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Time for Change



Staff Column

One thing I have realized as Editor-in-Chief, is how nothing changes.

Over the years, from working as an editor and covering this campus, I have noticed that there are the same campaigns during elections season, same acronyms standing for student platforms that they don't always complete. Truthfully, there is the same old look to The Hilltop, too.

I think this might represent a problem. People are way too comfortable on campus. We are in our comfort zones and we don't want to get out of them. As much as I love Howard, I can't help but notice how everything is based on this legacy and that tradition and how we have done things in the past.

This says to me that there needs to be some kind of shift or change. There needs to be one student leader (or more than one), that stands out, who will be innovative and show the campus something that will move us all. Show us something we haven't seen before. Please!

That is why I hope next year's HUSA administration is totally different from this year's or any recent ones we have seen. I hope next year's student trustees are different and are allowed to be without "compromising any clause they might have to the board."

And next year's Hilltop, I hope, looks nothing like this year. We get caught up in what past administrations have done and we are afraid of change. That is dangerous for The Hilltop and every one else on campus who fears change.

I hope the design is different and that the staff does not stick to tradition. The Hilltop is going to begin the change this semester. As always your criticism is welcome.

This front page column is one of the small changes the paper is making. It will be a semi-weekly feature for Hilltop editors. Each column editors will comment on campus, world and national issues. Any feedback you have you can send it to thehilltop@hotmail.com.

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L.I.V.E. Hosts Meeting for Prospective Candidates

More than 30 Pick Up Applications for Student Government Positions

By COREY CUNNINGHAM
Campus Editor

Students interested in running for office were able to pick up elections packets, which contained rules and regulations, petitions, and other information that relates to the various election positions.

L.I.V.E. chairs began by outlining the HUSA and trustee candidate qualifications for elections positions. Students must submit petitions that represent 5 percent of the student population, pay a \$250 security deposit. Students must also have a campaign manager and a 2.0 GPA.

The HUSA general Assembly had previously proposed that the GPA requirement be raised, but because of its constitutional foundation they were not able to implement the proposal.

New to this year's interest meeting were guest speakers from the current student government entities. Arts and Science Executive President Anna Alexander, HUSA President, Stefanie Brown, and UGSA rep, Cameron Trimble all

spoke on their office and what was required of them.

"Don't apply for the job if you are not committed, and do not have the time," said Alexander.

Echoing the Arts and Science President, Brown said, "You have to be willing to put in time and a lot of work. You also need experience, without it you could end up embarrassing yourself."

Elections chairs also explained that the various graduate schools, which had previously done their own election, would be included in this year's general elections. These elections, as well as the other individual college elections, will be spearheaded by local elections chairs appointed in each school. Local elections chairs will report directly to the general chairs and their current school board.

After submitting their elections packets, candidates will be verified by the office of student activities. Campaign managers will then meet with the elections chairs to discuss elections policy as it relates to their campaign.

Official campaigning will begin at 8pm on Friday February 8th.



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt
Khalfani Walker, co-elections chairs hands out applications.

Cha-Ching

Bison Racks up all the Dough with Outside and University Scholarships

By JONATHAN C. SIMS
Life & Style Editor

She's not on any of the University's big poster boards around campus, but she's making news nonetheless. But if you know her, you know her story. This is the story of Jessica Johnson.

Her secret revealed—she is the girl

Feature

that walked onto this campus with more than \$100,000 in scholarship money, but has evolved in her three semesters as a woman of movement and purpose. "I know what I want," said Johnson, a sophomore public relations major from Jackson, Tenn. aware but humble of all her blessings.

Her secret began during her 7th grade year in junior high school. Johnson used her creative love for drama to send a message to some of her close friends that were facing some tough decisions. She produced and wrote a play titled "No Way Out" which told a true story of gang violence. When producing the play, Johnson enlisted the help of not professional actors, but actual gang members as actors. She took her production to the pulpit where it was performed at her church and then culminated with a tour of other cities and churches.

The buzz began. "People began to ask, who is Jessica Johnson," said Johnson. As she made her way to North Side High School to start to make her next moves, she didn't waste anytime at all. By the beginning of her 9th grade year, she had packaged a show to her local Radio Station KIX 96 FM, called Teen Talk, which was a weekend show that dealt with teen issues. Johnson

took the helm and produced this show for 1 1/2 years, and then the real fun began for her.

Jessica was put to the going her junior year. Her course load began to increase, and the radio station's expectations from her became even more binding. "I needed help," Johnson said. She chose school and focused mainly on her books, and her defining moment, her choices of prospective colleges. "I began to write for the Metro Forum (a local paper)," Johnson said as she humbly turned over her resume.

With high school dawning and the brink of college on the horizon, Johnson began to be blessed with other grand opportunities. Talk show giants would be no strangers to Johnson who would get one of the biggest surprises during her senior year. Oxygen Media, owned by Oprah Winfrey, appointed Jessica as a "Point Of View" Journalist. Jessica's influences now had crossed over the airwaves to print, and now to the tube. She was responsible for producing segment shows on many issues pertinent to young women.

At the same time Jessica was keeping up her high GPA, she was writing companies for scholarships, and as Johnson says, "they began to come." One by one from her REACT magazine scholarship (which landed her a \$20,000 scholarship and a picture on the magazine cover), to her Discover Card Tribute scholarship worth \$17,500. With all of the other scholarships as well as Howard's Capstone Scholarship and the Mustard Seed Foundation Scholarship, she walked through the gates of the



Photo Courtesy of Jessica Johnson
Howard University Sophomore Jessica Johnson. Johnson earned more than 100,000 in scholarships

Mecca with a great sense of Validation.

With all of those achievements, one would think Johnson would take the back seat, but she remains in the driver's side. Her two parents, both educators, have molded the foundation of this woman of vision. Jessica saw her latest vision while at Howard. She began to do workshops at local high schools on how to get scholarship dollars. "I see it as a blessing," said Johnson, "because I am able to help young people." Her program, "The Minority Scholarship Quest Program" has developed into a national scholarship assistance program that focuses on the needs of minority students.

Johnson has reached her hand out not just to prospective students on the brink

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Abdullah Defects From Bison

Veteran Guard to Focus On Personal Issues

By ALLEN POWELL II
Sports Editor

Another era of Howard University sports has come to an end, as men's basketball guard Ali Abdullah has requested an indefinite leave of absence from the team, an absence that will most likely be permanent according to Abdullah.

Abdullah, a fifth-year senior, made his request a few days after Howard's loss at Hampton University two weeks ago. According to Frankie Allen, Howard's men's basketball team's head coach, Abdullah cited personal reasons, namely a desire to concentrate on his Muslim faith and studies, as the impetus for his departure from the team.

"It's just some personal issues, it's not all about basketball," Allen said. "When we talked, it was maybe 95 percent personal concerns and the rest basketball. He said he did not want to be a distraction to the team," Allen said. "He just needs a break. Sometimes you can be so involved in something you need to take some time off."

However, the New Jersey native said that his decision

Please See Abdullah, A3



Bison Point Guard Ali Abdullah

File Photo

State of the Union: President Calls for Defeat Of Terror and Recession

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

A confident President Bush in his first State of the Union address on Tuesday night declared "our nation is at war, our economy is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers. Yet, the state of our union has never been stronger."

The Commander in Chief outlined three key goals including winning the war on terror, improving Homeland security, and revitalizing the economy.

The American people were urged to be patient as the war is ongoing. Mr. Bush emphasized that homeland security must be strengthened because thousands of terrorists remain at large. "Most of the 19 men who hijacked planes on September 11 were trained in Afghanistan's camps and so were tens of thou-

sands of others," he said.

"Thousands of dangerous killers, schooled in the methods of murder, often supported by outlaw regimes, are now spread throughout the world like ticking time bombs—set to go off without warning," the president further stated.

President Bush acknowledged Afghanistan's interim leader, Hamid Karzai, who was present in the House gallery, saying Afghanistan and the United States were now "allies against terror."

The president identified Iraq, Iran, and North Korea as seekers of mass destruction. "States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world," he said, adding the civilized world must act because the "price of indifference would be catastrophic."

Increased defense spending is another major plan outlined by the president.



To prevent a future terrorist attack in the United States, the president called for doubling funding for a "sustained strategy of homeland security" that focuses on bioterrorism, emergency response, improved intelligence and border and airport security.

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INSIDE

Kyle Williams is one of the Bisons top men this season. Check him out on A6



CAMPUS

Voices and Views

What do you expect from elected officials?



Dan Blakemore, Freshman, Political Science
"I expect the candidates to be knowledgeable on the issues and roles of their positions."

Derek Kindel, Junior, Legal Communications

"The thing that I expect from the candidates is that they come in with their eyes open. They must have experience due to the issues covered especially under HUSA."



Jacques Purvis, Freshman, Political Science/ Psychology Major
"I expect enthusiastic candidates with creative and well developed platforms."



Laura Rivers, Sophomore, Administration of Justice
"I expect for them to really go all out this year and try something radical and different to really bring about change."



Raymond Skinner, Junior, Systems and Computer Science
"I think that they are going to try and follow in the footsteps of our last two student administration and carry on their legacy in having an active role in Howard University leadership."

Compiled By Melanie Nesbitt

Administrators Meet Students in Blackburn

By COREY CUNNINGHAM
Campus Editor

The Howard University Student Association division of Student Empowerment provided students with a chance to meet their administrators during an introduction program in Blackburn.

"As student leaders our most important objective is to facilitate administrator and student interaction," said HUSA Vice-President Alex Dixon, "Top Level Students already know this info but normal students don't."

Provost A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert spoke on her office and announced that she is introducing a new office hours policy. Students will be able to speak with the provost by appointment every third Thursday of each month.

Caldwell-Colbert went on to introduce students to what she called "targets of opportunity". Access to Technology, International and Community Partnerships, Research Development, and Recruitment of renown scholars were at

the to of her targets.

"Moving Howard University from a tier II school to a Tier I position I my main focus," said Caldwell-Colbert.

During the session Caldwell-Colbert took the opportunity to inform students on the new roundtable series she will be installing. Students will have a chance to voice concerns and hear of plans for improvement from the office of the provost.

Finally the provost spoke on the lack of space hear at the university. "We are space challenged," she said.

In order to solve this problem the university has initiated a space utilization study. The provost also stated that the university will have more space once the Interdisciplinary Sciences and Engineering Complex is built.

Senior Vice-President for Government Affairs, Dr. Hassan Minor, shared the nature of his office. Minor, whose office's primary concern is securing funds from the United States government, enlightened students on his

duties and struggles.

Minor also answered questions from students who were concerned about Howard's political voice in light of our heavy government support.

"We receive over 200 million dollars from the government," said Minor. "But there is no amount of money that could affect our ability to speak politically."

Assistant Vice-President for Communications, Donna Brock, followed Dr. Minor. Brock is in charge of all public relations for the University and the



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt

Provost, Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert

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Vice-Provost Enforces Policies After Major Food Fight

By AUSTIN WISE
Contributing Writer

The Vice-Provost for Administrative Affairs, John McDonald is aggressively enforcing penalties for disruptive behavior in the Blackburn Café after two major food fights and one arrest.

We will not condone (food fights) McDonald wrote in his letter addressed to students.

Students who are now involved in food fights and other disruptive behavior will now be subject to a cancellation of meal plan without refund, university housing review, and paying the cost for the clean up and damage done to the Blackburn Café.

In addition, students will be referred to the university judiciary board. This board will review the student's case and determine an appropriate disciplinary action. Students found guilty by the judi-

ciary board could face punishment in the form of behavioral probation, letters of admonishment, and community service.

"Anyone who participates in that kind of high school behavior should never eat in the Café again," said freshmen Brandon Graves.

According to the letter issued in the Café from the Vice-Provost, student community service can mean daily clean up duty in the Café.

Sophomore Roderick Jones said, "The punishment should fit the crime. If you have energy and time to throw food, then you have to the same to clean it up everyday."

We seek student's assistance in preserving improvements and investments that we have made in the Café, expressed McDonald in his letter. We know that most of the Howard University population does not condone such behavior.

Campus Crime Report

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

January 29	Cook Hall	Sick transport
January 29	Bethune Annex	Sick Transport
January 29	School of Business	Sick Transport
January 29	HUSC #422	Sick Person
January 29	Minor Building West	UCSA
January 29	Cook Hall	Simple Assault
January 30	McDonalds	Harassment
January 30	Howard Center	Student Misconduct
January 30	HUH	Injured Person
January 30	HPT East #333	Destruction of Property
January 30	Student Health center	Sick Transport
January 30	Slowe Hall	Theft II
January 30	Quad	Attempted Suicide

Former BET Editor Named As New Media Relations Manager

By STEPHANIE JOY TISDALE
Contributing Writer

Former News and Politics Editor for Black Entertainment Television and Managing Editor for the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Raul Dennis, has been named as the new Media Relations Manager for Howard University's Office of Communications.

As Howard's new Media and Relations manager, Dennis' job is to guard Howard's image in the media while expanding much of what Howard has done to become more involved with the present wave in the electronic media. He is responsible for presenting the preeminent aspects of the University, while enhancing Howard's media performance.

"Howard University is a longstanding educational institution, a city unto itself. Every city has to be devel-

oped, nurtured and protected," Dennis said.

Given his past NNPA, or Black Press of America, Dennis knows the importance of image and perspective as it relates to news about the African American community, however, he takes a very optimistic and proactive view towards what should be done.

"I want to package stories in a way that they are more interesting. I want to find stories and make them apart of the D.C. fabric," said Dennis of his goals for Howard. He feels that often times, media sources tend to overlook the very important accomplishments of Howard University and its students, and it is his job to make them notice.

Dennis plans to make the media aware of Howard University accomplishments by participating in the preparation of Howard's faculty, students, and administration for interactions with the often misguided, but

malleable media.

Dennis recently prepared a representative of the School of Business for an important television interview last week. Dennis concerned himself with every aspect of the interview from the lighting and camera perspective, to the actual focus of the interview.

"It was important that the interview, which was scheduled for the next day, presented an accurate standpoint of not only Howard University, but also the African American community as a whole," said Dennis.

Dennis plans to scrutinize every aspect of Howard's media encounters in order to preserve the school's appearance and make sure it represents the Black community.

The concept of Howard University as an important contributor to Black leadership now rest in the hands of Dennis.

Campus Digest

Get ready to dance the night away at the Ice Ball presented by the School of Communications Student Council. The festivities will be held in the Blackburn Center Ballroom at 8 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person; \$25 per couple; \$100 per table of 10 people. Attire is DRESS TO IMPRESS. Tickets are available at the Cramton Auditorium Box Office. For more information and answers to questions contact the SOC Student Council at (202) 806-9080 or email them at socsc@email.com.

It's time for Gospel Skate! Come have fun and support the HU Chapel Assistants at Skate Palace (Temple Hills, MD) from 10:30 PM to 2:30 AM. The cost is \$7 and the money can be paid in the basement of Rankin Chapel. Transportation will leave from Rankin Chapel at 10:15.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2002
The Philly Club and the East Coast Coalition presents Blaze 2002, a pre-Valentine's Day Bash in the Blackburn Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 at Cramton Auditorium.

Box Office and doors will open at 7:30 PM. As a special treat, a secret and surprise Def Jam Recording artist will be there. For more information, call (202) 806-7198.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002

Are you ready for some football? UGSA presents the official Super Bowl Party 2002! They are inviting all students to come and watch the game on the BIG screen in the East Ballroom in Blackburn Center from 6 PM to 11 PM. Admission is FREE and there will be FREE food as well.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2002

Are you interested in women's soccer? If so come to an interest meeting at 5 PM in the Women's Soccer Office in the Burr Gymnasium 1101. If you have any questions please call (202) 806-7147.

There will be an interest meeting for students interested in volunteering for the 2002 Youth Summit in the Bethune Annex Seminar Room at 7 PM. Please come out to show your support for our youth and to

make a difference.

The Howard University Chapter NAACP in cooperation with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Howard University Student Association presents "Leadership and Responsibility", the first in a series of events that make up Men In Action Week. Jeffrey Johnson, the NAACP National Youth Director will be the keynote speaker. The program begins at 7 PM in the Blackburn Center Forum.

The ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho in conjunction with the ladies of Oh So Fly Alpha Phi present "Simply Sigma", an interest meeting concerning their organization in the Bethune Annex Seminar Room at 7:22 PM. Business Attire is encouraged.

Jamil Gordon will be making a film about a Howard University woman returning to Brazil to find her identity. Anyone interested in supporting this film can reach him at Larum1@aol.com

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Bush Give State of The Union Abdullah Defects From Bison

The economy is in need of a major stimulus. Mr. Bush vowed to "defeat this recession" and provide "economic security for the American people." When America works, America prospers, so my economic security plan can be summed up in one word: JOBS," he said.

The speech largely covered the international war effort, however, few domestic issues were mentioned as the president appealed Congress to work together to make the domestic policies a collaborative effort akin to the war on terror.

Despite the scandal surrounding Enron, a major financial contributor to the Republican Party, the president avoided the Enron fraud. In a very nebulous way, Mr. Bush assured the American public that he supported "stricter accounting standards and tougher disclosure requirement." Housing was mentioned briefly. The president proposed a broader home ownership, especially for minorities. Enacting a patient's bill of rights, a cleaner environment, new energy plans, a productive farm policy, a more financially stable social security, and an economic stimulus package are some of the major domestic policies to be debated by Congress.

Bison Racks up all the Dough with Outside and University Scholarships

From Johnson, A1

of their college lives, but adults, current college students, and church groups all over the country. Now, she has turned her hard work into a daily

job where she gives pointers on how to manage your money, get scholarship dollars, build a resume, and what are the smartest ways to pay for college. "Too many people think they can wake up and go to college, relying on their parents," said Johnson. "My goal is to get minority students to begin planning early. I want to personally help people."

Johnson hasn't let it change her. "I'm on a really tight budget," Johnson said. "I still have money, but I want to keep it." She's decided to set some aside for graduate study in Divinity. While other girls on this campus would use the money to be on the VIP list of Nine West, Johnson has other plans for her finances. "I still shop," said Johnson, "but I am investing it also. A lot of us will buy a pair of shoes from Nine West, but I want to buy stock in the company."

With a good head on her shoulders, focused is

The president's mission to "leave no child behind" is still being pursued. "We need to prepare our children to read and succeed in school with improved Head Start and early childhood development programs," he said. "We must upgrade our teacher colleges and teacher training and launch a major recruiting drive with a great goal for America: a quality teacher in every classroom," Bush further stated. No was made of education policies at the secondary or university levels.

President Bush challenged Americans to volunteer to help both their neighbors and their country, suggesting everyone commit to two years or 4,000 hours of voluntary service over their lifetime. He invited people to join the USA Freedom Corps which would focus on three areas: responding to crises in the United States, rebuilding communities and extending compassionate aid in other countries. In helping others, Bush said, "We can overcome evil with greater good."

The president's speech lasted 48 minutes, but it was interrupted by over 70 applause.

definitely an understatement to describe Johnson.

How does she handle it? "I have moments when I am overwhelmed," said Johnson. "People depend on me."

One thing she has noticed is that with her secret comes a price. "People will try to use you," said Johnson. "People will try to get close to me because of who I am." But Johnson has surrounded herself with good friends. "I'm a genuine person. I'll help you the best way possible," said Johnson. The road to Howard changed Johnson's life. "I became humble when I got to Howard," she said, "I'm not the one to brag."

Despite her successes, Johnson described her most challenging feat yet, her grandmother. "My grandmother lets everyone know," said Johnson "she even tells telemarketers. I just hope I am living up to her expectation."

For more information regarding Jessica's "Minority Scholarship Quest Program" contact her at ladyjy00@hotmail.com.

From A1

had nothing to do with his faith, and was only partly because of basketball or his studies. Abdullah said that he felt that he was being shown a lack of respect by a certain Bison assistant coach who he refused to name. He said that this coach approached him after Howard's loss to Hampton last weekend and called him "selfish," "the worst point guard in the nation," and said that "he was done."

"I thought it (the incident) was unethical and unprofessional," Abdullah said. "It just showed a lack of respect." Abdullah said that Coach Allen denied any knowledge of the incident when he approached him about his impending departure. The incident was a culmination of many sorts of smaller conflicts between Abdullah and the coach, Abdullah said.

The point guard's decision comes at a time when the team is having one of its best years in at least a decade. Abdullah said he only wants the best for the team and the entire University, and he felt that the way things were left, his departure from the team might be the best thing.

"A person can only take so much... I just made the decision that was best for me, for my personal growth and well being as a person," Abdullah said. "I really want to say thank you to the University as a whole and my peers. I just love Howard. I gave everything I had to the University, but sometimes things just have to come to an end."

Both Abdullah and Allen de-emphasized the importance basketball and Abdullah's new position on the team played on his decision. Allen saying the point guard had embraced his place as a distributor and defensive stopper instead of a scorer. However, Abdullah's minutes, starts, and points are all down significantly from a year ago.

Abdullah has been a leader on Howard's basketball team his entire illustrious career. As impact player since his freshman year, he holds a top ten spot in nearly every category in Howard's record book. He is number one for steals in a career, assists in a season, and free throws made in a season. For the last few years Abdullah has been one of the few bright spots on the team, and his departure will leave a void

on the team.

"We'll miss Ali's court presence and his experience. We'll miss all of those things," Allen said. Allen also said that Abdullah would be allowed to retain his scholarship and finish out the year.

The team will need more performances like the ones it got from reserves Gil Goodrich and Jonathan Stokes against the University of Maryland Eastern Shore if plans to continue its success, Allen said. Both Goodrich and Stokes took advantage of increased minutes to make huge contributions in the game.

"Guys like Gil and Stokes have to step up to help fill some of Ali's role," Allen said.



File Photo
Bison Head Coach Freddie Allen. Abdullah and Allen are having problems working together.

Administrators Meet Students in Blackburn

From A2

Howard Hospital. She is also the responsible for student and faculty e-mail.

"It is important to me that students know what is happening," said Brock, "but getting this information once it is sent out is the students responsibility."

Brock also discussed crisis communications and the Capital Campaign. The office of Communications will also be putting out an online version of the Howard Magazine to better inform the students.

Other representatives came from the office of financial Aid, Records, and Student Financial Service. Students were able to address personal concerns and problems to these administrators, and were given contact information and appointments. These other representatives also informed students of proba-

ble increases in the cost of ID Cards, the push back of fall registration, and the new financial Aid phone system.

HUSA plans to have more "Meet Your Administrator" programs where the speakers will include various deans and chairs.

"I would like to applaud the administrators, there was no hesitation to participate in the program," said Derek Kindel, HUSA student empowerment coordinator.

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Taking a Stand Against Teen Pregnancy

By AMIE MCLAIN
Contributing Writer

Four out of ten girls every year become pregnant at least once before the age of 20. This statistic may seem shocking, but the United States, as an industrialized nation, has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the world.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is a non-profit organization located in DC with a mission to cut the teen pregnancy rate in half by 2005 by actively advocating factors that protect teens from pregnancy. Teen People magazine has joined the crusade by sponsoring the "Take A Stand Against Teen Pregnancy Ad Contest."

The contest requests teens to send in a full-page ad promoting teen pregnancy prevention and safe sex through original expression. The first place winner will receive a full page of his/her ad placed in Teen People magazine with a financial reward. Second and third place winners will receive money as well and a number of honorable mention awards will be given out.

On January 18th, the judging for the finalist round took place at the National Campaign office in Dupont Circle. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, representatives from Teen People, and a few select neighboring high-school students sat at the roundtable discussing the quality and message of each ad for approximately 5 hours before gathering eleven semi-finalists to send to the National Campaign Director, Sarah Brown, for final selection.

All judges were pleased with the entries this year. Many were happy with the creative content and the effort displayed with the ads this year and hope the ads will have an impact on teens.

The judges discussed entries such as one comparing receipt prices of someone who bought a condom and one who purchased a long list of baby items. One ad that grabbed the attention of everyone had three sentences that did not state a coherent thought followed with the sentence, "Neither does being a teenage parent" at the bottom of the page.

"The quality of entries this year were much better as a whole than in past years. We have been receiving entries since October 2001 and today we sat down to take a look at the best 180 of those," remarked Samantha Cohen, the coordinator of the contest from the National Campaign. Executive Editor of Teen People magazine, Tina Johnson, was happy that the magazine was once again able to participate in the cause of teen pregnancy prevention.

"For four years we've been with contest, basically from the beginning. We see this contest as one of the most important issues out there that we need to face," Johnson asserted.

Kara Berman, a sophomore at Whitman High School and Ashley Wingate, a junior at Anacostia Senior High School felt honored to be apart of the decision-making process and were impressed with the creativity displayed by many contestants.

"A lot of ads are good and artistic and many come close to home to what I see in my community and school. A lot of teen girls I know don't have their babies' father with them and that is the idea that some ads displayed," commented Whitman who works for the "Young Woman's Project," training peers on safe sex, abstinence, and sexually transmitted diseases.

Berman liked the messages behind the ads and was even shocked by some of the statistics presented.

"The ads were very creative, sending out good messages. There were some scary ones like the ad with the picture of a baby in a trashcan. Underneath the picture was the statistic stating: '53.3% of babies unwanted are murdered by their parents'," Berman stated.

Erica Greenstein, Media Program Coordinator of the National Campaign clearly stated the main goal behind the contest.

"We're trying to get teens actively engaged in the issue of teen pregnancy prevention," summed up Greenstein.

Community Profile:

To Leave No Child Behind; The Children's Defense Fund

By: COURTNEY WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Did you know every 44 seconds, a baby is born into poverty? Every 11 seconds, a child is neglected or abused. Did you know? Although many people feel there is no way to combat the depressing reality of these statistics, they are wrong. The Children's Defense Fund and their Act to Leave No Child Behind is an example of just how many lives community caring can reach and how far it can travel.

The mission of the Children's Defense Fund (or CDF) is to do what it takes by any means necessary to meet the needs of children and their parents by "building on the strengths and sense of fairness of the American people" progressing toward the future with a renewed commitment to the children of this nation.

Perhaps, the greatest aspect of the Act to Leave No Child Behind is the fact that citizens are actually holding political officials accountable for the promises they make.

For example, Rickell Howard, a senior in the School of Business, is an intern for the Children's Defense Fund. She testifies that interns are required to visit their representatives from Congress each Wednesday in order to stay abreast of the progress being made on the programs that the act introduces. Howard concurs, "[We are] Holding our representatives responsible for satisfying the needs of their constituents." As a the head of the nation's major public service agencies, the CDF and this new monumental act, require each state to institute public programs that benefit specifically children.

The Act to Leave No Child Behind comprehends the vast importance of achieving the goals stated above. Therefore, all of the programs implemented must incorporate severe community cooperation in order for it to be successful. This act proposes the execution of its goals by providing children with four principles: a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, and finally a Safe Start.

What does the CDF's Act to Leave No Child Behind mean for the 10.6 million black children in America? In essence the CDF plans to take the black community by storm—however in a positive way. With the assistance of the CDF, early care for nearly all uninsured black children will be eligible for health coverage without having to do without necessary medical care do to the inability to pay. The Act provides pregnant women with prenatal care, immunization coverage, and special care for the diseases that concern African Americans specifically. In addition to a Healthy Start, this special Act promises to the quality and accountability of our public schools through smaller classes and updated facilities. The Fair Start aspect eases the burdens that many poor black families face with poor housing and inadequate food. With a ten-year plan, the DCF anticipates removing

all children from poverty enacting measures to increase minimum wage, improve unemployment compensation, and make greater tax assistance available for those who need it most. Finally, the Safe Start resulting from changes brought about in the child welfare system, which would find permanent families for children sooner, limit children's access to firearms, augment resources for community programs that prevent children from becoming delinquent, and increase preventative services for black families in crisis, for example those dealing with issues that accompany drug abuse, domestic violence, and mental illnesses.

With organizations like the Children's Defense Fund and student interns like Rickell Howard, the future of the black community is sure to be promising and quite positive.

In order to enact such high goals, CDF has developed the Act to Leave No Child Behind, which is a legislative bill separated into articles that works through a network of child advocacy organizations in combination with members of Congress. Senator Christopher Dodd and Representative George Miller conceived it in May 2001. It plans to:

Get every child ready for school through full funding of quality programs such as:

Head Start, child-

care, and preschool.

Ensure that every child and their parents have health insurance.

End child hunger through the extension of food programs.

Make sure that every child can read by fourth grade and can graduate from school equipped with the skills to succeed in life.

Provide constructive community programs from children after-school and during the summer so that they continue to learn and

serve their communities.

Ensure every child has adequate housing. Protect all children from neglect, abuse, and violence.

Ensure former welfare dependent families the support necessary to succeed in the workplace, including health care, childcare, and transportation.

Chuck D Discusses Race, Rap, Education At Penn State U.

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Rap, race and reality with a dash of technology was Chuck D's recipe for discussion Tuesday night as the rapper spoke to Pennsylvania State University students at Eisenhower Auditorium as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.

"Rap, race and reality is on the tip of everyone's brain," he said. "Technology affects every one of us."

The founder and frontman of the rap group Public Enemy applied these topics to college and life at Penn State, relating some of his personal experiences to students.

You have to work hard, make change and get your money's worth, Chuck D said. This task is even more difficult for black students, he said.

"Everybody comes to school with a talent," he said. "You've got to manifest that into a skill."

Chuck D told the story of how he was kicked out of college and returned to graduate after several years.

The rapper later came to prominence with Public

Enemy in the late '80s and was known for his politically and socially conscious lyrics.

Chuck D also said today's popular culture presents a negative image that many teenagers eagerly accept, and have to overcome later.

"We've got to stop following stereotypical images based on TV," he said.

The stereotypes have led to a misinterpretation of the words rap and hip-hop and the culture with which they are identified.

Rap music is a vocal application on top of music, while hip-hop is a modern term used to describe the creativity of the black community.

The interpretation that hip-hop culture is a gun culture or thug culture is a slap in the face, he said.

"The diversity of rap music and hip-hop is not being exploited by the mainstream," he said.

The history of the black community can often be derived from its music. Migration has a huge impact on music, which is why Motown, rap and blues developed where they did, he said.

"Without any outlet, the outlet had to be music," he said.

The rapper also spoke against American foreign policy, citing the U.S. walkout at the racism conference in South Africa as a major problem.

"Americans have a problem thinking outside of a U.S.A. box," he said.

They need to ask how they fit into the world, rather than separate themselves, he said.

Asia Smith (freshman-communications) thought the presentation by Chuck D was informative, cultural and very real.

"He's diversified, he's done so much in his background," she said. "It very much applies to Penn State."

Chuck D encouraged students to challenge information and remain independent while at college.

"That's actually getting your education," he said.

"Leave with your own mind, that is very important."

District Weather

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Sun Feb 3	Mostly Cloudy	41°F	30°F	Wed Feb 6	Cloudy	43°F	30°F
Mon				Thu Feb 7	Mostly Cloudy	51°F	34°F

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War and Then What

How many different ways can you say, "The United States won't stand for these terrorist acts"? Ask President Bush and his speechwriters, all of which perfected the art of cheerleading from the sidelines in Bush's first State of the Union address Tuesday night.

While briefly touching on such domestic issues as education, the economy and the privatization of Social Security, Bush made sure that his "steadfast" support for the war was felt. With an approval rating of about 83 percent, Bush's presidency seems to be in better shape than anything else these days — the economy, issues of racial profiling and education included. His hot topics included his three "great goals": the war on terrorism, a guarantee of domestic security, and the revitalization of the economy. Sin-

gling out North Korea, Iran and Iraq as an "axis of evil", Bush said these countries are starving their own citizens to build military arms and weapons, and flouting their dislike of the United States.

In terms of domestic spending, Bush seemed quite proud as he plans to ask Congress for the biggest increase in the defense budget in twenty years. As far as the economy, he wants to continue the tax cuts that he began last year. What now? Generally, students are tiring of talks of the war, and want to see more action on the home front.

Bush is talking a good game so far in terms of staying with the war and battling terrorism. But when it comes to issues such as education, jobs and regaining some sense of security, let's hope that the actions of our nation's leader speak louder than his words.

Our View:

President Bush should have spent more time addressing issues besides war.

Good Job

Last November, District public schools highly publicized a campaign stating any student who did not show proof of having all vaccinations could not attend any learning institution within its school system. The new and long overdue measure ended last Friday, subjecting some 4,500 students to school exile on the following Monday, January 28. School officials worked late hours attempting to locate missing documents, and city health facilities were opened all weekend to accommodate those pupils who did not have time during the week to get immunize.

Though some parents were fully cognizant that the school system's policy was going into effect, they still dropped their children off at school, but only to gripe when their child or children could not attend. According to the Washington Post, school officials said the last minute

response was due to parents believing the District would not follow through. The District, anticipating parents' irresponsibility, took some of those segregated students with signed permission slips, and bussed them to clinics around the city to receive the necessary shots.

The District's school system should be commended for their efforts to make the safety of their pupils a priority and holding steadfast on their deadline. They did everything in their power to stress the magnitude of this campaign and were successful. The District

did more than rectify a colossal health problem, getting over 40,000 students vaccinated in a year-long campaign. They also taught an invaluable lesson to D.C. youth — rules are in place to maintain order; if you don't comply then you'll suffer the consequences.

Our View:

The District should be commended for the success of their vaccination campaign.

A House is Not a Home

With the semester moving on day by day it will be time for students to take advantage of the housing crunch. All students will be required to pay their \$100 for housing in March but the University has chosen to enforce its policy of deadlines. If students don't pay their deposit there will be no room at the Towers, Meridian, and all other dormitories. It is the Universities obligation to enforce their rules but this time it is the students who must hold accountability. If the University upholds it's position on the RSVP deadlines then there is a strong chance that the housing dilemma that rocked the campus last semester will not happen again. University students must remember that rules are rules and if they

aren't followed then they must be willing to pay the fee or pay the consequences. Though students must obey this deadline we feel that Residence Life must keep its side of the obligation. A deadline is a deadline and student housing should enforce this deadline when the time comes. The results of not enforcing these deadlines proved to be detramatic last year. Housing problems cost the University over 4 million dollars and this problem could have been alleviated if they would have stuck to their guns. Shelter on this campus is a privilege but many students take this true luxury for granted. By University standards freshmen are the only ones to be guaranteed housing so if students don't pay the price don't be sad when you're living nice.

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson

Cheer up pal, I went from stealing billions to getting butt naked for nachos!



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PERSPECTIVES

About Dr. King's Birthday

Last Monday, like the author of a perspective in last Friday's *Hilltop*, I also went to the Lincoln Memorial. I, however, did not glory in the majestic magnificence of that monument built to honor a president who, contrary to popular opinion, did not free all the slaves out of the goodness of his heart—who did not, in fact, free all the slaves at all but just those living in the Confederacy, with the military and political goal of restoring the Union and all the high-minded but unrealized principles for which it stood, and not of ending the horrors of slavery for its own sake. This monument, cold and beautiful, does not signify to me the greatness of Dr. King's march, but rather the system he gave his life to change.

I did, however, revel in the spirit that brought two to three hundred people out on a cold afternoon to protest the war on Afghanistan in the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principles of nonviolent

and peaceful dissent. Those few hundred people, flanked by five or six smirking pro-war anti-protest protestors, listened to speeches about King's legacy and about the U.S.'s imperialist and deadly foreign policy before launching themselves onto a march to the White House. Buoyed along by the beat of drums and a thin column of fellow marchers, chanting some clever and some rather awkward (because untested) slogans, I felt a part of something deeper than myself. And it did not matter that some drivers and passersby mumbled curses and twisted their faces into ugly scowls (and that some cheered us from their cars) or that our path to the White House was blocked by a line of all black policemen (brothers on the front lines, as usual) or even that some Park Service officers were busy trying to get all the protestors' faces captured on video. What really mattered was that we had all gathered, together, for something we really believed in.

What did bother me, I must admit, was the scarcity of the scattered black and brown faces in that flood of focused energy. It also struck me how Howard students failed to make their presence felt on Saturday at the Civic Center, where another celebration in honor of Dr. King drew hundreds of people of all races and speakers such as the Rev. Al Sharpton, or at Black Voices for Peace's inspirational event on Monday.

Perhaps we do not celebrate, we do not agitate, because we do not know intimately our history, it being much more profitable these days to study finance and trade imaginary money, or major in marketing and sell people things they do not need. Perhaps we have become too comfortable, swaddled in the downy forgetfulness of middle class aspirations and the privilege of our victimization here in the land of opportunity, as opposed to being oppressed in foreign lands currently being bombed, manipulated, and bought out

by our country and its corporate imperialist vanguard.

The point is not that we all should think alike, but that we should all think critically. Stop losing yourself in cable television and the latest expensive and aesthetically uninteresting fashions, and stop believing everything the media, your parents and teachers tell you. Attending marches doesn't make you an activist any more than refusing to relinquish your seat on the Metro to an old white lady, and perhaps not everyone is meant to be an activist. But at least think for yourself, reach out to your community, and pay attention to what is going on in the world around you.

Respond to this perspective at artlessartista@yahoo.com.

UGSA Grievance Column

Over the course of last semester and the beginning of this one, I received several grievances from students claiming that inadequate teachers were wasting their class time. The reports that reached me cited infractions ranging from tardiness and absenteeism to testing over material that was not covered and failure to prepare students for subsequent courses. I am by no means belittling or dismissing the efforts of the teachers who do their jobs with pride and excellence, but this is an issue that I can definitely relate to. When I run into freshmen from my hometown I ask how their semester is going (just to check up on my ATLians).

Over half of them complain about "bad teachers." In fact, it is the first thing out of their mouths, generally accompanied by a pained facial expression. I try to be reassuring, but really, what is there to say? You should not have to wait until you get into your major classes to get a good teacher (if then).

You should not be expected to provide an audience if there is not a successful transfer of knowledge occurring, or in some cases even attempted. Most important of all, having an unsatisfactory

classroom experience should be the exception as opposed to the rule. If my time is better spent in a room with the textbook than in class or if I could gain the same quality of information from doing assignments on my own, why not enroll in a distance-learning program? This concern speaks to the validity of our University as an institution of higher learning. It appears that Howard has a defective distribution process for its primary product: education. Since it is very unlikely that President Swygert will be issuing any refunds for our inconvenience, I suggest that we fix the problem.

As customers it is our responsibility to report service that is lacking, but let's take it a step further. As students, hopefully on a quest for a quality education, we need to develop some standards and solutions for this predicament. Just something to think about for most of you... but if doing something is more your style, responses are welcome at hugripe@hotmail.com.

Kirstyn Fields is a junior finance major from Decatur, GA currently serving as UGSA Grievance director.

Beef Man

By Antijuan Jackson

Song to the tune of DJ HiTeck and Jonell "Round and Round"

Alright folks. Let me free style to you: "Beefman, Blackman, which one you want? / dollar bills large like size 50 font / I got big things, like my shinning ass ank / Bush got the economy slowin' like ya wheelchair aunt / Black folk, it's 4th and long do we pass or do we punt? / I want to live, I want to breathe, I want to seize everything from Enron accounts to racist ideologies / Dirty ya white T / Government got us on lock / Inspired by quotes from Pac / Tryin' to hinder me from livin' my dreams? Bump that, Give no justice ya gets no peace / Or say *@%\$ it and be a young Garvey and take our fight over seas..."



Antijuan BeefMan2002



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Dear Bison,...



Dear Bison,

The has been a lot of violence against our country in our city and most recently on our campus. Why can't we just get along? What's up with some Bison who don't want peace. I am not proud what some Bison do, like get themselves arrested in Blackburn.

Sincerely

ANGRY

Dear Angry,

Calm ya self down! You don't need No More Drama, leave the stories to the Young and the Restless. People make choices, unfortunately not always the right ones. The only thing you need to worry about are the choice you make and the example you set for the future generation. Be more focus on you, yourself, and my. Keep a look out on whats up with you first and primary. Stay positive.

Bison

Dear Bison,

I know you might not be a meteorologist but what's up with the weather, I don't have money to buy more clothes and besides I just brought my winter gear, yo I am mad. This is so crazy, where I am from the temperature is not so crazy, how can I deal with this?

Sincerely

Hot and cold at the same time
Dear Hot and cold at the same time,

You know what, I feel you... I can relate, the weather is off da hook, and very unpredictable, but that's Mother Nature. First you should subscribe to the weather channel, they give weekly forecasts, that way you will not be surprised. As far as the clothes go you should cut some holes in jeans or maybe make a long tee shirt, a short tee shirt. If you invest in anything it should be a light jacket, one thing you don't want is to feel like a polar bear in the dessert, so holla back. Start you own fashion with what you have, show the world what you working with.

Bison

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February 1, 2002

Dear University Family:

Howard University will launch its first comprehensive capital campaign during our March 9, 2002, Charter Day Dinner. In addition to announcing our campaign goal, the University also will publish its case for alumni and private support.

You can imagine the excitement throughout the campus as we prepare for this historic event. We now invite you to share in this momentous endeavor.

You know well the virtues, assets, strengths and opportunities that define the character of Alma Mater and underscore its potential. In that regard, we invite your feedback on the University's "case statement."

Quite simply, the case statement serves two purposes. First, it clearly defines, particularly for our external constituents, who we are. Second, it enumerates opportunities for constituents to partner with and invest in the University to effect continued growth and leadership. You, of course, recall the tremendous progress realized through the University's collaboration on the *Strategic Framework for Action*. The goals of our capital campaign therefore correlate directly to the goals and objectives detailed in our *Strategic Framework for Action II* (SFA II).

The case statement draft may be viewed online by entering the URL below into a web browser.

The corresponding login name and password are provided below for your use. It is critical that we receive your feedback by no later than Friday, February 8, in order to meet myriad timelines associated with the campaign announcement.

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I thank you for your continued loyalty to Alma Mater. Howard University is stronger for the commitment and dedication of leaders of your caliber. With your continued support, our strength will abound.

Sincerely,

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1st Person

You've Got Love!

MONICA BARBARA
Engage! Editor

So, I'm sitting in my room last year when a group of friends come in to use the internet on my roommate's computer. They'd done so often, and I'd often woken up in the middle of the night to find my roommate on the internet. What on earth could be so intriguing?

The answer, Black Planet. It seemed that everyone had a page. Shortly after, I used a friend's scanner and posted my own BP page. At the time, I was involved and, as a result, didn't check for notes having no desire to meet anyone via the internet.

That all changed this summer, when I became single again. Remembering the BP page, I changed my setting from Involved/Partner to Single. Within days I was flooded with notes from other "Planateers" (as a BP friend so affectionately coined us). I also set up a page on CollegeClub. I'd never really dated much; so, when guys started asking me out, I welcomed the opportunity to get out (and get a free meal or movie).

I decided to set up some criteria. I would only date guys I'd talked to for at least a month, and I'd only actually talk (as in on the phone) to guys who had more to say than, "Hey ma. You sure are sexy." Don't worry, the criteria went a little deeper than that.

My first date: He meets me at the metro. My first thought: Wow, he's not as cute as he looked on his page. But that, of course, is not why our first date was also our last. We get to the movie theatre (why don't guys get that this is not a good first date), and he tells me he's lost his wallet or left it at work. Yes, I know. Try not to hurt yourself laughing; I almost did. However, he just happens to have a coupon, which admits one person into the theatre (isn't that the kind of thing you'd carry in your wallet?). Needless to say, this coupled with his irritating conversation (Are you sexually active? Are you having fun? What do you think of me?) detracted from his theoretical game points. I requested that he not walk me home that evening.

The second date was definitely a first for me. A paralegal that works in Georgetown, a white paralegal that works in Georgetown. No, he wasn't one of the vanilla drops in the BP coffee; we met on CollegeClub. This date was nowhere near as traumatic as the first. Though conversation was a little forced, I had a good time, and I accepted his invitation for a second date. The second date was equally enjoyable, that is until he commented on how nice my ass is and suggested we have sex some time soon. Hmmm. You are the weakest link; Goodbye!

Now I realize that there have only been two dates thus far, but at this point I'm already doubting the productivity of the dating scene. That is of course until the absolutely adorable young man I'd been talking to on BP asked me out. Now, this date I'm actually looking forward to. So he arrives, and though he was adorable, he was at least 2-3 inches shorter than he claimed (and still claims) to be and, the deal breaker...his hair was pressed! Maybe it's just me, but I really need for my date's hair not to be prettier than mine. What saved this guy is the fact that his personality was as adorable as his BP picture (with a nice short hair cut) was, and he vowed never to wear his pressed hair around me again. Unfortunately, no sparks. But, I've made a pretty good friend.

To the surprise of many of my friends, I took my BP page down a couple of weeks ago. After months of meeting new people and chatting over the internet something just kept nagging at me. It all just felt so artificial. I am a bit old fashioned when it comes to these matters; so, maybe it was just too much for me to step into this modern world of romance. Or maybe it's true that much is lost when meeting someone via the internet. I want the pleasure of seeing someone I'm attracted to and discovering the attraction is mutual when they approach me and ask for my number, face to face. I realize it's much easier for a guy to handle rejection when he's sitting in front of a computer versus sitting in front of the woman he's attracted to, but I believe it's all worth it to have the real deal.

So, how have things been post BP? Well, I met this charming young man on the metro a few weeks ago, and when we tell people how we met, it's much more intriguing than saying, "We met on the internet."

All Star Weekend Ballers Come To Play in Philly



Under Allen Iverson: Philly will see crowds of NBA fans next weekend as All Star Weekend invades the City of Brotherly Love.

By: Tiffany Reynolds
Contributing Writer

How long will the Liberty Bell remain silent when the NBA All-Star games enter into the city of Brotherly Love? Yes, soon enough, during February 8-10, Philadelphia will become the home for celebrity basketball players, celebrities, and basketball fanatics from all over the world. The anticipated crowd will endeavor amongst the historical city to enjoy its world-renowned cheese steaks (not "steak and cheese"), Italian water ices, soft-pretzels, hoagies, TastyKakes, cobblestone roads, and much more. But specifically, Philadelphia is the home of the 76ers, and the legendary Allen Iverson.

From Broad to South Street, from North to South Philadelphia, the streets are guaranteed to be flooded for the NBA All-Star games - early!! The NBA's All-Star showdown on Saturday night, February 9, will be the opening for the game that will be played on Sunday, February 10. The NBA's best will come to Philadelphia to display their finest talents in the 3 on 3 face-off, and the hype and popular slam-dunk competition on Saturday. Both of these anticipated events would be held at the First Union Center in Philadelphia. The First Union Center is a huge stadium for various sport events, musical, and theatrical performances, located at 3601 S. Broad Street.

Last year the NBA All-Star games were held in Washington, DC at the MCI Center, where the East barely won the game over the West: 111-110. Of course basketball fans are excited to see familiar faces such as Vince Carter, of the Toronto Raptors, Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, from the Los Angeles Lakers, and hometown players such as Dikembe Mutombo and Allen Iverson. In addition to these few

Garnett, Tim Duncan, Chris Webber, and Grant Hill, will dazzle the basketball scene to make this year just as exciting.

Besides the exhilarating game, will also come the Nightlife and outside activities that will be scattered throughout the Philadelphia area. To get the city of Brotherly Love jumping, the rugged and talented performers Cash Money Millionaires will be performing at Evolution nightclub on February 8, located at 1517 N. Delaware Avenue. Lil' Kim and Nelly will both join Cash Money Millionaires for this explosive concert. Tickets are \$50, but it will be well worth it for bayou-banging heads, east coast street riders, and mid-west ballers to enjoy the three various types of music that will be performed. Jay Z will do it up once again this year, at The Liacouras Center, located at 1776 N. Broad St., on Sunday, February 10. The event, "Jay Z All Star Players Ball," will definitely have the top basketball, movie, and music celebrities, including the Roc-a-Fella committee to party after the All-Star game. Allen Iverson, will be throwing an off the hook party in a shopping center. The Gallery on Walnut, two blocks from City Hall, will transform into the Allen Iverson headquarters for the NBA All-Star weekend. The 76er players and other basketball celebrities for the event will join Iverson. Admission will be around \$60, so save your money. On the other hand, there will be plenty of low-key parties that might not require as much money to spend. Special events include: Shampoo Nightclub, The Electric Factory, Fluid, and Philadelphia Bar and Grille. Sham-

poo will be throwing an All Star after party on February 10, starting at 9pm. Located at 417 N Eighth street, Shampoo has many rooms for different moods, including a lounge area, patio section, and about 4-5 DJs a night. Right behind Shampoo, on 421 N 7th street, is The Electric Factory. The Electric Factory is very much similar to the 9:30 Club, in Washington, DC, in which the atmosphere is for all ages and the Factory is known for its great live music which covers the spectrum from alternative rock to hip-hop and rap. The Factory will be holding a NBA All Star Party throughout the whole weekend starting on February 7 and ending on February 10, but it is not real clear if guest performers may be arriving.

For many of those who tend to have the

atmosphere of hip-hop and house. When asked about the prices for Fluid, manager Brian Steltz replied, "Our club isn't that big but we do party hard. NBA All Star weekend is something we are truly prepared for, but with reasonable prices. The prices vary for each night but the rate is always from \$3-7, nothing more than that." These are only a few places that will be having parties or events for the NBA All Star weekend, but be aware of other names such as: Transit, Palmer's Social Club, Egypt, Adrenaline, Pegasus, Ice, Chemistry, Maui, Eight Street Lounge, Envy, Proto Lounge, D&B, Eden's Rock, Brave New World, the Five Spot, Chrome, and many more. All parties need valid ID and proper gear.

The Philadelphia area lies in the middle of major big cities as New York, Baltimore, and Washington, DC. So for people in these areas, it might not be a problem to arrive at Philadelphia for the All Star Weekend. For college students, outside the Philadelphia area, will be promising to collaborate with big name universities including: Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, Philadelphia University, LaSalle University, and University of the Arts, excluding surrounding schools that lie within the city's range. It should be an eventful time for all young adults, especially if students from outside schools came to celebrate the weekend with other colleges within the city. The NBA All Star weekend will hopefully be as good as last year's event in Washington, DC. The NBA stars will definitely be illuminating the scene with there dazzling skills and parlay party mode, but what is more important is the fans and the love from which the city will bring when the event jumps off. It's the city of our first independence and contains a great deal of our American history within it, but it is our chance to make history at the NBA All Star games.



Jill Scott and other Philly natives perform Feb 8th and

6 Degrees of Seperation



Two worlds collide: R. Kelly and Jay-Z announced their March debut album together titled The Best of Both Worlds

Last week, we talked about Musiq and this week we are going to make some sweet music. Our 1st degree starts in the Chi. Yes in the windy city Hip Hop is alive and well in its purest form. The Chicago Museum of Industry presents the simply titled exhibit Hip Hop. This exhibit pays homage to it's fallen stars with artifacts from Tupac's diamond ring and some of the Notorious B.I.G.'s items. And if you can't make it to the Chi in time you have time the exhibit runs til May 27th. A trip to the Chi will not be the same without a mention of what our favorite baby making singer R. Kelly. Well look for R. Kelly to turn out a new album with Jay-Z titled The Best of Both Worlds. This album drops on March 26th. With Jay in mind lets connected to another connection, his best friend Nas. It seems Nas has lent a hand to P Diddy on his next video for his next single release "Roll With Me", with his producer of the "Got Ur Self" Video Benny Boon. P Diddy start-

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A Look At Prada...



By: Tiffany Reynolds
Contributing Writer

Miuccia Prada: The Evolution of Modernized Fashion By: Tiffany Reynolds It's like an analogy: Tupac's explicit lyrics in the hip-hop industry, is like Miuccia Prada's explicit trends in the fashion industry. Countless runway shows have been marked by Prada's line of clothing, shoes, and accessories.

Each model carries the attire with a slight charisma that allows the clothing to infatuate the crowd and fashion-goers. Miuccia Prada has taken the idea of trend to a new level of hype ness. With the ever going change and human progress within society, Miuccia Prada has not only set the pace but has acquired a natural instinct to have the most innovative styles throughout every season.

Prada is a world-renowned name of almost



a century in history. Mario Prada established in Milan in 1913, with Fratelli Prada, one of the first luxury leather goods line, which was very appealing to the wealthy and powerful.

By 1978, Miuccia Prada inherited the business. With only an educational background, which includes a PhD in Political Science, Miuccia Prada did not fear to take over the business it was in her blood. Growing up throughout the years of her grandfather's leather line, she studied and observed what would soon become of her. With her husband and business partner, Patrizio Bertelli, brought Prada's first line of clothing for the public in 1989.

With her husband's business smart tactics and Prada's versatile and genius styles, the collaboration has brought sales from \$50 million to \$1 billion by the year 2000. In a decade of not only has the sales jumped, but Prada also owns 9.5% of Gucci's stock and



almost the almost the same share in Jil Sander. Prada is not just a name of fame, but it is also used as a strategy.

Deborah Ball states in her editorial "The Most Influential Business Women in Europe: Pioneers in Their Ascent," "But what really fueled the growth of the group was the couple's unique ability to meld commerce and design, striking the delicate balance between creative and the commercial that is critical in sustaining today's globe-spanning fashion groups."

Though it has been almost one hundred years of continuous changes and fashion history in the making. In the last five years, Prada has taken extreme measures and used radical ideas to keep the inflation contagious. In 1998, Prada collaborated with Marc Jacobs for a fall collection, which displayed the modern chic with an Audrey Hepburn mix.

This breath-taking runway show was a

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Names of Today, Headliners of Tomorrow

Glenn Lewis Looks to a 'Window' of Opportunities

By Alysha Cobb
Hilltop Staff Writer

While everyone else is singing about feelin' on your booty, the money they make, and the clothes that they wear, Glenn Lewis is singing his way into the hearts of women across the nation. *World Outside My Window* is like an open book, or an open diary for that matter. Lewis does not waste time on hardcore lyrics or attempting to put on some sort of fake exterior. His lyrics come straight from the heart a rare place for many of today's R&B stars.

It's apparent that the Toronto native grew up emersed in music. Exposed by his musical parents to the 'Holy Trinity' (Donny Hathaway, Stevie Wonder and Charlie Wilson), and influenced by other legends such as Michael Jackson, this star is bound for success. His voice is a story within itself — passionate, emotional, and very promising. His father, who initially discouraged his son from entering into the music industry, is a musician living in Jamaica. He wanted to protect his son from the hardships he has experienced in his career, but his first single *Don't You Forget It* is sure to

carve Glenn Jr. a comfortable niche in the entertainment industry.

At age 14, Lewis wrote his first song. Overwhelmed by the emo-

star a nomination for the Canadian equivalent of the Grammys - the Juno Award - in the category of Best Soul/R&B Recording. He went on to repeat his success the following year

with a second Juno Award nomination for yet another independently released single, "Bout Your Love." On the wave of his success, Glenn hooked up with Rock Star Entertainment, and was signed to Epic shortly thereafter. "Music is the universal language, and it is my passion for music that drives me - it's about creating music from nothingness, drawing from experiences and interpreting what goes on around us," he says, and his sincerity is obviously genuine; "as for my music," he concludes, "it will speak for itself."

His style has already drawn praise from the likes of India Arie, Musiq Soulchild and Jill Scott and lead to a remix collaboration with hip-hop royalty De La Soul. Glenn also recently accepted an invitation to hit the road in support of the sonically delicious Alicia Keys.

He has already become a master story-teller and is sure to create a new spot for his version of soul in the music industry. And as the saying goes when another door closes a window opens.

tional freedom that music allowed him to experience, he went on to cut a demo two years later. Within a couple of years, Glenn released his first independent single, "The Thing To Do," which he wrote, produced and sang. This single earned the young



Glenn Lewis holds the world at his finger-tips, as he promises to be the star of

Ready, Set,... Sneeze!

How to prepare for flu season

By Johndell Hill
Contributing Writer

It's that time of the year everybody dreads. Yes it's tax time too but the time I'm referring to is the time when everyone seems to be in a bad mood. Associated with this bad mood is coughing, sneezing, sore throats, running nose and just a general tired feeling. Yes, year after year we face it and this year is no different. It's flu season once again.

Flu season begins somewhere around December and ends in March. The flu or influenza, its proper name, is a highly infectious viral illness. Its symptoms are fever above 100 degrees for three to four days, runny nose and in some cases stomachaches and diarrhea. Other symptoms that can appear and become severe are body aches, coughing, headaches, tiredness that can last up to two or more weeks. The flu can be spread through the air or by coming into contact with a person who has the flu. It is highly contagious and is not to be confused with a cold.

A cold, on the other hand, is a respiratory illness caused by a virus and the flu is respiratory illness caused by influenza virus. The two, though similar, have a few different characteristics. A cold is mostly found in children and is accompanied by headaches, mild muscle aches, mild tiredness, runny nose and cough. A cold can be spread easily when and infected person touches someone else or when someone else sneezes or coughs on or around you.

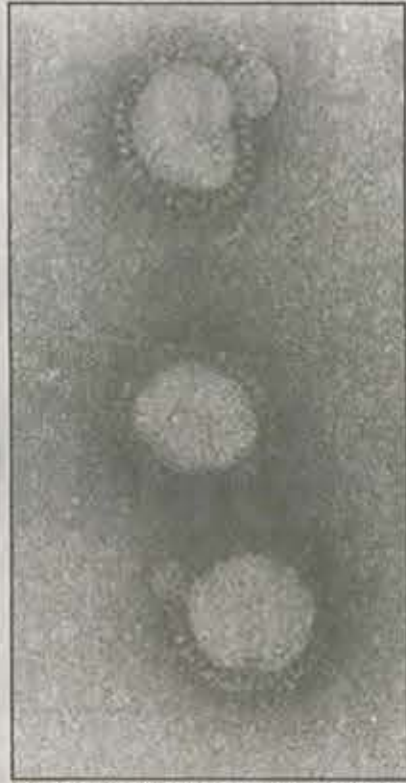
The flu unlike the cold can be treated. With a cold, only the symptoms can be treated and not the actual cold. In the case of the flu, antiviral medication can be started after the first two days of the illness and can reduce the severity of the illness along with the duration. The flu unlike the cold also has a vaccine.

Dr. Lynette Munday, Associate Director for Clinical Services at the Student Health Center says "I recommend the vaccine. I would the flu often from just working around the student. I've been taking the flu vaccine three years and I have not gotten the flu."

The vaccine is a combination of three flu strains in which health officials guess based on monitoring of the flu. This years vaccination is a mix of the A strand of Panama flu. The A strand of the New Caledonia flu and the B strand of Yamanashi flu. The flu vaccine is 90 percent effective at preventing the

flu. The best time to get the vaccine is between October and November. The flu vaccination is recommended for people over 60 years of age and to people who have other complications such as anemia, heart problems lungs disease and HIV.

If you have not received the flu shot the Student Health Center still has vaccinations available and it is still effective in fighting the flu. They offer the flu vaccine on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the middle of February. "It takes two weeks for the vaccine to take effect.



The standard flu virus comes in a common circular formation for cell life

So we will offer it until the middle of February when the season is winding down," said Dr. Munday.

If a shot is out of the question the prevention is the best method. Prevention of the flu is a very hard task. This is true because many people can have the flu in a class or office space. One way to prevent the flu would be to washing your hand. Washing your hands often during this period of runny noses can prevent from infecting other and infecting yourself. The flu can enter your system through the eyes, nose and mouth. You can infect yourself by touching these areas. If washing you hands is a problem "try Wetones" said Dr. Munday. "Because people sometimes don't have enough time to get to the bathroom after

every sneeze."

Another ways would be to avoid large crowds. Around this time of years many people have the flu. When around a large crowd, remember, a lot of people can mean a lot of flu virus in the air. "The fact is when dealing in a college settings like a dormitory or the cafeteria, it is the perfect nidus to spread the flu," according to Munday.

Also, do not use other people personal items. Personal items include towels or washcloths, silverware (soak cafeteria forks and spoons in hot water) cups and razors.

These items can carry germs so think about that before sipping on someone else drink.

Lastly, the best way to prevent the flu is by leading a healthy active lifestyle that does not decrease your immune systems functioning. Try things like stress reduction, getting enough sleep, eating healthy foods and exercising regularly. These things build the immune system and aid in fighting against disease.

If you are already sick. Do yourself and everybody a favor and stay in bed. This will stop the spread somewhat and help you to get better. Also drink lots of liquids like water and orange juice that contains Vitamin C. Vitamin C contains antioxidants and immunosuppressive effects believed to help fight off disease. Remember, alcohol is not recommended. Also try to stay warm and take some type of cough medication.

Medications such as Theraflu and Nyquil do not to the trick as well as one might have previously thought. According to Dr. Munday "studies show that drugs only reduce the duration of the flu by one day. The flu can last two week. Also they show that you must catch the flu within two day or the drugs might not be effective."

For those who do not believe in medication and want to take a more natural route try herbs. Echinacea and Goldenseal have been shown to help prevent the flu and have positive benefits when taken during the time of illness.

Dr. Munday says "the body is such a marvelous organ that it mounts a fight against any foreign agent. So when the flu bugs hits it the body helps fight it. This is why nutrition is so very important in prevention."

Valentines Day Gift Guide Part I....for the new love in your life



For Lovers Only
By Arnetia Ellis

Just as the biggest shopping season comes to an end and you think that your gift buying days are over Valentine's Day arrives. For those individuals who are in relationships buying a gift for that special someone is usually not open for debate. It is generally an easy task to buy a significant other a gift of their liking. For those individuals who, on the other hand, just started dating someone the

question of what to buy that person for Valentine's Day can pose a problem.

The first thing to remember in this situation is that the relationship is new and for this reason the quality of the gift will rely more on the thoughtfulness behind the gift than the price. When question about gifts, sophomore Mathematics major, Rachel Crouch stated, "Things such as cards, boxes of chocolates, and other traditional gifts are very appropriate for new relationships. Since the relationship is not serious neither person should feel obligated to buy or expect anything more."

Another wise thing to do is to ask the other person how he or she feels the two of you should celebrate the holiday. This will eliminate any confusion as to whether or not gifts should be given and what these gifts

will mean for the blossoming relationship.

According to sophomore finance major, Kamal Jones, for a new couple, the first Valentine's Day the gift does not have to be expensive, but it should be something with lasting value to symbolize the future of the relationship.

Valentine's Day is a couples holiday, a day that is set aside to publicly profess your love or interest in another person. Essentially, new couples will find it much easier to simply discuss and come to an agreement on how they will celebrate Valentine's Day. It is important to remember, however, that the best gifts you can give your significant other or potential companion come in the form of loyalty, respect, honesty and love all year round. Nonetheless, giving a little more is always better.



Jaguar Wright: The Sounds of a Sleek Purr

By: Harold Eichelberger
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine a new voice that takes your mind back to days of sitting on the porch watching cars go by as you gulp your glass of kool-aid enjoying every refreshing swallow because your skin is sticky due to the summer sun. Or imagine a singer who's sound resonates on an album that sounds so good it is as if it is a live performance wrapped in the sounds of Etta James. This is all to expect on Philly native Jaguar's new album *Denial, Delusions & Decisions* on MCA Records. She has a voice that takes you to church and includes the jazz scatting improv sounds of Ella Fitzgerald. She produces a soulful album that invokes the sound that the Roots loved when they signed Jaguar.

Beginning as a rapper who loved the brewing sounds of Earth, Wind, and Fire, and Marvin Gaye, Jaguar's lyrics of love and relationships indeed has the genes of the lyrical genius of rap. With a production squad including Questlove of the Roots, Jaguar's voice resonates the bass that pumps in the speakers. Her album opens up with a powerful album, raging with attitude and clawing with perfection. blues sounding song of

anger and the upsets of love entitled "What If." Jaguar does not hesitate in unleashing her feelings and words in this piece. She then moves on with happier tones with a song called "Stay" that causes you to bop your head to the bass, the soft guitar riffs, and the violins that paint the scene of the chorus. She slowly introduces the listener to her voice before exploding with stellar science throughout the rest of her album.

When most artists attempt to do remakes, they generally are not

as good as when Jodeci redid Stevie Wonder's classic of "Lately." But Jaguar surprises listeners with a Patti LaBelle remake of "Love Need and Want You." Upon listening to this song one has too reevaluate who originally made the song. Jaguar indeed threw a tremendous attempt at remaking a Patti song. "I'm all right/You're all right/It's like par-

lets it be known that she has still has her ghetto tendencies and she still will whoop that...

Of course, there is always sexuality behind the female vocalist. The best partnership is the one with Bilal in "I Can't Wait." This song serves as one in which the sexes challenge each other in the possibilities of anxious interaction. It is a duet with Bilal's high pitches and Jaguar's leveling voice that sings, "I can't wait to get my hands on you." With the stutter beat that sounds like something Prince would use, this is a smooth sexy song with Bilal singing, "Well here I am/with drawers in hand." This is a song for one of those moments when you have to press repeat on the stereo and groove just for a while during this duet.

As in most albums, the climaxing moment is the final song. "Self Love" has to be one of the most beautiful songs produced on the album. The keyboards are introduced with sultry intentions of redefining the mellow tones that enters the ears of the listener. Jaguar uses her ability of improvisation and spoken word, and she just has a good time on this song encouraging the head-bopper to keep on and love you. Jaguar experiments with her voice while scatting and she lets the range of her talent reign on purpose in this song.

Jaguar's album came along just in time. In the ongoing drive for true soul music and an opportunity to pop pop-music, Jaguar's album is one worth buying two times just because. This premiere release is compact with the sounds of a mature woman, with a mature attitude, and a mature voice. Jaguar is truly talented. When is the second album coming out?



Cat Woman's Worst Nightmare: Jaguar Wright delivers one of the most powerful albums, raging with attitude and clawing with perfection.

Calendar

What's Going On This Weekend??

Friday, February 1st

Support the H.U. Arts Family! Tonight is the opening of the 71st annual Student Art Show. Showcasing the work of students in the art department here at Howard, this is the perfect chance to discover the next Picasso! Opening reception is from 4-7pm, in the gallery.

Life & Times of Madam C.J. Walker... Join A'Leila Bundles at Politics and Prose Bookstore tonight as she presents a biography of her great grandmother's life and times.

Where, When, and How (much, that is)...

Politics and Prose Bookstore: 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, 7 P.M., Free
202-966-7532

A Taste of the "exquisitely rude and raunchy"...

If you're not easily unnerved, as most Cherry Red Productions patrons are, check out "Bluebeard," a play about a fictional third sex, tonight at the Metro Café.

Where, When, and How (much, that is)...

Metro Café: 1522 14th Street NW, 8 P.M., \$15 202-588-9118

Saturday, February 2nd

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, February 6th

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, February 5th

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.

Monday, February 4th

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



Sunday, February 3rd

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, expect for it to be a packed chapel.

Thursday, February 7th

Happy Thanksgiving Howard! Be Thankful for another year of registration and enjoy this weekend because it will be the last break until finals. Also the 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 Safe HU!

who said there
are no good
[bars] on campus?



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The Office of Student Activities
and the
Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay
Organization of Students at Howard
Present

Not Without Laughter:
A Centennial Birthday Salute to
Langston Hughes

Friday, February 1st @
7:00 P.M.

Blackburn Center Reading Lounge

There will be poetry, music, and an opportunity for you to share your own poetry or read your favorite Hughes poem.

Refreshments will be served.

Howard University Division of Student Affairs
Office of Residence Life

RESIDENT 2002-2003 ASSISTANT in university residence halls POSITIONS

Qualifications: Undergraduate - Sophomore, Junior, Senior - 2.5 (GPA) average. Residence Hall occupant for a minimum of one academic year, a record of active participation and positive leadership in hall programs and activities.

Responsibilities: R.A.s work under the supervision of Community Directors; work a minimum of ten (10) hours per week, assist with hall openings and closings, work with 40 to 60 students occupying a corridor, assist with hall programs and activities, attend all meetings called by the Community Directors, and assist with administrative responsibilities.

Employment: Is for one year and includes a taxable stipend of \$1,000.00, paid in monthly installments plus free room rent for the academic year. Reappointment for a second year is possible, but requires a new application.



Secure application from
Residence Hall Office,
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Office of Assistant Dean for Residence Life
Tubman Quadrangle, Room 19
2455 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20059
On or before February 15, 2002



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A P P L Y N O W



Seven strangers try to keep it real this Tuesday on the Real World 11 Chicago

What to watch...

Tonight, February 1:

Flipped, MTV: *Flipped* returns for its second season and is one of the more original reality-shows on television. Real people become unsuspecting actors as they trade roles for one day; last season included role reversals of a parent and her high school daughter as well as a young black teenager and a young white teenager.

Time: 8:30 PM

Def Poetry, HBO: Leave it to the same man (Russell Simmons) who brought us *Def Comedy Jam* to now bring us *Def Poetry*, hosted by Mos Def. Watch as both newcomers and legends of the slam poetry scene come together to recite some of their most moving pieces of work. Past guests have included some surprises including comedian Cedric 'the Entertainer' as well as Slam poetry champion Saul Williams. **Time: 12:00 AM**

Saturday, February 2:

BET Top 25 Countdown, BET: While *Countdown* sounds like a run of the mill countdown show, BET has put a spin on this one. Join your favorite celebrities as they countdown their favorite videos from 25 to 1. This week, join Nas.

Time: 2:00 PM

Shark Attack Files, Discovery Channel: Discovery Channel invites viewers to take a deeper look into shark attacks. The myths, the truths, the deaths, and the survivors, will all be revealed as Discovery Channel attempts to explain why they happen, and where the more dangerous spots are in the world.

Time: 8:00 PM

Sunday, February 3:

Superbowl XXXVI, Fox: The only question here is who won't be watching the St. Louis Rams square off against the New England Patriots. Even for those who don't like sports, those commercials are enough to make us sit through the whole game, and of course there is bound to be a party for the big even somewhere.

Monday, February 4:

Real World/Road Rules Battle of the Seasons, MTV: Thirty-two of the most dynamic cast members to ever grace the godfathers of reality television, face-off in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for the ultimate RW/RR showdown. **Time: 9:00 PM.**

Boston Public: When was our school ever like Winslow high school? From bomb threats to sexual harassment lawsuits, *Boston Public* brings more drama than the workplace. **Time: 9:00 PM**

Tuesday, February 5:

Smallville, WB: A new twist on an old tale, *Smallville* tells the tale of Clark Kent and his adventures of discovering his calling as Superman. While our Tuesday night shows might already be reserved, this critically acclaimed series definitely deserves a shot. **Time: 9:00 PM**

Real World 11 Chicago, MTV: Same story, just a different cast in a different city. Tonya heads back to Walla Walla for treatment of her kidney stones while the other roommates are glad they got Tonya out of their system, while Kyle and Cari get physical. See what happens on an all new episode when people stop being nice, and start getting real. The Real World Chicago! **Time: 10:00 PM**



Singer, Songwriter, and Actress Brandy made her acting debut on the short lived sitcom Thea. What was her character's name with correct spelling?

If you know you could get a great prize this week from Life & Style. Email your answers to hu_lifeandstyle@hotmail.com The first correct response wins*

**All emails are time monitored.*

Website of the Week

BlackPlanet.com

By Jozen Cummings
Hilltop Staff Writer

As students at Howard University, we never have the social problem of meeting our own people. Everywhere from our classes to where we eat and sleep we will see students of color just like us. Nevertheless, even with such a large majority in African-American students there are those who feel the need to venture outside of these university walls. These people, as well as many others find their solace at a place called blackplanet.com.

Blackplanet.com was started back on September 1, 1999 by Internet entrepreneur Omar Waslow, and was a spin-off of AsianAvenue.com, which was founded in 1996. These two companies, along with migente.com (an internet community for Latino's), are a part of Community Connect Inc. CCI creates and maintains online communities for ethnic audiences.

Within it's first year of operation Blackplanet.com grew to a million members strong, and currently has close 4.7 million active members. According to CCI's statistics BP has received close to 11.5 million visits since it's inception and averages

391,179 visits per day, outnumbering both AsianAvenue.com and MiGente.com numbers in these statistics combined.

The reason for blackplanet.com having such overwhelming popularity is because of the extensive use Internet users can get out of blackplanet.com. Since the inception of the highly popular Website, blackplanet.com has grown to include chat rooms enabling various members to share their views on everything from news and sports to love and music. The company also allows people looking for that "special someone" to join BP dating which is a dating service provided for free by blackplanet.com. There is also a calendar of events that can be displayed in specific areas throughout the world.

Blackplanet.com has recently launched another facet to their Website entitled BP clubs. BP clubs is similar to chat rooms except more exclusive. Where is chat rooms are already made by the those who work on the Website, BP Clubs allows members to make their own little clubs which can be made for a specific subject.

BP gives members another opportunity for self-expression through their pages. Members can create

their own web pages, in which the person can include pictures of themselves and additional information. Millions of members have pages, some with a simple picture and a general profile to whole photo albums with an accompanying autobiography. If one looks hard enough, they may even be able to find pages of certain celebrities before they became too big for just a blackplanet page, such as Beyonce Knowles lead singer of R&B super group Destiny's Child.

While blackplanet.com has served its purpose for those who use the Internet for business and recreational purposes, the site also continues to give back in other ways as well. From its inception, blackplanet.com has opened up job opportunities in various fields such as marketing, journalism, and content producers. Best of all, blackplanet.com has geared these job opportunities towards the black community to help maintain their status as an important staple in the black community.

6 Degrees of Seperation

From B1

ed filming the video this week...And speaking on thee subject of Diddy, it seems a phone call to Mr. Cheeks that led to their performance on the AMAs led them to release 'Lights, Camera, Action (the remix)' and now he will start the filming of his new video 'Friday Night'. Mr. Cheeks says that this video will lean more towards comedy... Well on the subject of comedies and the day Friday, yes they are making a third Friday movie and Ice Cube will star in it again. This is definitely a not a laughing matter, but the movie will be released this summer...While on the

subject of releases it seems that Kelly Price has run into the studio to star working on her new album *Priceless* where she has enlisted the help of everyone from friend Yolonda Adams, Faith Evans, and Raphael Saadiq...Raphael Saadiq seems to be making his own music as he plans to release his first solo debut titled *Instant Vintage*. He has plans to drop this album on May 28th where he has a special guest D'Angelo on the first single 'Be Here'...On the subject of releases it happened this week singer Tamia Hill along with her ballin husband Grant Hill welcomed their new

baby girl Myla Grace Hill into the world, congratulations you guys...Speaking on thee subject of the hills it has been confirmed that yes...Dru Hill are halfway through the process of recording their third album with all original members. Well Woody who pulled a gospel stint and Sisqo who was busy playing with thongs have all gathered together to bring out their next album due out this year. So if you didn't get the connection better luck next time.

RUNWAY

A Look At Prada...

From B1

new direction for Marc Jacob and allowed his line of clothing to be very appreciated. His admiration for Prada, is like Miuccia's admiration for designer Yves Saint Laurent, when she was younger.

The tradition of influence continues to flourish, as each student becomes a mentor. By 2000, Prada decided to retrace our steps back to the 40's, an era of our mothers. The runway show was a tribute to the first working-women of fashion in history's revolution. Prada displayed the "bourgeois chic", with fur collars, high-heel shoes, chiffon blouses, pleated skirts, tweed coats, and a bundle of jewelry.

Some pieces expressed the war era through military influenced clothing for women, but with the "bourgeois chic" twist. It was a daring approach but successful, instantaneously, in affiliation with Prada. That same year, Prada decided to cut straight to the next booming era, the 80's.

With Donatella Versace also using the same rambunctious theme, Prada's runway fall shows consisted of glittery skirts, suit sets, and cashmere chemises. The look was very curious, but it had a modern edge; brain teasing society, in order to recapture the look of our past... or of the future? Ultimately in 2001, Miuccia Prada was finally recognized immensely for her bold statements portrayed through her clothing line.

After a fall/winter collection that consisted of merging the homely dress of the 1880s and the Jackie Kennedy Onassis and Mary Quant replica of the 1960s, Prada gained much publicity for a breakthrough idea.

Models wore empire-waist dresses, and short, wool capes in dark rich colors, mostly charcoal, chocolate and black. The shape of this fall line

was abnormally shaped in a stiff configuration that was abstract from the normal shape that it is recognized by. Bright purple and orange collars, and wide mink cuffs accented the eye-catching look. After this runway show, Miuccia Prada was noted in *The Wall Street Journal's* 30 Most Powerful Women in Europe, as one of Europe's successful business-woman and was also titled as the "Queen of Modern-Dowdy".

The birth of the New Year always brings forth the changing of one's self or the chance to start over, or the ability to try something new. In her spring and fall collection of 2002, there are a lot of rare transitions. The spring collection for women consists of dark rich colors, mostly steel gray and beige; colors that resemble natural stone shades.

Sleeveless tops with mock necks and others with extreme low cuts and every model's footwear apparel had the pointed toe structure, accented with buckles, straps, on top of a thin heel. The walk of these models complimented the low-rider skirts and trousers that have a slight flagrant flare and straight, slim cut.

Managing to keep the lady-like figure sexy but conservative, Prada made all her skirts three inches above the knee. The collection imitated the silvery and golden gloss tint of the garment that was worn during the Roman era, and maintained the modern, wearable clothing for today's woman. Monica Steele (Seattle, Washington), a Junior at Howard University, after observing Prada's Spring 2002 clothing line, stated: "Prada is very nice and exquisite, but I feel everyone is wearing or talking about it... so it is not as unique anymore."

The 2002 line is real conservative and looks like DKNY to me. I liked how she used grey and burgundy

shades... Prada is nice but I cannot afford her prices." Just as impressive, the men's fall line for 2002 won many reviews. Prada fashioned the workingman, into inside-out nylon jackets, baseball caps and canvas bombers. Complimented with the model's apparel, were bowling like sneakers in blue, black, and mustard.

There were practical but sheik wool or matte satin, black tailored coats that have a slim-fit format along the torso of the body. Prada even used bright red in some of the pieces that were modeled for the 2002 runway, which defined the shape of the jackets and quality fabric. All the slacks were slightly raised above the ankle and form fitting that catered to the ankles.

Robert Bolton a Washington, DC, native and Howard University student, stated after seeing the fall clothing line, stated: "No, I don't prefer the clothing, because I like to keep it A&R. The fall collection is too tight for a male figure, but the dark and light contrasts in the clothes catch my eye. Though I like Prada, because of her exotic fashion statements, but her prices are way too high. I know of other designers who are just as fashionable but more reasonable."

Maybe for the vast amount of college students, Prada is not quite affordable; but for others, it seems to be apparent that it is a stylish luxury with a very influential name. Prada has marked its territory in the fashion industry, and Miuccia Prada has carried out the family's name and business successfully... in a stylish manner.

The clothing line of today has been built on the hands of the past. Miuccia Prada supports in *The St. James Fashion Encyclopedia*, "In the end, fabric is fabric. What is really new is the way you treat it and put the pieces together."

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Division of Student Affairs

February 2002

MEN IN ACTION WEEK

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Howard University Chapter NAACP

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter and
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FEB 4

"Leadership and Responsibility"

Jeffrey Johnson,
NAACP National Youth Director
Armour J. Blackburn Forum
7:00pmTUESDAY
FEB 5

"Dinner with the Men of HUP"

Armour J. Blackburn Cafe
12:40pm-2:00pm

"Beyond the Glass Ceiling"

Dennis Kimbro,
Author of Think and Grow Rich:
A Black Choice
Armour J. Blackburn Forum
7:00pmWEDNESDAY
FEB 6

"Power Fall Open House"

Armour J. Blackburn Power Hall
12:00pm-2:00pm

"The HUP Male Students"

Triumphs and Struggles"

Panel Discussion Moderated by
Rasheem-Ameid Rooke,
Assistant Director of Student Activities
Armour J. Blackburn Reading Lounge
7:00pmTHURSDAY
FEB 7

"Power of Perception"

Harold Gray
Director of Center for Professional
Development
Armour J. Blackburn Reading Lounge
7:00pmFRIDAY
FEB 8

Men in Action Week Reception

Armour J. Blackburn Gallery Lounge
5:00pm

Sports Friday

A New Triple Threat Guard Could Lead The Bison To Greener Pastures

By AISHA CHANEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

With 13 seconds remaining on the clock and the Bison down 73-72, Kyle Williams patiently brings the ball up court and motions for his teammates to clear out. He wants the lane open so he can take his man one on one for the final shot of the game. As the seconds wind down, he crosses

over, drives past his defender and hits a jumper at the buzzer for the game winning shot.

Such is the type of scenario to expect from the University of Colorado transfer when watching him in action for the Howard University men's basketball team.

After sitting out last year and watching the team finish 10-18, the Burlington, New Jersey native has made an immediate and obvious impact on the team. With nine games still remaining in the conference, the Bison have already surpassed last year's win total, holding an 11-7 overall record and are tied for third in the MEAC with a record of 6-3.

Before transferring to Howard last year, Williams played basketball at the University of Colorado, which had its advantages and disadvantages. He got the opportunity to play

against some tough competition, but a knee injury his freshman year limited him to only 10 games. The injury forced the highly touted freshman to revamp his game, and robbed him of some of his explosiveness.

"I had to change my game a little bit after the two knee surgeries. I wasn't as athletic anymore, and I'm still not. I'm not as quick or as strong as I was and I can't jump like I used to," said Williams. "Then not being the go to guy and being hampered with an injury was a big change for me, and that kind of hurt."

He came back too quickly his sophomore year, and ended up playing hurt all year since his knee didn't heal properly.

"There were high expectations for me from the coach and from the alumni, and everybody had all these expectations for me, but it didn't pan out like I wanted it to, so I just felt that I needed a change."

This change has done him a world of good, because the junior sociology major is back to being the leader, only this time with even

more knowledge and experience about the game since he had the chance to play against better competition than is usually found in the MEAC.

With his leadership, knowledge, and all around game, Williams has played an instrumental role in the team's success, bringing the type of talent that the Bison have sorely lacked in recent years.

At 6'6 215 pounds, Williams' ball handling

having a player like Williams on the team and is very pleased with his work ethic and his leadership skills both on and off the court.

"Kyle is a hard worker and a really good basketball player," said Allen. "He has the maturity, he understands the game and he really plays within himself. But I think aside from just the skills, he's a good leader and a great team player and he tries to really moti-

"Football was my first love until I was about 12. From ages 7-12, I basically won the championship in every league I was in, in basketball and football, I was quarterback and I loved it," said Williams. "But I guess when I got to high school, I started liking basketball more and I was better at it."

Williams was an outstanding student athlete at Burlington City high school, playing baseball and running track in the same season for a year, in addition to playing football for three years (quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back) and basketball all four.

Williams' attributes much of his success to his high school basketball coach, Bryan Warrick, who played basketball at St. Joseph's college and later played as a point guard in the NBA. Williams played on varsity all four years, but Warrick came along his sophomore year and coached him until senior year.

"I learned a lot playing under him and I think that having him as a coach was probably the best thing that ever happened to me," said Williams. "As a sophomore, I was a very skilled player, but he made me a smarter ball player. I played point guard so he taught me the things about controlling the game."

Off the court, Williams enjoys reading a lot, hanging out with his friends, and watching basketball on TV. He has hopes of playing in the NBA one day, and believes that he'll make it if he keeps working hard.

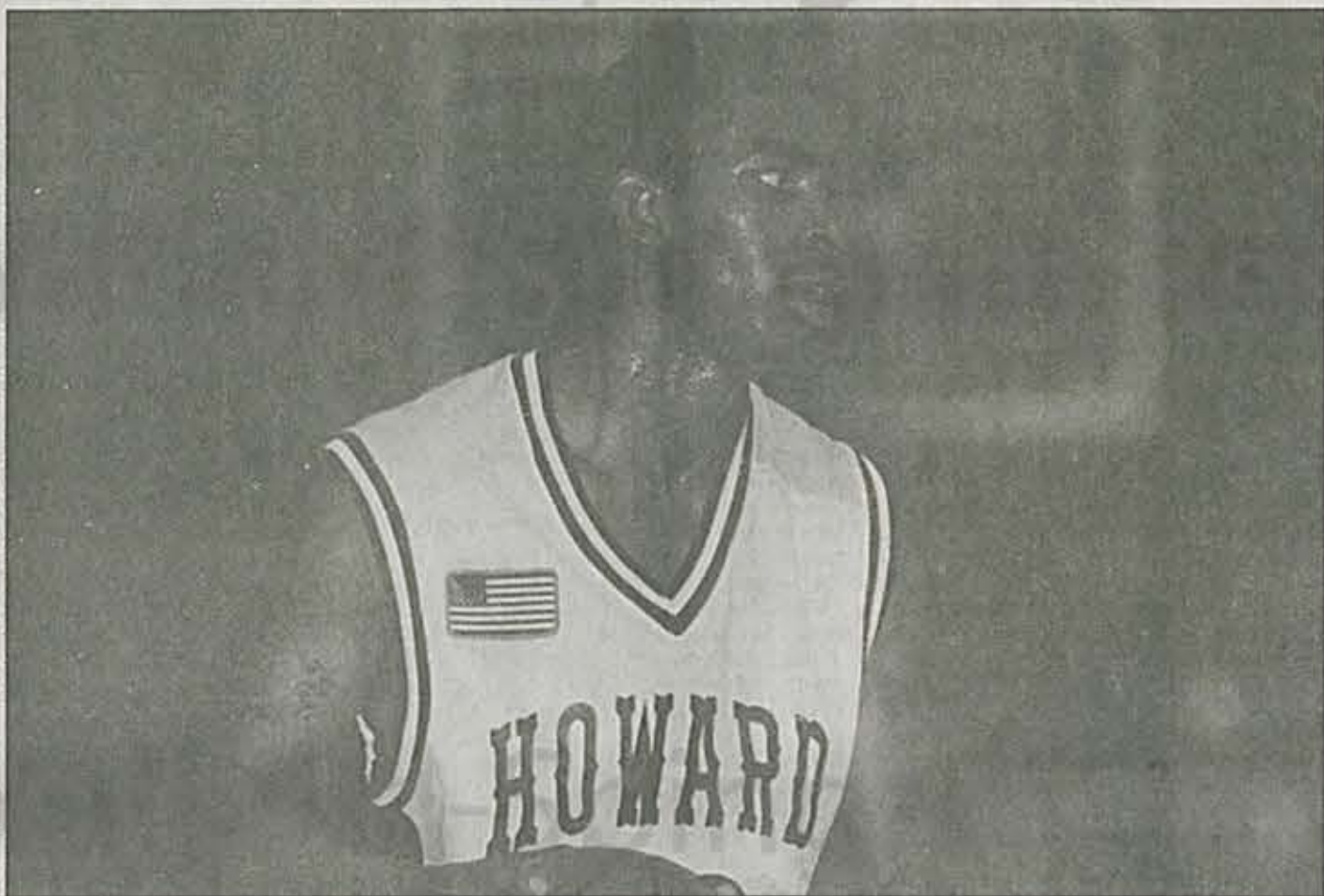
"My ultimate goal is to make it to the NBA one day, and if I don't make it at least I can say I tried. I believe that if I keep working hard then I'll make it."

Williams also wants to open up a shelter one day and would love to get into the field of counseling children.

"I had a job this summer with Aki and Brannon working with kids at a juvenile shelter and I really enjoyed working with the kids, so I'd like to get in that field and become a counselor," said Williams. "I've had two major knee surgeries and I know that I don't have many years of playing basketball left."

For now, his goals are simple. Win the MEAC conference and make opposing teams respect Howard.

"When I'm on the court I just want teams to respect Howard University and realize that this is a new Howard basketball team."



Transfer star Kyle Williams has provided the Bison with the explosive scoring threat that the team has been sorely lacking in recent years.

ability and quickness make him versatile enough to play the 1, 2 or 3 positions (point guard, guard, small forward), which sometimes makes it difficult for defenders to match up against him.

"They might put a smaller guard on me just because I can handle the ball very well, and the bigger defender might be slower. So I can post up the smaller guard inside and just shoot over the top of him every time," said Williams. "But if they put a bigger defender on me, then I can go past him. So I think that's one of my strengths, just being able to cause a lot of match up problems, and making teams have to change what they normally do, just to guard one player."

A Player of the Year candidate, Williams is currently second in the MEAC in scoring with an average of 20.1 points per game. He leads Howard in minutes played (33.6), scoring, assists (3.0), steals (2.0), is second in blocked shots, and has scored in double figures in all 19 games played.

Bison head coach Frankie Allen enjoys

vate his teammates."

"Everybody can see him out there scoring baskets, but he's also good in the locker room, he's a good student and he really tries to help all the players become closer."

Not only is Williams a pleasure to coach, but he's also fun to play with because he's the type of player that can create offense and get everyone on the team involved.

Junior forward Brannon Terry had nothing but positive things to say about his superstar teammate.

"Kyle's the type of player that makes everyone else around him better," said Terry. "He's pretty much consistent with off the dribble shooting and he's the type of player that when your team needs a shot and you need someone to pick you up, he can do that. Or even when it seems like we're not playing well, he comes through and hits a big shot, so he's just a big time player."

Although there's no question that his heart is in basketball, Williams admits that it has not always been his first love.

Intramurals Inspire Involvement and Interaction Among Howard Students

By KEITH LAING
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many believe that the only athletes at Howard University wear Bison uniforms and participate in NCAA competition. However, this could not be further from the truth because enrollment in Howard's intramural activities is at an all-time high.

According to Samuel Amoako-atta, Howard's director of intramurals, over 40% of the student population participates in an intramural activity of some sort.

Those activities range from indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, men's and women's flag football, bowling, billiards, chess, table tennis, and spades. The basketball and soccer events are held in the lower gym of Burr Gymnasium and flag-football games are played at Greene Stadium. All other events take place in the Recreation Center in the Blackburn Center. In the near future, Amoako-atta plans to add women's field hockey and softball as a means of increasing female participation.

"We are constantly striving to find means to improve our offering."

Amoako-atta said. "We want to make intramurals more exciting and captivating."

Making intramurals more enticing became much easier with recent improvements to the Recreation Center. The renovations, done last semester, included two new workstations for employee, a remodeled floor, a new paint scheme, and a repair roof, devoid of the leakage that plagued the old ceiling.

"We are very grateful to the administration because it was a perennial problem," Amoako-atta remarked. "Now we have a first-class facility. President Swygert says this is just the first phase of the renovations, so we are hoping the second phase will bring us additional niceties."

Students have certainly taken note of the new surroundings. "The bowling alley is extremely nice," freshman Eric Hall said. "As a matter of fact, the entire recreation area is attractive. It makes me more likely to want to spend my time there."

Even though a healthy chunk of Howard's population are involved in the activities, Amoako-atta is not content with the level of participation. "I would like to see an increase in participation," he stated. "We are going to try dorm activities and extend to the various schools and colleges on campus with the hope of bringing everyone out."

Amoako-atta would even like those who do not participate to come out. "There are some who prefer to be spectators and go to games," he commented. "We need them too, but obviously, we'd prefer everyone participate."

Amoako-atta feels students benefit greatly from participation in the intramural leagues. "Certainly intramural participation is very advantageous to students," he said. "Howard's goal is to produce totally rounded individuals."

We feel that we are integral in that process. We want to produce students of healthy body and sound mind."

Dexter Harris, coordinator of intramural activity, agrees wholeheartedly.

"It gives students a chance to get their minds off classes and get exercise and things that are essential to good health," Harris remarked. "It also gives students a chance to meet people and relieve stress."

Amoako-atta feels another advantage of intramural participation is safety.

"We make sure all our students can compete without fear of safety," he stated. "Playing basketball in the lower gym is a lot safer than playing ball in the neighborhood."

Though traditionally intramural sports occur solely within the university, many of the intramural teams have gone on to represent the university. At the regional level, the teams compete at the Association of College Union-International (ACU-I) tournament, which will be held next week at the University of West Virginia. Winning teams move on to compete at the national level.

"We field very competitive teams at the club level," Amoako-atta noted. "We have nationally ranked badminton and table tennis programs and the women's flag football team was runner-up in the regional competition this year."

Harris feels as if the accomplishments of these students go unnoticed. "The coverage [of intramural activity] is horrible," he lamented. "Every year we're lucky to get one or two articles. Everyone reads the Hilltop! A regular feature or some kind of coverage in the paper would be great!"

While students may not be abreast of the fate of Howard intramurals in competition, many are aware of their presence. "I always try to go watch the basketball games, especially when the Bison are on the road," sophomore Johanna Jones commented. "The games are often just as competitive as intercollegiate games."

According to Amoako-atta, basketball is one of the more popular activities among students, along with table tennis, badminton, and bowling. "When the bowling alley is open, it's usually full," he stated. "More and more students are registering for the league as well."

Amoako-atta hopes that a diverse selection of activities and top-notch facility will make intramurals a big hit with Howard students. "Our goal is to reach everyone," he said. "Only then will we be satisfied."

Lady Bison defeat UMES



Guard Essence Coggins was one of several Bison reserves that logged key minutes in the Lady Bison's defeat of the University of Maryland Eastern shore.

By AISHA CHANEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Asia Petty scored all of her 18 points in the second half and the Lady Bison reserves all stepped up tremendously as Howard overcame a sluggish start to run past University of Maryland Eastern Shore 80-62, in a Mid Eastern Athletic Conference game Monday in Princess Anne, Maryland.

The victory was the seventh straight for the Lady Bison (10-8 overall, 9-0 in the MEAC) while the Lady Hawks dropped to 8-11 overall and 5-5 in the MEAC.

The Lady Hawks reeled off a 14 point run to start the game on a mixture of mental errors by the Lady Bison (picking up several fouls early, and making seven turnovers on their first nine possessions) and some outstanding shooting by UMES guards Octavia Thompson (8-16, 20 points, 7 rebounds) and Nefertaria Franklin (4-8, 11

points, 3 rebounds).

To make matters worse, senior center Andrea Gardner was forced to leave the game due to an ankle injury that's been bothering her for a couple weeks now. Before leaving the game, she was still able to grab four rebounds and score six points, but with the loss of Gardner and the ineffectiveness of star shooter Courtney Kirk who finished the game with a season low two points, the Lady Bison needed something to contain the spirited Hawks.

Head Coach Cathy Parson went deep into her bench and got solid play out of sophomores Shauna Ruglass (11 points, a career-high 13 rebounds, 7 steals), Essence Coggins (9 points, 3 assists) and Laura Askew (5 points, 2 rebounds).

Despite the shaky start, they took a 40-39 halftime lead.

"My entire bench did it for us tonight and I'm just very, very grateful," said Parson.

"They got their opportunity today and they showed that they can truly play, and if it weren't for them, it would've been out of reach. We wouldn't have been able to come back so I'm very grateful."

Led by the aggressive defense and consistent play of Simone Agee (10 points, 7 steals, 6 rebounds, 40 minutes), and the explosive offensive outburst by Asia Petty (8-15, 18 points, 3 rebounds) in the second half, the Bison went on a 20-6 run, that put an end to the Hawks' hopes of a possible comeback.

"Coach just needed me out there and the team needed me out there, and I knew I just had to step up my defense, and keep on playing the defense that they know I'm capable of playing," said Agee, who was the only Lady Bison to play the entire 40 minutes.

"So I just stayed out there and got down and

really played hard defense."

Of the Bison's 19 steals, Agee and Ruglass combined for 14 of them, seven a piece. Their aggressiveness combined with their full court pressure, resulted in 40 turnovers by UMES, 22 coming in the second half.

"I realized that it was time for me to step up," said Ruglass. "With one of our best players going down, it was something that I had to do and it was something that needed to come with me gaining my confidence. Even if Dre hadn't gone down, today was the day I realized that I wanted to step up and take my game to another level."

The Lady Bison look to continue their undefeated streak as they face North Carolina A&T tomorrow at 2 pm and South Carolina State on Monday, February 4, at 6 pm. Both games will be in The Burr.



With stars like Bison center Andrea Gardner struggling several Howard reserves stepped up to provide a lift.

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What's News—

In Business and Finance

Accounting Fears Roil Stock Market

Stocks took a big hit at the beginning of the week as fears grew that accounting troubles similar to those haunting Enron Corp. could affect more companies.

The market rebounded slightly after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged, signaling that it sees signs the recession may be ending. But new unpleasant accounting surprises further rattled investors' faith in the integrity of many companies' financial reporting in the wake of scandal at the fallen energy-trading firm Enron and its auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP.

Pipeline company Williams Cos. delayed its earnings report to assess its financial obligations to a struggling spinoff. Conglomerate Tyco International Ltd. reportedly paid \$20 million to a director and a charity he controls for help with a merger. Banking stocks fell following word that PNC Financial Services Group would reduce 2001 earnings after a Federal Reserve review raised doubts about its accounting. And Anadarko Petroleum disclosed a billion-dollar accounting error that prompted a restatement of its third-quarter results.

"It's like walking through a minefield," Michael Lyons, a senior trader at Morgan Stanley, said of the rash of recent accounting troubles.

Another factor in the market jitters was this week's chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by Global Crossing Ltd.—the biggest telecommunications company ever to collapse. Telecom executives and analysts say aggressive accounting and a "turnstile" of chief executives contributed to the company's fall.

Airlines, Hotels Push Bargains for Europe

With many seats still going empty on overseas flights, U.S. travelers can expect more hot bargains to Europe in the next couple of months.

International airfares dropped 13.8% in December, yet nearly a quarter of the seats on international flights were empty, according to the Air Transport Association. Many travelers are still leery about flying, and there's a preference during the winter months toward warm-weather destinations closer to home. These factors have led to heavy discounting and plenty of perks in European travel.

Four- and five-star hotels in cities like Paris, Rome and Milan are slashing rates through March. Some are even throwing in extras like breakfast, champagne and roses. Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts is discounting rates at its 100 properties in Europe through March 31.

M.B.A.s May Have A Cool Summer

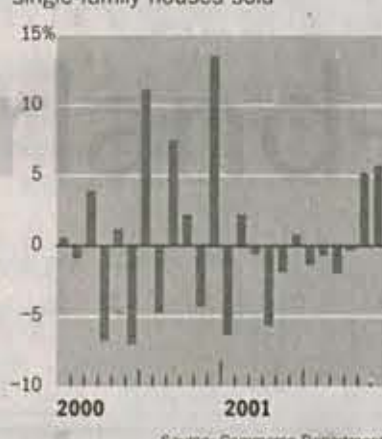
First-year M.B.A. students can expect fewer offers to spend the summer on Wall Street this year. Because of the economic downturn, some firms have decided to cut back on recruiting this year. Even schools, such as Columbia Business School, that haven't had a drop in the number of interview slots say fewer students will get jobs on Wall Street this year through the on-campus interview process. Stanford Graduate School of Business expects such offers to fall by anywhere from 5% to 50%, depending on the firm.

IBM, Philip Morris Pick New CEOs

Some predict that IBM's choice for its next chief executive, Samuel J. Palmisano, points toward a more open and more acquisitive future for the company. At a time when all big companies' books are being viewed more skeptically, Mr. Palmisano, who is currently president of IBM, is sure to be challenged to demonstrate solid earnings growth from increased sales, rather than rely on

New-Home Sales

Month-to-month change in new single-family houses sold



Source: Commerce Department

some of the cost-cutting and financial maneuvering typified by current CEO Louis V. Gerstner. Some insiders say that the 50-year-old Mr. Palmisano, who takes over March 1, may try to make his mark quickly with a sizable acquisition. But Mr. Palmisano says he will pursue acquisitions mainly to fill gaps in current products and services.

In other boardroom news, Philip Morris Cos. named Louis C. Camilleri, the company's soft-spoken chief financial officer, to succeed Geoffrey C. Bible as CEO of the tobacco-and-food company. The 47-year-old Mr. Camilleri will inherit a very different company from the one Mr. Bible took over in 1994. Three years after the tobacco industry's landmark \$206 billion settlement with state governments, Philip Morris is on a roll. Though beset by litigation and hounded by critics, the company has managed to boost profits and gain market share.

Palm Device Sorts E-Mail in Real Time

Palm Inc., hoping to gain a larger foothold in the corporate marketplace, is introducing a wireless hand-held computer that can securely send and receive e-mail in real time. Real-time, or "push," e-mail allows users to constantly re-

Wall Street Journal personal technology columnist Walter Mossberg says the Palm i705 comes up short when tested against a similar device, BlackBerry's RIM 857. Read his review at tech.wsj.com

ceive messages rather than log on to a network and download them each time, as users of previous wireless Palm devices had to do. The new Palm i705 also can accept e-mailed photos or attached documents.

But technology-research firm Gartner Inc. said corporations may balk at adding server software for yet another new device. The i705 also may not get as much buzz as the new Treo from rival Handspring Inc., which includes a cellular phone and hits U.S. stores in March.

Odds & Ends

In what promises to be the biggest labor showdown of 2002, the Teamsters union and United Parcel Service Inc. start talks on a new five-year contract. There are 220,000 Teamsters in UPS's 371,000 workforce. ... A Department of Transportation report says Amtrak's financial performance continues to deteriorate and that the railroad needs substantially higher capital funding to maintain its national network.

By Jay Hershey

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- Why the job market for May 2002 grads might not be as dismal as you think
- Specific job-search strategies that can help students weather the recession
- Advice for seniors who seem to have done everything right and still can't find jobs

Some Veteran Advertisers Go With Alternatives Like Oscars, Olympics

Cingular wireless, then a new and little-known telecom venture, won nationwide recognition when it broadcast four offbeat commercials before an estimated 84 million people during last year's Super Bowl. But several months ago, Cingular decided against spending millions advertising on this year's event.

"We are looking to have a longer-term impact this year," says Daryl Evans, the company's vice president of advertising and communications.

Other Super Bowl big spenders are making the same calculation. Amid the worst advertising recession in recent memory, marketing executives are running the numbers and concluding that there are more cost-effective alternatives to television's highest-rated but also highest-price event.

Some of the nation's best-known marketers are opting instead for the Academy Awards, the Grammys, the Golden Globes and other venues that offer younger, more sophisticated viewers for less cost. Some are choosing to spread their marketing dollars over long-term commitments instead of an expensive one-night stand.

Seeking Better Mileage

Cingular, for example, is opting for pop-culture events such as NASCAR racing, whose season begins in February, and tie-ins with movies like "Spider-Man," due in May.

"We are trying to invest our money in those things that give us several weeks—if not months—of mileage," Mr. Evans says. Cingular is a partnership between BellSouth Corp. and SBC Communications Inc.

News Corp.'s Fox, the network that will broadcast the Super Bowl on Feb. 3, is still likely to sell out its total inventory of almost 30 minutes of commercial time. But demand is definitely weaker this year. Some advertisers say they have paid as little as \$1.5 million for 30 seconds of ad time, though Fox disputes the rates have

Film Starring 'Austin Powers' Suffers Setback

James Bond triumphs again. In an embarrassing turn of events for its big summer movie, AOL Time Warner Inc.'s New Line Cinema Corp. was for now forced to drop the name of its coming film "Austin Powers in Goldmember" after Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. protested that the title and marketing materials intruded on its James Bond franchise. The snafu will likely cost New Line millions of dollars as it has had to recall thousands of promotional trailers and movie posters from theaters around the country.

MGM executives also are upset with marketing materials promoting "Goldmember" that mimic the characters and posters of previous Bond movies such as "Goldfinger" and "For Your Eyes Only."

New Line was forced to pull back the title and marketing materials after an arbitration panel organized by the Motion Picture Association of America ruled in favor of MGM's complaint that New Line had rushed out "Goldmember" marketing materials before following certain MPAA procedures. Disputes about movie titles and related marketing materials are handled by an industry arbitration panel.

New Line still hopes to resolve the dispute in a way that allows the film's title to remain the same. The studio had more than 11,000 trailers in circulation, many attached to its hit "The Fellowship of the Ring." By Friday, New Line was telling theaters to pull the "Goldmember" trailers and posters, and some fan Web sites had already removed images of the poster.

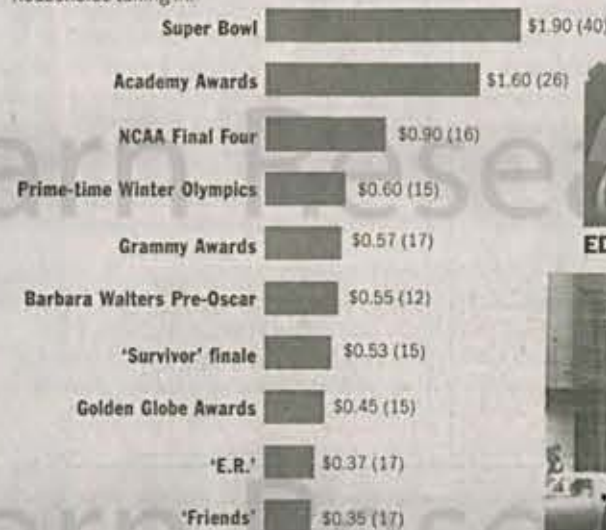
New Line executives are hopeful that a resolution can be reached. Although MGM initially protested when New Line adopted "The Spy Who Shagged Me" as the title to its last "Austin Powers" movie—an obvious play on the 1977 James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me"—the matter never went to arbitration. However, MGM's current management team, which wasn't in place at the time of the last "Austin Powers" movie, takes a harsher view of the situation. They were said to be particularly nonplussed by the appearance in the "Goldmember" trailer of Mike Myers' obese and foul Fat Bastard character coated in sparkling gold paint as a "Goldfinger," exclaiming in a Scottish brogue: "Ohhh, frisky are we?"

By Wall Street Journal staff reporters
John Lippman and Bruce Orwell.

Super Bowl Gets Competition

Bang for the Buck?

Estimated price, in millions, for 30 seconds of ad time on each broadcast, followed by a rating measuring the percentage of U.S. households tuning in.



Sources: Agency estimates; Nielsen Monitor Plus



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fallen that low.

How Fox ultimately fares will be determined largely by the prices it can get this week for the handful of remaining commercial slots. Thirty-second commercials during last year's game generally sold for about \$2 million, down from an average of \$2.2 million in 2000.

Another big obstacle for this year's Super Bowl is the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, which offers advertisers more broadcast opportunities and more sophisticated viewers.

Electronic Data Systems Corp. launched the first of a trilogy ad campaign, "Cat Herders," in the 2000 Super Bowl, followed by "Squirrels" last year. But this year, EDS directed its agency, Fallon Worldwide, a unit of Publicis Groupe SA, to create a series of commercials to debut during the opening ceremony of the Olympics, on Feb. 8.

"The Olympic Games provide 17 days to sell the EDS story, and that gives us a better chance to make an impact," says Don Uzzi, the company's senior vice president, advertising, marketing and communications.

EDS has purchased roughly 29 minutes of Olympic advertising time,

and will broadcast four new ads for a total of 58 times over those 17 days. It won't disclose its total outlay but 30 seconds of prime-time advertising during the Olympics runs about \$600,000 on average.

Beauty Pageant

There's also growing sentiment that the Super Bowl has turned into an expensive beauty pageant for big agencies such as Omnicom Group Inc.'s BBDO Worldwide, which handles PepsiCo Inc.'s Pepsi brand and Visa USA, rather than a bona fide launch pad for new brands and products.

"The Super Bowl has been the altar of branding, and everybody prayed to the Super Bowl god. This year is different," says Simon Williams, chairman of Sterling Group Inc., an independent branding firm in New York.

In addition, some companies that had long been Super Bowl advertisers are today run by new chief executives or marketing heads, and others have cut back on the number of products they intend to launch.

"Media events don't drive our marketing strategy," says Larry Flanagan, the chief marketing offi-

cer at MasterCard International, which advertised on the Super Bowl in 1998, 1999, and 2001 but will buy time during the Academy Awards this year. "When we were in the Bowl, it was because we were launching things, such as our travel and entertainment program," he says. "We don't have anything on tap for January or February that would coincide with the game."

MasterCard will look to tweak its "Priceless" campaign with new ads this year, but Mr. Flanagan says it will reserve its advertising splash for the Grammy awards, which are scheduled to air on Feb. 27.

The National Football League still has some defensive moves of its own. To broaden the game's appeal with young viewers, the game's half-time show will feature the rock group U2, whose music has been included in a lot of the NFL's own promotional ads.

New Opportunities

NFL marketing executives also are trying to extend the Super Bowl with new opportunities for advertisers that choose not to pay television's highest commercial prices. This year for the first time, the NFL is organizing a Friday-night pregame concert. The league presold the show to advertisers including AOL Time Warner Inc., Philip Morris Cos., Miller Brewing Co., and Motorola Inc. Miller can't advertise on Fox's official Super Bowl programs this Sunday because rival Budweiser is set to be the exclusive beer marketer on the telecast.

John Collins, the NFL's senior vice president-marketing and entertainment programming, says Fox opted not to air the NFL-produced concert, which will feature rock artists Sting and No Doubt. So he sold it to a rival, Viacom Inc.'s CBS, which plans to broadcast the concert after its own advertising pageant—a special look back at the best recalled Super Bowl ads of past years.

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