian Park to Oppose War

*Smaller Turn-out Than Previously Scheduled IMF Demonstration*

By LOUGENIA BAILEY  
Contributing Writer

Thousands protested in the District last weekend to show their opposition to America's war against terrorism.

Protestors were originally scheduled to rally during the IMF and World Bank conference before its cancellation after the Sept. 11 attack. Over 50,000 people from all over the country were expected to participate.

Still, various political organizations were in attendance.

The Pagan Cluster created a healing space in Meridian Hill Park, which was the last stop for Sunday's march.

The cluster burned incense, played music, and even offered to wash protestors' feet in order to help them "release things."

The protest, sponsored by the Washington Peace Center, started with a rally in the park, followed by the march. Hopkins said her organization participated in the march so that an alternate voice could be heard.

"We threw billions of dollars into defense over the last few years. That didn't work. Let's try something else," she said.

Arturo Griffiths, a candidate for the Statehood Green Party in DC's city council elections last year, was also at the protest.

"I'm sorry about what happened, but the U.S. has to understand what has happened," Griffiths said. "U.S. policy is affecting many people... and they are angry at the big, rich country."

Members from the All-African People's Revolutionary Party were also in attendance, including Bambose Shango, head of the A-APRP.

"I don't see a reason for us to go to war," said Shango. "The U.S. doesn't know who did this."

While members were present, they say their anti-war movement will be fought quietly behind the scenes. The A-APRP is organizing various programs including educational forums.

## Inside Campus

*Construction Continues near the Health Sciences Library on underground pipes.*

See A2

## Life & Style

*Essentials For Fall Fashion*

See B1



Photo by Jonathan Sims

## Psychology Professor Conducts Health Study

By ANTONIE WRIGHT  
Contributing Writer

Graduate professor in the Psychology Department, Dr. J. Harrell is conducting groundbreaking research on health psychology.

In his pursuit to produce what he labels a better African American health ethic, Harrell is in the process of seeking continued support and funding for his research on health psychology.

"In the future we want to prescribe health instead of medicine," Harrell said. The study will help African Americans make health adjustments at an early age to avoid future ailments. "It will also avoid the usage of heavy medications that have unwanted side effects," Harrell said.

Harrell was prompted to conduct research that counters traditional claims about the health and habits of African Americans. According to his preliminary research, Africans in America seem to suffer from hypertension, strokes, heart attacks, and kidney diseases at a disproportionate rate compared to other races in America.

Although, as his research continued, Harrell found information that disputes traditional western medicinal claims that these diseases are directly linked to genetics.

His research yielded the results his hypothesis suggested.

"What was even more interesting was that the rate of hypertension among rural Africans was lower than that of whites living in America," Har-

rell said.

While this led him to conduct a study to understand why hypertension is so high among African Americans, he is also studying other aspects of African American health.

For the past four years Dr. Harrell and three of his graduate students, Ina Daniels, Leah Floyd and Sonya Bell have been doing research on how stress affects cardiovascular activity. The purpose of their research is to understand what the heart endures to better predict oncoming strokes and heart-related diseases.

"We have discovered that the heart and mind are one," Dr. Harrell said. According to the exhaustive research, our mental health has a definite cor

Please See Health Study, A3



# CAMPUS

## Voices & Views

What do students feel about Jesse Jackson deciding not to go to Afghanistan?



"During this time of chaos, we should be able to look toward a strong figure such as Jesse Jackson for an unbiased opinion. This would be displayed through his trip to Afghanistan."

Andrew Murphy  
Sophomore, History



"If the US Govt. has really searching for peace, they would've let him go. As civilians, I've really ever known the true motives behind anything the Govt. does."

Dakira Richardson  
Senior, International Business



"I know Jesse Jackson personally and I stand for his disposition of the matter. I also feel as though the next leadership for America and the Global community should advocate and support such a prestigious Black mogul."

James Compas  
Junior, Marketing



"Why should Jesse Jackson go and represent a nation that turned its back on him at his lowest point? This isn't a black man's dilemma, so why should he place himself in danger?"

Johnny J. Jones  
Junior, Radio Production



"Very smart decision. Jesse Jackson is renowned for his views on Christianity; therefore, this terrorist group who wants the whole world to be Muslim will want to kill him."

Tilita Lutterloh  
Senior, Acting

Compiled By Vince Smith

## Construction in front of Health Science Library Continues

By JOCELYN SLAUGHTER  
Contributing Writer

The newest building on Howard's campus, the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library was initially scheduled to open in the fall of 2000. However, it was officially opened in the late spring of 2001, due to a number of problems, including a mysterious fire that broke out on the top floor of the structure in the early spring of 2001. Now after the long-awaited arrival has come, construction is still being done to the Library, inside and out.

Major pipeline construction is being done in front of the newly finished Health Sciences Library and the Allied Health Building. Student with classes in the Allied Health Building, residents of the Bethune Annex, or those who study in the Health Sciences Library regularly, have seen the massive construction unfolding on Bryant St.

Many in the University's community were confused when the newly finished Health Sciences Library's yard was dug up early this semester. A hole, about five to ten feet deep, lies in front of the Health Science Library that stretches along Bryant St. The construction continues onto the yard of the Allied Health Building. Some students thought the construction was the result of an addition to the Library. However, Capital Projects Inc., the construction company hired by the University, is actually repairing a faulty steam pipe.

The construction team currently working to replace the pipeline was hired after the previous construction group installed it improperly. "The job will be tedious because the pipes have to be tightly sealed. If anything isn't done perfectly, it will not operate properly," said one construction

worker. As the steam pipeline provides the power for the heating of the library and Allied Health Building, it has to be up and running soon as fall and winter weather approach. The construction project that officially began two weeks ago is scheduled to be complete in two weeks.

This construction is a headache to many people who pass by the Library and Allied Health Building daily. The noisy scene is familiar to most who visited this part of campus frequently last year when major construction was being done on the newly erected Health Sciences Library.

For those working, studying and visiting the area, the construction brings problems with parking, driving and access to the Library. Due to the construction, the north entrance to the Library is closed and patrons must go through the parking lot to the south side of the Library to enter. Also, several parking spaces are being used for the construction on the south side of Bryant Street. This has inconvenienced many students. "The construction forces me to enter the Library on the other side, going completely out of my way. I don't feel safe leaving it at night," said sophomore Ammie Rogers.

There has also been construction inside the Health Sciences Library during hours when students are studying. Sophomore Alicia Melton recalls the night when she was disrupted by the construction in the Library. "I was studying in the Library around 11:30 PM when all of a sudden I heard a loud drilling noise which continued for the next hour. I couldn't study with all the noise," said Melton.



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt  
Construction workers staying busy with work outside of the school of Allied Health.

When asked what exactly was being done to the brand new library, the Director of the Library, Larry Ellis, simply said they were "making certain adjustments". These adjustments are hurting the studying habits of many undergraduate, graduate, medical and dental students.

The construction is scheduled between 10 PM and 2 AM, which is when the Library closes. There is a sign posted, apologizing for the inconvenience.

## CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

This is a service provided by Howard University Campus Police. This report was compiled by Campus Editor Jennifer Cummings.

Sept. 30

Dental School  
False fire alarm

Drew Hall  
Sick transport

Dental School  
Hazardous elevator

Slowe Hall  
Theft from auto

Quad  
Hazardous elevator

Fine Arts Bldg.  
Injured person

Gresham Pl.  
Confiscated contraband

Locke Hall  
Lost property

1919 3rd St.  
Auto accident

Dental School  
False fire alarm

400 block of College St.

Theft from auto

Oct. 2

Cook Hall  
Sick person

Slowe Hall  
Threat to do bodily harm

300 blk of Bryant St.  
Theft from auto

Stokes Library  
Alarm activation

West Campus  
Vehicle accident

2000 blk of 4th St.  
Theft from auto

Dental School  
False fire alarm  
Student Health Center  
Sick transport

400 blk of College St.  
Theft from auto  
Bethune Annex Lot  
Theft from auto

East Campus/Dean's  
office  
Theft I

2200 6th St.  
Vehicle accident

Quad  
Sick transport

Banneker South Lot  
Destruction of property

Douglas Hall  
Stuck elevator

Meridian Hill Hall  
Burglary II

Blackburn Center  
Theft II

Oct. 3

Crandall Hall  
Burglary II

HUH  
Bomb threat

Human Ecology Bldg.  
Theft II

Blackburn Center  
Theft II

Ledroit Park Apts.  
Unlawful entry

Law School  
Damaged property

6th St. Lot  
Destruction of property

Stokes Library  
Hazardous odor

Slowe Hall  
Injured person

## Students Gain Edge at Job Fair

By STEPHANIE CROUCH  
Contributing Writer

Hundreds of students attended "Careers Exploration Day 2001", a career fair held Wednesday in Blackburn Center. The event sponsored by the Career Services of Students Affairs featured over 155 companies representing business, industry and government. Companies such as General Motors, Nationwide Insurance and Aventis Pharmaceuticals eagerly awaited students possessing qualities essential for their various companies.

Larry James, a Quality Operation Manager from General Motors describes the relationship that Howard students have with GM as well as the type of students he is looking for at the University. "Howard University and General Motors have a very strong relationship. However, most importantly, Howard has been able to give us some very strong students from the School of Engineering and School of Business as well," James said. "And of course when considering students for employment we have to take in account GPA. But primarily what we're attempting to do at the Career fair today is to assess communication skills," he added.

Aside from being a Howard alumna, Shonmika Ward is a Staff Accountant in the Internal Finance operations group at Arthur Anderson. She indicates Howard University's prestige is what brought her company to the career fair. "We're looking for real bright open minded students who are willing to learn and seek a challenge," Ward said. And currently through the emails I have received we have about 10 students coming in this year alone," she added.

Many students felt confident that the University is providing them with the essential tools and skills needed to succeed in corporate America. Senior political science major Jonathan Peterson feels that Howard University has been instrumental in preparing, not only him, but the rest of students for the work force.

"Howard provides a good work base for the students where graduates come back, providing an inside tract for the students in major corporations," Peterson said. "Not only that but the educational background we receive here at Howard is unparalleled anywhere in the country. We have a great opportunity and I feel thoroughly prepared."

Sophomore financial pre-law major Johanne Jones credits the Career Professional Development for supplying her with skills needed to succeed. "I feel the School of Business prepares the students for entering the work force. For instance they have an organization called CPD that provides the students with info sessions, which give student the opportunity to network with big companies so you can get internships. And of course internship lead to better opportunities later on," Jones said.

Some students hope to achieve more than attaining a position at a major company. Junior legal communication major JeNae Clark wished Howard Focused more on creating entrepreneurs.

"I believe that Howard University does prepare you to enter the work force however they should be preparing you to own your own business to be an entrepreneur," Clark said. "They need to focus more on actually going out there acquire wealth and acquire assets, not just going to work for someone on nine to five. So I think Howard should promote that more than the career fair. I mean the job fair is all well and good but you need to promote how to build your own business."

## Low Turnout at Speak-Out

By COREY CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

Although freshmen students were afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns, opinions and reactions to their first year at the University, very few students were in attendance at the Howard University Student Association sponsored "Freshmen Speak-out", held in the Blackburn Forum Tuesday evening.

The program, hosted by HUSA president and vice-president Stefanie Brown and Alex Dixon, gave freshmen a chance to discuss their problems and feelings with HUSA and each other.

After a brief introduction of the host and purpose of the Speak-out, freshmen were given their time to speak. Freshmen talked openly about their problems with University and its administration. Students complained that their advisors were not recommending the right requirements or electives. Some students expressed other concerns also dealing with the administration of their particular schools.

Along with HUSA officers, upperclassmen

were in attendance to give freshmen perspective.

"Some of the freshmen were saying they didn't like Howard, but that is how most people feel at first. They just have to get used to the school," said sophomore Jennifer Burrell.

While freshmen attendance was not as high as expected HUSA officials hoped, they still felt that the speak-out was productive.

"Although turn out was not what we expected, it allowed us to have a more intimate and personal discussion," said Brown. With the same enthusiasm, Dixon said, "The people who did come, came with real issues and made the speak-out really informative and productive."

Other issues discussed at the speak-out were technology, housing problems, and adjustments to college. "We plan to take topics from this discussion and incorporate them into other programs coming up," said Dixon.

Another speak-out is planned for the spring semester to follow up issues addressed at the fall speak-out. Freshmen students are also encouraged to attend all HUSA programs and functions.



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt  
David West, a project manager at the research pharmaceutical company Merck, discusses job opportunities with Heather Hairston, a junior psychology major.

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# CAMPUS DIGEST

The Department of Theatre Arts presents "Before It Hits Home," a play written by Cheryl L. West and directed by Mark Jolin. The production gives a close view of the effects AIDS has on an African-American family and the issue of homosexuality in the African-American community. The play will be featured at the Environmental Theatre Space (ETS) in Childers Hall (main campus) on October 2-6 at 7:30 p.m., additionally October 5 at 9:30 a.m. and October 6 at 2:30 p.m. The ticket prices are \$7.50 for students/senior citizens, and \$12.50 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the Ira Aldridge Theater Box Office at (202) 806-7700.

"Lessons on Living II: A Dialogue on HIV in the Family", a day-long conference will be held on Friday, October 5 sponsored by Howard University's Department of Theatre Arts, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and the Howard University Targeted Provider Education Demonstration Project (TPED). The conference kicks off with the play "Before It Hits Home" at 9:30 a.m., and continues throughout the day with seminars and speakers focusing on the history of HIV and AIDS, care and services available for the disease, and ways of coping with AIDS in the family. For more detailed information, call (202) 806-5336 or 1-877-660-7028.

Howard University's Early Learning Program to host Open House on Wednesday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Human Ecology Building on main campus. The Early Learning Program is a pre-school and kindergarten located on campus. For more information, call (202) 806-7102.

The 8th Annual JROTC Day sponsored by Howard University's Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Departments, to be held on Wednesday, October 10 on the main yard. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the guest speaker is Patrick H. Swygert, President of Howard University. For more information, contact Captain Pindell at 806-6784 or Captain Brown at 806-6788.

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Compiled by Chambre Malone

## Southern Illinois U. Grad Students Charged with Murder

By Brett Nauman  
Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Two Southern Illinois University students now face murder charges for their alleged role in the bizarre Sept. 8 shooting death of a North Carolina man, Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist said Tuesday.

Taffia Cunningham, 24, and Jahneria Singletary, 25, are being held legally accountable for the death of Tyree Cunningham. Kilquist said both students have been charged with murder because they were committing a crime when Tyree was killed.

Kilquist said police have also arrested Donald Druid, 31, and Karen Smith, 23, who were previously

wanted on \$100,000 warrants. Kilquist said police are still searching for two men who had knowledge of the homicide, but didn't inform police about it.

The four defendants have already been charged with home invasion and armed violence for allegedly attempting to rob Murphysboro resident Prentice Washington with a shotgun at his home. During the robbery, Washington shot and killed Tyree. Taffia Cunningham, Tyree's older sister, allegedly dumped her brother's body in the woods near Crab Orchard Lake with Singletary's assistance.

Kilquist said police have located Washington, who was missing for some time after the homicide, and took his statement which was made

in the presence of his lawyer. Kilquist said Washington has been charged for his alleged involvement Tyree's death, but he is unsure of what the charges are.

"What he should've done is call 911 and say 'I have a guy lying on my living room floor,'" Kilquist said.

Cunningham, a graduate student in sociology, and Singletary, a graduate student in the School of Music, both appeared Tuesday for their preliminary hearing in Jackson County court. Their preliminary hearings were postponed so their legal counsel can address the murder charges.

If convicted of first-degree murder, Cunningham and Singletary would face between 20 and 60 year prison sentences.

## Students Puzzled By Mold Growth in Building Walls

From A1

level. "If it is dangerous, why am I still living on the Plaza level?"

However, mold hasn't sent many students to campus physicians. According to health center officials, there have not been reports of mold-related incidents and there hasn't been a huge increase in allergy related illnesses.

Still, doctors say students have reasons to be alarmed.

According biology professor Dr. Lafayette Frederick, students in constant exposure to mold will have a much more severe inhalation of mold spores, which will germinate prolifically.

Symptoms of constant mold exposure include, coughing, sneezing, and clogging of the sinuses, he said.

"There should be some air samples done

to test for mold concentration," Frederick said. "Mold can grow on any organic surface, i.e. shoes, curtains, clothes, and sheets. Walking through hallways or rooms, that have mold can lead to the spreading of the mold to other places."

But students can tolerate small amounts of mold without illness, Fredrick said.

Steps can be taken to prevent illness, said Dr. L. Austin, professor of mycology in Howard's medical school.

Austin recommends that students with allergies stay away from a mold infested area.

Also, students with diabetes, cancer, transplants, and those students who may take steroids should avoid contact with mold.

"Students with these diseases are pre-disposed to mold infection," said Austin said.

## Bethune Hall Unlikely Solution to Housing Crunch

From A1

Other students agree.

"Knock the building up and start it from scratch," says freshman international business major, Latavia Green. "The school should never accept more students than it can house."

But renovating or constructing a new dormitory from scratch is not easy, Coleman says.

Coleman said Internet service, cable, privacy, heating, and air conditioning maybe difficult to put in the dorm because of its

old age and deteriorating condition. Also, renovating Bethune Hall would have similar costs to building an entirely new dorm.

Even a new dorm is not answer because the foundation of Bethune Hall prevents the rebuilding of a new site.

Bethune Hall has stood as dormant between the Tubman Quadrangle and the Bethune Annex for years.

Former students remember the cramped living conditions and other odds and ends about the dorm.

"The rooms were very small and all sin-

gles," said Gerald Macintosh, who now works for Residence Life. "You could literally spread your arms out wide and touch both walls."

In some instances, students weren't able open the closet and room doors simultaneously.

Bethune wasn't the only dormitory closed by Howard. Decreased enrollment also prompted Howard to close the Eaton Towers and the Sutton Plaza dormitories.

## Students Relieved by Airport Reopening

From A1

"As long as I can fly out of national I'm okay," McCray commented. "If more security benefits me it's okay. As long as I can get from point 'A' to 'B' safely."

Leon added, "The delay is no problem. I don't mind if it's for my safety."

Officials representing the District's hotel industry praised the opening

of National and said they expected the number of tourists visiting the region to increase soon. The hotel industry suffered greatly in the wake of the airport's closing. Thursday's reported earnings show that Marriott fell 8 percent to 39 cents a share.

According to Courtyard Marriott manager Floyd Semore, Marriott has made major cut backs in order to make an average profit. Floyd mentioned that all part-time hotel workers have been laid off.

"You have to drop rates. You have to cut staff," Semore said. "National reopening will show people it's okay to travel. If they don't open the airport hotels will be screwed."

In a press conference Tuesday President Bush said, "I know full well that the nation is asking this question: Are we taking the necessary precautions as we open... The answer is: You bet. We sure are."

## Psychology Professor Conducts Health Study

From A1

relation to physical health. "So what we did was conduct a study on cardiovascular activity," Dr. Harrell said. This study is conducted in three separate sessions.

On the first day of the study, a two-hour questionnaire is administered to determine the subject's personality. During the second day the subject is connected to an impedance cardiograph machine. The machine is connected to the body with electrodes that measure the subject's heart rate and force of each beat while listening to music, doing a difficult task, or viewing an unpleasant scene. On day three the subject's heart is monitored while the subject performs daily tasks.

While the research is not yet complete, Harrell and his

researchers have made some interesting discoveries. He attributes racism as one of the major components that hinders African Americans and their health. Harrell suggests African Americans should begin to change their outlook about themselves and their culture by performing cardiovascular exercises, enjoying music, dancing and maintaining a diet consisting of heavy whole grains, non-fat dairy, fruits, vegetables, and low meat intake. "It's time that we as African Americans take our health in our own hands and come up with a health plan that caters to our special needs living in America," Harrell said.

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### Jumping the Gun?

The nation's recent attacks have sparked an increase in paranoia throughout the country. Locally and nationally gun sales have increased as citizens try to protect themselves from possible terrorists in their communities. Virginia State Police background checks for handgun applicants increased by 32 percent the week of the attacks, while nationally the FBI noted a 15 percent increase in the number of handgun applicants from September 11-13. In addition, sales for

gas masks and other related safeguards against possible biological warfare have increased. Many have also begun to stock up on essentials such as water and canned foods.

In the midst of this panic, Attorney General John Ashcroft's appearance last Sunday on "Face the Nation" didn't provide much comfort. In his appearance, Ashcroft declared that there was a "clear and present danger"

of more terrorist attacks.

What, however, can actually be done to protect yourself from terrorists attacks? Surely, if the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States cannot detect the plans of terrorists your owning a gun will not protect you. Terrorists don't usually make house calls, anyway. Owning gas masks may seem ideal, but unless you plan on carrying your gas mask (and bio-hazard suit) with you everywhere you're only protected when you are at home.

Though a considerable amount of fear is to be expected and understood, we cannot allow our fears to reach irrational levels. The result can only be our gradual fumbling towards ignorance. If we allow it, this ignorance can hinder our way of life (as it has already begun to do) and pose a threat to the way of life of our innocent but stereotypically suspect neighbors.

#### Our View:

People need to stop overreacting

### Reagan Airport Reopening

It had been 23 days since the tragedies took place at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and just outside Pittsburgh. People living in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area were seemingly the last ones to "get on with lives as usual."

That was until yesterday when President George W. Bush announced Ronald Reagan National Airport was reopening. A sigh of relief was breathed by many when Bush released his news.

The reopening of Reagan has benefits that are ten fold.

First, Reagan, the last major airport in the United States to resume business operations will no doubt add to not only the regions morale but also its businesses. The Washington Post, claimed the airport was losing an estimated \$5.5 million each day the runways were closed. This, of course, did not help the dismal abyss the airline business was undoubtedly heading

towards this year.

With the airport continuing business, it means the several thousand employees who were temporarily laid off will get their jobs back. The businesses that thrive off the travelers Reagan attracts will resume as well. It also emphasizes that the country is finally moving on and headed back to normalcy.

#### Our View:

The Reopening of Reagan National was a good idea

Reagan's reopening also tremendously relieves the burden of students finding an alternative airport to get home. Students from surrounding colleges and universities use National airport because it is Metro accessible. Utilizing shuttle service to reach other area airports, like Dulles and BWI, can be quite costly, in upwards of \$45. Meanwhile, a train ticket to get to Reagan National Airport from the Howard Shaw metro stop cost \$1.10. Reopening Reagan National Airport was a good idea. It was the right idea.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Changing The Guard

SHANNON WASHINGTON

In my five years here- (and this is my LAST), I've seen many changes. I've gone from registering by hand to registering via the internet. The cafeteria is now the café and the basement of the school of communications, which used to serve as a computer lab has been replaced by the I-lab. One thing that has not changed, however, is the lackluster technology and inadequate facilities of the school of fine-arts, particularly the art department. My school has continuously been a recipient of second-hand computers and software as well as a significant shortage of teachers educated in today's technology. As a senior graphic design major, I have had to look for outside assistance in terms of new technology, and education of software- all of which should be included in my education. With all due respect to my current educators, I have not received my money's worth.

Both the Electronic Studio and Graphic Design labs are

second rate working environments, complete with second rate computers. With no money to pay lab assistants- there is a limited time that these labs can be accessible to students, leaving little time to attend to projects. Over the years I have spent close to \$300 at Kinkos and ABC Imaging to print my projects- all the while a laser printer sits in the graphic design lab collecting dust.

For six computers there is one working color printer which, if you're lucky, has enough ink to print your projects. There is one working computer with internet access and three out of eight of the systems were made after 1999.

In voicing our concerns in the past, the University has responded by forwarding us to the I-lab, which is unfair due to the fact that this is my area on concentration, b) I should not have to compete with the rest of the University and c) the I-lab does not host all of the software that design majors utilize daily. We must upgrade our facilities

or the performance of our students will continue to be second-rate. We must bring aboard new professors who are well-versed in today's technology and software and that can add a real-world perspective to our education.

I still do not understand why the Electronic Studio and Graphic Design Lab(s) are across campus from each other- when we use the same technology and for the most part the same programs. I believe that we have a lot to learn from one-another. And by the way, what is the real difference between our disciplines? Aren't we all working as visual communicators? It is time to change the guard. By combing these two departments, we will provide for an open exchange of ideas and information between our disciplines.

President Swygert has continuously made improvements to bring our University into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, if he wishes to succeed he must bring our "circa 1992" computers with him.

In being such a small department we may not have that big of a voice on campus, but think of this: Whenever you see a billboard, look through a magazine, hang a poster on your wall or accept one of the many flyers distributed on campus- they are all products of design. Every time you turn on your Play station you are looking at a program that an animator has created, and every web-page you look at was created by a designer. We may not work with investment portfolios or perform open heart surgery but we supply the design and identity of society, which is as important as anything else. Hopefully when I return to this school next year as an alumni- I can say that my department has changed as well.

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## African-American, Progressive, and Pro-War

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As the dust settles after the destruction of the World Trade Center and a section of the Pentagon on September 11th many people in the progressive community are split concerning America's response. Some agree that the United States has a right to respond to these horrific attacks militarily. Many others believe that retaliation will just cause more bloodshed and the further loss of innocent life. As an African-American, who is generally politically progressive, I have had to contemplate many questions in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, a date that will forever be etched in the minds of millions around the world for generations to come.

As the Bush administration ponders its options it is clear that there will be a military response designed to capture or kill the suspected culprits, which appears to be Osama bin Laden and his network of followers known as Al Qaida. Also, the removal of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, which has sheltered bin Laden and allowed the existence of training camps, is also being considered. The Taliban's repressive approach to ruling its country, especially its treatment of women, whom are barred from work, education, and can be beaten by Taliban street enforcers if their traditional Islamic covering (the Burka) does not cover enough, has horrified the world.

As a progressive, I for many reasons believe military action is justified because there are times in history when one must side with forces that they may usually be opposed to under normal circumstances in order to defeat a greater more immediate threat. This was true nearly sixty years ago when America entered the fight against Nazi Germany and the Japanese Empire. With the reflection of six decades of history and the knowledge of the horrifying atrocities committed by both German and Japanese forces few people seriously think America was wrong to enter the war. The deaths of nearly 4000 American citizens, and 2000 citizens of other countries in less than an hour and half of horror and destruction is a crime against humanity that can not be appeased, negotiated with, or catered to. It is a threat that must be answered with force.

During the 1950's, 60s, and 70s as African-Americans fought for justice and equality we were considered brothers and sisters waging the same struggle by many people in the third world, and the travels of Malcolm X throughout the African, Arab-Islamic world was a great symbol of African-American-third world unity. However, the end of the national liberation era has effectively

reduced, if not eliminated any real substantive solidarity, particularly with non-Africans. Al Qaida is also responsible for the 1998 bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 12 Americans, but over 212 Africans and injured 5000 mostly poor working class people, who had nothing to do with U.S. foreign policy. It is interesting that this particular action took place in two poor African countries with mostly African Christian and Muslim populations, and not in the Arab world, so the question must be asked: Is bin Laden a racist for allowing such "collateral damage"? I know the answer—this loss of life would have been totally unacceptable in an Arab country, so I must call it like I see it. Yes. He's a racist because African lives were valued less. Also, when the final count is in, the loss of African-American life and injured in these recent attacks could approach 1000. This is a time for us as a community to subvert the labels of Democrat, Republican and others in order to stand with the country. Sixty years ago, despite of the lack of justice and full democracy at home, our grandparents supported and joined the struggle against a greater and more immediate threat, the fight against Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. It does not mean we should give blind allegiance, because we must always question any administration embarking toward the course of military action in the name of defending the American people. The right to question those in power is a fundamental pillar of a democratic society, but so is the right to also defend such a society.

The last twenty years a dramatic shift within the Arab-Islamic world has occurred, as Arab nationalism has become a bankrupt ideology incapable of delivering the social goods of freedom, justice and equality for the masses. Islamic fundamentalism has emerged and defined a new order (with old teachings), which rejects secularism, communism and capitalism. The world is viewed as an eternal conflict or "jihad" (holy war or struggle) of believers against "infidel" non-believers. Therefore, all Americans are targets, regardless of background or social position within the so-called infidel society. As bin Laden said, if you pay taxes, you support the system oppressing Muslims; therefore a civilian is a justifiable target. That means all of us. Progressive or not, even those who typically question U.S. policy in the Middle East. The terrorists on those planes did not make any distinctions, not even the three Washington D.C. school children whose lives were so brutally taken as their plane

slammed into the Pentagon.

This conflict is probably less a war in terms of the conventional or traditional sense, and more a armed struggle between a transnational terrorist network and Western democracies, especially the United States. Tactically, using violence to confront the United States of America for its support of Israel, Arab monarchies, and other regimes like Egypt is the first phase of Al Qaida's "jihad". The second phase is the overthrow of the aforementioned U.S. allies. During this conflict there will be no tank armies arrayed against each other, no Marines poised to storm a beach. The U.S. will use the advantage of specially trained forces to locate, and then destroy with massive air power, the terrorist bases. Afterwards, special forces will go on search and destroy missions to eliminate those left alive. Some in the progressive community have expressed the notion that President Bush wants to wage a war on a poor third world country. I disagree. No government would seek a confrontation on the type of terrain that exists in Afghanistan. It is mostly mountainous and in less than six weeks the first snows will arrive, making it even more difficult to accomplish the objective of locating a well hidden and defended enemy. The experience of the British army in the 19th century, as well as the Soviets a generation ago is enough to give any government a moment of pause. Osama bin Laden's few thousand cadres may be more difficult to defeat than Saddam's 500,000 troops that were deployed in the open desert of Kuwait and Iraq, which as Colin Powell said, "were just waiting to be attacked."

The support for retaliation is not blind. As a progressive I am concerned that some Americans are using the fervor of patriotism to attack Arabs, Muslims, or people who they think are Muslims. These are not only racist attacks; but ignorant ones as well, because it symbolizes America's general lack of knowledge regarding other cultures. Also, it is quite interesting that after the Oklahoma City bombing and the arrest of Timothy McVeigh, tall blond haired white men were not attacked, and people affiliated with militia organizations were not arrested, detained, and held under the serious light of suspicion. Osama bin Laden knew that the response of some Americans would be to target innocent Arabs and Muslims in the United States, which is a part of his strategy to prove that the "infidel" society is hostile to Muslims, which he hopes will in turn increase anti-American fervor in the Islamic world.

After bin Laden is captured or killed, and the Taliban regime is hopefully overthrown the United States has an obligation to help the Afghani people rebuild by providing funds for economic development. During the 1980s the United States provided the Afghan resistance military support to defeat the Soviets. In 1989, after one million deaths later, the world's highest rate of amputees and refugees, the U.S. coldly turned its back on a people who did more to end the cold war than any other. Unlike Germany and Japan after World War Two there was no Marshall Plan and no consultation regarding an orderly political restructuring of society. The reasons are clear. Afghanistan did not have an industrialized economy, oil, or anything else of economic value to the West, other than opium, which is controlled by global organized crime. The resulting chaos of civil war directly led to the emergence of the Taliban, who filled the power vacuum beginning in 1994. Two years later Osama bin Laden was given sanctuary, a reward for the years he fought with and supported the Afghan resistance against the Soviet invasion. It is conceivable to believe that there would be no Taliban, or bin Laden in Afghanistan if there had been a commitment to the Afghan people after their great victory against a powerful Soviet army.

Being a progressive who supports retaliation is not a contradiction, because to reiterate, there are times in history when forces normally opposed to each other have a convergence of interest. This occurred when communist Russia (Soviet Union) was allied with the capitalist West to defeat Nazi Germany, and afterwards the lines of opposition were again redrawn to reflect the emergence of a new conflict, the cold war. After the Taliban is overthrown, and bin Laden's cadres within Afghanistan are either captured or killed, the progressives supporting the Bush administration on this issue will find there way back to the trenches of election reform, environmental protection, a minimum wage increase, and protecting social security. We must let history be our judge and jury when faced with an enemy who is willing to so easily disregard the lives of completely innocent people, such as those precious Washington, D.C. school children. More than sixty years ago the world went down this road and failed to act, which ultimately led to a greater loss of life. Have we learned our lesson?

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# Life & Style

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## 1st Person

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

By KAREN JAMES  
Contributing Writer

With the week of homecoming vastly approaching, it is very easy for students to get caught up with clothes, activities, money, and fun. But students seemingly forget about one word that we all have been lectured on many times. RESPECT. What does the word really mean, and why is it so easily forgotten through the duration of homecoming week?

According to Webster's dictionary, the word respect is defined as having high or special regards towards.

Now I know that many of the people who are on our campus during homecoming activities aren't enrolled at the University. But let's be real, the majority of crazy acts and outfits are care of the Howard University family. It seems like guys and girls completely forget about their morals and respect for themselves and each other from the moment that homecoming is announced.

Ladies, why do we feel like we need to come out of the house in next to nothing when we know it's windy and cold outside during homecoming? Or how about the boots or shoes that are so high you can barely walk in them accompanied by the mini skirt that jacks up each time you're lucky enough to take a successful step in those shoes. Do you really have to give your phone number out to every Moe or Joe that says he wishes he were feelin' on your bootie? Don't disrespect yourself by wearing something that is inappropriate or uncomfortable and conduct yourself as a lady.

Guys, please on behalf of the ladies, don't disrespect us by doing any of the following: hollering "Hey girl!" from across the yard, smacking any part of our bodies, or calling us out of our name for any reason.

Remember also to keep it cool amongst each other. Homecoming festivities are always packed. You have to expect that you will be bumped or possibly elbowed. If any occasion arises where you are disrespected, be the bigger person and don't be disrespectful in responding to the other person. No one is worth fighting over and if shoes are stepped on they can be replaced easier than a fine or a suspension can be erased from your university record.

As soon as Howard's homecoming is mentioned at other universities, people automatically describe us as being wild, out there, or just plain crazy. Before it even unfolds, people know our homecoming is always tight and celebrities will always be in attendance. So, do we really need to act with such low regard for each other and ourselves in order to have the reputation of having one of the best homecoming celebrations in the nation?

The answer is no.

Yes, homecoming week is supposed to be fun, but if anything, our respect and awareness should be heightened in order to maintain a safe and memorable experience. Before you buy that outfit, make that comment, throw that first punch, or drink that last beer that will put you over the edge, gage yourself by asking one question: Is it *really* that serious? Just like many years prior, homecoming will be off the hook. Just remember that you don't have to be.



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## Tweeds, Pinstripes Will Heat Up Fall Fashion

By COURTNEY WADE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's about that time. The time for the Yard to be graced with the soles of Timbs, Kenneth Cole's, and of course, stiletto heeled boots. The time for coats, sweaters, and pullovers. The time for dusters and turtle-necks. That's right, the autumn season is here, and it's in full effect. Whether your style requires that you treat yourself to a new pair of Timbs, a new sleeveless turtleneck dress, or even a new leather jacket, I've got the advice you need before you go shopping for the Fall Fashion Essentials. The colors choco-

# Fall In To Fashion

late and tan are the colors for this fall season, tweeds and pinstripes are the direction. I'm here to show you how to work with these guidelines. So, read on.

Typically, according to Marcus Hall, a wardrobe consultant at Everett Hall Boutique, Howard students fall into the following fashion categories: the Casual Male, the Casual Female, the Dress Up Female, and Dress Up Male. Based on these categories, he believes we can associate certain items or "favorites" with the person. For instance, the Casual Male is most likely a slave to his closet of jeans and boots. The four categories are broken down into each student's personal wardrobe profile.

He "stomps" into any room coolly and confidently, making a desired statement of power and control with his saggin' baggy jeans and rubber soled boots. He's always on the go; therefore, he demands that his wardrobe be able to go with the flow. He is the Casual Male.

Casual Males are the sexy thugs who know just how low to go with their saggin' jeans. His essentials include: sweatsuits, a jean jacket, vests, oversized, ribbed turtlenecks and sweaters, dirty denim or fad washed jeans. For this category, jeans of every wash and style are welcome to provide variety. Since jeans are so flexible, the possibilities are endless. Any combination of name brand will do: long sleeve T-shirts, hoodies, and vests. It's no secret that although this wardrobe is simple, it will absolutely catch the eye of any souls 'sista looking' for a bad boy in her life.

She rocks Timbs proudly in the fall, winter, spring, and summer. When she's not wearing boots, she's d-in' 'em up on the court in the latest Air Jordans. Her favorites are baggy jeans sweatshirts, and her dad's oversized flannel shirts. Her taste is simple, with no time for the careful task of accessorizing that the Dress Up Female must perform daily. She is the Casual Female.

For this girl on the go, there are many options. Basic essentials would include: boots, a favorite sweatshirt or hoodie, a baseball shirt, a vest, and baggy jeans. Typically, all of these things can be combined to go

from class to the Café and then later on to the gym for a last minute pick up game. The key here is to vary the outfits with many different styles of jeans as well as sweatshirts and hoodies. Style is often placed on the back-burner by Casual Females, but the above info is guaranteed to fit her fast paced lifestyle.

As she searches for an unoccupied seat in Chemistry, she is confronted with the nagging question, "Why you dressed up today?" However, she always has a sly reply ready, proclaiming, "This is the way I choose to dress." From head to toe, she is coordinated, accessories and all. She is trendy and just plain cool. She is the Dress Up Female.

The essentials for this trendsetter include: a bangin' pair of boots, earth colored snug and chunky turtlenecks, a duster, a long denim skirt (preferably with a slit), a slim fitting pair of dirty denim jeans. Most knee boots for this year are stiletto and have a pointed toe, but if you are not comfortable with the way this looks on your foot, search for a style that reflects you. The most popular boot colors remain: black and chocolate. Turtlenecks and dusters (long coatlike sweaters or denim jackets) combine with anything: dirty denim, skirts, and slacks. When wearing a duster, it is essential to wear a boot to elevate it so that it hangs correctly. In addition, this season, jeans for this category have taken on a slim, bootie-huggin' fit that most guys will love. The Dress Up Female will most definitely be a funky head turner with the above essentials.

He always seems to stand out in the crowd even when he's trying to blend in. You know the guy wearing suits on Saturdays when there's no class or no church services. He has that Calvin Klein, make-you-wanna-sweat look working for him. He makes his creases so precise: they can "sho-nuff" slice even fresh bread. "Dress to impress," is his life motto. Therefore, he is the Dress Up Male.

The fall season for the Dress Up Male brings back many vintage styles that might be found in your parents' attic, and new trends as well. One of the staples of this particular wardrobe is the fitted leather jacket. The jacket should fit neatly, not tightly. The jacket goes well with



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mock neck sweaters and dirty denim, or long sleeve collared shirts. Recognizing that no great outfit is complete without shoes (or boots in this case), the Dress Up Male wears low Kenneth Cole boots. Following these tips is bound to impress his dates and colleagues alike.

Finally, it is extremely significant to pay close attention to your personal style. Don't become a fashion follower, transforming yourself into a poor imitation of the Real Thing. Your wardrobe should reflect you, your preferences, and your lifestyle. In addition, the visual presentation is another important factor in choosing what to wear. If you are not comfortable with what you are wearing, chances are other will adopt the same attitude and use it to your disadvantage. Confidence is an accessory that completes a look no matter what the season may be.

## Fall Fashion



## Why You Sweatin' Me?

Sweaters Hot Commodity For Fall Wardrobes



By COURTNEY WADE  
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A month ago the Labor Day holiday weekend marked the unofficial end of summer. Well October is here and the Autumn season if you haven't noticed is in full foliage. Therefore, many changes will occur as a result of the inevitable weather shift and the demands that the school year will continue to place on all. Fall fashion is one of the most affected cat-

egories of this transitional period. It is time out for the "bootie" shorts, summer dresses, and wife beaters that were so prominent at this past summer's backyard barbecues and pool parties. It's high time to bring back everyone's fall favorite - the sweater.

Sweaters are essential to the fall wardrobe for anyone who lives north of the equator. With the weather permitting, sweaters become one of numerous ways to be fashionably funky, cute, and cozy all at the same time. "They're [sweaters] essential for the fall," said Alisha Brewer, a freshman Biology major, "Because it's too cold for short sleeves and too hot for a coat."

Sweaters are made in all different types, colors, and styles. Fall sweater trends this year include: turtlenecks ranging from chunky to quite snug, any color duster (long coat-like sweaters that usually button or zip up), and patterned or solid pullovers that are guaranteed to match your favorite pair of jeans no matter what wash they are.

Snug turtlenecks are a great way of adding a possibly much needed layer to an outfit on those so cold-you-can-see-your-breath days.

Chunky turtlenecks are warm and easy to throw on with any pair of jeans and corduroys. Dusters can be worn with absolutely any fall outfit whether it is an A-line skirt and blouse, or and turtleneck, jeans, and boots combo.

Although jeans are bound to dominate the campus this fall and winter, some people would rather have it another way. "I love the short skirt/duster combination with knee high boots!" exclaimed freshman Biology major Giara Gilmore.

In terms of color, cinnamon, mustard, cranberry, brick, tan, brown, and olive green are not what you'd normally think. These are the earth colors for the fall season that continue to reign supreme. They have taken over boots, blouses, coats, and of course sweaters.

So not to discriminate sweatshirts are back too. When you're running late for class and you only have time to literally throw something on, grab a sweatshirt and GO. Sweatshirts are convenient for many reasons.

"Sweatshirts are comfortable, easy, and casual," according to Ali Williams, a senior journalism major, "you don't have to iron,



you just throw it on and hit it!" Sweatshirts seem to suit the lifestyle of many no-fuss college students and this is so for all the right reasons.

However, for Ronald Newman, a junior theater arts administration major, sweaters rather than sweatshirts mean something more. "I love fall because you can wear sweaters and coats," Newman said, "I like sweaters that represent the cause, I can appreciate whether it be the arts or an HBCU". Nevertheless, fall seems to be the perfect time to rock sweaters and sweatshirts that advertise the you that



# Homecoming.... The Yard Show

## Students Flock To Stores To Update Wardrobes

By Charmion Kinder  
Contributing staff Writer

As thousands of students anxiously await this year's homecoming kickoff, the question of what to wear, has perplexed some and inspired others.

Homecoming, especially the yard fest, is a time much anticipated by a mass of students, especially those who consider themselves fashionably savvy. The yard fest exhibits the best of fashion from areas near and far. "I'm looking to see the different people, from different area's, contributing different styles," said Nadia Holmes, a senior Psychology major.

Deliberately catering to a spin twisted by individualistic style, many who step foot on the yard, are there to make a statement. Johnathan Ajose, a native of Brooklyn, NY and senior Human Development major says, "People should make their own style.... Being on this campus I strive to be different."

While some strategize a color scheme and others opt to wear what they already own, numerous underclassmen seem to be more enthusiastic about obtaining customized homecoming wardrobes. Derrick Henderson a sophomore, sociology major from Baltimore, Maryland is particularly interested

in what styles people have to offer. "This is my first homecoming at Howard, I want to see what the homecoming is all about. I want to see what everyone is working with.... The hottest designer to me is Gucci."

A few labels on the cutting edge this years homecoming fashion include Coogi, Fendi, Prada, Dolce and Gabana (D&G), Louis Vutton, Moschino, Roberto Cavalli, Christion Dior, and Kenneth Cole. Bebe, Gap, Banana Republic, Arden B., Bloomingdale's, Diesel, Nine West, Urban Outfitters, Focus, Neiman Marcus, Lifestyles, and Express through student polling, were deemed as some of the best stores to shop at.

"Tyson's Corner is my favorite place to shop," said Cathy White, sophomore biology major from Virginia Beach, VA. Tyson's Corner and Tyson's 2 are popular shopping malls located in McClain, Virginia.

Female fashion trends for mid season align with hip hugger, low rider, cut up, and designed jeans. Feminine t-shirts with decals, logos, gold, silver, glitter, and/or rhinestones are also extremely popular. Accessories, including big belts, hoops, bangles, spikes and alternative costume jewelry are also a wonderful way to individualize your look. Matching handbags, belts, and shoes also can

provide extra pizzazz to your outfit.

Male fashion trends usually are consistent. However, this year, dirty wash, ripped up, or designed jeans are in. A fresh pair of Timberlands and a fitted cap are a must for all baggy jean lovers. Other accessories such as Gucci shades, visors and belts are also hot in the market.

Katrina McLendary a sophomore, marketing major from Springfield, VA suggests that it is wise to shop away from the area because of the overlapping of purchases that will occur with whoever shops in the area. Some students have even taken or plan to take the initiative and leave the area to purchase their outfits.

Junior marketing major, Rob Lilly from Harlem NY will travel home to finish off his homecoming regalia. "You have to go to the Hill...145th and Broadway," said Lilly. Henderson, advises going to the 5th avenue, Manhattan, where Moschino, Prada, and Sacks 5th Avenue boutiques can be found. "Sojo, and Dolce & Gabana are also stores to look into," he said.

Dana Ogoe, a junior marketing major will travel home to Baltimore, Maryland to shop. "I'll be picking up a few things from Montgomery Mall."

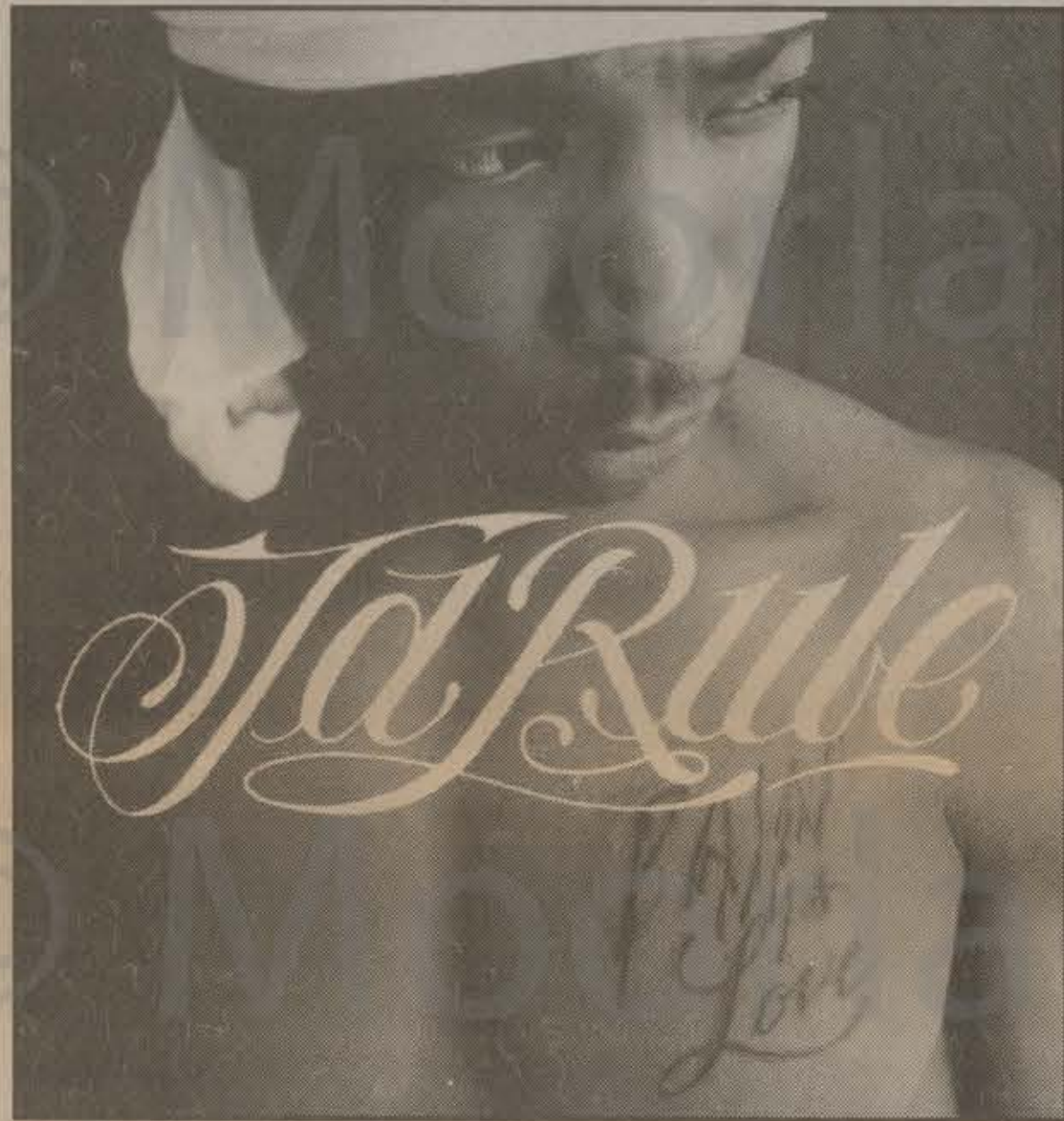
The homecoming yard fest proves to be a day of reunions, good times, and high fashion. The runway is set, and the audience is watching.



Mirror Image: Senior finance major Ronnie Bascom sizes up his options in a dressing room for 2 yardfest

# It's Murder!

## Ja Rule Kills the Game with 'Pain is Love'



By Alysha Cobb  
Hilltop Staff Writer

From day one, Ja Rule has promised to keep it real and that is exactly what he has done on his latest album *Pain is Love*. The first track, *Dial M for Murder* maintains Ja's raw approach to his music and serves as a sharp contrast to some of the more laid back tracks. His leading single *Livin' it up* features a chorus with hints of a Stevie Wonder gem *Misquarium*.

This song highlights Ja Rule's carefree spirit and has a universal vibe. His tribute to his record company, *The Inc* featuring Caddilac Tah, Black Child & Ashanti, pays homage to the success of the Murder Inc. record label. The ladies are sure to fall in love with track 5. Everyone will go crazy over the sensuous hook of *Always On Time* featuring Ashanti Douglas.

Like 3:36 - *Where would I be?*, this song is sure to become an anthem. The next ode to women is *Down A\*\* B\*\*ch* featuring Chuck. After you get over the title you can't help but to get caught up in the sweet promise to be the Bonnie to your man's Clyde. On *Never Again*, Ja vows to never return to the street life he left, no matter how much it calls.

The *Leo* interlude (a spoof on Miss Cleo), adds much humor to the album and serves as the perfect segue into the Murder remix of J.Lo.'s *I'm real*. He maintains his gritty street sound with the next couple of tracks, *Smokin' and Ridin'* and *X. X* featuring Missy Elliott and Tweet promises to be another smash hit. Missy's flavor, and Tweet's naturally soothing voice combined with Ja Rule's creative lyrics is an untouchable combination.

The *Big Remo* interlude seems a little misplaced, but it does not distract from its surrounding tracks. *Lost Little Girl* sheds light on the life of a misguided young woman, a refreshing break from the industry's typical 'T and A' tracks. Its simple beat emphasizes the power behind the words.

His transition from his single *Livin' It Up* featuring Case, J.Lo.'s *I'm Real* and his own *So Much Pain*, shows his diversity as a true artist. He has crossed over into pop, and r&b with much success. Ja Rule maintains his hard edge without succumbing to designer-brand materialism.

He surpasses expectations with a winning combination of provocative beats and slick bass lines to carry you from one track to the other. Party joints will have club-goers hitting the dance floor. This album will make your head bounce, your shoulders sway, and make you think, all at the same time. Without a doubt, Ja Rule is here to stay.

# Boot-ylicious

## How To Step Out In Style For Fall

By: ALYSHA COBB

The air is crisp and the nights are getting longer - autumn is officially underway. With a change in weather comes a change in fashion and there is only one thing on our minds: What are we going to wear?

This season is loaded with possibilities. This year's fall line is satiated with styles to help you get on the good foot, boot-ylicious style - I don't think you're ready for the new boot line.

Almost everything coming down the runway has been coupled with a great pair of boots. From ankle high leather and thigh high suede to pencil thin stilettos and trendy flat heels, there is a style for every style and every leg.

Nine West is chock full of new designs, nine of which are featured on the company's website. Some its hottest features are its new urban look, Wedge, and the equestrian style riding boots. Make a statement in Two-toned classics or lace up Edwardian style in the Granny boot.

Life would not be complete with out matching accessories. Add a little versatility to your ensemble with handbags, jackets, and belts. There are styles and colors to match every boot design. With more than five locations in the District and the Greater D.C. area, Nine West is a top contender in providing high fashion boots to Washington D.C.

Do not enter Nordstrom and Macys unless you are ready to shop. Both locations are also fit to please even the savviest shopper.

Nordstrom's showcase highlights top designers such as BCBG Max Azria, Cole Haan, Andre Assous, Lauren by Ralph Lauren, and Mezlan. The Cole Haan Bootie is about as comfortable as a boot can get. Its Nike Air technology sole will have you floating on cloud nine.

Shop Macys for the new Coach collection, plus much



more, at a reasonable price (you never want to sacrifice quality).

The new line by Enzo Angiolini at Pentagon City also features top quality products with hot designs to keep you in step this year.

Do not limit yourself to the standard black or brown boot. This season, designers are coming out with different textures and colors. Python, alligator, and snakeskin prints are on all the runways and in all the department stores. Try a new style this season with triple textured boots. Dare to be different and go all out in a pair of thigh highs.

Whatever you do, do not be afraid. This fall season, try different textures, colors, styles and brands. Add your own flavor to your favorite pair of boots and your possibilities will be endless. Start your own trends instead of following the standard. Make fashion fun and step out in style.

## Entertainment Briefs:

**Howard:** It's official - everyone's favorite Uncle will be present at this year's Homecoming. Uncle Luke a.k.a. Luther Campbell has confirmed his presence for the last weekend of festivities and will be hosting the only official Luke afterparty at the Bohemian Cavern. There will be wild contests and giveaways all night so keep your eyes peeled for more details.

**Music:** Jay-Z has maintained his #1 position on the Billboard Charts for the third straight week in a row. With over a half a million sold the first week Hova dropped down to 271,000 the second week, and has dropped to 173,000 the third week. Alicia Keys has also maintained her position at #2.

**Film:** Sony has finally selected the release date for the biography film

about Muhammad Ali. "Ali," starring Will Smith was originally slated for a December 7 release, and then bowed to December 14. Seeing as on December 14 Tom Cruise's "Vanilla Sky" will be released by Paramount, Sony has now decided to release the movie on Christmas Day, December 25. Merry Christmas!

**Television:** This month VH1 will present *Say it Loud: Black Music in America*, a five-part documentary showcasing the history of soul, hosted by Quincy Jones. Mr. Jones also took part in the making of the documentary, and has also collaborated with Rhino records on the series accompanying box set.

Compiled by Jozen Cummings



Will Smith stars in the December releases 'Ali'

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## What's News—

In Business and Finance

### What Kind of Help Is Best for Economy?

As signs of economic recession multiply, the White House and Congress scrambled to devise a legislative package aimed at stimulating the U.S. economy.

The government can pump more money into the economy either by increasing its own spending or giving tax revenues back to households and companies through tax relief. The main issues still to be decided: Should the emphasis be on tax cuts or spending increases? Should the tax cuts be temporary or permanent? Should the emphasis be on consumers or businesses?

Meanwhile, some analysts worry that aggressive interest-rate cutting by the Federal Reserve may not stimulate spending at a time when consumers are worried about their jobs, and businesses are stuck with too much capacity.

### Airlines Cut Flights As Well as Fares

With planes flying half-empty these days, big airlines are starting to cut fares.

Despite the steep decline in air traffic since the Sept. 11 attacks, most major airlines have been slow to discount their ticket prices to attract business. Carriers have feared appearing opportunistic or insensitive, and they weren't sure cheaper fares would entice jittery customers anyway. One notable exception: Southwest Airlines, which launched a fare sale and new, patriotic advertising to drum up business. Now other major airlines have started to offer deep discounts as well.

Meanwhile, carriers keep laying off employees—and cutting the number of flights. Last Friday, for instance, United said it would reduce its capacity to 74% of what it offered prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

### Rental Cars Adrift After One-Way Trips

Rental-car companies are trying to put their fleets back together.

When airlines were grounded after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, thousands of stranded travelers hit the road instead, picking up rental cars and taking them on one-way trips.

Now rental companies are trying to relocate thousands of vehicles, some left in remote areas around the country, some simply abandoned in parking lots. Among the solutions rental companies are working on: slashing prices on one-way rentals and selling the displaced cars.

### Microsoft Sued, Passport Challenged

Competitors of Microsoft Corp. served up two new challenges to the software giant.

Software maker Novell Inc. said it sued Microsoft in federal court, alleging that Microsoft made "false and misleading statements" about Novell in statements to customers.

Those statements, Novell said, were made on ersatz cereal boxes called "Microsoft Server Crunch" that Microsoft sent to Novell customers in a marketing campaign. Microsoft said on the box that Novell was shifting its focus from software development to consulting, so customers using Novell's NetWare software would lack proper support, and would therefore face higher costs. Novell said in a statement.

Microsoft declined comment.

Meanwhile, Sun Microsystems Inc. has recruited 32 other big companies to become charter members of an online identification alliance likely to compete with Microsoft's high-profile Passport system. The effort, dubbed the Liberty Alliance Project, plans to set technical ground rules to allow users of PCs, cellphones and other products to get

### Tough Times

Companies in many sectors have announced significant layoffs:

COMPANY	NUMBER
Boeing	30,000
American Airlines	20,000
United Airlines	20,000
Continental Airlines	12,000
US Airways	11,000
Northwest Airlines	10,000
Honeywell International	7,600
Advanced Micro Devices	2,300
Excite@Home	500
Nordstrom	unspecified
Eastman Kodak	unspecified

Source: the companies

access to all kinds of Internet resources by logging on just once. That is also the stated goal of Passport—but many companies view Microsoft as a potential competitor in Internet services, or feel more comfortable with standards set by a group rather than by one company.

Sun and other participants hope Microsoft will join the Liberty effort. Microsoft said it would consider working with the alliance, but said it makes more sense for the group to adopt Passport's proposals, since it has a head start.

### TV Programmers Tweak for Terror

TV networks have been scrutinizing their shows, looking for anything that might upset viewers by reminding them of Sept. 11. NBC backed out of a planned "Law & Order" miniseries that dealt with biological terrorism, while Fox cut footage of a plane exploding from its new CIA drama "24." Fox's sister syndication unit Twentieth Television decided to pull from reruns an episode of "The Simpsons" in which the family goes to New York to retrieve Homer's car, which is parked illegally in front of the World Trade Center.

In a scene from the comedy show "Ellen" that was pulled by CBS last week, Ellen, played by Ellen DeGeneres, tells her mother that her online business has "collapsed." Her slightly ditzy mother replies: "Oh, well thank your lucky stars you weren't there at the time."

Not everyone applauds such excising. "I'm not sure if this attempt to protect Americans from seeing these images in entertainment is such a good thing to do," said Robert Thompson, director for the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "To go back and retroactively make every reference and appearance of the World Trade Center vanish is to make it worse," he says, predicting such moves will later be judged as "over-reactions."

### Costs From Attack Not 'Extraordinary'

A task force of the Financial Accounting Standards Board has decided not to allow companies to treat costs and expenses related to the Sept. 11 attacks as an "extraordinary item" in the financial statements they file with government regulators. That means costs that companies consider attack-related won't be allowed to be broken out as a separate line item but instead will be considered costs that are part of normal business operations.

The problem was the task force felt it would be impossible to separate the direct effects of the attack from the prevailing economic conditions before the event and the impact on the economy afterwards. The impact was so pervasive, affecting virtually every company and creating such a broadly new economic landscape, that "it almost made it ordinary," a task-force member said.

By Robert J. Tott

### Retailers Come to Grips With a Delicate Task In Time of Mourning

HACKENSACK, N.J.—Christmas will be a little late this year.

In some stores, that is. Pottery Barn, for instance, had planned to bring out some of its Christmas treasures this week. Two back rooms at the Pottery Barn store in the Riverside Square shopping mall here are packed with items like jingle-bell wreaths, reindeer candelabras and peppermint-candy candles that manager George Bautista simply loves. But now Mr. Bautista—like all Pottery Barn managers—will delay launching Christmas for a full month.

It's a potentially costly decision, because many retailers had been counting on early Christmas sales to combat economic weakness. But Mr. Bautista contends that sales growth matters less than decorum. "I see a lot of stores that have Christmas stuff out, and it doesn't seem right yet," he says.

The weak economy posed a Christmas challenge to retailers even before Sept. 11. Now they face the delicate task of promoting holiday cheer in a season of outrage and grief.

"We can't pretend it's going to be the same cheery season," says Diane Broderick, a 49-year-old office manager, shopping at Riverside Square last week. She hopes that retailers ring in the holidays with "a little bit of good taste."

### Slowing Growth

This upscale mall is just eight miles from where the attacks on the World Trade Center occurred. But retailers everywhere share its concerns. Meanwhile, expectations for Christmas sales nationwide are sliding further. Research firm Retail

Forward Inc. is predicting fourth-quarter sales growth, excluding autos and gasoline, of just 1.5%, compared with 4.5% last year.

At a Pottery Barn competitor in Riverside Square, furniture retailer Bombay Co., Christmas trees already are sparking. "We have to go on," store manager Matthew Mazza says. Actually, Bombay launched its decorations the week of Sept. 10. The process was well under way when the terrorist attacks occurred. "We certainly didn't mean to offend anyone," says Cathy Pringle, vice president of marketing for Bombay. But "how do you stop 400 stores? It's like turning around the Queen Mary." A couple of customers have called the company, she concedes, calling it "insensitive."

The mall itself doesn't want any such complaints. After a year of holiday planning, marketing director Brenda Haas is scrapping Christmas ads featuring a smiling girl and replacing them with photos of products that represent security: blankets, candles and pillows in warm colors like amber and plum.

### Wrong Message?

Ms. Haas also did something dramatic—she erected an 88-foot-long board with the words "United We Stand" on top, on which shoppers could write messages. But should the board remain standing when the mall starts piping in Christmas carols? Shopper Marisa Kardos, 16 years old, doesn't think so. While scribbling a message on the board herself, she says the mall should take the board down by Thanksgiving. "It could put a depressing tone to the holidays," she says.

Yet at the moment, excessive cheer is the biggest concern of most retailers at Riverside Square. They realize that many Christmas sales may already be lost; Ms. Broderick, for one, already has decided to trim her \$2,000-to-\$3,000 holiday budget, giving less to the malls and more to



Paula Perle

charities.

More important than salvaging Christmas is avoiding the possible long-term damage of offending customers. History offers at least one example of how to push on, but tastelessly: In 1963, six days after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Macy's proceeded with its Thanksgiving Day parade but draped black bunting on its floats. This year, Macy's is brainstorming ways to make parts of the parade—its 75th-tributes to New York and America.

Here at Riverside Square, no Christmas lights sparkle yet at anchor Saks Fifth Avenue. But plenty of holiday spirit shone in the retailer's Christmas catalog, and its executives inserted a letter into it apologizing for that. "On press prior to [Sept. 11], this catalog and other mailings may contain material and tone that are inconsistent with the gravity of these events," the note reads.

Nothing appears to be different at Riverside Square clothing retailer Chico's. But what customers don't realize is that a Chico's television commercial underwent a crucial change after Sept. 11. In the spot, a

woman talks about growing up in Kentucky and moving to New York. At the end of the ad, she smiles and says, "New York hasn't gotten to me yet"—a line that suddenly struck Jim Frain, Chico's vice president of marketing, as unintentionally callous. On Sept. 12, the Fort Myers, Fla., retailer, which has nearly 300 stores nationwide, pulled the commercial, which it planned to run through Thanksgiving, and later edited in a new ending. Now the model says: "I like to go to Chico's when I'm looking for something really special."

Similarly, customers at the Gap store at Riverside Square won't notice the change it made in its advertising and marketing—but the changes are real nonetheless. Since Sept. 11, the big apparel retailer has banned all holiday display ideas bearing heavy amounts of the color red, plus ads with deep-red backgrounds. "Certain colors can denote feelings that tie back to something horrible that happened," says Stacy MacLean, a Gap Inc. spokeswoman.

By Wall Street Journal staff reporters Amy Merrick, Patricia Callahan and Shirley Leung.

## Workers Find Fewer Jobs, Lower Pay

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

IRVING, Texas—A week before the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Robert Kearney quit a Dallas-area warehouse job that paid \$9.25 an hour because he was convinced that he could make \$10 an hour elsewhere for similar work.

Now, the 32-year-old is finding that the hourly wage for the work has fallen to between \$7 and \$8.

Javier Garcia, a 31-year-old factory worker, had a three-job interview the week of the attack, all of them canceled. "There is no work," he says while culling job listings at a Texas Workforce Commission office in Arlington, outside Dallas.

Workers are quickly finding that many employers, rattled by the New York and Washington attacks and uncertain about the economy, simply aren't hiring, even in industries that don't appear to be affected by recent events. The fallout affects high-wage and low-wage earners alike. Further, with more layoffs and more worker insecurity, more and more people are looking for work.

That is especially true in areas hard hit by the slide in travel, such as the Dallas-Fort Worth area, home to the world's fifth-busiest airport and headquarters for AMR Corp. and its American Airlines unit. Cities that rely on travel and tourism are "just getting creamed," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at economy.com, a research firm that has estimated the impact on 318 U.S. metropolitan areas.

Before the attacks, layoffs were largely confined to high-tech hot spots such as Silicon Valley and industrial regions in the Midwest and South, Mr. Zandi says. But the troubles in tourism and other industries are likely to ripple through and "take down economies that had held up pretty well," he says.

The exception to the dismal layoff picture: The government is on a hiring spree to bolster national security. Positions are available at the Federal Bureau of Investigation for speakers of Arabic, Farsi and Pashto. The Federal Aviation Administration is hiring more federal air marshals, and the U.S. Customs Department wants more inspectors at the nation's numerous points of entry.

But neither Mr. Zandi nor other economists see employment increasing generally until next year.

"Nobody really comes out of this ahead," Mr. Zandi says. "It's just a matter of how badly you are affected."

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# New York U. Feels Costs of Student Aid After Attacks

By Jennifer C. Smith  
Washington Square News (New York U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — New York University has offered myriad services to University members who have been affected by the World Trade Center disaster, resulting in huge expenses for the University.

Lynne P. Brown, vice president of student affairs, said the costs to NYU ran into millions of dollars, although final figures have not been tallied.

Students who were forced to evacuate their dorms on Sept. 11 received a stipend of \$200 to cover clothing and other expenses. NYU Bookstores donated a second set of textbooks so students wouldn't fall behind in their classes; they also were given a free 10-meal plan while they were removed from their kitchens.

Free phone cards worth \$10 also were distributed to displaced students, and phone banks were established in the Violet Cafe and Bobst Library. Staples provided free notebooks, pens and calculators to students. Also, Information Technology Services (ITS) has created a "Loaner" program, negotiating with computer companies to loan computers to students until Jan. 21.

These services did not come free for the University, however. "Money for the stipend, hotel, etc., came through the normal University budgeting process and regular cash flow," University spokesman John Beckman said.

Beckman also said money was being drawn from various other sources, although he declined to further explain what those sources were.

"We are also seeking reimbursement through our insurance, emergency government aid and other sources of revenue," he said.

A limited supply of free linens were distributed to those students who were

placed in empty spaces in uptown residence halls like Weinstein. Many of the displaced students, however, were placed in hotels such as the Sheraton New York, the Park Central and the Dumont.

"We are in discussion with the hotels to receive a rebate, as they were not used for the full amount of time that was expected," Brown said.

She said reservations for stays in the hotels varied; the general period discussed ranged from two to four weeks, with options for renewal.

Another expense for NYU was the hiring of private asbestos abatement contractors and environmental consultants to test the environmental safety of the evacuated dorms.

NYU continues to incur costs, even after most students have returned to their homes. The University also has provided free-of-charge cell phones for student use at the front desks of Water Street and Lafayette Street, as students are still without phone service.

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Wednesday, Oct. 10	Safe Sex Workshop For Gay Men	Blackburn Reading Lounge	6:00 P.M.
	Safe Sex Workshop For Gay Women	Blackburn, Room 148	6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Oct. 11	Homophobia Panel: An Opportunity to Share Your Views on Gay Rights	Blackburn Reading Lounge	6:00 P.M.
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### Monday 10/8/01

Greeks just want to have fun. The annual homecoming step show kicks off today at 7:00 pm in Burr Gymnasium. This is promised to be another spectacular highlight of Homecoming 2001.

Who really discovered America? Hey it's Columbus Day so it's a perfect time to find out the truth or why this day is observed.

### Friday 10/5/01

Reveal yourself. Masquerade the theme for this years Mr. & Miss Howard Pageant promises to be a visual stimulating event that should not be missed. This promising pageant starts @ 7 pm in Cramton Auditorium.

Capitol Steps: A troupe of current and former congressional staffers who parody current events and political personalities with songs and skits. At the Ronald Reagan Building @ 7:30 pm

See the Beast and a Dream Girl. STEPHANIE MILLS, PEABO BRYSON AND JEFFREY OSBORNE perform Friday, October 5, 2001, 8:00 p.m. @ Constitution Hall, Washington, DC

### Tuesday 10/9/01

The Bets Medicine! Laughter is said to be this so get a dose tonight at Cramton Auditorium for the Coastal Vibrations, the them for this years gut wrenching Comedy show featuring Shang

### Wednesday 10/10/01

Have you seen my childhood? Well it might be at the MCI Center. Disney On Ice presents Toy Story 2 @ the MCI Center 7:30 pm shows start

A Long Walk! And not with Jill Scott. The annual Olmsted Woods Walk takes place at the National Cathedral: Trees in Autumn

Join us as we hone our tree identification skills and appreciate fall's beauty. Meet at the Washington Statue on Pilgrim Rd. on Cathedral grounds.

### Saturday 10/6/01

Go See a 'Strange Little Girl' as singer songwriter Tori Amos performs at Constitution Hall today and tomorrow at Constitution Hall. Show starts @ 8:00 pm

Move over Oprah! Remember you spirit at the National Museum of African Art. The exhibit in the Presence of Spirits: African Art from the National Museum of Ethnology, Lisbon continues today and is free to the general public

While Howard is in the Circle City get your shop on Capitol Hill Flea Market Saturday's Capitol Hill Flea Market is Washington DC's premier showcase for the best of the old and the unique of the new. The market is situated at Hine Junior High School across from the historic Eastern Market in the midst of the affluent Capitol Hill residential neighborhood. More than 60 professional show dealers offer a diverse selection of furniture and accessories, arts, crafts and the one of a kind from the United States and around the world.

Running for something? The National Aids Walk Washington culminates on the national mall today. Strap on your air maxes for this walk to find a cure to beat this deadly disease.

### Thursday 10/11/01

Prada, Gucci, Louis, D&G, or Versace, whatever Rocks your fashion boat the 2001 homecoming fashion show, fantasia: Only in your dreams will deliver the most visually stimulating experiences in your life. Get into it!

OK yardfest is tomorrow so be prepared get some sleep don't stay out too late because you have to make a fierce debut on the yard cause people will be looking.

### Sunday 10/7/01

Pets in Pearls - an Animal Fashion Show

Pets In Pearls: An Animal Fashion Show, will provide local pet lovers with the opportunity to learn about the latest, greatest animal attire and supplies. There are four segments to the show: Service animals, Medical and health aids, Training aids, and Leisurewear. All "models" will be adoptable animals or animals who have already been rescued.

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can't relate to your situation.  
--P. Diddy

Thanks for the long hours to  
my whole team. That means  
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