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# THE HILLTOP

The Student Voice of Howard University



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## Traces of Anthrax Discovered at University Post Office

### Students Tense, Surprised By Latest Contamination Case

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS  
Campus Editor

Howard University closed eight mail facilities Monday after traces of anthrax spores were found at its main mailroom over the weekend.

The mailroom is the first non-governmental facility to test positive for anthrax after receiving contaminated mail from the District's Brentwood postal facility.

A sorting machine from the mailroom, located on the Administration building's bottom level, tested positive for anthrax. It was the only sample out of 54 to yield positive test results.

Mail sorting facilities in Meridian Hill Hall, Howard Plaza Towers, Carver Hall, Slowe Hall in addition to

facilities at the divinity and law schools were closed, but later reopened after testing finished. However, the main mailroom was closed at Wednesday's presstime. It will remain closed until testing is complete, officials said.

Students were surprised the potentially deadly bacteria hit so close to campus, despite the discovery of anthrax in 11 congressional offices this week.

"This is kind of unsettling that anthrax just keeps popping up all over the place and no one knows about it until someone finds it," said freshman history major Anthony Gisby.

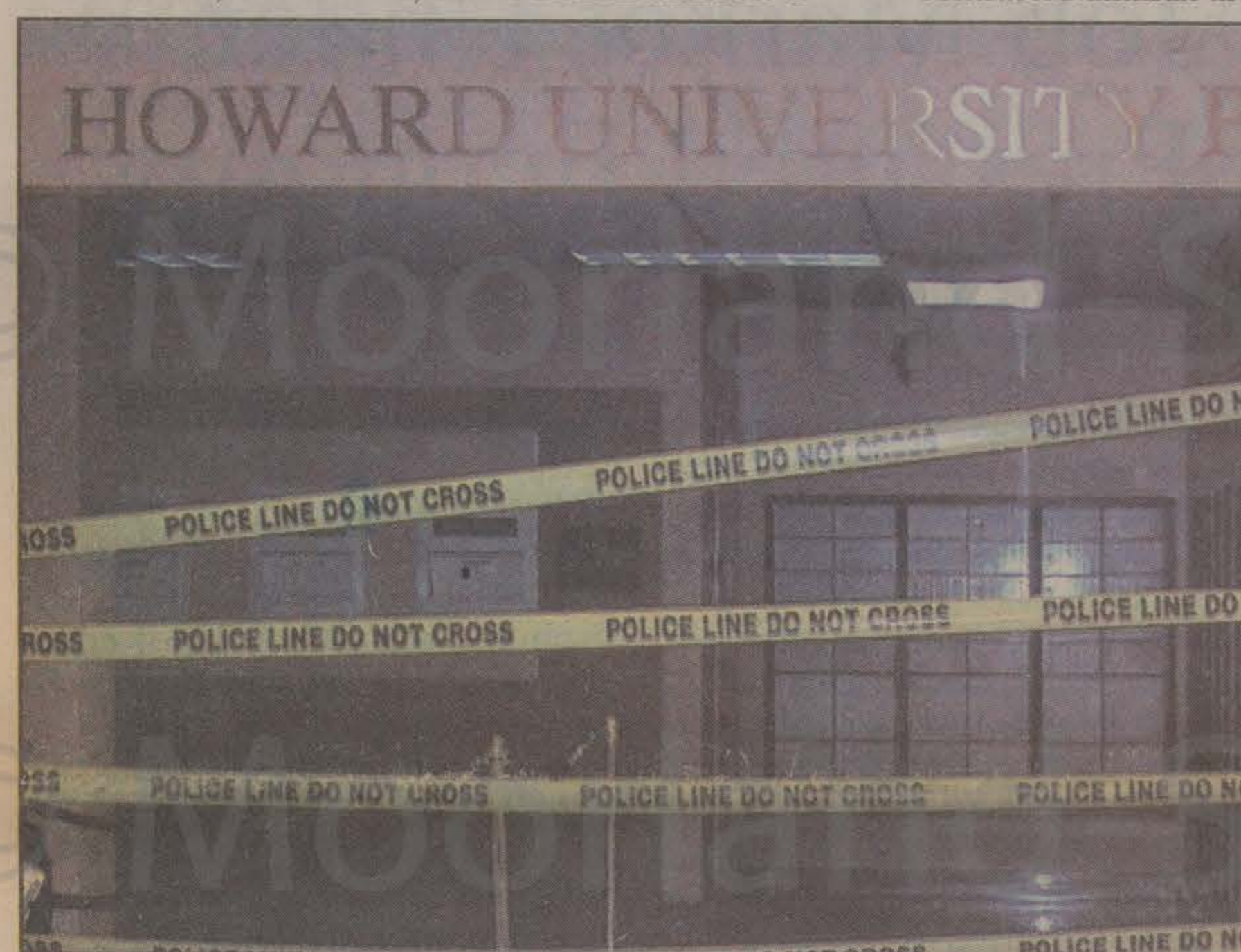
The Brentwood facility is the likely source of the spores, University officials said. Four postal workers contracted anthrax after a letter mailed to Senator Tom

Daschle's Capitol Hill office containing anthrax spores was processed at the facility. Two of the workers died weeks ago and a third remains hospitalized.

Many students questioned the length of time the spores have lived in the mailroom.

"It's almost been a month since the people got it at the [Brentwood] post office here in D.C. and they are just figuring out that it may be here," said sophomore English major Candice Roberts. "I don't feel very safe."

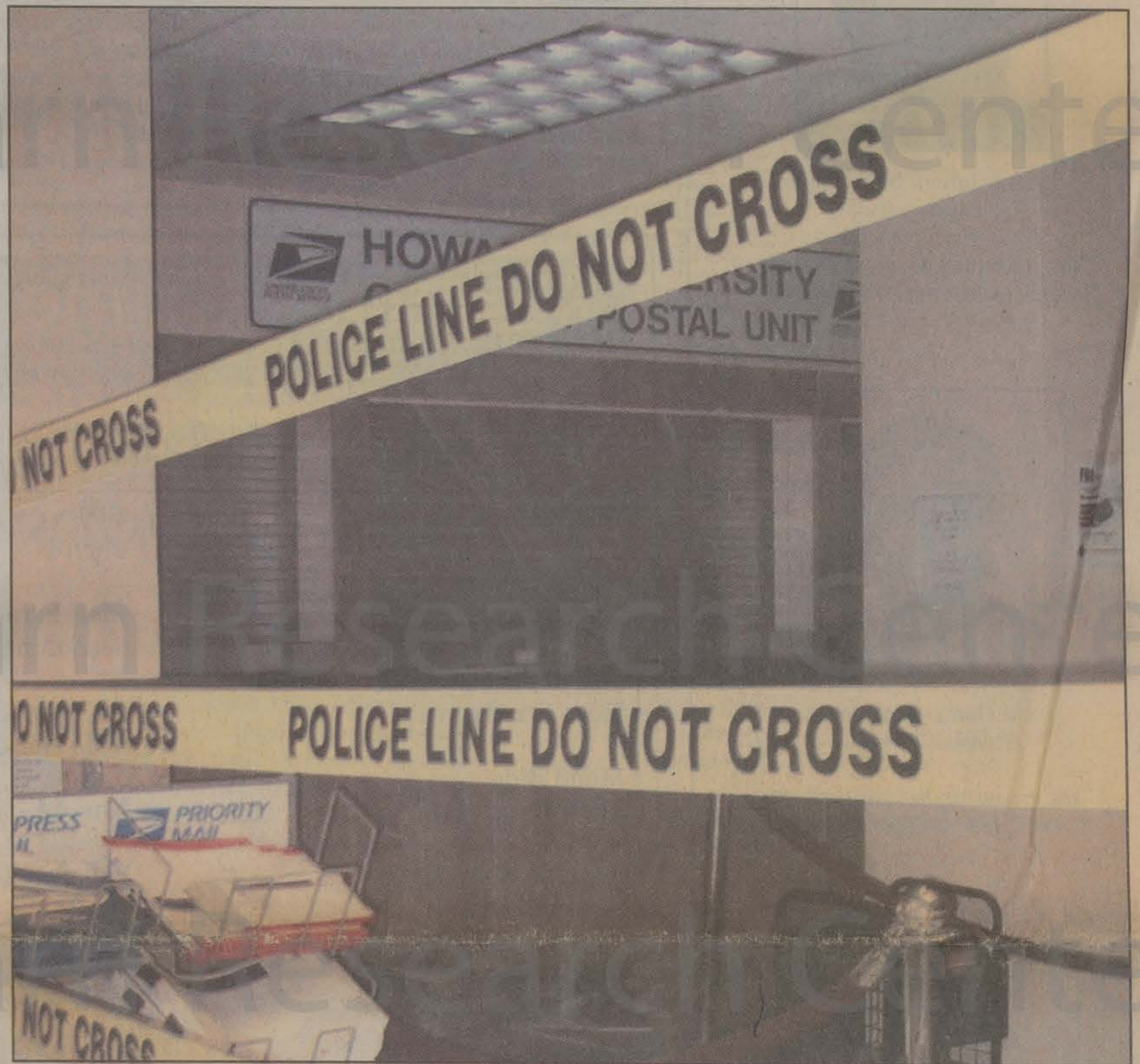
University spokeswoman, Donna Brock said the testing would not greatly alter normal functions at the Howard. "We don't see this as a big disruption," Brock said in reports. "We aren't closing the universi-



Students say they were surprised to learn that the anthrax epidemic sweeping the nation has hit campus.

Photo by Shala Wilson

See ANTHRAX, A3



Yellow police ribbon covered the main mailroom Tuesday after anthrax spores were found in the a sorting machine over the weekend. As a result, all campus mail facilities were temporary closed for more testing.

Photo by Shala Wilson

## Anthrax and Howard

### October 2001

Oct. 25

Howard University tests all mailroom employees from mail stations on all three campuses this week. The University tested 100 people at Howard University Hospital.

Four of the people tested, showed up with gram stain positive test results, which indicate that there is some bacteria in the system, but not necessarily anthrax.

### November 2001

Nov. 1-5

Kathy Nguyen, a 61-year-old employee at the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in Manhattan died after she came in contact with anthrax.

Investigators said that Nguyen, a South Bronx native, was the first person to die from anthrax who was not connected to the postal service; she had no affiliation to the media either, investigators said.

Nov. 12

Howard University closed all eight of its mailroom facilities after main post office tests positive for anthrax spores.

Nov 11-13

More anthrax spores found in State Department.

Three mail sorting machines in the State Department mail-processing center tested positive for the presence of anthrax spores. This comes just a few weeks after the building was closed due to the suspicion that a contaminated letter had come through the facility.

Son of anthrax victim sues HMO following his father's death from anthrax, the son of Thomas Morris is suing Kaiser Permanente for negligence. Morris' son claims that health officials treated his father for cold symptoms, even after he told them that he might have been exposed to anthrax.

## Mfume Incites Students with Life Story in Blackburn

By COREY CUNNINGHAM AND DERRICK K. NAYO  
Hilltop Staff Writers

Kweisi Mfume appeared as if he hadn't changed a bit. He stood at average height and medium build, same cream complexion with the signature round edged flat-top hairstyle.

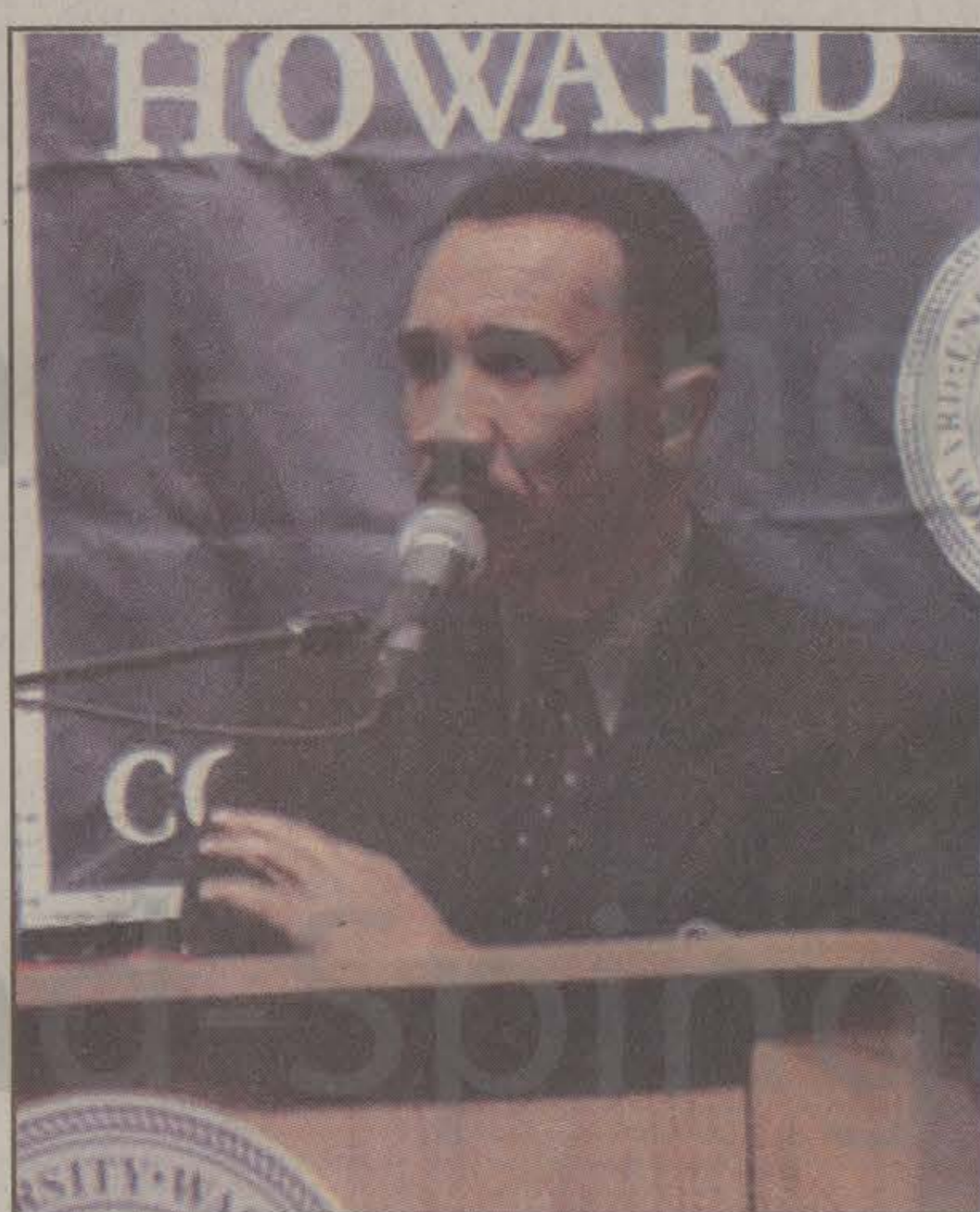
However, the resonance of NAACP chief's words had a different ping at a College of Arts and Sciences-sponsored program, part of Black Examples Sharing Their Story Week.

He offered students advice on avoiding the pitfalls faced by youth, making sure to journey down to Howard students for himself.

"We represent the embodiment of all our loved ones dreams," said Mfume, president and CEO of the NAACP "Now is the day, today is the day—for all the nameless faces."

Delving into the depths of his past, Mfume galvanized more than 150 Howard students with his life story Tuesday during the week sponsored by the Arts and Sciences Student Council.

Mfume started his speech by reminding the audi-



NAACP President Kweisi Mfume spoke on his life story in Blackburn Center Tuesday.

Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

ence that colored people come in all colors, and that despite many years of progress they still had a long road to travel.

Mfume also told the chilling true story of his boyhood, in hopes that others could benefit from his experience.

He recollected to the masses how he would sit up with his mother, dying of cancer, as she would force him to grow into a man. His mother had to impart

See MFUME, B5

## Security, Housing Top Students Concerns at Trustee Meeting

By JOSEF SAWYER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students angrily demanded immediate changes in campus security at a town hall meeting Monday.

The meeting, which took place in Blackburn was organized by Undergraduate Trustee Breana C. Smith as a forum for students to voice their concerns.

Campus Police Chief Reginald Smith assured students the department was working to resolve recent security lapses.

"I am meeting with the third district to keep more third district officers on campus," Chief Smith said.

However some students are still weary about the efficacy of campus police.

"They (campus police) lack training, they lack technology, and they lack ambition; they are underpaid and understaffed. Therefore you can't expect much from people with all those things going on," said senior English major Khalfani Walker.

One of the problems campus police is experiencing is having to transport students to locations after shuttle bus hours. "How can we our officers be securing down the area and keeping a look out if they are running an all night shuttle service," Chief Smith said.

A temporary solution to this problem will be the internal shuttle service. The

nine-passenger van transports students between areas that are unreachable by the main shuttle.

The internal service is aimed at helping students who need to be out after dark and move from locations like the Undergraduate Library, Drew and Cook Hall, and Howard Plaza Towers.

Chief Smith and Breana C. Smith also advocated new training for campus police officers. But part of the problem seems to be poor relationships between students and campus police, Chief Smith said.

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## Inside The Hilltop

### Life & Style

#### Are You Ready For X?



# CAMPUS

## Travel Concerns Cause Students to Alter Holiday Travel Plans

By EBONY GIBBS  
Contributing Writer

Junior Administration of Justice major Steven Patterson, will not be flying home to Washington state next week as many of his friends will board flights heading home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Patterson, like other students believes that the recent terrorist attacks and constant reports of security breaches at our nation's airports show that air travel is unsafe.

"I just don't think that it's safe. The President can't convince me or the FAA. A plane just crashed in New York days ago. I'd rather just stay here for the weekend," said Patterson.

Recent reports have confirmed that the travel industry itself is facing unprecedented losses since the September 11th terrorist attacks. Although the Travel Industry Association is launching a \$10 million ad and public relations campaign, many Americans

and students alike are convinced that the ads are just propaganda to boost this drain on our nation's economy.

"They can spend all they want on ads trying to show people that travel is safer, but all you have to do is watch the news and you can find out for yourself that it's not," said sophomore English major Robert Milton. "Normally I fly but I'm driving home[GA] this year and I'm taking like four of my friends with me," he said. Other students plan to capitalize on the travel deals many airlines are using to get travelers back in the air. "I am flying home for almost nothing so it's cool. Since September 11th, I've been home about four or five times and I'm from Nevada," said freshman

Psychology major Kristin Sellers. Some students say that its business as usual this holiday season as they will travel the same way this year as they have in the past. "Nothing about September 11th makes me not want to fly.

There's always a risk, everyday when you step outside. Fate is fate, so I'm still going to fly home on Tuesday and for Christmas," Sellers said.

However, others say that they are not flying home for the holidays because of the inconvenience of new lengthy security checks that sometimes fail to be comprehensive.

"Why isn't the airline industry readjusting their connecting flights to coincide with the extra time it will take for security checks?" asked frequent flier and sophomore Accounting major, Shelby Davis. "[We] aren't hesitant to fly for safety reasons, but because we are unsure if we could make our connecting flights," she said. Davis and others alike believe that the safety measures are needed but unnecessarily long.

"It makes sense to make security tighter after everything that happened, but when I flew home about two weeks ago the wait at the airport was ridiculous and then there were ran-

dom searches of three people before we were allowed to board the plane," Davis said.

I had to get to the airport three hours early just to make my flight and I'm someone who always just barely makes the closing of the gate," she said.

Some students have planned to avoid the holiday rush and leave a little earlier this year.

Instead of leaving on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, some students will head home this weekend in attempts to beat the holiday rush.

However, some students wonder if the hustle and bustle of holiday travel will exist at the nation's airports.

"When I went home this weekend, there was no one in the airport. There were National

Guard troops in the airport and the security checks were tight, but there was really no one on my flight," said Junior Political Science major Ashley Thomas. "People don't really seem to be sure about the airlines anymore."

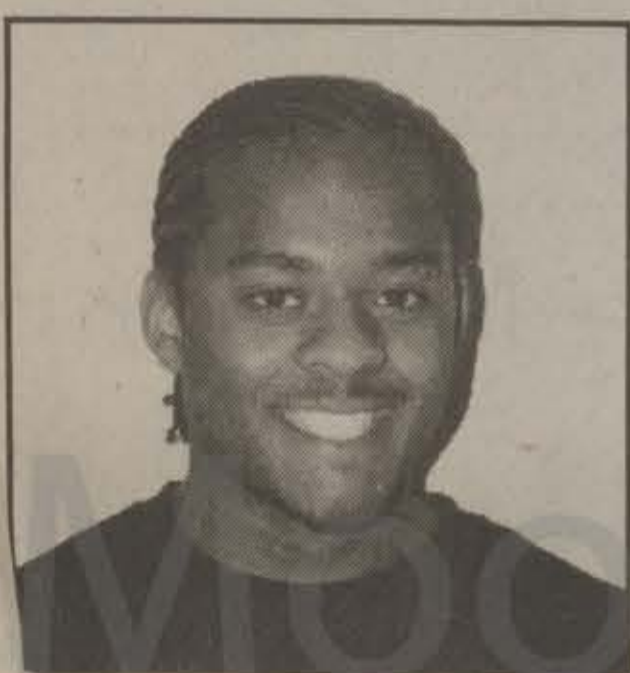
## Voices & Views

### Are Howard University Students Concerned About Anthrax?



Sabrina Simms, Sophomore,  
Psychology

"Yes, it's hitting too close to home. My only question is 'what's next?'"



Dante Gorham, Freshman,  
Physical Therapy

"Yes, because they have our mailboxes taped up and I can't get any mail."



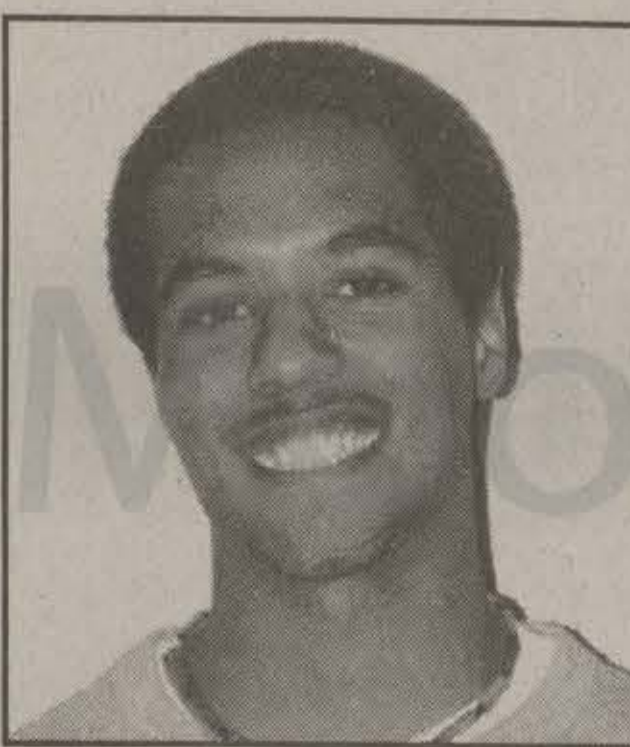
Nicole Chenault, Freshman,  
Finance

"Absolutely, however, it's not contagious so I'm not worried."



Paris McCoy, Freshman,  
Biology

"Certainly, at my job we handle bulk mail and the threat is all too real."



Edgar Sams, Freshman,  
Marketing

"No, I'm hot, just go with the flow."

Compiled by Shala D. Wilson

## Campus Crime Report

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

Nov. 12	HPT Theft I
West Campus Damaged property	Blackburn Second sighting
Dental School False fire alarm	600 Fairmont Auto Accident
Mudd Bldg. Theft I	Nov. 14
Republic Gardens Lost property	Founders/I-lab Theft
Bethune Annex Sick transport	West Campus Damaged property
Nov. 13	Founders Indecent exposure
HPT Lost property	Burr Gym Theft II

## Three Students Use Their Literary Skills to Help Adolescents

By TAMARA CHANEY  
Contributing Writer

For three young woman on Howard's campus, giving back to the youth through literature is an daily entrepreneurial task. The three second-year students spend much of their recreational time putting together a magazine for young African-American girls from ages 10 to 14.

The magazine, "Walls" is in its first year of distribution. Sophomore photo-journalism major Casey Reynolds, one of the three founders said that the idea for Walls came when the three girls sat in a dorm room late on night talking about fashion magazines that they used to read. "We were all saying the same thing about enjoying reading those kind of girlie magazines, but that there was always a token black presence in all of them," Reynolds said.

"Once I was reading a Seventeen when I was probably thirteen and it had a section on hair care and the sections labeled different kinds of hair: curly, straight, long, short, and then there was a section called 'African American hair.' That's pretty much when I knew that black girls needed a little something different," she said.

Friends, sophomores RTVF major Kathryn Miller and political science major Jasmine

Leonard, recall similar memories that prompted them to add their own contribution to the literary world for black teenage girls.

"This is our way of giving back something that we were missing when we were growing up. A magazine like this helps young African American girls establish their sense of self and self-esteem instead of brainwashing them to accept a European stan-

dard of beauty," said Miller. The magazine no way claims to be an Afro-centric medium, but a cultural approach to these developmental years for teenage girls.

"I think that this kind of example wasn't present when we were children and I want my children to be able to have this kind of resource," Leonard said. The eighty page magazine, "Walls" is filled with articles for young girls about strengthening decision making, what to do in cases of peer pressure, and issues of self esteem versus standards of beauty. The trio plans to begin publishing after their corporate sponsorship requests all return from various committees.

"We have been talking to three or four different publishers and our lawyer is advising us, but our main interest is in getting the product out there when its ready because its guaranteed to make an impact," Leonard said.

Miller and Reynolds also share Leonard's optimism about the potential of their newly created magazine. "We have some celebrity benefits planned to raise money with other organizations to jump start the magazine. So we know that we have support, but dealing with publishing is interesting. We have a lot of things planned and it's all about giving back to the future," Miller said.

Reynolds said that the trio wishes to feature the magazine at the Howard University Bookstore as soon as it becomes available. "We would also like to sponsor events at area middle schools to circulate the magazine and get interest up," she said. "Even though we want to go national with this, we understand that we have to start off with our local community first and that will remain our goal," Reynolds said.

## Graduating Seniors Question Stability of Job Market Under Pressured Economy

By MICHAEL WILLARD  
Contributing Writer

With the current state of national affairs and the steadily plunging American economy, many graduating seniors are questioning their potential futures and their place in the shaky job market. Senior performing arts major, Raya Herman wonders if she will have a job when she stands with her class in May on graduation day.

"This is something that everyone thinks about all throughout college. I mean the point of going to school and getting a degree is to eventually get a job in your field," Herman said.

"But, the way things are now, I think I may have majored in the wrong thing. I think I'll just try to get a really good internship and hope they hire me," she said.

Ten of thousands of employees across the nation have lost their jobs as a result of September 11th's dramatically horrible effect on the economy. The unemployment rate soared to five percent, a number not seen in forty years. Throughout the country lengthy unemployment lines tell the story of a country affected by terrorism and fear.

Many seniors are doubtful that the increasingly suffering economy will allow them adequate room to enter the job market. Some say that they are already working to secure employment and not waiting until spring or even winter to begin their search.

"I had planned to start looking in like December or

January," said Senior Architecture major Lewis Bradley. "Actually, I changed my plan and I started like two weeks ago. It's rough out there and I don't want to be crying after graduation. I plan to be secure,"

Bradley said. He, like so many of his classmates believes that an early search may be more profitable than procrastinating.

However, Senior RTVF major, Kalisha Robinson has faith that the job market will be plentiful despite the declining national economy. "I have no doubt that I will be able to find a job. In communications, you can't go wrong.

People will always have to communicate," said Robinson. "So I'll have a job after graduation. I pray," she added.

Some of her classmates share the same sentiment of hope and say that the present situation is not as bad as it seems.

"People bring up issues about the job market every year. The fact is the economy is always changing, but if you're good than you're good and I know that Howard has prepared me to compete," said Senior Political Science major Thomas Cooper. Classmate Early education major Tianna Rigdge also believes that the University has equipped her with the resources and skills to be successful in obtaining employment after graduation day.

"We are more blessed than we give our school credit for. I received an education that will make me the best teacher that I can be," said Rigdge.

"As for after school, I already have four pretty good offers and a couple of my friends in the School of Business have offers ranging from \$45,000 to \$75,000 a year for a first year position," she concluded.

Other students suggest that the University's career services and counseling are helpful in considering all of the options in employment after graduation

## Alpha's 'Brother' Conference Inspires, Uplifts

By COREY CUNNINGHAM  
Hilltop Staff Writer

More than 50 area high school and middle school students convened in the Blackburn University Center Tuesday to hear a message of inspiration and hope at the annual Brother 2 Brother Youth conference.

Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Beta Chapter and the College of Arts and Science, the daylong conference promoted brotherhood, manhood, and growth.

"This conference sends a strong message to young men that college is not only an option, but a responsibility," said special assistant to the university president, Dr. Franklin

Chambers.

Brother 2 Brother, now in its 11th year, was spearheaded by fraternity member Kevin O. Belgrave, and included a technology informational session, college application seminar, and role model discussion.

"What I wanted to do in my session, was to have the kids ask why they look up to certain people. I want these young men to ask of their role models, 'How did you get to where you are?' 'Is it more visibility or is it actual deeds?' All of these questions are important," said 1999 Howard graduate and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. member, Desmond Williams.

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## Brother 2 Brother Conference

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New to the 2001 conference was the Ancient Kemetian workshop, hosted by Tehuti Evans, owner and operator of the House of Kamet on Georgia Avenue. Evans taught conference participants about Egyptian influence in the District monuments and Planning.

"In order for us to move forward we have to know where we have been, and there are reminders of our legacy and rich heritage all around us," stated Evans.

The Brothers 2 Brother youth conference culminated with a luncheon. Howard's Pep Band and Oh La La

Dancers opened for the keynote speaker, Reverend Shannon L. Pettiford.

Pettiford, a former Howard Dentistry student now in the School of Divinity, spoke to his young audience about "Finishing Their Mission".

"Proper planning prevents poor performance. Finishing your assignment does not just apply to your school work, but to your life work," Pettiford declared.

Brother 2 Brother will have a follow-up session in the spring, as well as continue to keep in contact with the young men.

"We will be holding a break-out session in the spring to help the older participants apply for college, and help all of our participants under the need for higher education, and how to deal with the racism that comes with the growing into a man," said Jarvis Huston, HUSA political Action Committee Chair and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Beta Chapter.

## Organizations Submit Budgets, Mission Statements at HUSA Meetings

By COREY CUNNINGHAM  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Despite low member turnout, the Howard University Student Association saw the greatest increase in organizational funding participation.

A record 56 campus organizations turned in organizational funding packets to be considered for funding for the fall semester.

"I was very happy with the number of organizations that participated in this round of funding. Between 60 and 70 percent of the campus clubs and organizations participated this round. This round, just as the last, ran very smoothly," said HUSA President Stefani Brown.

As in the first round of organizational funding, groups were required to submit a detailed budget and a mission statement. However, in addition, organizations were required to submit a listing of the officers names, e-mails, student ID numbers, and phone numbers. This was in effort to increase communication between HUSA and campus groups, HUSA officials said.

Additional restrictions were applied to the budget process this round. Organizations were limited to 50 percent funding for guest speakers. Also, HUSA denied funding budgeted for equipment, food at regular meetings, parties, national dues, salaries and programs held exclusively for members. HUSA also refrained from providing funds for off campus trips and accommodations.

After taking these factors into account, the HUSA Funding Committee's budget totaled 28 percent over the allocated organizational funds budget. The committee made the decision to reduce each organizations funding by 28 percent. The remaining funds were dispersed between the organizations that received \$50 or less in funding.

"We wanted the amount of funding and the

general body impact of the campus group to correlate," said Mark Hassel of the HUSA Funding Committee.

Some General Assembly members complained of not receiving communication about organizational funding at the other campuses.

"I did not see any flyers for funding at the Medical School or Dental School," said Graduate student coordinator, Krysta Blackwell.

Echoing Blackwell's sentiments, School of Divinity General Assembly Representative, Tommy Gilbert stated, "I think that sometimes HUSA might over look the School of Divinity and other schools who are not on the main campus."

The General Assembly was also briefed on the need to adopt general elections guidelines. The Assembly was, however, unable to go into detail on the plan because no members attended the guideline meeting.

Communication problems were also at the center of the guidelines discussions. Many members of the General Assembly stated that they had not received e-mails nor any other communications from HUSA about guideline meetings.

HUSA will now hold a new meeting to discuss election guidelines.

Other announcements presented during the General Assembly meeting, included an update on hotel students, December graduates, loitering at McDonalds campus safety, and Anthrax.

General Assembly and HUSA both agreed that the University needs to take greater steps toward letting students know about the health hazards of Anthrax.

HUSA will hold an emergency General Assembly meeting on the Monday following the Thanksgiving Break to make up for the meeting that will be missed because of the Christmas holiday break.

### Members Not in Attendance

The following General Assembly did not attend the HUSA emergency meeting, Wednesday.

**College Arts & Sciences**  
LaPrecious Harrold  
Jaha Howard  
Cameron Trimble

**College or Engineering Architecture and Computer Science**  
Rashadd Hines

**Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health**  
Bert Dumas, Jr.  
Solitare Newton

**School of Education**  
Spencer Chenier

**School of Communications**  
Larry Brow, Jr.  
Ashley McFarlin

**Law School**  
Marc Battle  
Andrea Richie

**Medical School**  
Melanie Ukanwa  
Renee' Peart

**Graduate School of Business**  
Derrick T. Simmons

## Traces of Anthrax Discovered at University Post Office

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ty tomorrow."

However, some students believe that the problem is larger than University officials wish to disclose. "How can they assure us that our mail didn't touch some mail with anthrax on it?" asked freshman Biology major Winston Jamison. "They won't because they can't" Jamison said.

The anthrax presence at Howard is one of several local contamination cases. Last week, Capitol Hill Senate and House offices tested positive for anthrax spores. Over the weekend, anthrax spores were found in the offices of at least 11 senators with offices in the Hart Senate Office building and in the Longworth House Office Building office of a Maryland representative.

Clyde Cash, the assistant vice-president for Human Resource Management issued a bulletin Tuesday advising all students and employees to continue the practice of using plastic gloves and frequent hand

washing.

The notice also provided a warning about potentially suspicious items in the mail.

Center for Disease Control spokesperson Cynthia Glocker said Tuesday that the University was following federal guidelines and is classified as low-risk. University officials said Tuesday that mailrooms will remain closed until testing is finished.

## Security, Housing Top Students Concerns at Trustee Meeting

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Chief Smith is also implementing a new response system for emergency situations.

Smith said she would take the information from the forum to the board of trustee meeting today.

"It is important for students to voice their concerns, this is your university, this is you campus and nothing will get done if you don't complain," Smith said.

Smith spoke about several recent implementations that

will have an immediate impact on the University.

After Thanksgiving, students can expect the cable wiring of all remaining dormitories to be completed, she said.

Students will be able to view 30 channels plus there will be 10 public access channels for students to utilize according to Smith.

The lack of housing space is also a major concern of students and was addressed by Associate Dean of Residence Life, Don Coleman. Reforms are going to be made across the board in housing, Coleman said.

First, all students living in the Holiday Inn Hotel in Silver

Spring will be moved to the DoubleTree Hotel in Arlington, Va., next semester, Coleman said.

Next semester the university will also apply new housing guidelines for RSVP housing to help eliminate some of problems that occurred last semester, Coleman said.

Surveys are being passed around residence halls in an effort to help gauge how many housing requests will be made for next fall, Coleman said.

"We do the best job we can, we strive to do better and we will do better," Smith said.



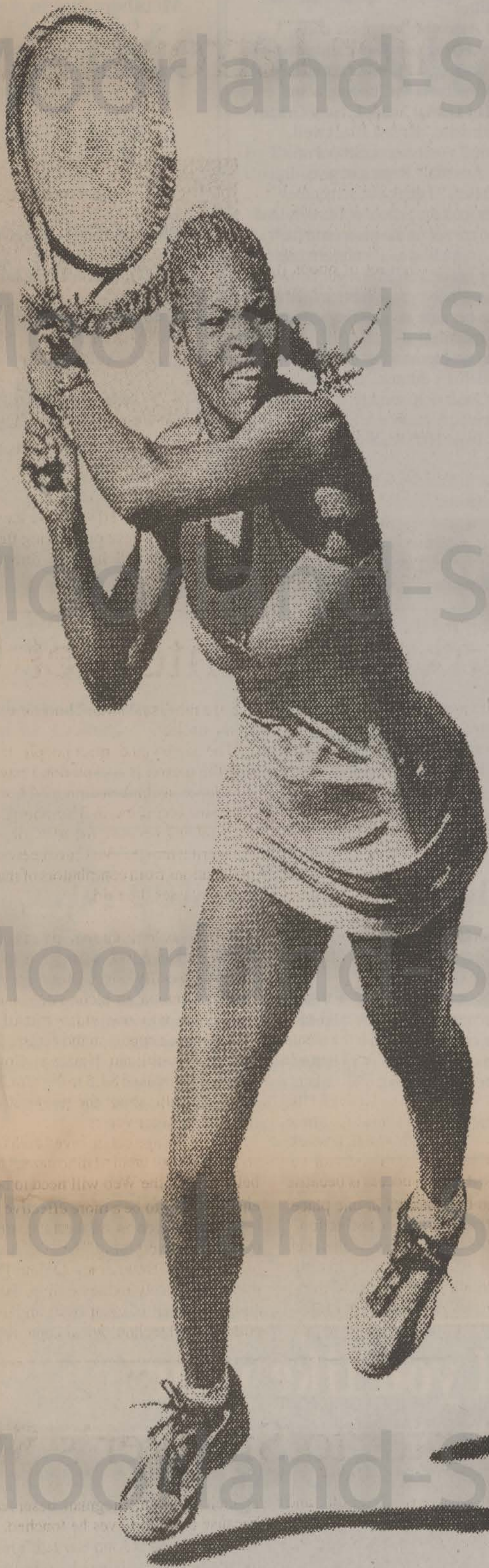
"How will you like your job?"

- my boss is a pain
- my customers are rude
- my co-workers are lazy
- a child hugged me

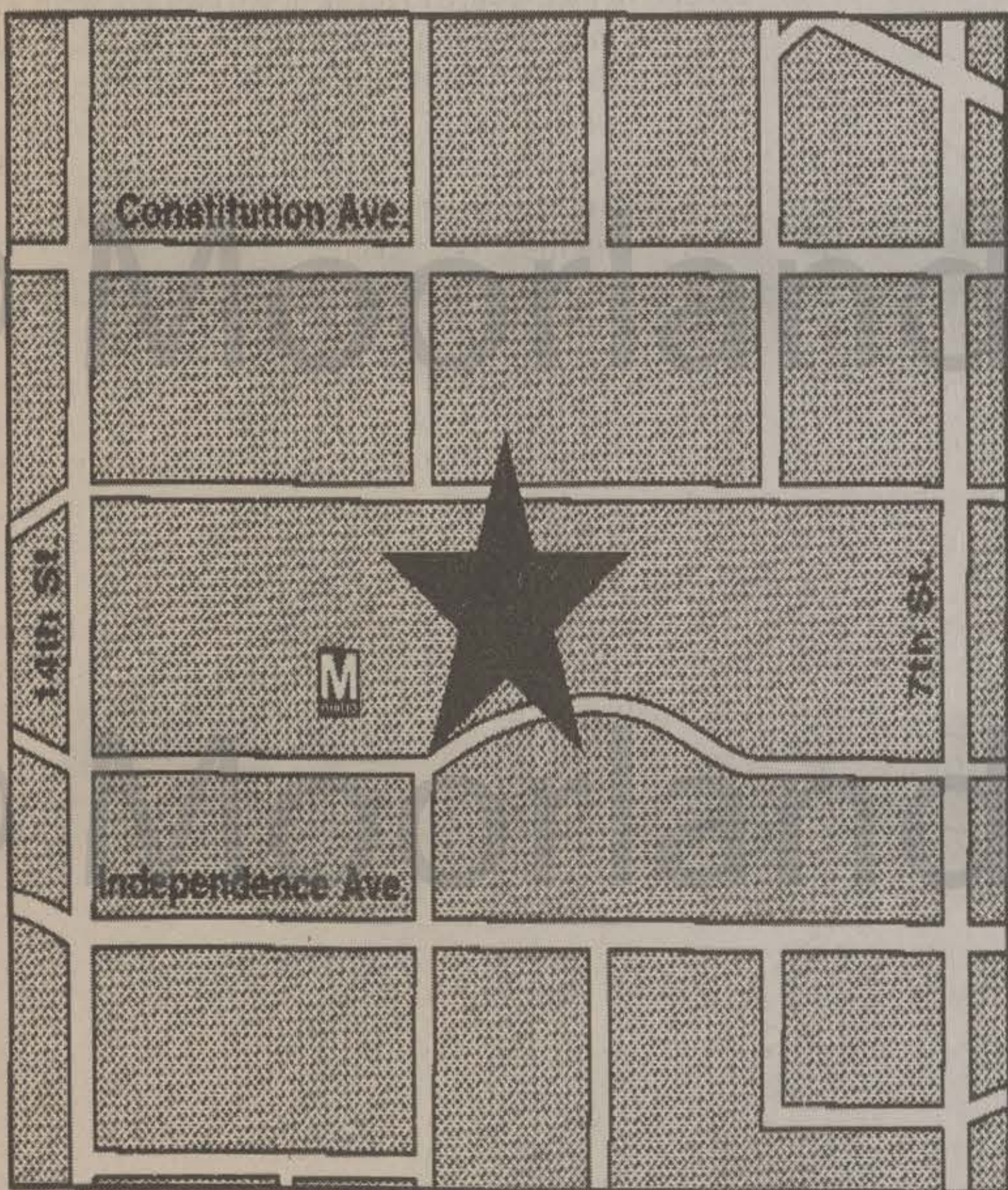
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Join this year's honorary chair, tennis star Serena Williams, to help fight homelessness. Because now more than ever, our community needs your help.

**NEW LOCATION:** The National Mall between 7th and 14th streets NW (take Metro Orange or Blue line to the Smithsonian station)

**DATE:** Saturday, November 17 (rain or shine)

**TIME:** The Walk begins at 10:15 a.m.

**REGISTRATION:** Saturday, November 17, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Agriculture Lawn (The Mall at 12th Street NW)

Register in advance at [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org) or call 1-877-WALK-HTH.

\$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (25 and under). Each registered participant receives a free T-shirt.

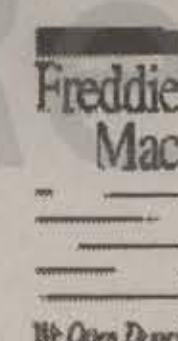
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# THE DISTRICT

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### DC Spends Big on Public Transit, Decreases Pollution

According to a report released Tuesday by the Sierra Club, Washington, D.C. is second to New York City in terms of government spending towards public transportation compared to highways. The report concluded that the more money spent on public transit, the less air pollution in a large city.

### House Democrats Propose to Increase Spending on Security

The House Democrats proposed Wednesday to spend almost \$900 million for increased security in the District as a part of the proposed \$7 billion homeland security package, which would extend the previously projected \$20 billion. Possible recipients of these funds include the public school system, public transit system, and federal agencies including the Food and Drug Administration.

### Metro Launches Shuttle to BWI Airport

Metro officials announced Tuesday the launching of a new shuttle system, the BWI Express, that will run from the Greenbelt Metro station to the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The shuttle will run every 40 minutes starting at 6 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m. on weekdays and starting at 8:40 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m. on weekends.

### Southeast Mother Charge with Murder of Child

A Southeast mother was charged Wednesday in the fatal stabbing of her 15-month-old daughter. Norma G. McNeil, 31, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of her daughter Ani'ya Lockhart, D.C. police said. The child was found fatally stabbed in a house in the 1300 block of Morris Road SE. Police later found the mother at a church near the home.

### Red Cross' Distribution of Funds Slow

Although the American Red Cross has collected over \$540 million, it will still take months to deliver the donations. According to the organization, the delay is due to the over 25,000 families that they serve and an attempt to make certain that each is dealt with appropriately.

## Whitman-Walker Clinic Suffers Sponsorship Losses After Terrorist Attacks

### Setbacks in fundraising won't affect current services

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The Whitman-Walker Clinic considers the month before its annual AIDS Walk a critical time for soliciting volunteers and gathering donations. This year's AIDS Walk, which fell on October 6, held the same expectations, however they were not met.

"There was a \$100,000 to \$200,000 fall in contributions from direct telemarketing in September with a \$800,000 drop in donations for the AIDS Walk in total," said Michael Cover, The Associate Executive Director of the clinic. "We had to pull the mail after the attacks in order to change the message."

Not only did the time lost in sending new mail prevent the clinic from raising the \$1.2 million it anticipated, the AIDS Walk was the first major event on the National Mall after the terrorist attacks discouraging many from attending.

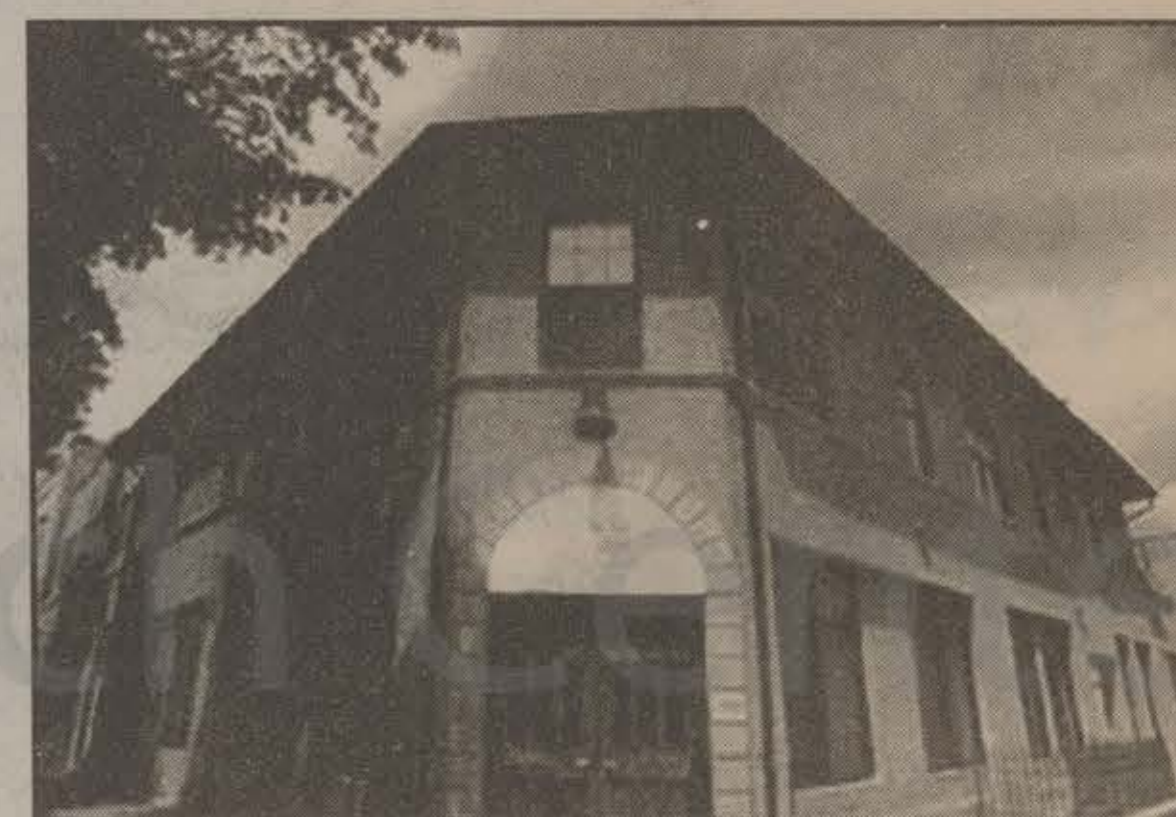
"I really wasn't trying to attend any events that might be crowded," said Robyn Smith, Howard University

student. "Anything could happen."

Some organizations weren't as devastated by the attacks. Ralph Nappi, CEO and COO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation felt that the number of volunteers had not changed. "Our volunteers are very dedicated," said Nappi. "Because they go through a lot of hoops [to become volunteers], the number of volunteers stays constant."

The foundation sent out several letters, before Sept. 11, to potential contributors, Nappi says he hasn't seen a drop in donations. However, the foundation has seen a drop in sponsorship levels for a black tie dinner and dance which will be held this February. Usually, as reported, individual donations for the event are in the thousands but he believes many are probably donating their money to funds dealing with the recent tragedies. "Overall, I haven't been disappointed," said Nappi.

However, the Whitman-Walker Clinic, which began its fiscal year on October 1, cut its budget for the upcoming year by \$1.4 million. "We won't be expand-



Shown is the Elizabeth Taylor Medical Center, one Whitman-Walker's main locations

ing programs for HIV, but we haven't capped the services yet. We have put a hiring freeze in place and our current staff will have to forego any raises," says Cover.

## Campaigns Don't Maximize Internet Use

By JAMIE MELTZER  
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

WASHINGTON — Many people do not believe stamps and envelopes are high-priced items, but they are for political campaigns. Virginia's soon-to-be



Virginia Governor Mark Warner

Governor Mark Warner spent \$568,000 on mailings during his campaign, according to financial disclosures. But less than \$100,000 was spent on Internet expenditures, even though 75 percent of all his financial

contributions were gathered online. The tremendous fund-raising power of the Internet was the topic at a Nov. 9 forum at George Washington Uni-

versity where a team of researchers presented their findings on the prevalence of online fund raising. Sponsored by the university's Democracy Online Project, it marked the release of the first major study of online contributions to political campaigns. The findings are significant, according to the researchers, because candidates are using the Web as both a communication and fund-raising medium. "Congress assumed in 1975 that, without spending, political speech would consist merely of standing on a street corner and shouting, one of the few forms of public communication not regulated or reportable under the federal election laws," researchers said in their report.

While online contributions played a large role in the election of Virginia's new governor and to a lesser extent last year's presidential race, researchers pointed to Sept. 11 as an indicator of the Internet's vast fund-raising power. Since the days after Sept. 11 when a group of Internet executives launched the charitable Web site [www.libertyunites.org](http://www.libertyunites.org), more than \$100 million has been raised. In the first week, the site took in \$57 million. The co-founder of the site, Tom Kriese, said most of the success is because visitors can contribute to 64 charities in one place. "It reduced the barrier between decision and action," Kriese told the gathering of researchers and students.

He said all donations transferred directly into the charities' accounts, eliminating much manual work. Now politicians are using the Internet to get information out and collect money from thousands of peo-

ple at a time, said Ryan Thornburg, a lead researcher in the project.

"The more you contact people, the lower per contact the person is — you don't have to buy stamps, envelopes, a chicken dinner," Thornburg said. John McCain, according to Thornburg, preferred online fund raising because the idea played well with his "maverick image." McCain received a huge number of donations from contributors of many different economic classes, he said.

Panelist Patrick Dillon worked for Mark Warner's campaign as Web master. He said the average contribution was \$100, a larger response than direct mailings usually bring. Dillon sees this as a need to improve campaign technology and said he hopes campaigns will use video e-mail solicitations to gather more support in the future. Larry Purporo, a former Republican National Committee staffer whose party raised \$3.5 million online in 2000, was less optimistic about the future of online fundraising among older voters.

"People my age get involved with online giving just so they are not labeled dinosaurs," he said. Purporo believes that the Web will need to be framed differently in order to be a more effective tool. "The Web is currently seen as an aircraft carrier from which they launch everything," he said. According to organizers of the Democracy Online Project and supporters of raising money online, the Web should be an integral part of campaigns and used to its fullest editorial and technological capabilities.

## DISTRICT WEATHER OUTLOOK

Fri, Nov 16	Partly Cloudy	73°F	51°F
Sat, Nov 17	Partly Cloudy	70°F	50°F
Sun, Nov 18	Partly Cloudy	68°F	49°F
Mon, Nov 19	Scattered Showers	65°F	40°F
Tue, Nov 20	Partly Cloudy	57°F	32°F
Wed, Nov 21	Partly Cloudy	58°F	33°F
Thu, Nov 22	Partly Cloudy	51°F	38°F
Fri, Nov 23	Partly Cloudy	56°F	38°F

## DISTRICT ANTHRAX UPDATE

### More Anthrax Spores Found in State Department

Three mail sorting machines in the State Department mail-processing center tested positive for the presence of anthrax spores. This comes just a few weeks after the building was closed due to the suspicion that a contaminated letter had come through the facility.

### Son of an anthrax victim Suing HMO

Following his father's death from anthrax, the son of Thomas Morris is suing Kaiser Permanente for negligence. Morris' son claims that health officials treated his father for cold symptoms, even after he told them that he might have been exposed to anthrax.

### Memorial Service Held for Two DC Postal Workers

A memorial service was held at All Saints Church on Tuesday following the death of two district postal workers to inhalation anthrax. Friends lauded the two as ones who would do "anything" to effectively deliver the mail.

### The Test's In the Mail...or is it?

About 7,800 SAT tests, including about 200 from a Montgomery County site, have been held up in the nation's latest anthrax prevention effort. The College Board, in an effort to be as flexible and as reasonable as possible, is attempting to persuade colleges to extend their early decision deadlines for the affected students.

### Anthrax on Capitol Hill Found to be a Hoax

A powdery substance found on Capitol Hill last Wednesday turned out to be a hoax. The suspect substance was planted by a US Capitol police officer supposedly as a prank. At this time, no charges have been filed.

## Special to the District

## Inspired Students Add Chapter to Speaker's Story

By TIFFANY C. NORWOOD  
Contributing Writer

On a days notice, 40 strangers of different cultures and backgrounds—representing five universities walked 12 blocks in the District to celebrate a man's birthday they didn't even know.

The founder of the 11-10-02 Foundation (BrunchBunch.com), the parent organization for BrunchBunch.com, Greg Forbes Siegman was flown to Washington to deliver a series of speeches at George Washington University and the surrounding area, Thursday.

Siegman talked about the importance of breaking down racial, cultural, and social barriers, and it is his "heartfelt belief that young people are capable of doing it."

Siegman's foundation was started in memory of Omari Mott, an acquaintance, who was fatally wounded seven months after the two met at a football camp. According to Siegman, Mott, who had aspirations to attend Illinois Wesleyan and become a teacher, inspired him to look beyond his selfish life goals and seek to help those less privileged.

After Mott's death, Siegman abandoned the corporate American life his parents outlined for him, and became dedicated to fulfilling the dream that Mott once had.

While teaching in Cabrini Green, one of Chicago's housing projects, Siegman witnessed blatant racism, when he went to for milkshakes with two of his black students. The founder noticed that a white woman, on sight of the students skin color, moved her purse to the seat furthest away from them, for fear they might steal it.

Inspired by this, Siegman vowed to return the next

week with ten students, instead of two. He did, and has continued for 243 weeks, escorting students to some of Chicago's most upscale restaurants. Along the way, the brunches grew to include not only students, but also Chicago's young professionals.

Rika Proddham, a GW student said she took something from Siegman's speech on Thursday night. "His speech touched me in every way. Not only did I learn so much

in their opinion, Siegman deserved a large turnout because of all the lives he touched.

After arriving at John Harvard's restaurant Saturday, the students sat with people whom none of them knew, but at the end of the evening, they found they shared more than any had anticipated.

Melanie Nesbitt described her experience at the dinner.

"I met a lot of people from different schools and found that we had a lot in common. Moreover, it showed that people are good hearted and still do nice things for people," Nesbitt said.

At the night's conclusion, Duane Jackson, a GW student who played a role in inviting the people to the dinner, expressed this sentiment, "I see it as amazing how so many people with absolutely nothing in common except for their desire to break down barriers were willing to come together and walk 12 blocks to celebrate the birthday of an individual who they barely even know," Jackson said. "The fact that there were so many different people, each with their own stories, is what the 11-10-02 Foundation (BrunchBunch.com) is all about," said the GW student.

Siegman reflected on his party. "What happened between November 8th and 10th, watching young people take the initiative to fulfill their potential to impact each other's lives, seeing the diversity of the people who came together, walking with strangers and sitting down with new friends, was not something any of us will soon forget. I think it's safe to say there is a brand new chapter to OurStory."

The Foundation does much more than bring students together for brunch. It also sponsors the Milkshake Scholarships that help send students to college.

## Inspired?

For more information on how to get involved with 11-10-02 visit [www.brunchbunch.org](http://www.brunchbunch.org).

about life itself, but, Greg Forbes Siegman, a person who I just met for few minutes, taught me so much that I need to know about myself. He's absolutely AMAZING," Proddham said in an e-mail to Siegman.

"Of all the speakers that I have seen in my life, including Maya Angelou, and Johnathan Kozol, Mr. Siegman was by far the most moving," said Wesley Sullivan, a freshman at GW. Sullivan admits he didn't have an immediate desire to influence others at this point in his life, but was encouraged by Siegman's speech to do something immediately.

Sullivan and some other GW freshmen decided to make calls and send e-mails to gather as many people as possible to attend the birthday celebration because,

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## What Happened After Anthrax

Anthrax has become a national issue and now it has come to our front door. Our main mail distributor (Brentwood) was the facility where anthrax was found and later killed two employees.

The anthrax spores were found in the University Administration Mail Office. This Office on the G-level of the A building was the chief distributor for University mail. As soon as the anthrax was confirmed in weeks after the Brentwood two of the Brentwood mail workers died the University decides to take "drastic" measures by shutting down the main mail room in the A building and all other mail facilities. As police tape draped the University mail room doors, classes still went on and this was treated as another isolated incident.

At the same time some students could be infected with the biological element. Another thing is that the University has not implemented a great policy on bio-terrorism.

Although the postal workers are protected using their rubber gloves and masks, the students they distribute the mail to don't have any. It took the test to come up positive for the University to do something.

This incident is being treated as something miniscule but is actually larger than life. Large enough to make national headlines but at Howard it was played down a little. If Howard continues to go by the phrase better late than never then the emergence of anthrax may just be an index of what's to come. Perhaps the University should have shut down classes for a day or two. The University should make it top priority that all students get tested. On Capitol Hill, at the White House, and at the State Department when Anthrax was found these places shut down and people were tested.

Now that there is a possibility that it could have gotten into more than one campus mail room, there needs to be testing.

### Our View

The University should make sure all students are tested for anthrax and close school if they have to

## Bad Timing

To prepare for a Board of Trustees meeting today, Undergraduate Trustee Breana Smith held a sparsely attended town hall meeting Monday to discuss University issues and solicit feedback from students. However, a couple questions were left unanswered.

Why wait until four days before a board meeting to solicit feedback from students? Please tell us Smith thought this out better. No matter how many suggestions Smith got from students, four days isn't enough time to research the information well enough to present in front of the Board. That tells students that Smith is not prepared for the today's meeting.

Smith's town hall meeting was also scheduled on a day that had students out of town or returning from a three-day weekend. Here's a list of things Smith should present to the board:

Health Center: Is there anything new about the health center that the University is supposed to be planning for? Students gripe about the existing health center all the time.

Tuition: What is the trustee doing to ensure that the University sticks to its guns and freezes tuition? Has Smith really taken the time to think

about this or do you know something your confidentiality clause prevents you from telling the students? Tuition should be one of Smith's top priorities. The University is experiencing a financial burden because of the hotel situation, security anthrax issues and other things. Who is going to foot the bill for the unexpected costs? Please tell us if you have been thinking about that possible situation.

Housing: What has Smith actually done to make next semester easier for students who still do not have campus housing or will be moving

from the Holiday Inn in Silver Spring? We know President Swygert has said that those people will be moved back to campus next semester, but how did Smith contribute to that? If she did, wouldn't it be so much easier to boast about your accomplishments instead of hiding behind a clause?

Smith discussed security and Campus Police Chief Reginald Smith attended the meeting, which was good for students to talk to him. But, where is the action on Smith's part? Its no surprise that there is a rift between campus police and students, so what will become of it? We need resolutions and in a timely manner Ms. Smith.

### Our View:

The undergraduate trustee did not put enough time and effort into today's Board of Trustees meeting.

## What About the Dead

On Veteran's Day, just two months and a day after the terrorist attacks, our most fragile city, New York, was once again site to a plane crash, as American Airlines Flight 587, en route to a Dominican Republic, plunged to the ground in a residential Queens neighborhood Monday.

Fear would be an understatement after all this added airport security and two high alert warnings from the government.

However, when did this terrorism phobia become heartlessness?

When the story broke, no one stopped to ask about the 251 passengers and nine crewmembers that vanished in the crash. What about the six people presumed to be dead on the ground as the plane destroyed the homes and lives forever?

No, the first words uttered by National Transportation Safety Board Chair Marion Blakey was, "All information we have currently is that this is an accident," as she tried to soothe any questions on whether or not this was another attack on American interest.

A sigh of relief was taken, thankful that our foes from Afghanistan hadn't attacked us again. Only similarities were drawn between the two incidents saying they were too closely related—both crash sites in New York, flights taking off in the early morning traveling large distances, jet fuel and thick clouds of smoke hovering over the city's skyline.

What we don't realize is how compassionless we've become in the weeks following Sept. 11th. where our first thoughts now are on being attacked and how we're going to retaliate against those responsible for causing the suffering. What about the lives of the men, women, and children that won't see another day because composite fittings in the tail section of the plane malfunctioned? One civilian quoted in the Washington Post vows that it must be an inside job, and that's why the plane crashed.

Where are your feelings America? Have we become so immune to tragedy that we can't allow any time to grieve? Take a step back for a second—stop living on edge. Enjoy life because as we have seen recently, it is too short so make the best of it.

### Our View

People in this country have become so engulfed with terrorism that they did not even ask about people who died

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson



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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Patriotism and Profiling and the Black Community

**P**atriotism and profiling, these are two words America did not hear much of before September 11th. It wasn't until I had a class discussion in political science class with Dr. Davis that this came into my mind. Patriotism I don't feel has ever been too strong in the African American community. Perhaps this is because of the reality that African Americans hold second-class citizenships. Or perhaps, this is because what we think as a people never really gets put into the textbooks around the country unless the issue is slavery.

Of course, then, we want talk about how Abraham Lincoln was such a hero. No, I honestly cannot recall most African Americans feeling too patriotic. I believe it was Frederick Douglass that made the speech, "What the 4th of July means to Negroes?" I don't feel everyone in this country was too patriotic when our country fought in Vietnam. Nor, can I seem to recall addressing our soldiers that came home from Vietnam as heroes and saviors.

And, when it comes down to racial profiling please let me inform you that

this is not a new policy in America. African Americans have been dealing with racial profiling since the emancipation proclamation. It almost irritates me to hear whites talking about profiling for Pakistan Americans like it is a new thing. They can't believe all Pakistani-Americans must go through and are starting to sympathize with the pain and burden of being profiled. Why are whites just now noticing it for them and not African Americans who have been experiencing the woes of profiling forever?

It bothers me to know that when my father or any other Black man is pulled over it, is protocol and the norm. However, when the script is flipped for Pakistani-Americans, whites sympathize. It would have been one thing for a white person to say, "Wow, I feel bad for Pakistan-Americans." But, I would have been more satisfied with a comment that said, "Wow, this is what Blacks go through everyday."

I would not label myself as a radical patriot, nevertheless, I cannot complain (as oppose to being somewhere else). I love my country, yet I do not

always love or appreciate the tactics, institutions or policies of America.

I am writing this editorial because the crookedness of the media has caused me to question my own major. I have found that media is the eyes, ears and voice in this country that controls the minds of the people. Now, to my knowledge, I was taught that the mind controls the functions of the body. My Americans, I beseech you do not allow the media to portray to you a reality that is a perception or a perspective and simply put propaganda.

I sympathize with those who have lost loved ones. And, as for Pakistan Americans, the feeling is mutual (been there, done that, still in it!). My prayer is that peace may reside in all the citizens going through a state of adversity. Furthermore, not just peace but a genuine patriotism that surpasses all the hoopla and hype. All I ask is that one reexamine how many times they used the word patriotism or profiling and if so was it legitimate and is it consistent?

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## Letter To The Editor

Mr. Swygert,

**F**irst of all, as an alum, I'd like to commend you and your administration for all the wonderful things you've been able to do for Howard University thus far through your Strategic Framework for Action initiatives. There appears to be an across-the-board improvement in the way things are run at the university. I've reviewed the first Strategic Framework for Action and it appears that you have been (or soon will be) able to deliver on all the goals set forth in it. I'm eager to see the same success in SFA2, which was recently announced.

The reason I'm writing you is to express the particular interest that I and many other alumni have in improving the situation with our athletic department, which was addressed to some degree in SFA2. Many of us were very pleased to read about your plans to build a new indoor athletic/student life facility. This has been a dire need for quite some time. We are equally concerned about the state of our outdoor facility, Greene Stadium, which I believe is far past its useful life.

Of even greater concern, however, are the management problems that plague the department in the form of repeated NCAA violations, investigations, sanctions, lawsuits, high turnover rates, under staffing, under funding, rumors, scandals and so forth. I, along with a number of other alumni, feel that these recurring prob-

lems are unbecoming of a university that sees itself as a provider of "leadership for America". While we understand the need to safeguard the mission of providing a quality educational environment, many also feel that the perception of the university's quality can be obscured, if not completely overshadowed, by these continued problems in the athletic department. Rightly or wrongly any university's athletic department, particularly a Division I program, is the most closely followed, publicized and high-profile entity on campus. If the general perception of the athletic program is one of disorganization and neglect it's likely that the public at-large will hold the same perception of the university as a whole, whether its justified or not.

With that in mind, consider that our athletic department is about to be cited and penalized for major NCAA infractions for the fourth time since 1971. That's a 30

year period where Howard University has averaged a major NCAA investigation and penalty every 7 to 8 years. These investigations have each covered periods of time ranging from 3-5 years. Multiply those numbers by the four rounds of sanctions you can see that in the eyes of the NCAA Howard University has, in the last 30 years, spent more time breaking the rules than it has complying. I can't think of another university with such a sustained record of major rules violations over such a long period of time. Every time these investigations and penalties come down they appear in newspapers, TV and radio nationwide in addition to a "pub-

Dear Editor,  
The Hilltop

The following is the text of a letter I have recently e-mailed to President Swygert about the state of the athletic program at Howard University. My intent is not to cause any trouble but to really express that the alumni do care about what happens in the program and how it reflects on the university. It's come to my attention that some of the parties concerned

feel that I should have copied THE HILLTOP on the letter as well so that is why I am sending this to you. I hope you find it of some interest.

Thank you,  
Eric E. Peoples  
HU '94

lic censure" by the NCAA. In each of these instances the NCAA has cited

Howard for a "lack of institutional control". I suspect that this is a phrase that the NCAA will use once again to describe HU very soon. This is a pattern that must be corrected to prevent further erosion of Howard's public image, which by the way, will be felt in the pocket book if hasn't been already.

Before I end up writing more than you would probably care to read (if I haven't already) I just want to say that there is a clear need to overhaul the way things are done in our athletic department. It is possible to win in the classroom as well as on the field and to do it the right way. Schools like Stanford, Duke, Penn,

Vanderbilt, Princeton, Georgetown and George Washington do it year in and year out. There's no reason a school with the name recognition and resources of Howard University can't do the same. In our own conference

Hampton University is doing it (last year's NCAA basketball tournament was a public relations dream-come-true for them). All these schools did it by providing a specific vision, a set of goals and a plan for action specifically for their athletic department and by following it up with execution; by hiring and retaining competent, experienced staff and support personnel in adequate numbers; by building facilities that would attract good athletes, trainers, coaches, media, boosters and fans to their program; by supporting their teams with all their university's resources like broadcast,

print and cyber media. This is what I believe

Howard University needs to do. No one wants to see HU become a football factory but there is a lot of room between that and where we are today. If we're going to run a Division I athletic program we should strive to do it well.

With the success you've had so far I believe you have the opportunity to be at the forefront of a renaissance at Howard University. You and your administration have the ability to make these things happen for us both on and off the field of competition. There is only the question of commitment to the athletic program that remains. I know a lot of people who would be very interested in knowing first-hand where the athletic program fits into all of the wonderful plans that have been discussed for Howard. If you or someone from your staff could respond with some information about what is being planned I would be very appreciative and could share it with others. Not even the best laid plans and initiatives can expect the support of people who do not know about them.

So, with that in mind I hope to hear back from you soon.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Peoples  
Howard University, '94  
Bison Express Member

## Dear Bison,...

**I** have a problem. My best friend is currently involved with one of my male best friends. Him and I have been tight since day one, there was an attraction there, but it could not be pursued because he was going out with a friend of mine at the time and eventually we became like brother and sister.

Don't get me wrong, I introduced them and they make a really good couple, on their way to a healthy relationship. I just can't get used to them going out. It's almost like I don't see my home girl no more, and since they are always together, I have to talk to both of them at the same time.

I miss spending time with them individually. My home girl and me have talked about it and we got everything out in the open, but still seeing them in social situations is still strange to me. All three of these are adults, and our handling the situation quite well. So I am asking you- am I just trippin our is there something to be worried about?

Trapped in a Triangle,  
East Towers

DEAR TRAPPED IN A TRIANGLE,

Basically, what you need to focus on is not that you're trippin, but are you a little jealous of their relationship. Don't trip, it's humanlike to be attracted to a close friend especially of the opposite sex. The catch 22 is once you decide to invade on your friendship and elevate to a serious relationship, the game changes. Honestly you might be better off as good friends than lovers.

Quite frankly this seems to be just an attraction, not a head over heels deal. The worse thing is keeping your feelings depressed, try getting them alone individually then share what's up. Ironically, he may be flipping out too, with the biggest crush ever on you.

Although you should be congratulated on making the right decision without being shady and trying to break them up. That would have been just evil. That proves you are definitely a true friend to both of them. If a while passes and you still think there might be a chance with this.

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*Kanika Magee*

## Calling All Leaders

**I**n 1994, I graduated from Howard University's School of B. Last year, I returned to the School of Divinity. During the four years I spent at this place called the Mecca, I lived, I laughed, I loved, and I established bonds that will never be broken. As I reflected on the images of military personnel departing for active service in this invisible war, I recalled a weekday night in a practice room in the School of Fine Arts, when a friend and mentor told us he may be called to go to the Persian Gulf - for war. He was a student, just like us. We were in the HU Showtime Marching Band, proud "Phreaky Phones" (saxophones) and our section leader was in the reserves. We all know that normally means traveling somewhere for something we non-reservists don't fully understand; usually once a month. But on that day, it meant so much more. It meant possibly going to war and, together, we cried.

The privilege of college campus means both shelter from certain cruel realities and a smack in the face from others. We are not back home to see cousins and old classmates depart, en masse, for war; but we are still very close. The realities of war are unkind and unimaginable. Yet, we find those who face them both with courage and disdain, much like our African forefathers and foremothers who survived a Middle Passage and the institution of slavery. And we are stronger because of it; we are at the tops of our games. We have been propelled to boardrooms

and first class seats, Congressional halls and law chambers.

As we glimpse into our uncertain futures, characterized by war and insecurity, we can peer deeper and see these are futures defined by strength and perseverance. We can rest assured that the God who kept us so we could overcome financial aid, midterms, student housing, parent drama and the roommate from hell, will keep us even now; that nothing we face is too hard, too horrible, or too insurmountable. It can be done; we shall survive. We will overcome; we will succeed - with God.

Hope cannot be lost lest it first be surrendered. We have been set apart as the Nation's up and coming leaders. Tragedy has accelerated our training process - and we must step forward now, not tomorrow or next year or when we graduate - but now. CALLING ALL LEADERS - step right up - to love, even someone who "looks" like a terrorist, a redneck, a bigot, a lesbian, a drunk, pretentious. Calling all leaders - step right up - to encourage another to study, to hope, to love, to live. Calling all leaders - step right up - to pray, to pray, to pray, to pray. Calling all leaders - step right up - it's you, it's you. It's you.

So, pray for someone, encourage someone, talk to someone - show our friends, show America how to live, how to hope, how to love, how to lead. HU is not called the Mecca for nothing - so step right up - it's true - it's you. Welcome to leadership.



# MEN'S SOCCER !!



**LAST HOME GAME TODAY**  
(RESCHEDULED)

**1PM, FRIDAY, NOV. 16th**

**HOWARD MEN vs. Hartwick**

**@ Greene Stadium**  
**SENIOR DAY!!**



**Soccer!**

**BEST WISHES TO ALL TEAMS ON THE ROAD!**

## Women's Bowling

**@ EPMIBC TOURNAMENT, Nov. 17-18**

## Women's Volleyball

**@ MEAC TOURNAMENT**

**Nov. 15-17, Morgan State, Balt., MD**



## WRESTLING

**@ Old Dominion Invitational, Nov. 17**



## Bison Basketball

**Women @ Univ. of Eastern Mich.**  
**Tournament, Nov. 16-17**

**Men @ Mercer Univ. (Atlanta),**  
**Nov. 16**



## Swimming & Diving

**Nov. 16-18**

**HU SHARKS @ Patriot Invitational (George Mason U.)**



## Football

**Last Game of the Season @ Delaware State, Nov. 17, 1pm**



### CONGRATULATIONS:

Dave Mitchell has been selected to the 2001 Atlantic Soccer Conference (ASC) first team and teammate

Ronald Goodlett has been named to the second team by the conference coaches.

A junior midfielder from Kingston, Jamaica, Mitchell currently leads the Men's Soccer team in goals scored with five and in points scored with 12. Goodlett is a sophomore forward from Olney, MD, who is second on the team with four goals and nine points.

Tracy White (Football) has been named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

The junior linebacker from St. Stephen, SC, recorded 12 tackles, 3 for losses, a sack, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble in this season's last home game.

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No Thanks!

By JONATHAN C SIMS  
Life & Style Editor

The meanings of words can change our lives. It's kind of funny how we seem to never think about the true concept of Thanksgiving until the week before. It is common for us as Americans, college students, and yes even as youth to not think about these things. I sit here writing what I am truly thankful for. I remember now looking back at a video tape from a family gathering 8 years ago and what I said then. The things that were so important then are so trivial now. God all I thought about was my Game Boy and collecting my Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Heroes in a Half Shell). It is so funny how things changed so easily for me the worth of so many things have no value to me personally that years ago I would placed as the center of my Universe.

I know this might sound cheesy as hell but if it were not for those important things you all, who know me would never understand the elements of Jonathan C Sims. I came to a conclusion the other day while chilling in my room. I thought of the phrase that Nina Simone concocted, that being to be "Young gifted and black." Before I would have laughed at this catch phrase of the seventies, now I am thankful for these things which I never paid attention to. Just to think and this is going to sound conceited but I am truly thankful for the power that I have had bestowed upon me. Yes I am truly thankful for what I have been blessed with. I have been blessed with the power to take over in the rockiest situations and still persevere.

See I am about to get personal with yall for a moment. This year so far I have witnessed a death in the family, ran through a bad relationship, experienced the confiscation of a credit card (from the parents), experienced a problem with validation (yes just because you are on the campus paper doesn't make you exempt from problems), and so many other problems that I almost thought I was going to pull a Mariah Carey. (You know she didn't come up with that song Break Down for nothing) After looking at the bad and then weighing in the good I have come to the conclusion that I am extremely blessed.

Blessed enough that I need not be robust and blast my resume through this column. My parents always taught me actions speak louder than words. It's so weird that at the age of twenty I have done more and done more than some over achievers at the age of forty have done. And I am "young, gifted, and black." Did you ever think of how such a beautiful thing it is to be those three words individually but then collectively you've got to be thankful.

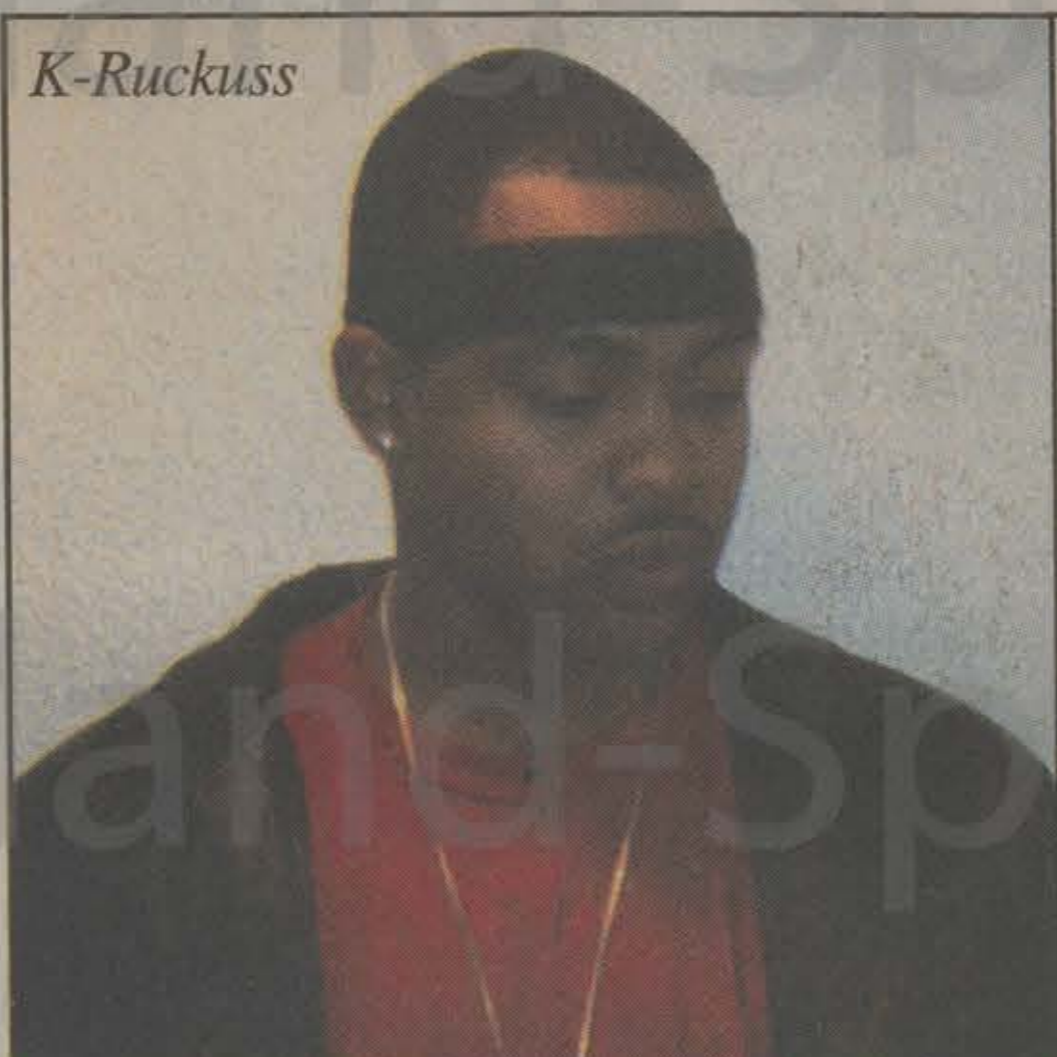
To say I am thankful for my friends would be the same old stuff that we all have read over and over again in countless Hallmark cards and other tons of fluff. So that is why this year and actually all in all if there is one thing that I am thankful for it would be the gift that I have been given graciously to be me. My experience not just as a student on this campus but as a gifted man on the move.

I have come to a conclusion after looking back over all the ancient taped documentaries which were used to trace my past. No stroll down memory lane could ever reinforce the gratitude that I have for my blessings. Yes I am thankful for my parents and friends, but honestly the depth of me being. All the materialistic things that I praised in my childhood from Nintendo to Reebok Pumps to today's cherished trinkets they are nothing at all. Because, I am thankful for the endless possibilities that lie around the corner and the tests that I have yet to endure. If it weren't for those lessons and the trials that I continue to swim through shallowly in life I would definitely be of no thanks.

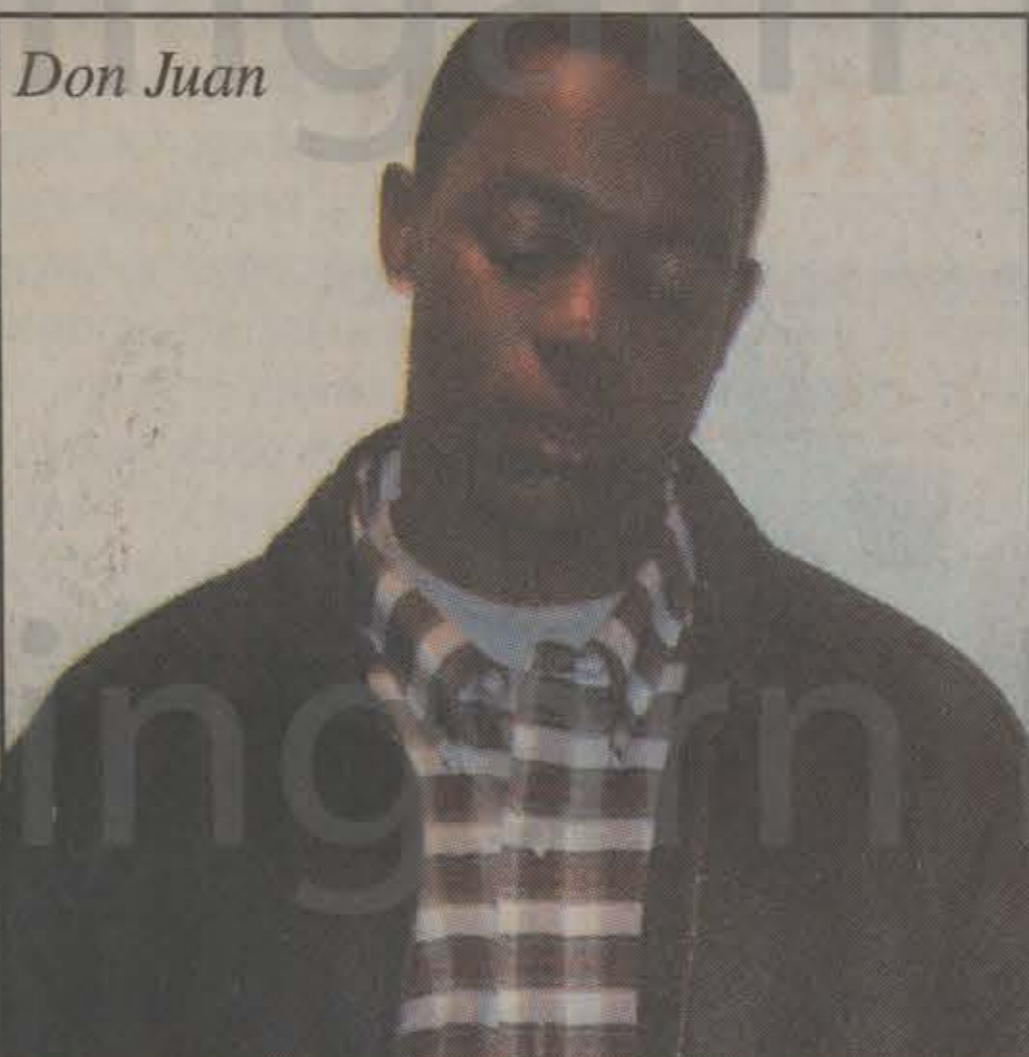
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Student Entrepreneurs Stage A Nation Wide Takeover

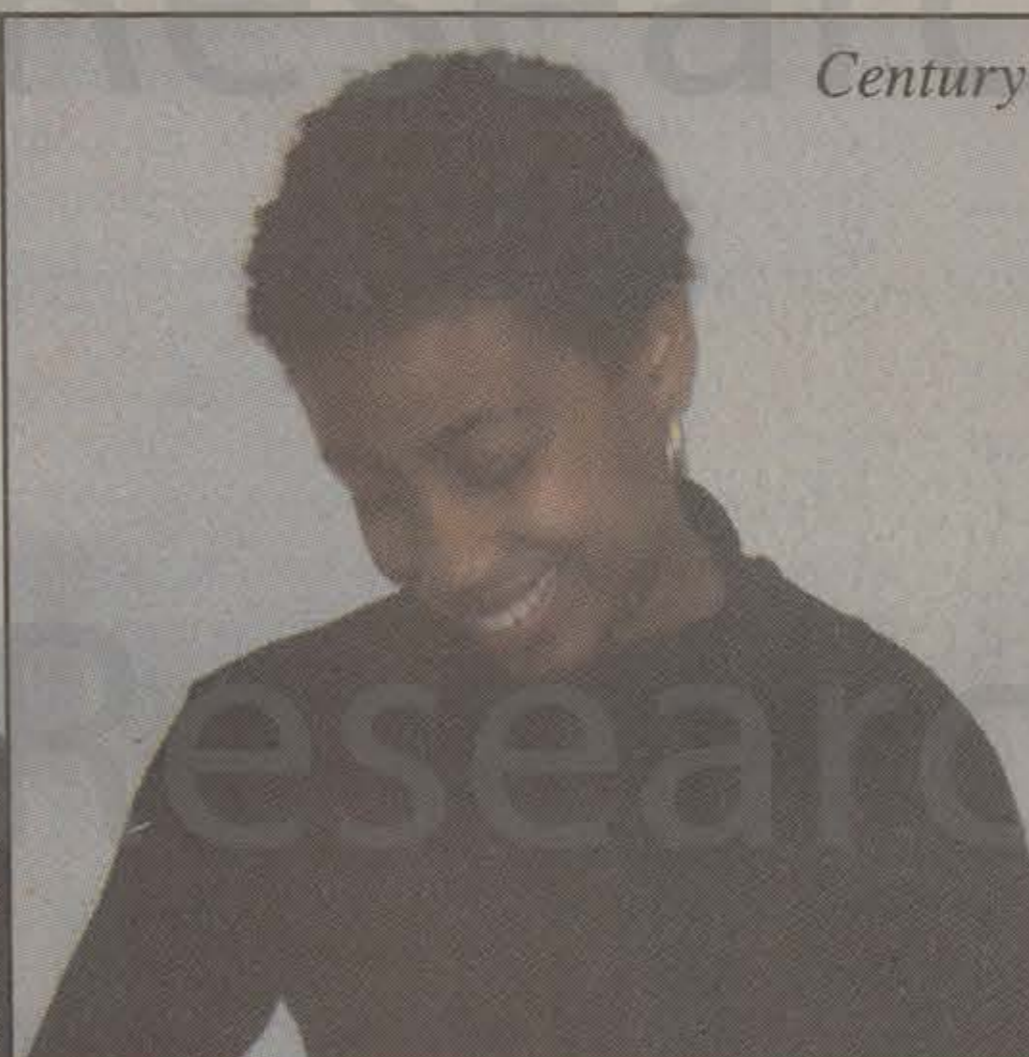
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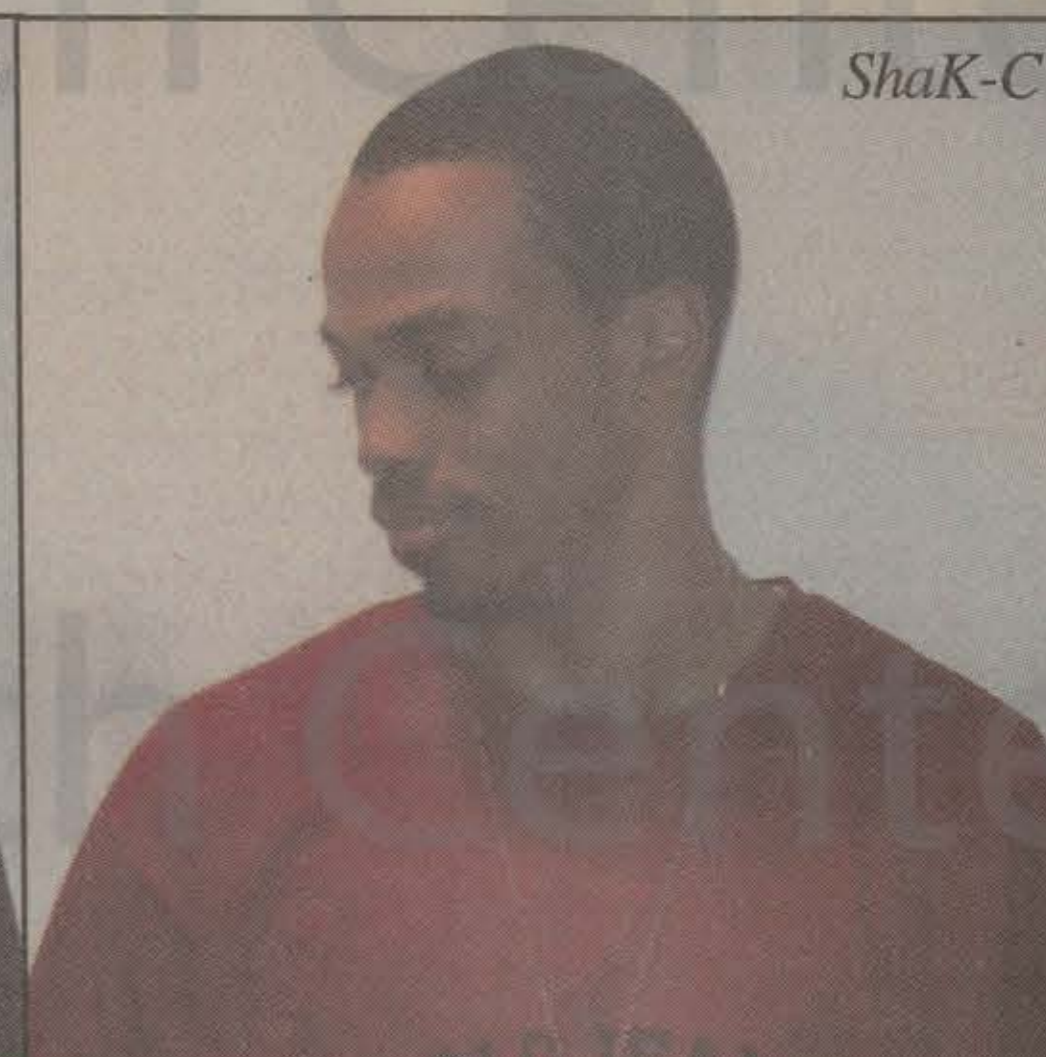
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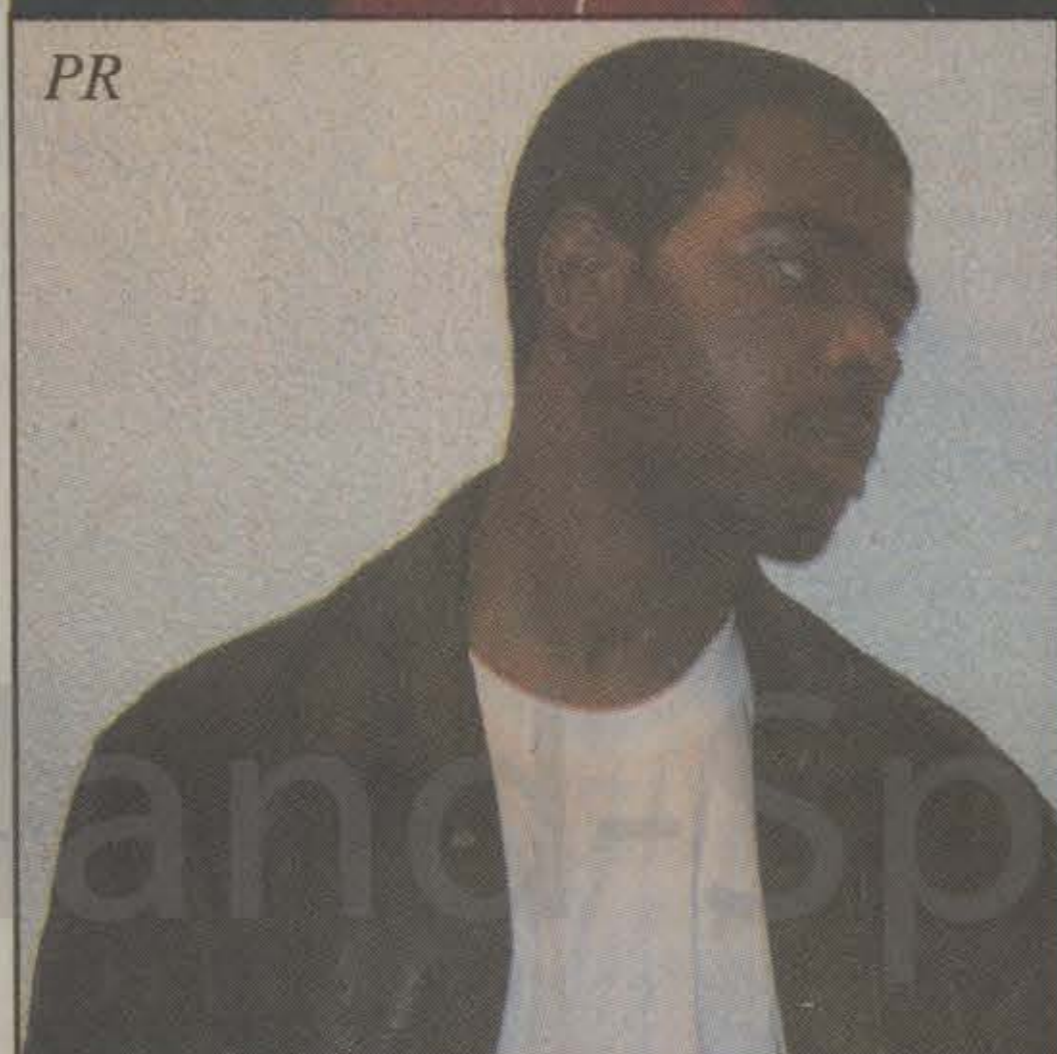
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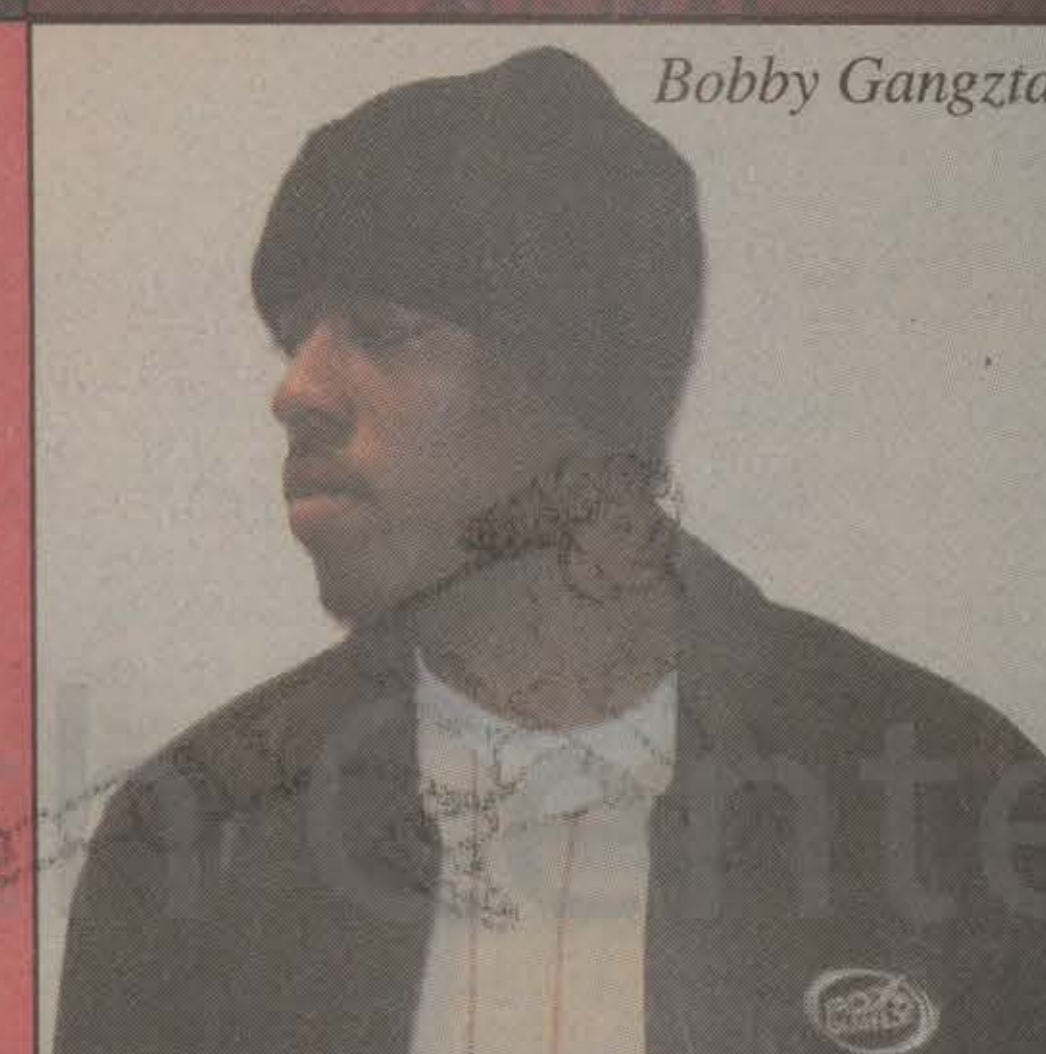
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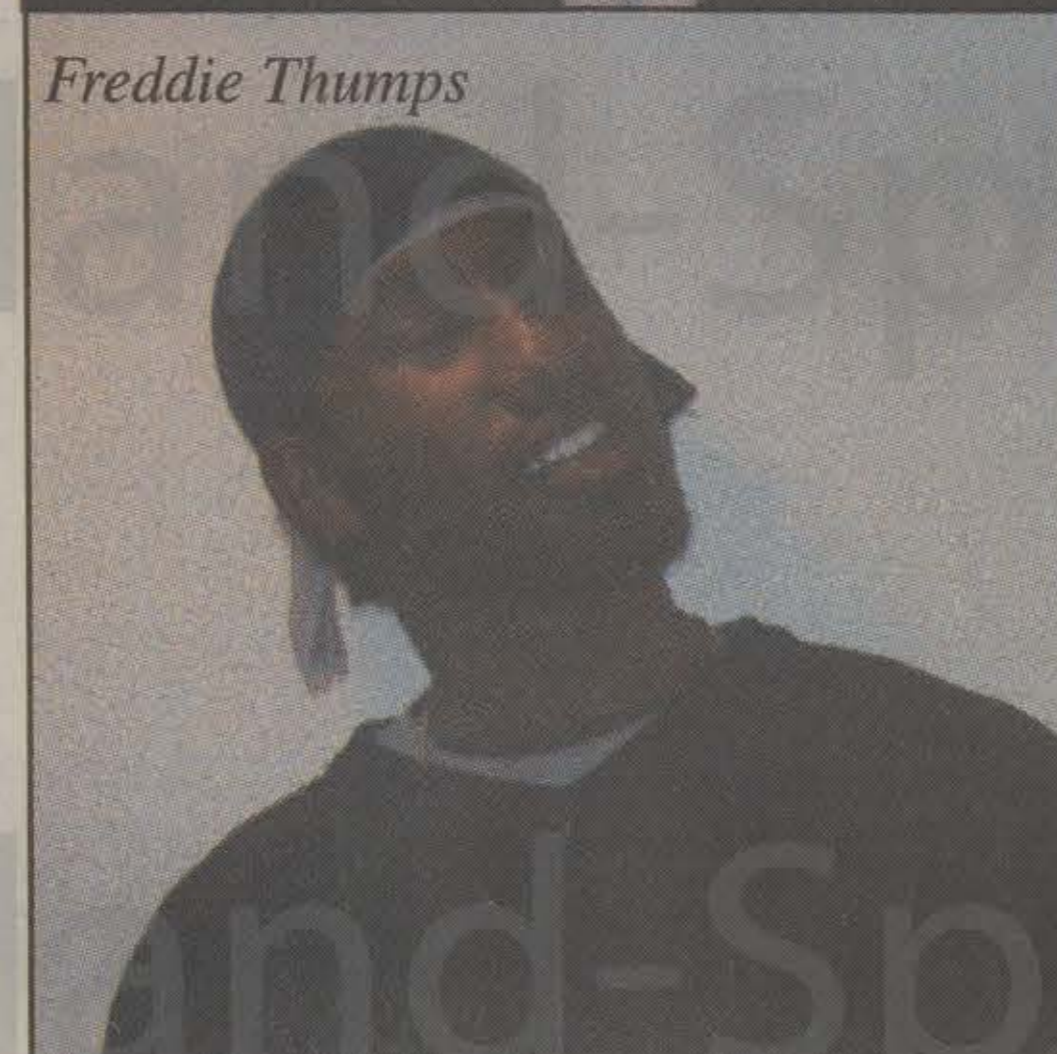
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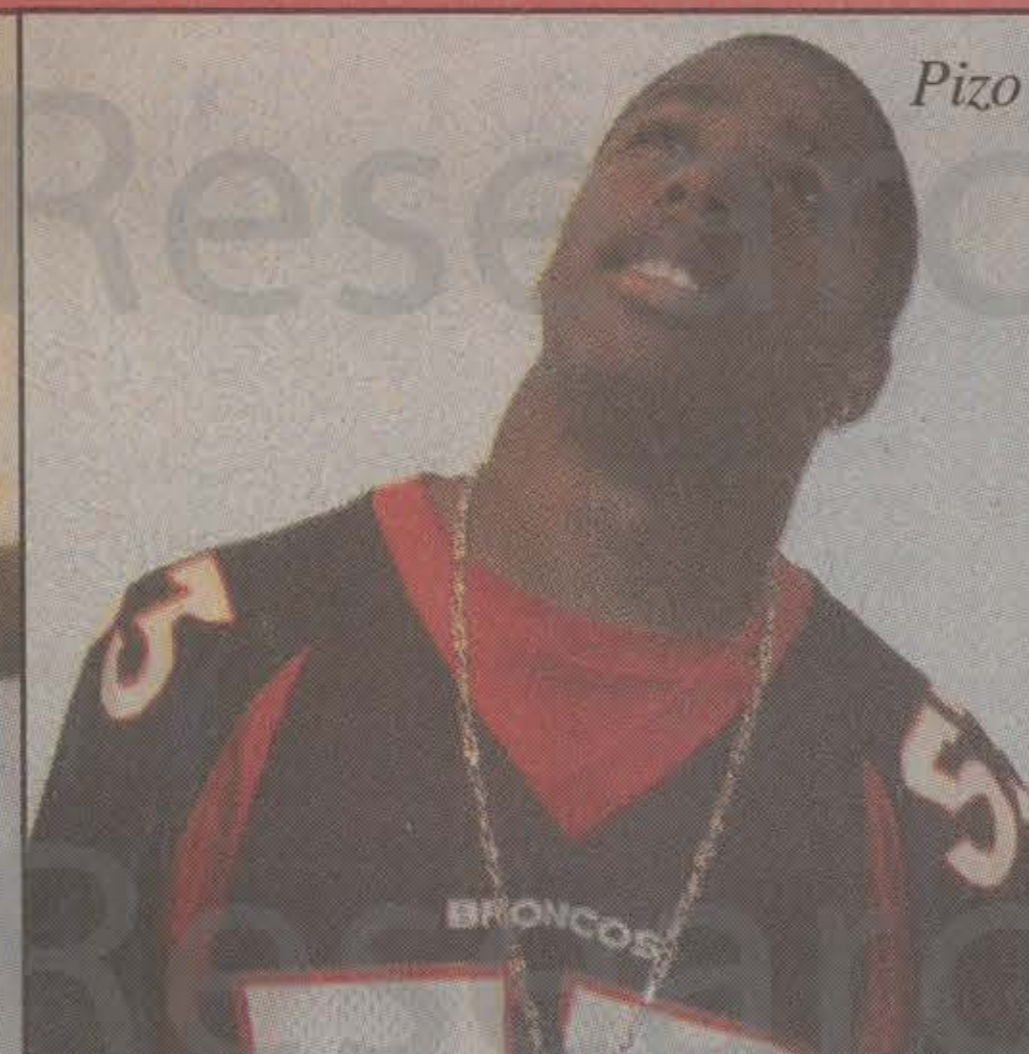
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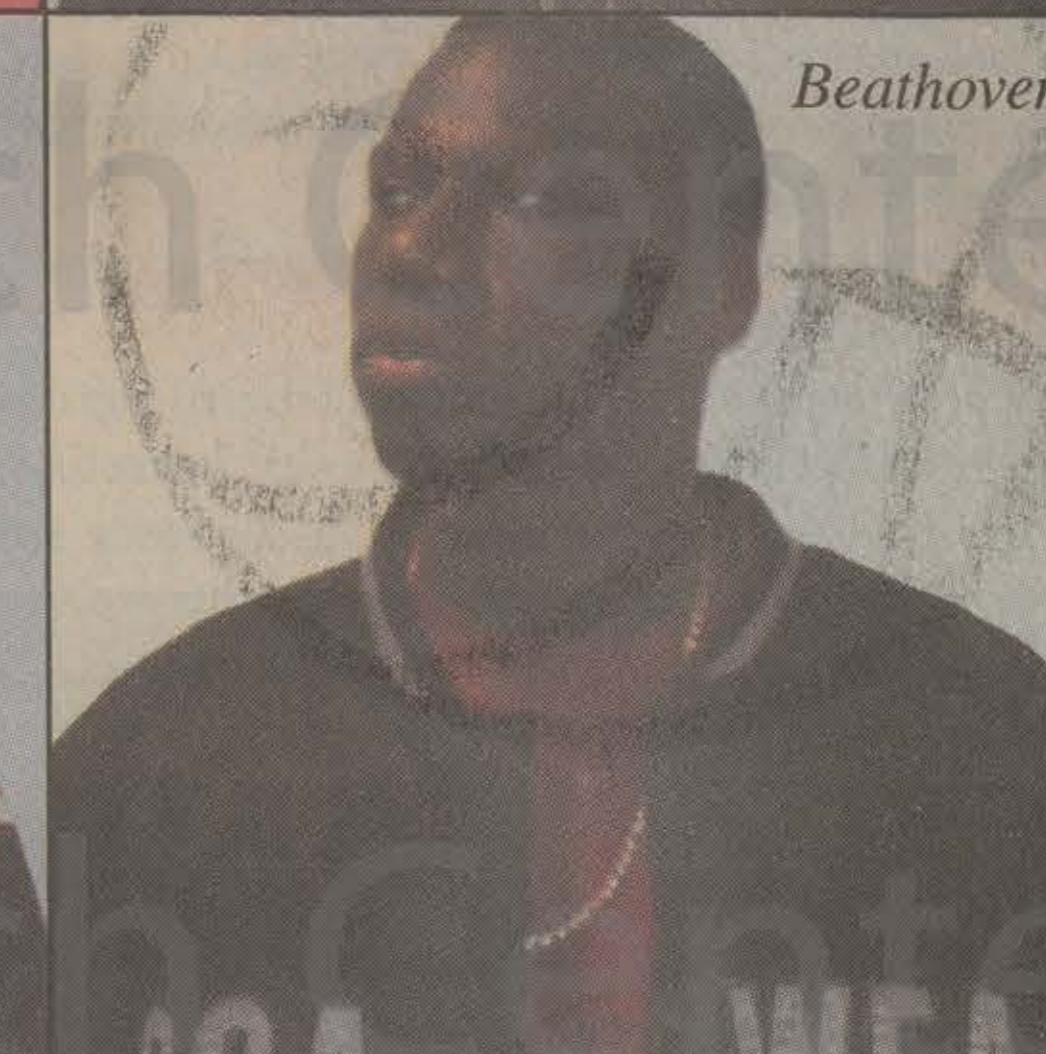
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Graphics By: Jamal Pope

By Brandon A. Miller  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As a group of men construct a stage in Jasmine's Pizza & Grill for a taping of the television show "5 Minute Friday's", two people immediately stand out. They aren't unusually large physical presences or loud and obnoxious. Rhett "Pritty R" Butler and Robert "Bobby Gangzta" Ford are going about their business in a mild-mannered fashion, but something about them seems unique. Though Butler and Ford have a staff

working hard to assist them, its obvious they are in charge and want things done their way. Pacing back and forth, tweaking any imperfections and making sure every element of the stage is flawless, they aren't being dictators, just displaying their God given characteristics. "Leaders are born, not made," said Ford, a senior Los Angeles native. "We have certain standards, there are certain things we know we have to do," Butler said. "I know if I need this or that, I know rob can handle it and he knows I can handle it. When we let somebody else do something, some-

times I get a little nervous because I've never trusted them enough to do something that's important."

For the past year, Butler and Ford have definitely been doing something important, but they are grateful to have found some people they can trust along the way to help. As full time students and CEO's of Nation Wide Takeover (NWT) Media Inc., they're plates are more than full and the duo is hungry for more. Through their numerous outlets—television, magazine and music—Butler and Ford are trying to unite people as well as entertain, espe-

cially in the HBCU community. "We are black schools," Butler said. "A lot of people make jokes and bad mouth their own situation, but look at the positives of it. You get to wake up and seek blacks trying to do something positive everyday. You can go back around the way and never see that. You may see one or two people doing it back home, but you come here and see 10,000 people doing it on a daily. We should feel blessed."

See NWT, B7

And Then, There Was X  
Microsoft's X-box released yesterday, plans to give the Playstation 2 a run for its money

By BERNARD MURRAY  
Contributing Writer

With all the advances in technologies, I wonder what Sony, Nintendo, and Microsoft have in store for the next five years. I still remember playing Table Tennis, Pac Man, and Pitfall on 8-bit Atari. To think, these games are so intricate that the characters are able to blink and give facial expressions like they were human. This is getting a bit ridiculous, 137-bits to be exact. I now cringe at the sound of Nintendo (1985). Don't get me wrong, it dropped some pretty hot titles: Zelda, Double Dribble, Castlevania, Temco Bowl, and who could forget Contra (up, down, up, down, left...you get the point). But with the release of Sony's Playstation2 o the videogame

world on October 26, 2000, it leaves the unanswered question, what's next?

I'll tell you, Sony has to make way because Microsoft is coming harder (no pun intended). The Xbox hits stores Thursday, November 15, which means if you just caught wind of this for the first time, it's probably too late. But don't fear. I am here to give an in-depth review of this new contender. LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!

Here's the breakdown of The Xbox. It comes with four game controller ports for easy multiplayer gaming; a front-loading DVD tray; an Ethernet port for rich, that allows for fast-action online gaming via a broadband connection; an NVIDIA graphics processing unit (GPU), giving out three times more graphics performance than any other consoles; An inter-

nal hard drive, it's basically a computer fronting as a console, the first of its kind; and an Intel 733MHz processor, the fastest and most powerful CPU in any console. This thing is fully loaded.

Last Friday, I was one of many who got a chance to test The Xbox first hand. We were told that The Xbox has a feature that no other system is offering, a soundtrack creator. The Xbox allows gamers to create, edit, and play their own soundtrack while playing the game. The first game that will be able to take full advantage of this feature is Project Gotham Racing. Though Thursday was the official



début The Xbox, Microsoft and its affiliates have been pumping out the titles for months. Madden 2002, Halo, Shrek, and NASCAR Thunder 2002, just to name a few. Such titles as Dead or Alive 3, Metal Gear X, and Project Gotham See X-box, B7

# The Thanksgiving Indulgence

## A Way To Keep The Pounds Off This Holiday Season

By HAROLD EICHELBERGER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Thanksgiving for many families is not just a reunion, but also a feast. At this great dinner if you can get past your overweight aunt and your drunken uncle, you can peep the spread of dishes that lie across the dining room table. As usual, you have your fat turkey, incredibly huge ham, and if you look even further you can notice the roast, even the deeply fried chicken next to the chitterlings.

It is not over yet; once you push your little sisters and brothers out of the way, the greens, yams, stuffing and cranberry sauce oozes your mouth over an empty plate ready to be decorated, after you hide your stash of oven baked macaroni and cheese.

After you lined your stomach with such a cuisine, there is always room for the desert. Once you struggle to get up, the apple pie, as well as the sweet potato pie begin to beckon you. (Let us not forget about the banana pudding.)

Now that you are completely satisfied, what about the day after? How many pounds have you just put on? How different do you look from what you did the day before Thanksgiving? Well, to battle this notion of the effects of these great, but unhealthy cuisines, Thanksgiving dinner can be turned into a healthy meal.

Marc Clark, Lecturer in physical education, suggests many ways to make Thanksgiving dinner a healthier meal. "There are no real good rules of thumb for good eating. Most people feel that they overindulge. You have to tell yourself that just because it is Thanksgiving, it is not a free day. Eating sensible and ideal foods is the way to reasonable eating. You

cannot go all out and take a day off," said Clark.

Clark had suggestions for food preparation. "Turkey is not bad as other meats with high fat content like ham. When it comes to turkey and ham, we should trim the fat from the turkey skin, and from the ham. You can still have a satisfying meal if you fill your plate with food portions that have the same foods that are on the food pyramid," said Clark.

In the household of Janna Foster, sophomore human development major, they also indulge in a variety of foods. "Of course we have the turkey. My mom cooks our favorite dishes such as ham, roast, chitterlings, potato salad, yams, and other vegetables. For desert we usually have peach cobbler, cheesecake, and banana pudding," said Foster.

But according to Foster, there are also ways to make this a healthier meal. "In order to make this meal healthier, replace ingredients with healthier alternatives such as butter with 'I Can't Believe It's Not Butter'. And absolutely no chitterlings," explains Foster.

Sometimes in our food preparation, things can be taken a step further for those willing to make more than subtle changes in their Thanksgiving preparation. According to Lakesha Robinson, sophomore mathematics major, she advises, "Take the fat back out of the collard greens. For the macaroni and cheese, do not use butter. Use a butter substitute. For the cheese, use fat free cheese instead of regular cheese. Even for the mashed potatoes, leave off the salt," exclaims Robinson.

One thing that we fail to remember when we indulge in Thanksgiving dinner, there are ways to make our breads and cakes a bit healthier. "For pound cake, do not include icing, just eat the cake portion. Even when you eat rolls,

avoid putting butter on them, or just use less butter. For the cornbread, make homemade cornbread instead of the sweet Jiffy Mix cornbread. Also, for those foods with an egg content in them, instead of eggs in everything, use eggbeaters. You can even use fat free milk, or 2% milk versus whole milk," said Robinson.

One thing to keep in mind when trying to avoid those extra pounds after Thanksgiving dinner is to keep an eye on the amount of calorie intake, and your daily physical activities. "Calories are designed to fuel activity. On Thanksgiving very little activity happens. If you are not going to be active the day before and the day after, do at least thirty minutes of physical activities for calorie burning if it is just mowing the lawn or taking a walk. In some cases, many say that they are going on diets and to the gym. The truth is, most do not. If you were messing up before, you will mess us after. Just start with changes of dietary intake," said Clark.

In our dietary habits, there are also barriers that go along with gender. As men, there are certain things to remember when we bury our faces on Thanksgiving. "Nutritionally as a group, for men, we consume more fat than women. Men need to be especially mindful of what they eat, since we consume the most fat," said Clark.

In our Thanksgiving dinner, we have to realize that there are some healthier ways of preparing our foods, and healthier ways of choosing what it is we eat. As well as the eating portion of Thanksgiving, we cannot forget, "Thanksgiving is when all of the family comes together in one meeting place. We give thanks for all of our blessings thus far," said Foster.

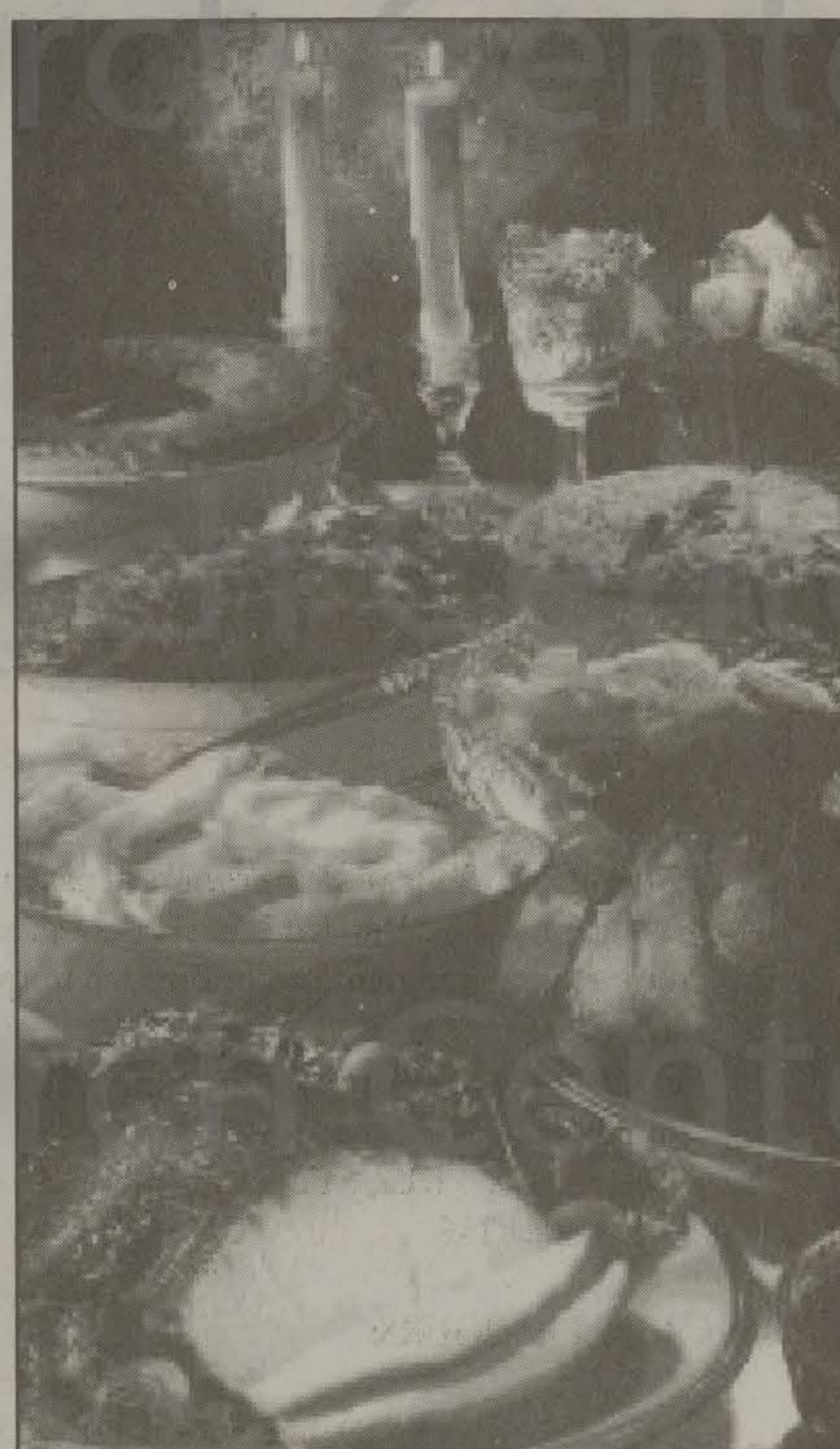


Photo Courtesy of Boston Market  
Though the typical Thanksgiving feast is seen as normal for the Thanksgiving holiday, excessive eating can become a major problem this holiday season

### Movie Review:

## Potter Fails To Conjure Magic on the Screen

Warner Bros.  
Running Time: 150 min.

Verdict: **B-**

By NIA D. MCLEAN  
Contributing Writer

After fervently reading and being enchanted by J. K. Rowling's best selling novel, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, I was more than thrilled to go see the movie version. Unfortunately, like most films that are adapted from books, the movie falls short of capturing the wonder and mystery that made the book so good.

The story centers on young Harry Potter, a child who is orphaned when his wizard parents are killed by the evil Voldemort. Unable to kill the young infant, Voldemort loses his powers and baby Harry is rescued by Hagrid, the keeper of keys at Hogwart's School of Wizardry. From there, Harry is placed in the care of his aunt and uncle, Petunia and Vernon Dursley until he is ready to fulfill his destiny to be one of the greatest wizards of all time.

The Dursleys, who have a son named Dudley that is the

same age as Harry, look down on witchcraft and wizardry. Believing the child to be as strange and abnormal as his parents, they treat him terribly and keep him in a cupboard. It doesn't help that weird things always seem to happen around Harry when he's mad or afraid. For instance, when he fears going to school after his aunt gives him a monstrous haircut, he wakes up only to find that his hair has grown back again.

On Harry's 11th birthday, Hagrid returns again to rescue him from his torturous existence with the Dursleys for the experience that will change his life - beginning his first year at Hogwart's. There, Harry teams up with Ron Weasley, a shy, yet funny redheaded boy and Hermione Granger, who is often too smart for her own good. The three enjoy numerous adventures, but one could ultimately destroy them all. The three discover that someone is trying to steal the Sorcerer's Stone, which empowers its owner to turn things to gold and provides them with the elixir of life, which grants immortality. The three will stop at nothing, even risking their lives to prevent the stone from getting into the wrong hands.

If that sounds exciting, it is. In fact, the story itself is so good that

Rowling went on to write three more books (*The Chamber of Secrets*, *The Prisoner of Azkaban*, and *The Goblet of Fire*) to follow it and will add two more before the series is complete. However, the movie based on the first book just does not burst with the same magic or thrill that the book had. Much of the dialogue is taken directly from the book and the characters look and act exactly as the reader would imagine. However, some portrayals are disproportionately better than others, which throw off the feeling of the film because the characters came off so much stronger in the book.

On a positive note, the special effects added greatly to the movie. From the portraits that come to life to the high-flying fast padded Quidditch game, some of the imaginative depictions adequately breathe life into Rowling's words.

In general, the movie is not bad; it's just nowhere close to being quite as magical as the book. So, for those who have not read the book and have wondered what all the hype has been about, go ahead and read the book. It is the only way you can truly appreciate the charm and the fantasy of the story. The movie only drives the magic home. In this case, reading is definitely fundamental.

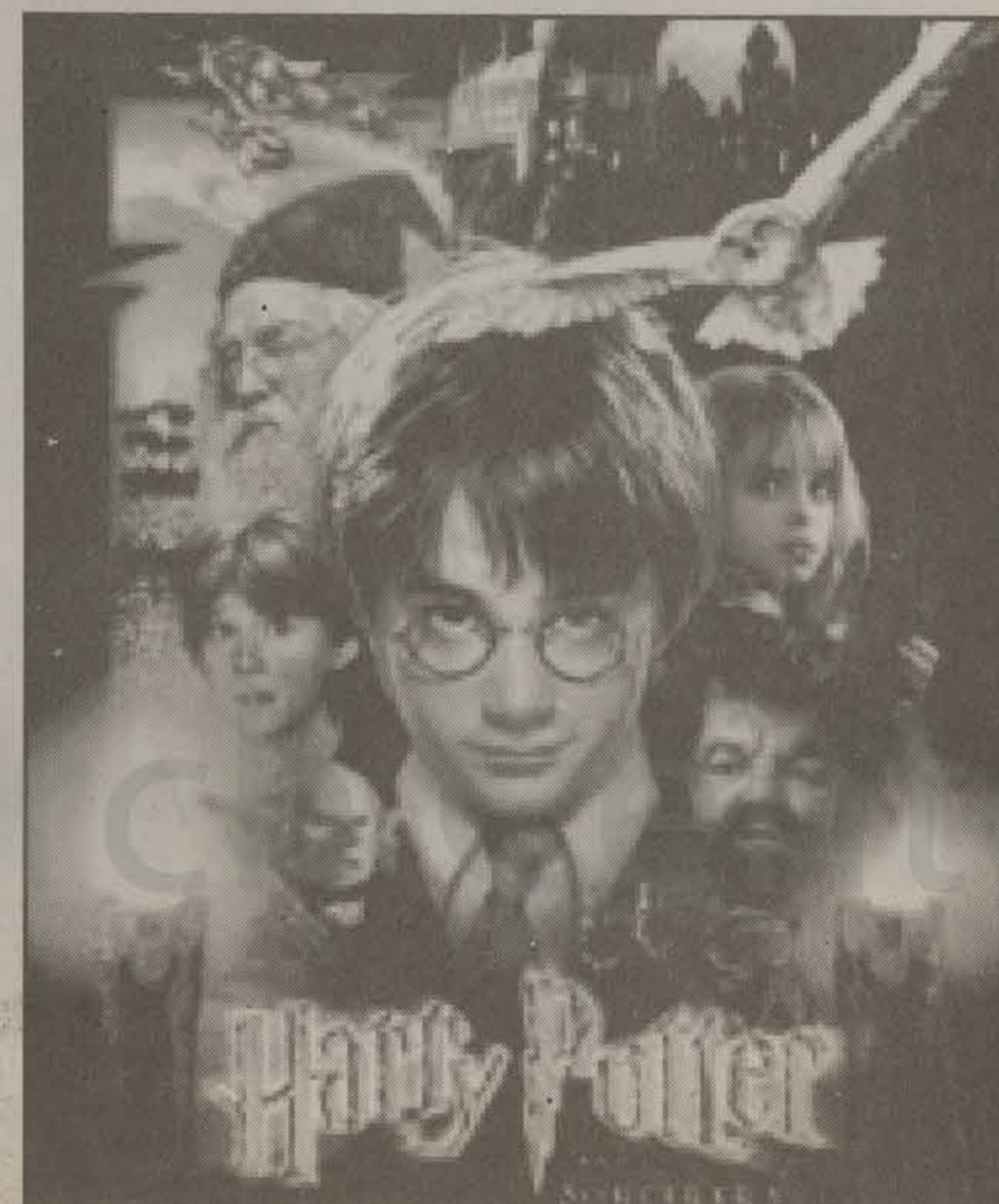


Photo Courtesy of Warner Brothers  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, as some claim to be the next "Wizard of Oz" has big shoes to fill

## Entertainment Briefs

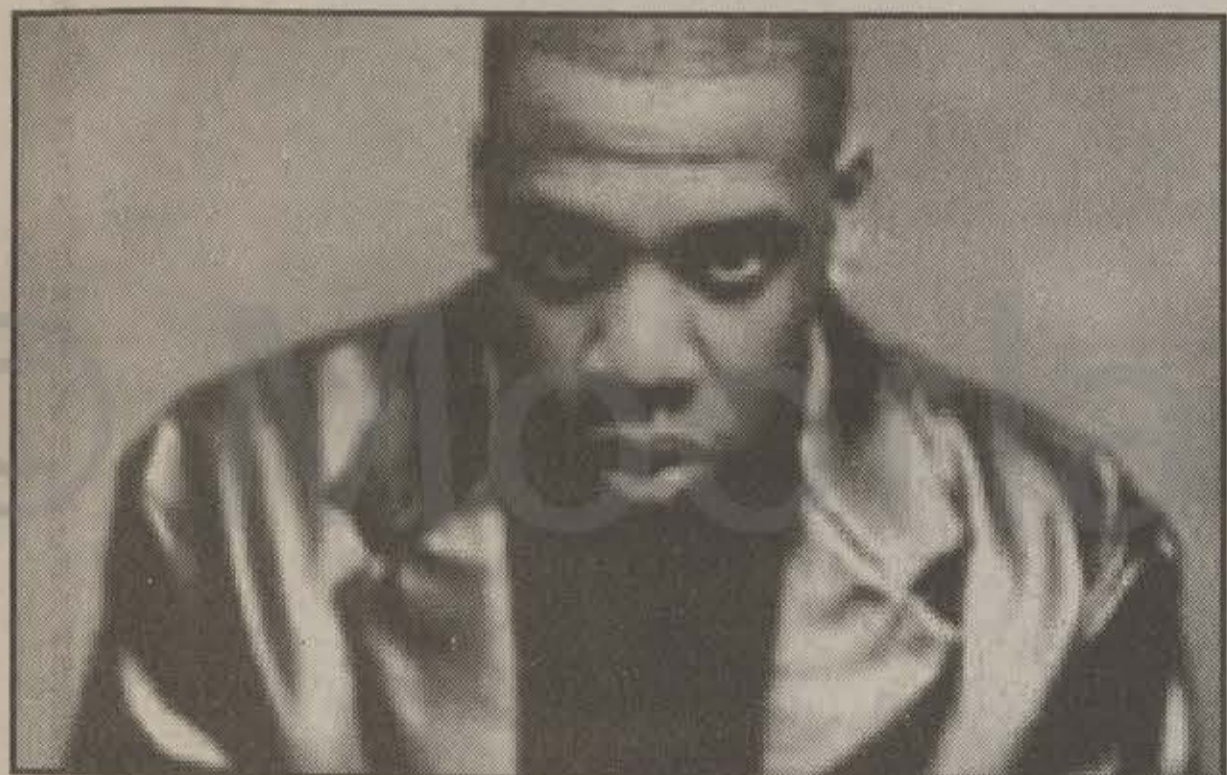
Compiled By HAROLD EICHELBERGER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Capone of Capone-N-Noreaga was recently arrested in Greensboro, NC on October 25, 2001. He was found with drug paraphernalia and an ounce of marijuana. Capone is also working on his solo project *Pain, Time, and Glory*. He is rumored to have recorded over 40 songs.

Charli Baltimore is back on the scene. She signed a deal with Murder, INC. Records.

A visitor in the home of Havoc, member of the hip-hop duo Mobb Deep, was shot in the leg after a quarrel over Chinese food.

Jay-Z, who is serving three years probation, has apparently pled



Not Guilty? Really... Jay-Z pleaded guilty the charges pressed on him. He will now be on probation

guilty to stabbing Lance "Un" Riviera.

Master P's No Limit label was recently dropped from Priority Records. Universal Records, the same label as the Cash Money family, will currently distribute No Limit.

ODB was recently sentenced to four years in prison. A two year bid for crack possession, and a two year bid for escaping from a Los Angeles rehabilitation center.

Michael Jackson's album *Invincible* cost \$9 million to record. Release Dates\*:

## Deck The Hall With Music

By COURTNEY WADE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Just like mu-sic!" Nothing ushers in the holiday

season like cold, snowy weather, hot chocolate with whipped cream, "chestnuts roasting" on an open fire, holiday celebration feasts, and of course, music that speaks to the heart. You know the kind of songs whose message is timeless and universal. Holiday music is one way of celebrating the season that doesn't require lots of money.

Countless artists and choirs produce holiday albums and the artists range from ol' school divas like Mahalia Jackson and Shirley Caesar to new school, sex symbols TLC and Destiny's Child. Holiday music allows artists to use their creativity and skill to either remake a classic carol or to sing it

traditionally and blow the listening public away. Just about anyone that you might be interested in musically has a Christmas album or is a part of a special Christmas compilation. To name a few there is: B. B. King's, A

Album by Kenny G.

Particularly, the song that comes to mind in times like these is Stevie Wonder's version of "Someday At Christmas". "... There'll be no wars when we have learned

what Christmas is for... There'll be peace on Earth." Its lyrics proclaim the true meaning of Christmas and how it should be rather than the way it is. War and the threat of attacks should not invade the minds and hearts of the people during this time. Peace should prevail permanently not just at Christmas time.

Nevertheless, the holiday season should be a time of love, reconciliation, and a celebration of new beginnings and old traditions. The hope that Christmas brings will have everyone looking for a brighter future in 2002. And if you allow music to enter your heart, "this Christmas will be a very special Christmas for... you and me.

## Top Ten Holiday Songs

1. Donny Hathaway - "This Christmas"
2. Nat "King" Cole - "The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas To You)"
3. The Jackson 5 - "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
4. Stevie Wonder - "Someday At Christmas" (We can all take a hint from this song now.)
5. Boyz II Men - "Silent Night"
6. Mariah Carey - "All I Want for Christmas"
7. Alicia Keys - "Little Drummer Girl"
8. Christina Aguilera - "Oh Holy Night"
9. The Temptations - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
10. TLC - "Very Merry Christmas"

*Christmas Celebration of Hope*; A Motown Christmas, a compilation of Christmas carols sung by Motown artist; N'Sync's, *Home for Christmas*; and even Faith: *Holiday*

will be a very special Christmas for... you and me.

## Why you Stressin me?

By MICHAEL VICTORIAN  
Contributing Writer

You finally made it through midterms, but now the work is piling up, there are holds on your account, and everybody seems to be in your business. If one or all of these apply to you then like so many Howard students you are probably stressed. Whether it is personal, private or physical, stress is one of the single most dominating factors in the lives of college students. Stress is known to cause irritability, headaches, anxiety, and irregular patterns of sleep and appetite, however students need not accept such hardships as basic elements of college life. In a recent seminar on stress management Haney Malik of the Howard Counseling Service offered some insight into the world of controlling stress.

According to Mr. Malik, stress is often triggered when the demands of everyday life outweigh the resources. Or in the words of freshman Adriane Frazier, "When I got too much \_\_\_ to do. And not enough time." In order to combat such occurrences of stress students should attempt to become organized or at least to motivate themselves to not procrastinate. Students should also remem-

ber to accept this type of stress as a positive means of motivation and use it as a method of maximizing their potential. However, Mr. Malik reminded students that they should reserve the right to say "no" if their schedule does not permit certain activities. For example, one should not attempt to type the group's final project, orchestrate the oral presentation, and try to go to the club.

Lastly Malik supplemented that the student's greatest weapon in the battle against stress was to control his/her perceptions about their situation. Many times people become frustrated or perhaps even ill when considering an event or action because they place too much emphasis on the outcome. A strategy to combat such anxiety is to break situations down into smaller more manageable courses of action and to set realistic attainable goals. This is not to suggest that students should lower their standards of achievement, but it is important to clarify one's goals and define clear priorities.

The most important issue in dealing with stress is to remember that controlling stress is a serious mental and physical health issue and if not properly regulated it can cause serious harm. Problems related to stress include everything from alcoholism and insomnia to sexual side

effects and suicide, so if you need help it is imperative that you seek it. Also as in any other mental or physical health issue it is important to recognize changes in one's body and mind. By identifying the signs of stress such as: headaches, anxiety, sleeplessness, and evaluating one's life it is possible to identify the source of one's problems. Solutions and strategies to control stress include all of the following:

1. Assess self-perception
2. Adopt good time management-avoid procrastination and indecision
3. Clarify goals
4. Define priorities
5. Laugh- don't take yourself too seriously
6. Talk things out- do not bottle up emotions. Lean on a friend
7. Meditate on positive imagery-think about doing something you find rewarding
8. Eat less fatty, salty, and sugar filled foods
9. Eat more fish, fruit, and vegetables
10. Do not attempt to control stress by smoking or drinking alcohol

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Timbaland and Magoo *Indecent Proposal*  
The Dungeon Family *Even in Darkness*  
Jill Scott *Live*

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Mobb Deep *Infamy*  
Nas *Stillmatic*  
Warren G *Return of the Regulator*  
Noreaga *Grimey*  
Nate Dogg *Music and Me*  
De La Soul *Bionix*  
Fat Joe *J.O.S.E.*  
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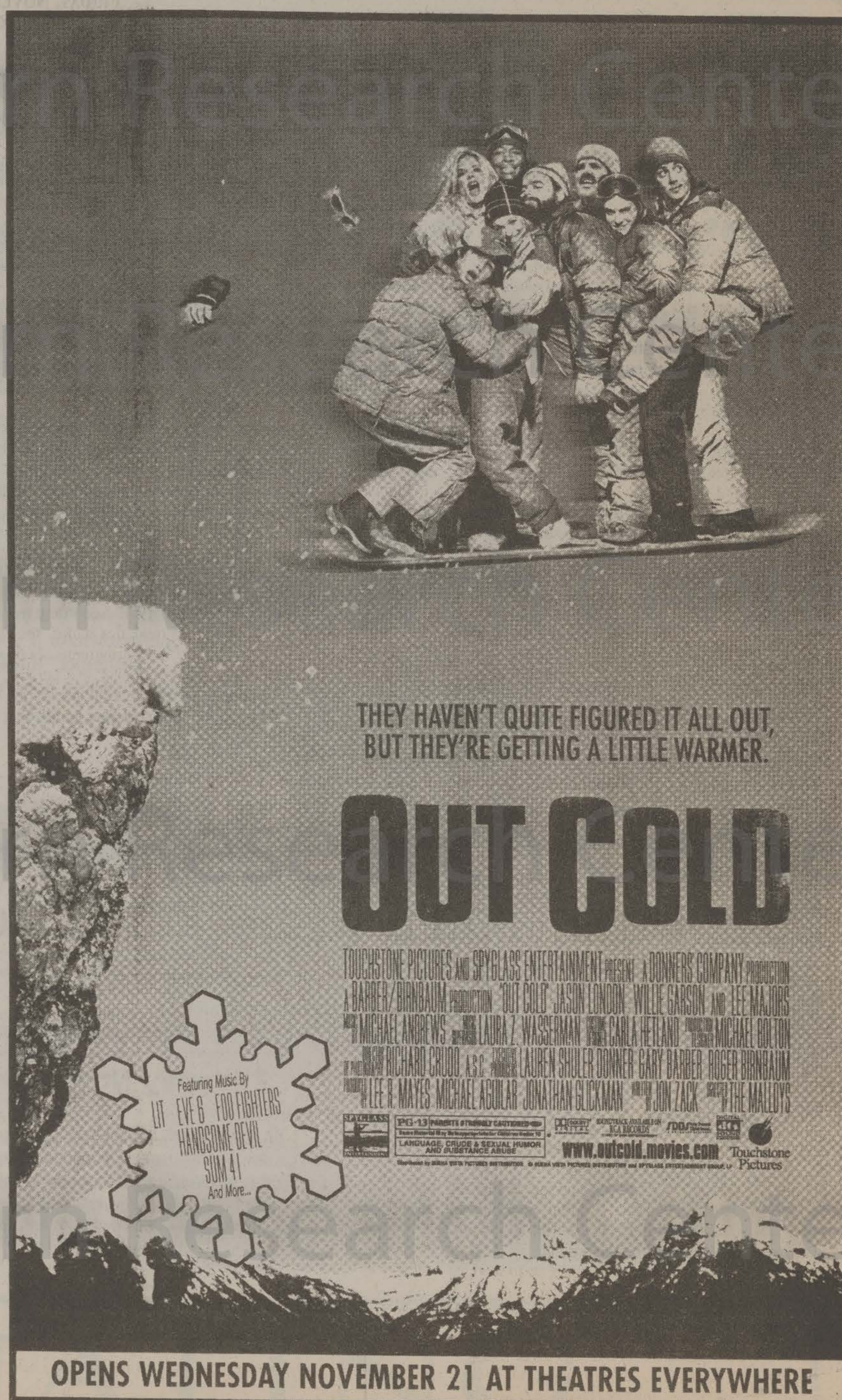
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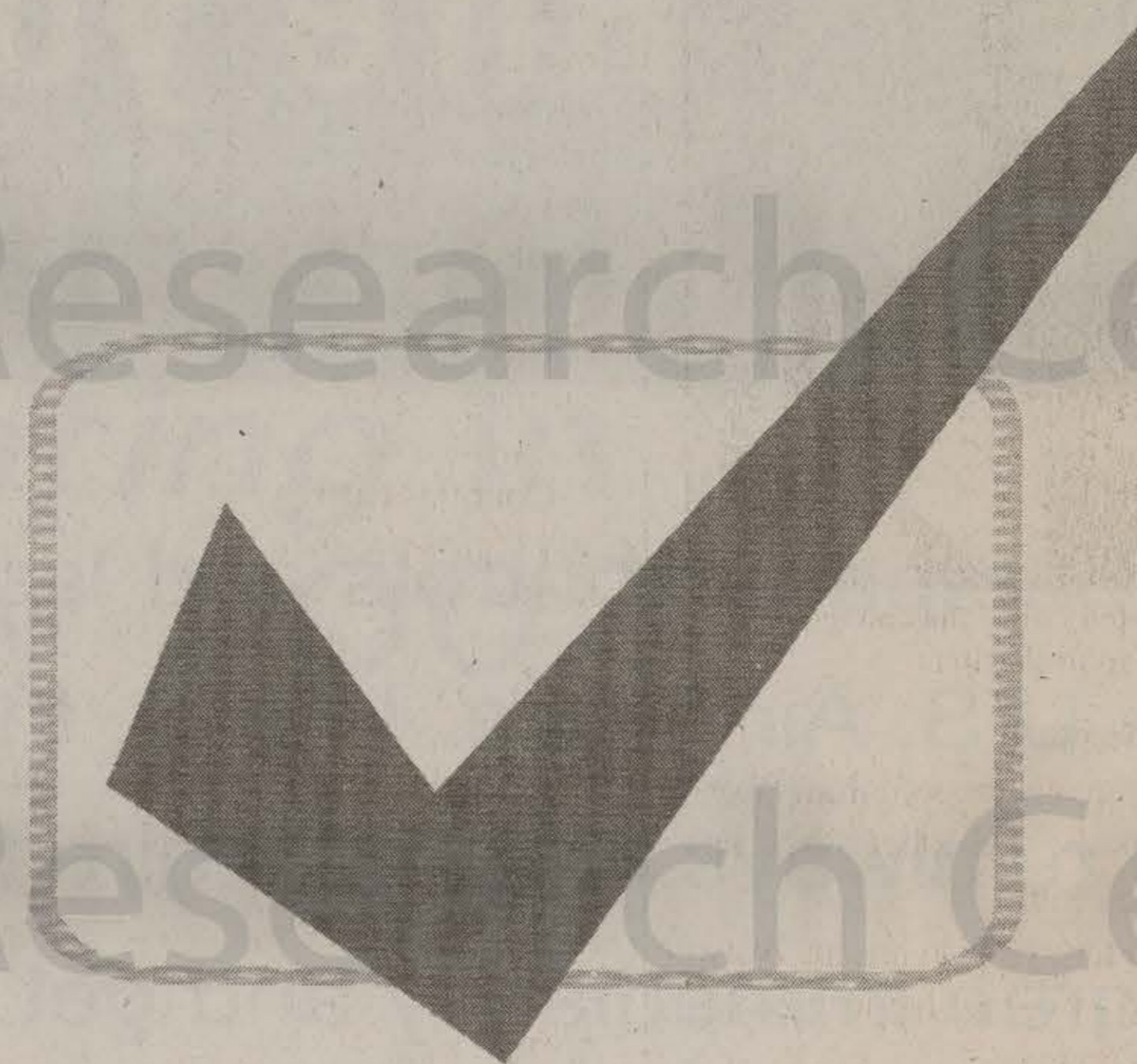
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# Calendar

## What's Going On This Weekend??

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

### Friday November 16, 2001

Check out the Blues Alley tonight Tuck & Patti. For some blazin jazz tracks that will make your head spin remember this alley might be something that you want to get stuck in. For more information call the club @ (202) 337-4141

If you can't go to the Bayou for the Bayou Classic you can get a little taste of Nawhllins at Fat Tuesday's this Friday. (Confusing) The party starts jumping tonight in Arlington across from the University Mall. For more information call (703) 385-5171

While we should be thankful for life we must preserve ours. And Howard Students are making sure this can happen as they host a Sickle Cell Screening in Blackburn from 10 am to 2pm. For more information please call (202) 588-8590.

Country may not be your cup of tea but Grammy winner Shelby Lynne might be a good guess tonight at the 9:30 club. Watch out Lee-Ann!

Alicia Keys might want to take some more lessons. August Wilson's Piano Lesson's takes its last bow tonight at the intimate Ira Alridge Theatre on campus @ 7:30 pm and there will be another show tomorrow at 2:30 pm. This is something no one should miss.

### Monday November 19, 2001

Try to start your holiday out with a nice feel good mood head out to Bar Nun on U street and hear some of the latest, blues, freestyles, and other variety that will get you ready for Turkey Day 2001.

### Saturday November 17, 2001

Hey its Saturday so it's a great time to get that car washed for that big night out at the club. (Cause you know that this is your last weekend to really party this semester till finals) So get the whip washed at Sparkle who honors a Howard discount.

Next on your agenda is to head to the mall today. You gotta get that Holiday outfit together to show your family your Howard style. So head to Pentagon City, Georgetown, or if you're feeling right head to Tysons. Disclaimer "this is allowed only because you know if you go home you will be getting money and the semester is almost over anyway"

### Wednesday November 21, 2001

Ok get your party on whether its at the Gardens or DC Live, enjoy yourself but don't have too much fun because this is Thanksgiving again, a hangover and an overstuffed turkey don't mix well.

### Tuesday November 20, 2001

New Releases means new groundbreaking music with some hot returns. Head out and get those Holiday tunes since the time is here. Pink's much anticipated Miss Undastoodz comes out today. So head to Tower and check out the newest releases on the shelves.



### Sunday November 18, 2001

Be Ye Thankful! If it isn't a better time than now head your self to the nearest church and show just how thankful you are to make it another year.

Art comes alive as a Howard Alumnus comes home. Lou Stovall master printmaker makes an appearance and a museum walk through today at 3:00 p.m. in the Howard University Gallery of Art. For more information, call 202-806-7070.

The Howard University Community Choir presents their annual holiday concert. Each year the bar is lifted as the praises go higher so no telling what is to be expected from this event except for it to be a packed chapel.

### Thursday November 22, 2001

Happy Thanksgiving Howard! Be Thankful for another year of registration and enjoy this weekend because it will be the last break until finals. Also thee Hilltop would like to wish a happy birthday to our own Jason T Smith who will be turning a golden 23 years old today. Be SafeHU!

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# Mfume Incites Students with Life Story in Blackburn

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life's lessons quickly and sometimes severely.

Mfume seemed to lapse into boyhood as he recounted hearing his mother shriek with pain as her life force left her, leaving her cold body in his arms.

"I had never heard, nor will I forget, the sound my mother made as she died," he said.

He candidly related to the audience how he found out that the man he knew as his abusive father proved to be otherwise, and how a close family friend admitted to being his father. He said that in the same day he gained a father and lost a mother.

Although the audience found it hard to believe, he explained how he joined of a ruthless gang, as the only means of finding comfort, and eventually rose to leader.

"I was looking for a family, and the gang provided all of that. These were people who were willing to risk everything that they had to protect the ideals and bond of our new family. I had five sons before I was 23, all in search of that lost sense of family," Mfume acknowledged.

After 13 arrest and many gang fights, liberation came for Mfume

during a dice game when he was frozen and received a vision of his mother looking down on him. In his trance his mother beckoned him to leave the gang for something better in his life.

"She said to me, 'You weren't raised like this,'" recalled Mfume. Being jumped and left for dead in gutters became normal life for the following weeks as he suffered repercussions for leaving the gang life.

After leaving his crime-filled life behind, Mfume remained steadfast in his goal to become something great. He attended Moran State University, where he became the editor of the school newspaper and eventually graduated magna cum laude. Mfume later attended John Hopkins University, where he received a master's degree in International studies.

After stressing the importance of Howard University, and how the community of blacks in the United States views the university, Mfume stressed the importance of the individual's struggle.

"I am at the point in my life when I realize that there are less days for me to live than I have lived. But, I can look on this aspect of my life without fear. We are all here because of someone laid down to make a bridge for us. Now you must ask yourself if you are willing to be a bridge for someone else's future," stated Mfume.

Akeya Dixon also contributed to this story

# Ossie Davis Delivers Message to Blackburn Crowd

By DERRICK K. NAYO  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The flyers that were disbursed throughout campus gave Ossie Davis a deceiving look of freshness and youth within his old age, but many were amazed to see Ossie Davis now—the Davis that attended Howard University in '35, the same Davis that eulogized Malcolm X, the same Davis that revolutionized Hollywood and Broadway; he was a much older man that held his hands behind his back in a modest expression of seniority and peacefulness.

He was invited back to his alma mater to participate in the "Black Examples Sharing Their Story" week, which was sponsored by the Arts and Science Student council. During this week, notable figures came to Howard to tell their life stories and provide students with an understanding of life's trials.

Davis's testimony lasted almost three hours. Known for having a long wind in public

speaking, he told the audience how he found himself at Howard University after declining acceptance letters from Tuskegee and Georgia.

He worked a year in high school and saved money for the trip to D.C. where his two aunts lived. After hitchhiking a ride to Washington, D.C. from his hometown of Georgia, Ossie soon was engulfed with the fervor that comes with being a Howard student.

"There was a strong focus at Howard to get Haile Selassie back into Ethiopia, after Mussolini's terror," said Davis. "Being alive and being black at that time was a passionate affair and people who didn't share that passion were chastised and looked down upon."

Soon, Howard professors Alain Locke, and Sterling Brown provided Davis with the inspiration and direction that Davis needed to begin his acting career. Locke noticed the talent that Davis had and, after discovering that Davis was interested in script writing, directed him to the New York, where the Rose Mckinley Players were located. After joining

their group, Davis continued to be involved with theatre ever since.

"As a performer in this era, being on stage is no longer about just acting. I now have to take on the role as story teller and historian," stated Davis

Davis addressed audience members on how to survive in the "business". He recommended seizing opportunities wherever they present themselves, even if it means being considered a bootleg artist or going overseas.

"Hollywood saw Spike's first films appeal and came banging down his door, before then he couldn't sell any of his ideas," Davis said.

In conclusion to a night of storytelling and wisdom sharing, Davis said of his life at Howard, that he hopes that students will know that he loved the continuous sources of inspiration at Howard, not just while he was a student, but also in the many years after.

Dr. Patricia Russel-Mcleod will be the last in the line of the esteemed speaker, invited to speak at the BESTS program.

# Former Miss America Addresses Howard Students at Luncheon.

COREY CUNNINGHAM AND RACHEL TOWNSEND  
Hilltop Staff Writer and Contributing Writer

Howard University opened its arms wide to receive a message of former Miss America, Debbye Turner, as she spoke at a luncheon for the College of Arts and Sciences' program, Black Examples Sharing Their Story (BESTS).

Turner, a native of Columbia, Missouri, since being crowned in the 1990 Miss America pageant, has been on a non-stop road to success. She completed her Bachelors of Science in Agriculture at Arkansas State University, and also became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She later pursued and completed her Doctoral degree in Veterinary Science.

During the luncheon, held in the Blackburn University Center Reading Room, Turner presented her three I's of life.

"First, there is I am. I believe that I am worth respect, I am somebody," said Turner to the audience.

The second I in her paradigm was, "I see". I see where I am going, therefore, I know I will get there, said Turner in her address. Thirdly, she presented the room with the "I will". The principles of determination, paying the dues, and putting forth the effort dominated this final section.

The Veterinarian is now working as a feature reporter for the CBS Early Show. Her segment, "Yikes! I'm a Grownup", deals with the many problems of just being an adult. Turner also does live stories about pets and pet care. "Whatever you tell me I can't do, it becomes my mission, my aim," proclaimed Turner.

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## What's News—

In Business and Finance

### IPO Activity Picks Up

Spurred by a rebounding stock market and pent-up demand, the IPO dance card is as full as it has been in months.

Nine initial public offerings of stock came to market from Oct. 1 through the end of last week, and 24 more are in the works through December, making this the highest-volume quarter for IPOs this year, data company Thomson Financial said. An IPO is a company's first sale of stock to the public. Only 14 deals were completed in the third quarter, the fewest in a quarter since 1976.

Analysts see the return of the IPO business as a sign of confidence in the stock market's rebound from its mid-September lows. Many companies going public have been waiting in the wings for months, and the fact they are striking now means they don't think recent gains will soon fizzle.

Some long-dormant IPO filings are becoming active again. Verizon Wireless said last week that it hopes to go public in the first half of 2002 in a deal roughly estimated at \$5 billion.

### Businesses Delay Projects—and Hiring

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, many companies are putting off spinoffs, product orders, hiring decisions, real-estate projects and other important activities.

In early October, more than a quarter of 669 finance chiefs said they were postponing planned capital expenditures as a result of the attacks, according to a survey by Financial Executives International and Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. The Las Vegas resort and casino Mandalay Bay pushed back completion of a big expansion by six months to January 2003.

### Yahoo Wins Round Against French Order

A U.S. court ruled that Yahoo! Inc. doesn't have to comply with a French court's order that the company block French users from accessing Nazi-related materials on its Web site, a decision seen by many as an important victory for free speech on the Internet.

The French court's ruling had alarmed free-speech groups because the Nazi uniforms and other memorabilia in question were on Yahoo's U.S. auction site, not its French site, which long has banned Nazi paraphernalia in deference to French laws that prohibit the sale of racist materials. The French groups that brought the initial case may appeal.

### Palm Loses CEO, Plans New Ads

Carl Yankowski, Palm Inc.'s embattled chief executive, resigned from the maker of hand-held computers following a tumultuous year of slowing sales and mounting losses.

The once-highflying company has been hit by the tech slowdown and the fumbled introduction of a new product line earlier this year. To revive sales heading into the holiday season, Palm is returning to television this week with an advertising campaign that could make or break its holiday season.

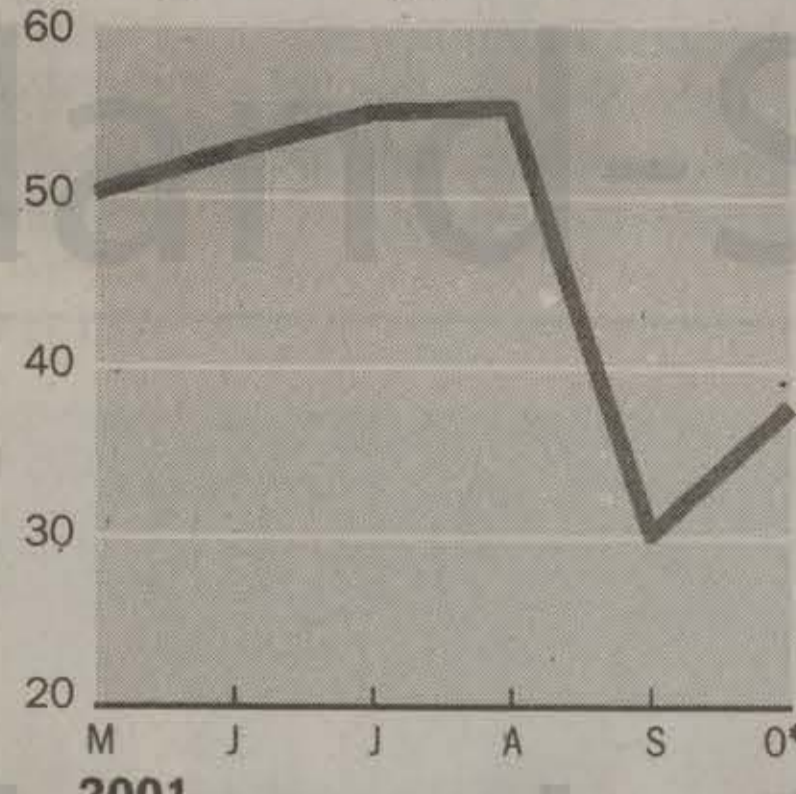
### Club Med Closes Some Resorts

Club Med, which was losing ground to rivals even before this fall's travel slump, has closed seven resorts and plans to close eight more for at least several months.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, winter bookings at Club Med plummeted at various villages from 15% to 50%. The company was already being hurt as competitors

### Traffic Patterns

The crash of American Airlines Flight 587 is a new jolt to the airline industry just as passengers were beginning to return to the air. U.S. monthly passenger boardings, in millions



Source: Air Transport Association \*estimated

built bigger, more opulent resorts, often right next to Club Med's aging villages. And cruise lines are offering similar all-inclusive vacations at sharply discounted rates. Now Club Med, with 120 resorts, faces perhaps its most severe financial problems since its launch in 1950.

### Clear Channel To Sell Music Online

Radio giant Clear Channel Communications Inc. will offer online music subscriptions through its stations' Web sites in five cities, creating what eventually could become a rival to services planned by the major record labels.

Starting as early as January, Clear Channel stations in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Salt Lake City will deliver a service on their Web sites provided by Full Audio Corp., a Chicago-based Internet music firm. Users will be able to download songs for \$5 to \$15 a month.

The long-term viability of paid online music subscriptions is unclear, given the current prevalence of free song-swapping services. But online services from radio stations could pose a big challenge to those created by labels and Internet firms. Radio stations often have strong local brands and the ability to promote their services directly over the air.

### Amtrak May Face Revamping

An independent oversight commission, concluding that Amtrak won't meet a congressional deadline to operate without federal subsidies by the end of next year, set in motion a possible revamping of the nation's intercity passenger-rail system.

The decision, reached Friday by the Amtrak Reform Council in a 6-to-5 vote, said Amtrak as currently structured and funded is "not capable of delivering the improvements in passenger rail service that are needed." The council now has 90 days to file an Amtrak restructuring plan with Congress, which has the final say on what happens to the system. The decision won't affect Amtrak's train service for the foreseeable future, Amtrak said.

### Odds & Ends

In a sign of the limited market for direct online car sales, CarsDirect.com Inc. is launching a service to allow consumers to buy cars through dealers instead of directly from the company... **Billionaire Warren Buffett** said he and others in the insurance industry made a "huge mistake" by not anticipating the need to collect extra premiums for terrorist acts... **Smack Down:** World Wrestling Federation Inc.'s president resigned and the company cut 9% of its work force amid declining ratings for most of its shows.

By Don Arbour

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### Auto Sales Soar on Mix Of Deals, Patriotism, Seize-the-Day Spirits

Just how are Americans dealing with economic downturn, high unemployment, terrorism and war?

They're buying brand new cars—1.73 million of them in October, the most ever in a single month. At that rate, one in every 10 Americans would be driving off the lot in one within a year. But take a look at what's selling: While there's been a slight uptick in the economy models that usually do well in a downturn, the biggest sellers have flash, glitz and price tags that seem surprisingly out of step with the times. (Think high-end trucks, gas-guzzling SUVs and muscle cars.) The biggest gainer of all? A convertible—Chrysler's Sebring, whose sales have almost tripled since last October.

Much of this boom, of course, has been driven by the industry's well-publicized financing plans. But good deals are only part of the picture. Indeed, some of the industry's hot sellers weren't even marked down. Instead, many buyers say they're motivated by everything from confidence that the economy will bounce back, to a patriotic impulse to buy American. And then there's the "seize-the-day" factor, with people suddenly deciding life's too-short to hold off on the car of their dreams.

### Suddenly Mortal

"Sept. 11 may have made us all feel a little more mortal," says Jay Shoemaker, a San Francisco businessman whose wife is a flight attendant for United. He just traded his five-month-old old Mercedes for a fancier Benz that cost almost \$100,000. Oh, and he's also shopping for a used Porsche.

### Hottest Gear On Campus? Books

By POOJA BHATIA

Here's a novel audience for the book business: college students.

After a decade in which reading was considered about as hip as the Bee Gees, the under-25 set is now buying books for leisure reading at three times the rate of the overall market. Young readers—even teens—are flocking to surprisingly hefty titles, from Jane Austen to memoirist Dave Eggers, whose prose some critics have compared to James Joyce's.

Bookstores across the country report jumps of 20% to 75% in young buyers over the past three years. Industry analysts point to a host of new, rather unlitary marketing tactics, from readings in goth discos to Hollywood tie-ins. Obsessiveness about college admissions has also helped, with kids trying harder to at least appear well-read. But perhaps the biggest change is in the readers themselves: This generation is more earnest, more studious and, well, nerdier than its predecessors.

It wasn't so long ago that the MP3 generation could scarcely be bothered to crack a book. Colleges saw a 50% drop in literature majors between 1992 and 1997, as Gen-Xers turned to the Web. But now that so many dot-com fantasies have gone bust, geek chic has had to find new outlets.

"This generation has far more patience, is much more open to art and culture than any I've seen," says Alison Reid, owner of Diesel Bookstore, in Oakland, Calif. Her fastest twentysomething seller this week: "An Invisible Sign of My Own," by Aimee Bender.

Of course, not all the new readers are Susan Sontags-in-training. Many are making a fashion statement of sorts, carrying around tattered copies of "in" books—"not necessarily to read, but to be part of a scene," says Jeremy Ellis, a manager at Austin's Book People.

And in some ways, all of this is changing not just readership levels but the book business itself. Some publishers say that as the book business becomes more glamorous and celebrity-centered, it is starting to look more like rock 'n' roll. Last month, Grove/Atlantic signed a 17-year-old to write a novel about a fictionalized designer drug. Says Morgan Entekin, publisher and president there: "We're all just looking for the newest, freshest voices."

## Behind the Buying Binge

### October's Big Movers

Last month's record car and truck sales were driven by a few standouts. Here are the big winners.

	CAR/PRICE	OCT. SALES	% CHANGE
<b>Chrysler Sebring Convertible</b>	\$23,700-\$29,400	3,976	↑ 287%
With room for five, this mid-price ragtop lets you seize the day—and still take the kids along.			
<b>Chevrolet Corvette</b>	\$41,700-\$50,400	4,647	↑ 63%
This car never saw rebates or financing deals—until last month.			
<b>Ford F-series pickups</b>	\$19,000-\$38,200	102,424	↑ 51%
Dealers in Texas truck country pushed 0% deals, some staying open until midnight.			
<b>Chevrolet Silverado</b>	\$18,200-\$38,200	88,881	↑ 79%
No. 2 in overall sales behind the F-series, this pickup is picking up market share.			
<b>Mercury Grand Marquis</b>	\$24,000-\$29,400	14,686	↑ 106%
Frequently sighted in retirement communities and government fleets.			
<b>Chevrolet Impala</b>	\$20,600-\$24,300	27,661	↑ 117%
The Wonder Bread of family sedans, with plenty of room for long family trips.			
<b>Hyundai Sonata</b>	\$16,000-\$18,800	7,768	↑ 160%
Hyundai offered big deals in October. But then again, it offers big deals every month.			
<b>Toyota Prius</b>	\$20,500	1,580	↑ 84%
This high-mileage, gas-electric hybrid won't challenge SUV sales anytime soon.			

This is hardly how buyers behaved during past downturns. During the great gas crisis of the mid-1970s, American consumers shifted to fuel-efficient compacts. In the 1991-92 slowdown, they bought fewer cars because of the sluggish economy and war in the Persian Gulf. But this time around, auto makers are hoping to prop up the market just long enough for the economy to regain steam. So they've rolled out one of the industry's most extreme sales strategies: 0% financing, a plan that lets buyers pay the vehicle price in installments, with no interest. Industry veterans say they can't remember the last time Detroit offered 0% deals this widely.

The deals are giving cars like the Chevrolet Corvette a big boost. General Motors rarely discounts this ultra-macho coupe, so when the company included it in its new financing deals last month, sales jumped more than 60%. "If you weren't going to buy a Corvette in October," said GM sales analyst Paul Ballew, "I don't know when you were going to buy one."

In fact, some buyers are using this as an opportunity to buy cars they never could have afforded otherwise. "We'd always wanted a Suburban," says James Day of Maryland, who just bought one of the \$36,000 Chevy SUVs. With cheap financing plus an end-of-the-year sale price, he's spending little more each month for his new Suburban than for the 1999 Pontiac Trans Am he traded for it. Still, Mr. Day worries a bit about paying for such an expensive vehicle: His telecommunications company has been laying employees off for three quarters running. Another worry is fuel prices. While gas is relatively cheap now, a period of unrest in the Middle East has never been a comfortable time to own a gas-guzzler.

Ironically, though, that's what's selling more than anything else right now. Remember the mounting SUV backlash? Well, forget it: Sales actually doubled from last October for some popular sport-utility vehicles, while others gained nearly as much. It's easy to see why, with Americans

worried more about safety and security, and also planning more road trips instead of flights.

Trucks fared even better, particularly in Texas, where Ford dealerships pushed the 0% deals especially hard, with some staying open until midnight. The upshot: Ford sold 102,000 F-series pickups in October, the first time a pickup truck has passed the 100,000-a-month mark. The deals were so good, in fact, that Ford's pickups were the biggest-selling vehicle of any kind for the month.

### Loaded for Luxury

But even some cars that weren't discounted sold well. Subaru and Honda, neither of which offered major new deals following Sept. 11, saw double-digit sales gains in October. Some high-priced models were hot as well. Sales of BMW's 5-series, which goes for about \$50,000, were up more than 20%. In fact, sales manager Louis Smith says most BMW buyers at his Midwestern Auto Group in Dublin, Ohio, are not only paying full price, but asking for models loaded with luxury features.

Detroit's Big Three complain that financing deals are draining their bottom lines, and that they'll last only a few more weeks. But Ford and GM both say discounts are likely to continue in a different form. And Chrysler is already offering buyers a free seven-year, or 100,000-mile, warranty that covers the engine and transmission. In touting the warranty, the company has made some not-so-subtle references to Sept. 11, suggesting its plan will give buyers "peace of mind."

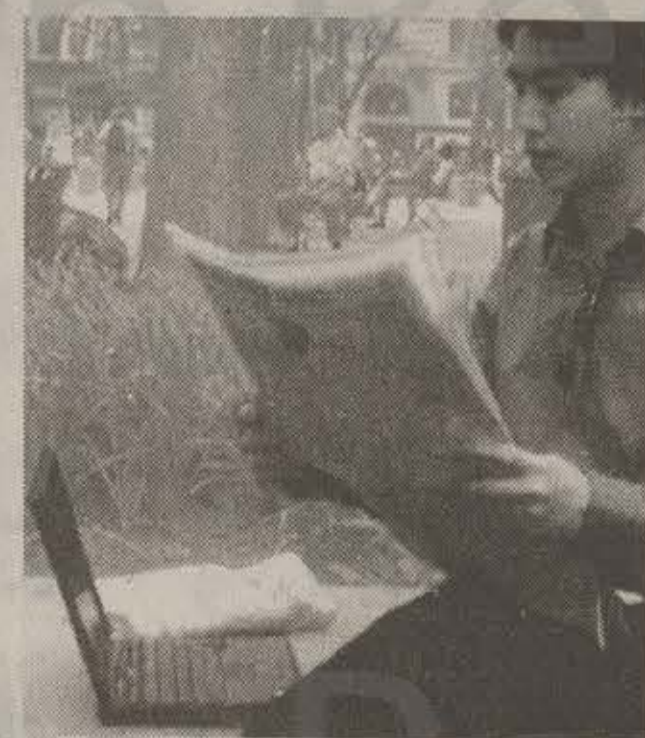
"We're trying to get people back focusing on the benefits of the product rather than the size of the deal," says Chrysler marketing chief James Schroer.

By Wall Street Journal staff reporters Sholinn Freeman, Karen Lundegaard, Jonathan Welsh and Daniel Costello.

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# Student Entrepreneurs Stage Takeover

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The vision began last October when Butler and Ford heard about a project spearheaded by actors Matt Damon and Ben Affleck called the Green Light project. The project was set to give a million dollars to the winning scriptwriters to shoot a movie. Butler and Ford were interested in the project but after beginning a script, the two scrapped the idea, becoming frustrated with the time it was consuming. With their creative juices still flowing, they decided to still make an impact somehow.

During the spring of 2001, Butler and Ford held a talent competition in Blackburn and the seeds of NWT Entertainment were planted. A number of artists on campus attended but only a select few caught the eye of the upcoming entrepreneurs. "After the competition they interviewed certain performers they were feeling," said Shak-C, a junior computer science major. "So they took me, Puda and K-Ruckuss outside and asked us about the event. We were real with them and said 'Its not organized, the sound system was bad, etc.', so that sparked their interests and let them know we had sense and didn't just rap." Shak-C, K-Ruckuss and Puda eventually began attending studio sessions and creating concepts for the NWT compilation album "5 Minutes of Fame". The

album was released during Homecoming and is in the Howard Bookstore, Willie's, Eargasm and Sam K Records. The bulk of the album was produced by in house producer Beethoven and features other NWT artists Century and Moet.

After the talent showcase, questions of their professionalism or organization skills never became an issue again. Butler and Ford got their company trademarked, registered with ASCAP and studied copies of professional recording contracts. "These are the most professional people I've dealt with," said an animated Pizo, a junior from Miami, FL. "We met in November and by January we were in the studio doing an album. We are like a family but they know how to separate the business from everything else".

If indeed NWT is a family, then it gaining new members all the time. Last week NWT expanded their family by signing four new freshmen artists: Don Juan from New Orleans, C from Houston, Freddie Thumps and L-E Double N-Y, both from New York.

Freddie Thumps, a freshman communications major, heard about NWT before coming from his friend Shak-C, but he didn't know exactly what was going on. "He told me he was dealing with some official people," said Freddie Thumps. "He didn't give many details though.

I had no idea I'd be able to get on but I'm happy to be here. We're trying to make it happen."

As evident by the company's name, Butler and Ford aren't content with only reaching Howard University's audience. They are hard at work trying to secure other outlets for their endeavors. "Being an up and coming independent label, we don't have many resources," said senior Lauren Williams, a NWT marketing representative. "Right now we're working with a graphic designer trying to get flyers for the album and we're going to have street teams at different universities to try to expand our market."

NWT Media Inc. has also created their own markets to showcase their talent with a television show and magazine. "5 Minute Friday's" is a weekly video countdown and freestyle competition and has drawn hundreds of students eager to be in the audience. Hosted by Erica Nicole and Will Lowe, the show will air on WHUT-TV and public access channels in the area. The publication formerly known as the University Reporter was purchased by Butler and Ford in July 2000 and re-named Politic. The free, student run, monthly magazine will be on college campuses throughout the area soon. "They have more outlets than everybody," said Pizo. "We're always on the

TV show, we're in the magazine, so you have no choice but to see [the artists]."

This Friday at The Ritz could ensure that NWT's artists are heard many an even larger audience. A talent showcase hosted by Ghostface Killah of the Wu-Tang Clan will feature a number of NWT artists and the winners of the showcase will receive airplay on local radio stations. Plans are also being made so people across the country will be able to see the NWT artists in the near future. "We're trying to set up a tour for next semester," said Ford. They are in negotiations with a number of record labels and promotion companies concerning a tour of HBCUs. "You know what you want, you see what it is you need and you figure out how you're gonna get there. Now its like a puzzle, grabbing different pieces and trying to make them fit," said Ford.

The puzzle is far from complete for Nation Wide Takeover Media Inc. Though they've struggled, endured many sleepless nights and encountered naysayers who feel they are taking on too much at one time, Butler, Ford and their crew won't stop until every piece of the puzzle has strategically been placed across the nation to guarantee a takeover. And you better believe that they're going to do it their way.

# And Then, There Was X

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Racing, are going head-to-head with *Playstation 2's* Tekken, Metal Gear Solid 2, and Gran Turismo 3 for the bragging rights of the videogame world. I was able to play Cell Damage, NFL Fever 2002, and Dead or Alive 3. To be honest, I was only impressed with Dead or Alive 3.

Most real gamers read GamePro Magazine and are familiar with the rating scale. So I'll make it simple, just like the Source give mics to albums, I am going to give out controllers for each of these three categories: graphics, game play, and overall.

Cell Damage is Microsoft's version of Twisted Metal and as far as game play goes, I give it 3 controllers.

Graphics were 2.5 controllers because it was too cartoonish; it didn't have the in-depth graphics I was hoping for. Overall, I thought the game was rather weak. I was highly disappointed. This game wasn't the Xbox material I was hoping for; it deserved to be on *Nintendo 64*. EA Sports went a little too far with the *Animaniacs* characters.

Because Madden 2002 hasn't hit stores for *The Xbox*, Microsoft had to make their own football game, NFL Fever 2002. The graphics for this game were on point. From the simulated movements of the players after scoring to the cameraman in the background, it had it all, 4.5 controllers. The game play, however, left something to be desired. It was too slow for starters. It played too much like an arcade; it didn't have the smoothness of Madden,

3 controllers. Overall, I think that Microsoft, and all other systems for that matter, should leave the sports to the masters, EA Sports and no other, 3.5 controllers.

Dead or Alive 3 was by far the hottest game we played, it gets 5 controllers across the board. The game play, it's a fighting game so you can't go wrong. You can go head to head with your boys, or girls, mano a mano. Or if you think you mastered one character, try a tag team and test your skills. The graphics were mind-blowing. Try fighting in 5 inches of snow and see how it conforms to your every move or how about getting the *ish* knock out of you and go flying off a mountain, through clouds, and to a mountain 100 ft below. This is the premier fighting game and we'll see how it matches up with Tekken 4. Only time will tell.

My overall rating of *The Xbox* is 5 controllers. My only complaint is the games selection because most of the anticipated games don't come out until a month from now. The games I did play lacked the hype of *The Xbox*. I was disappointed, but I do believe it has potential. Now, let's say you're a little behind on your systems, like Sega CD behind, then *The Xbox* is just the game you need to liven up your weekends. But, if you're like me and have a PS2 but you're thinking about investing in an Xbox, don't. This war of videogame supremacy is just beginning. If you're not with us, then you're against us. Choose a front because the true King of Videogames will emerge and its name is SONY. If you don't believe me, wait until *Playstation 3* drops...OOPS!!

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