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The Other Jesse Jackson



Staff Column

By JAMYE SPILLER

They say imitation is the best form of flattery. But for Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. of Chicago, imitation hinged on the destruction of his political career.

The congressman saw his political future in danger when an opponent by the name of Jesse L. Jackson surfaced on the ballot. This 68-year-old man had no previous experience, but wished to run for a political seat.

Now, that might work for HUSA on Howard University's campus, but for a Representative seat for the Congress of the United States of America? I don't think so.

Rep. Jackson contends that political allies of his found this man in an attempt to confuse voters on the ballot. The truth is unknown, but he is now in the process of taking legal action against them.

With the state of black politics today, why is there more dissention among the ranks than before?

I know there are some who will argue that this is all in the name of politics, but where is the line drawn? This recent power struggle has left me confused and saddened.

The lack of any one black leader leaves a combination of leaders to make up the difference. Instead of trying to do what is best for the voters, these actions are a simple waste of time for all.

As of Friday, Jesse L. Jackson dropped out of the race on the premise that because of the recent deaths of his wife and grandson, he no longer has the will to run.

Now, that seems like an easy answer to what could have been a major problem, but it doesn't stop there. Had it not been for these unfortunate events, things could have become quite muddy for Illinois voters.

I believe had this been someone who earnestly set out to do what was best for the Illinois voters and the details weren't so cloudy, things would be different. It goes back to the old crab in a bucket syndrome. One can't let the other get to the top.

This could serve as an example for other black people. When there is someone you may not want in office and there is no other suitable alternative candidate, instead of fighting against this person, work with them. That is the only way we'll be able to thrive and become stronger as a race.

Jamye E. Spiller is a Senior Print Journalism major, Political Science minor who lives in Dallas, TX.

Spotlight Show Gives Students More Experience in Broadcast News

By Kerry Ann Hamilton
Contributing Writer

Since the program was pitched 19 years ago by a group of students, the University's Emmy award winning magazine formatted show Spotlight continues to serve as the primary broadcast outlet to reinforce to theoretical classroom lesson through hands-on training.

The brainchild of Sonya Ray Coleman along with some of her classmates pitched the idea of having a training program at the University.

"We were interns at Howard Television, but we had never done a complete production, we thought it would be beneficial to have a program where all the elements of production could be taught and executed," Coleman said.

Current Senior Producer of Spotlight, Larry Brown, Jr. works diligently to maintain the productiveness of the organization. Brown said Spotlight is a facility for future media and entertainment members to gain valuable experience.

"Spotlight is the training grown for young African Americans professionals in front and behind the camera, we train and produce once our entire crew is trained," Brown, a junior broadcast journalism major, said.

After almost 20 years Spotlight still accomplishes its purpose of molding media professionals of the today and future.

Olaniyi Areke the Director Student Training has an optimistic vision for the future of production.

"Spotlight is a tremendous opportunity for students to gain professional experience, some of our students are able to get freelance jobs at the station where they are not as limited by unions representing some of the major networks," Areke said.

Areke also spoke highly of the new student talk show, Capstone Connection, which will be taped at the end of the month. This new production will be an addition to Spotlight, Campus News, Community calendar, and other student produce specials such as coverage of the Spring Black Arts Festival and Homecoming.

Spotlight is aired on WHUT-TV, which is the only African-American owned and operated noncommercial station in the United States. Channel 32 reaches a half-million households each week from as far north as Baltimore, Maryland; south beyond Fredericksburg, Virginia; east to Maryland's Eastern Shore; and west to West Virginia. This exposure is great for University students to master their craft and also showcase their productions to the viewing audience.

The Howard University Bookstore (HUB), an underwriter for Spotlight, is funding the construction of a new set, which is scheduled for completion in a few weeks.

The Director of the bookstore Antwan Clinton is pleased with the Spotlight/HUB partnership. The HUB has also provided

computers and software for the students. The students, in turn, have aided in the Bookstore's marketing to a wider community. Some of the organization's student workers like have presented 30-second commercials for HUB on stations such as Lifetime, ESPN 2, BET, USA.

"Any opportunity to give back to the students is rewarding. Utilizing the skills and talents of our students further enhances our image as a University and importantly that of our students," Clinton said.

Amie McLain, freshman, broadcast major is the producer of For Your Information and the new student talk show, Capstone Connection. She said the opportunities the organization provides are essential for her in building her career.

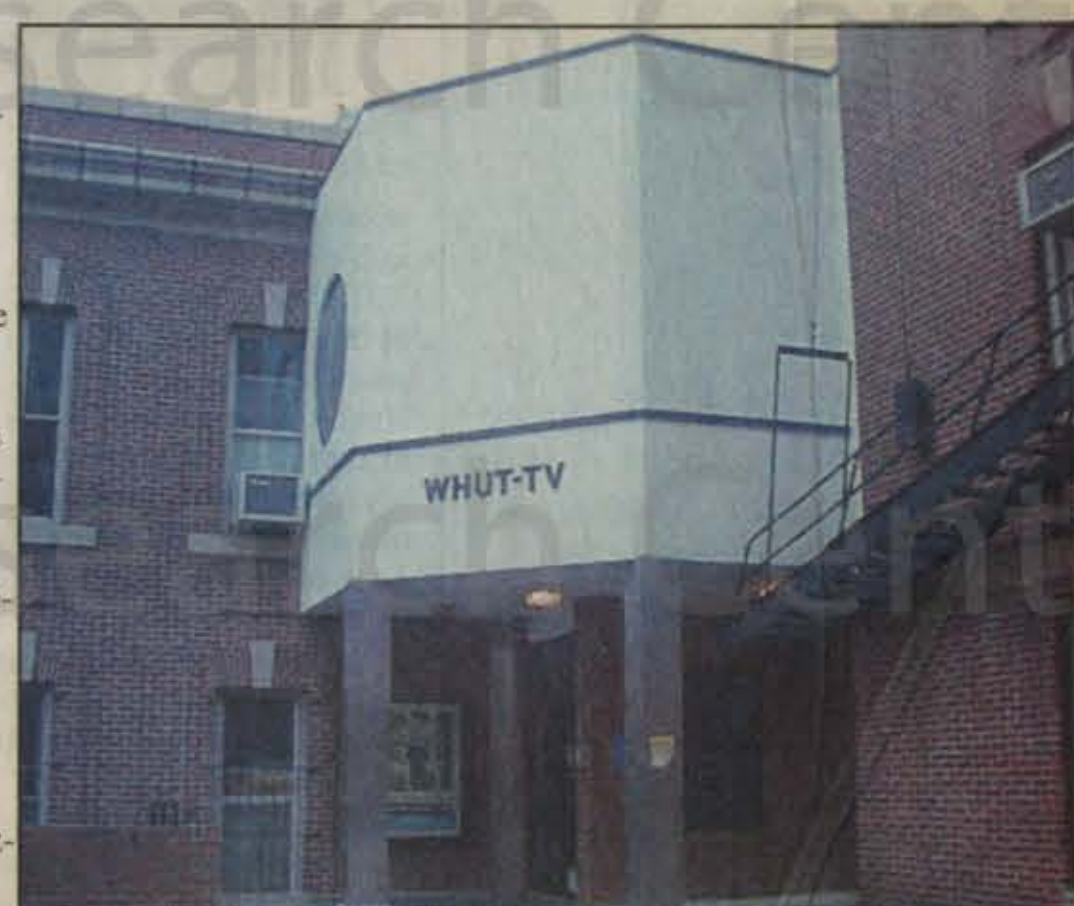


Photo By Melanie Nesbitt

WHUT TV station. WHUT is where the show spotlight is taped.

"WHUT-TV is special to me because it is allowing me the experience of working in a professional setting in the field I hope to pursue," said McLain.

SuperBowl Mania

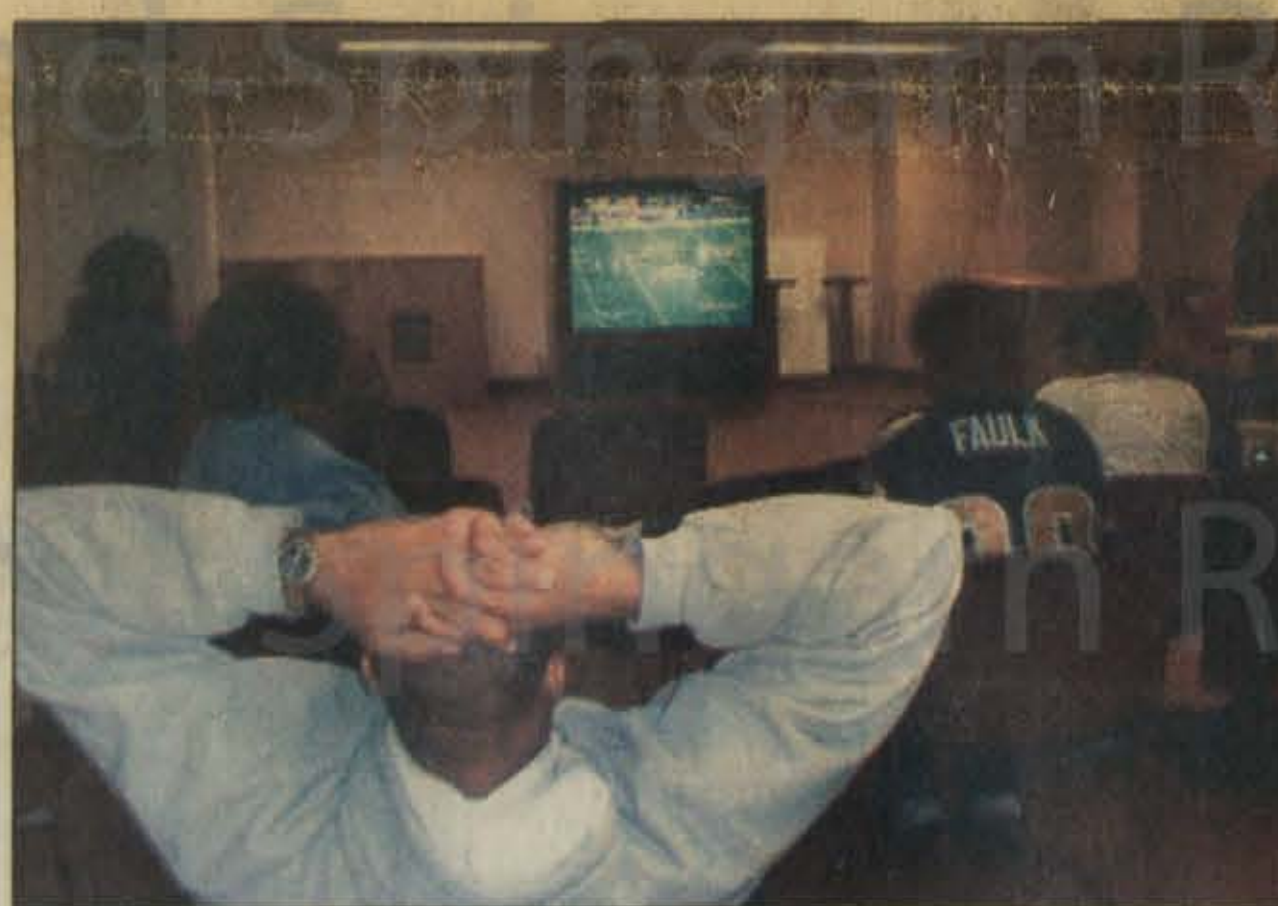


Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt

Several SuperBowl parties were hosted around campus as students flocked to what was anticipated as what would be a lopsided win for the St. Louis Rams. Above, residents of the Howard Plaza Towers watch the game at a viewing party hosted by the dorm. Residents watched the game on the big screen television as the New England Patriots slid past the Rams in a 20-17 win. Check out a recap of the game on B1.

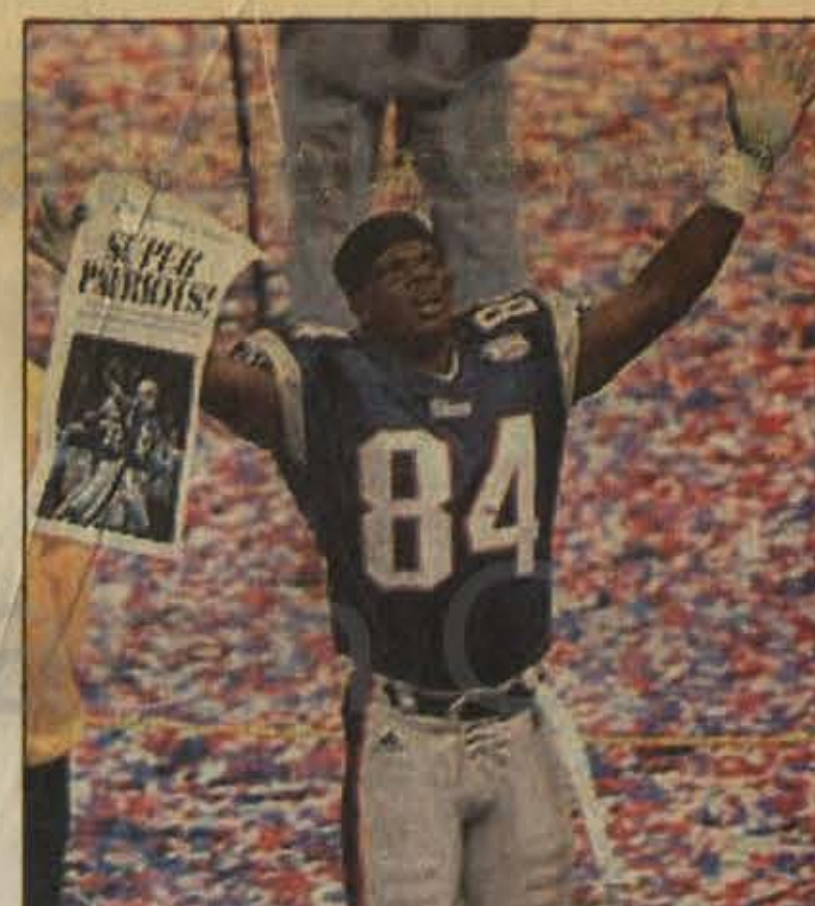


Photo Courtesy of NFL.com

Patriots Wide Receiver Fred Coleman celebrates after his team won the big game. The win was New England's first.

Provost to Host Roundtable

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Howard University Provost A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert will be hosting a roundtable in the Blackburn Center with students to address the total withdrawal policy for the University next year. Tomorrow's roundtable, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the café, will kick off a new schedule of

monthly roundtables Caldwell-Colbert plans to do until April. Caldwell also plans to start informal lunches with students for feedback and suggestions on programs and curricular activities at the University. The subject for March's roundtable will be concerning the Student Health Center and its fate.

The total Withdrawal Policy states that a student may withdraw from the University at anytime prior to the 12th week of classes. Students must file a completed Total Withdrawal form from the Office of Enrollment Management. Students who leave the University and fail to do this will not receive tuition refunds and may receive failing grades on their transcripts. Students who officially withdraws from the University may be eligible to receive a total or partial tuition refund according to the University's schedule of Financial Adjustments and refunds. With the policy students may be required to repay federal funds received in a semester if they have withdrawn from the University. This policy was approved by the University Board of Trustees last month.

The HU Give Back

Sunday, February 3, 2002, the Washington Post reported on Young Heroes, a group D.C. middle school students who are doing community service work in conjunction with Americorp. One of these upstanding young people is noted for having been mentored by Howard University students, which means somewhere on this campus are students who are definitely making a positive change in the lives of someone, setting an example for a lot of us.

Even though there are numerous organizations on this campus that give back, community service work needs to be a part of every Howard student's life. We are all blessed to be in college,

whether we are struggling financially to be here or not, and in the words of Nina Simone, "We are all young, gifted, and black, and that's a fact."

As black college students, we cannot afford to be complacent with our own upward mobility, or be consumed by the trivial issues like being fashionable and "getting ours." Our community needs us, and we have a

lot to contribute to the effort to uplift our race. For everyone on this campus doing community service, whether you're mentoring a child, helping to educate and prevent the spread of H.I.V., registering people to vote, or fighting

for D.C. voting rights, you should be commended for being a part of the solution and not the problem, even if you're only doing it to

be part of an organization. Those who cannot find a few hours a week to do community service work should reevaluate their priorities and their way of thinking. In the end, it's not about you or how much you've accumulated; it's about what you've done for others.

As leaders for America and the global community, finding ways to uplift our race should be a part of our lifestyle. Today is a day as good as any other to find ways to reach out and let our light shine in the lives of others.

INSIDE

Simone Agee is defensive stopper for Lady Bisons See B1



CAMPUS

Voices & Views

How do you plan to celebrate Black History Month?



"Well, since I tutor underprivileged minority children, I think it is very important for them to know about their history and those people before them."

Stephanie Rene, Sophomore, History



"I'm planning on attending some cultural events so I can explore my Blackness!"

Alleathea Carter, Freshman, Radio/TV/Film



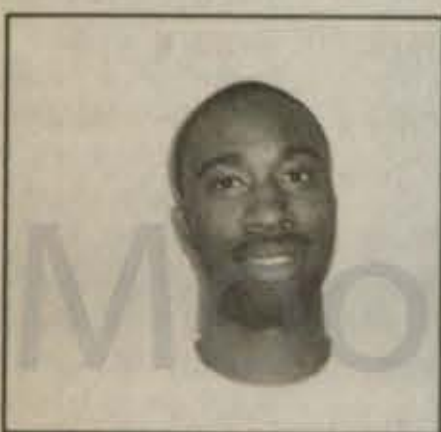
"I am reading David Goines novel and I am going to go to some cultural events."

Gerard L. Mills, Freshman, International Business



"I plan to visit museums such as the Blacks In Wax Museum. I also plan to educate young children about the paths that their ancestors have paved for them."

Krissy Moore, Junior, Marketing



"I plan to research lesser known Afro-American leaders."

Robert Boone, Sophomore, Political Science

Compiled By Melanie Nesbitt

BLAGOSAH Honors Langston Hughes

By METANOYA WEBB
Contributing Writer

The Bisexual, Lesbian, And Gay Organization of Students at Howard spent the first day of Black history month honoring the legendary poet Langston Hughes on what would have been his 100th birthday Friday in Blackburn.

BLAGOSHA, an organization founded by Sterling Washington, a undergraduate music student, decided to pay tribute to Hughes because he is a celebrated member of the homosexual community, an orientation students weren't aware of. The focus of the ceremony, concentrated on the many great literary contributions he made to the world.

Washington said the reason his organization selected Hughes to honor is to erase all of the misconceptions about alternative lifestyles.

"HU perpetuates the stereotype that all African American people are straight, it's depressing when students feel they cannot be gay on Howard University's campus," Washington said.

Approximately 45 people were in attendance at this event. Not only members of BLAGOSHA came out but homo/heterosexual HU alumni, faculty, friends, and members of the community also attended.

The first half of the celebration began with students reading biographical information on Hughes and proceeded with people reciting some of his most famous pieces. Later the tribute had an open microphone session that provided an opportunity for members and guests to recite some of their personal creative works.

Pieces varied from individuals discussing common current issues, to poetry about homosexuals questioning their identity and sexuality. The overtone from many of the poems was that the main quest of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual individuals is to gain acceptance and receive the same treatment as heterosexual people.

Tiera Chemault, a bisexual sophomore broadcast journalism major, has been a

member of BLAGOSHA for a couple of months and feels there is discrimination coming from everywhere towards gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual students.

"I would like to see homosexual and heterosexual people all together in a setting where no one group would have to be antagonized or criticized by the other," Chemault said.

Philip Pannell, an alumnus and executive assistant to the president of the D.C. Board of Education, recited some of his favorite Hughes pieces and spoke on behalf of BLAGOSHA.

"Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual students don't want anymore than any other students on campus; folks on campus should really learn to live with this," Pannell said. Pannell said a major concern that homosexual students face on campus is the fear of being able to be themselves. It boils down to acceptance and the reality is that homosexual students on the University's campus are just not accepted.

According to Washington, BLAGOSHA was founded because there was no active homosexual organization on campus, which is not uncommon for a historically black college or university. The purpose of the organization is to provide a comfortable outlet for gay students; somewhere they can go to discuss personal issues and receive support from one another.

Washington, and other members of the organization said that BLAGOSHA should also be a community serviced based organization. The organization, which has many supporters outside of the campus, believes it is imperative to give back to the community. Therefore every Friday last semester they handed out free condoms in Blackburn and plan on continuing that service along with many others this semester.

With apathy as the organization's greatest component and Howard's passive resistance toward defending gay student's rights, many agree that BLAGOSHA has a long difficult path ahead of them before they can receive the equal opportunity as other groups on campus.

There are some students, however, that are ready to have equality among those living lifestyles that are still considered taboo.

LaRouche Foundation Campaigns on Campus

By JOSEF SAWYER
Hilltop Staff Writer

On many occasions, camped on various sites on campus, people with card tables cluttered with newsletters and printouts on a Democratic nominee campaigning for the White House in the next election in 2004.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, a radical Democrat, utilizes many District campuses to advance his platform and Howard is no exception.

For several years representatives from the LaRouche Foundation have graced the University's campus, however, many are still unaware of who the presidential hopeful is or what he stands for.

One of the reasons LaRouche likes to campaign on Howard's campus, it is a choice venue to solicit supporters who are responsive to the message and are willing to campaign.

Activism is a tradition on the University's campus. Last fall Mother Jones Magazine named Howard number five among the most activist on campus.

Although members of the University, are accustomed to donate support on a cause, some students label LaRouche's as a radical leader far to the left of Democrats.

"I think they are a feeble ploy to get 5 percent of the American popular vote to get federal funding. They (the LaRouche Foundation) are trying to run a political campaign based on conspiracy theories and you can't do that," said Brian Chamberlayne, a sophomore political science major.

Another student Katrena Harper, echoed the similar sentiments, as Chamberlayne.

"I am not really sure who LaRouche is, but from the little I have heard, his ideas seem pretty absurd," said Harper, a junior psychology major.

"The power in the United States, when the people allow themselves to be treated like human cattle, which is what people have tended to do—about 80% of the American population has descended to the point of 'going along to get along' with conditions that exist, not really challenging power, but bargaining for favors,"



LaRouche said on his website.

According to members of his campaign, LaRouche believes he is an alternative to popular opinion and that may be a reason why his message may seem so radical to onlookers.

Since he entered the political arena in the late 70's, LaRouche made unsuccessful runs for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination every year since 1976 and served as US Representative for Virginia in 1990s.

Last year, LaRouche spearheaded a movement involving local residents and students advocating District lawmakers to keep DC

General Hospital open.

LaRouche said it was important to fight to keep the hospital open because of what he calls the declining healthcare situation in America in an interview with Washington radio station WOL.

In the last 30 years since Kennedy and King were assassinated the country has taken a drastic shift in implementing policies that are treasonous, and alongside with popular opinion that passes false information as truth according to a LaRouche official.

Some students, however, are not impressed with the views outlined by the LaRouche Foundation. One student Tiffany Norwood suggested that the candidate must alter his approach if he wants to make an honest attempt at a presidency.

"If he has been running since '76 he obviously doesn't have the people's support. He needs to either change his position or just give it up," said Norwood, a

Jones Teaches, Preaches to Chapel Congregation

By Braktkton Booker
Campus Editor

In a commanding sermon taken from the 14th chapter of Mark, Dr. Miles Jones, told the modest congregation God will respond to prayers if people simply ask for them to be answered, in Cramton Auditorium Sunday.

The minister's sermon focused on the story of the Lord's Supper and how Jesus placed the responsibility to organize the festivity on the shoulders of his twelve disciples. Great confidence was bestowed upon the shoulders of his disciples, according to Jones therefore "Jesus, left the disciples to initiate the process."

The focal point of Jones's message was taken from the 12th verse when one of the disciples asked, "Where do you want us to go and make reparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Jones drew a correlation to what people need to do in their personal lives—ask god for direction. "Be dependent on instruction, depend on arrangements that have already been made," Jones said in his slow, yet stern cadence.

As his sermon progressed, Jones explored how Jesus knew one of his own disciples

was going to betray Him, however, he continued to break bread with the group, each offering a small piece to each man as a symbol of his body.

Jones broke from telling the story to pose a question to the audience. "What symbol would you have to ascertain your self being? A Diamond?" Jones asked and looked intently into the congregation. After a brief pause he continued.

"He took bread." After the service, Jones cited the reason he selected to deliver the message to the congregation was because he wanted people to be more expressive towards one another and did not want the fellowship to end at the conclusion of service. "I want them to do something that starts



Photo By Melanie Nesbitt
Rev. Miles Jones "a well seasoned" preacher, glances at his notes before he addresses the chapel congregation, Sunday.

with the bread and wine and see it go beyond church," Jones said.

"African-American History month is the time to do it. The sharing doesn't stop here." Some in attendance, like Daphnee Duret, at the conclusion of the service felt empowered by the message Jones brought to the Chapel congregation.

"It was good for me it gave me a really good perspective for the month," Duret, a resident assistant in the Bethune Annex, said she is going to

implement the service's teachings into the activities she has to plan in her dormitory. Dean of Chapel, Bernard Richardson was equally as jubilant after the service as Duret.

"It was a teaching moment. I was espe-

cially proud that students got to hear this kind of teaching of the African-American tradition."

While some audience members were able to seize at least one aspect of Jones's multiple-layered sermon, others said they would need an encore to grasp the entire message.

Junior chemistry major and chapel assistant Joel Moore, admits he was not able to digest the sermon completely.

"This was the deepest sermon all year. It was so deep, I'd have to listen to the sermon again."

The capacity crowd present in the previous weeks when Michael Eric Dyson and Jerimiah Wright were guest speakers at chapel dwindled significantly for this service. Audience members utilized vacant seats in the floor sections and only the first few rows of the balcony.

Dean Richardson, who said he didn't notice the drop off in attendance, admitted he didn't know whether or not people kept away due to the Super Bowl, however he said the message got to its destination. "Those supposed to hear the sermon, heard the sermon. Students got to hear some one who is well seasoned," Richardson said.

The Road to Understanding the Myth of 'CP Time'

By BERNARD MURRAY
Contributing Writer

For some in the black community, the concept of time is often a principal that is neglected and disrespected. Arriving to class tardy and hosting events starting late are two examples of what is known as "colored people" or CP time. According to one cognitive expert, this concept is learned—not inherited. Jules P. Harrell, of the University's psychology department said the practice of being habitually late is a practice that has evolved over time. "The tendency [for us]

to disregard time is a myth. We as a people are very punctual," Harrell said. Harrell admitted that blacks do have a sense of time that is slightly different from that of the business world.

"Western time runs counter to our internal time. We tend to start when it feels right, when everyone is there," Harrell said. According to Harrell, contrary to what some blacks commonly practice, being late is not linked to genetics because rhythm is a factor of time and there are no people on earth have a greater sense of rhythm. In order for people to be on rhythm, one needs a sense of time Harrell said.

Sophomore, Tiffany Jackson, disagrees with Harrell.

"Everyone has rhythm, not just us, so everyone should be on time. Most see CP Time as an excuse to be late, further feeding the stereotype that black folks are lethargic and lazy," Jackson said. The psychologist also addressed students that continuously arrive to class after it has begun. Harrell said class is culturally less significant to some students and depending on the demands of the situation, modifications in behavior take place. According to Harrell, some students base the flexibility of time on the importance of the situation. Some students don't

acknowledge there even is a CP time and it is merely an excuse some blacks hide behind. "I think that CP time is some made up BS that slow, late, ignorant black people use as an excuse to be late to events," Alex Chesley, a sophomore business major from Minnesota said. "Try telling your boss that you're not late because in CP time 8:20 is the same as 8:00 and see how long you have a job."

Sophomore Brian Dralke, a finance major, agrees. Drake said in the school of business, punctuality is stressed, but besides those classes, there are some classes where you can come in fashionably late.

Campus Crime Report

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

Jan. 31

Student Health Unit
Sick Transport

Cook Hall
Damaged Property

Student Health Unit
Sick Transport

1900 Blk Brentwood Rd.
Auto Accident

Student Health Unit
Sick Transport

Feb. 1

Drew Hall
Sick Transport

HUH
Theft II

Tubman Quadrangle
Hazardous Elevator

Meridian Hill Hall
Theft II

Burr Gymnasium
Injured Person

Feb. 2

1900 Blk of 3rd St.
Hit & Run

Howard Manor
Destruction of Property

HUH
Theft I

Howard Center
Burglary II

Feb. 3

West Campus
Unlocked Door

WHUT-TV
Unlocked Door

Carver Hall
False Fire Alarm

HPT
Sick Transport

HPT
Destruction of Property

Blackburn Cafeteria
Unlawful Entry

Campus Digest

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Campus News Section

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Howard University Chapter NAACP, HUSA, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. presents, "Lunch with the Men of HU" in the Blackburn Café from 12:40 to 2 PM.

AOL Time Warner and HBO present, Urban World College Tour 2K2 at Cramton Auditorium featuring special guest, Tweet. Doors will open at 5 PM.

Continuing with the of Men in Action Week, Howard University Chapter NAACP, HUSA, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will also present "Beyond the Glass Ceiling" with Dennis Kimbro, the author of *Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice*. It will be held in the Blackburn Center Forum at 7 PM.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

Men in Action Week Rolls on with "Power Hall Open House" from 12-2 PM in Blackburn Center Power Hall.

In addition, an evening activity has been planned entitled, "The HU Male Students Triumphs and Struggles". It will be a panel discussion moderated by Rasheem-Ameid Rook, the Assistant Director of Student Activities in the Blackburn Center Reading Lounge at 7 PM.

The ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. present, *A Pre-Valentine's Day Auction* in the Blackburn Center Ballroom at 7:08 PM. Admission is \$1.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

, a National Honor Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter, proudly presents *Valentine's Auction 2002* in the Blackburn Center Ballroom at 7 PM. Admission is free so come and enjoy!

Men in Action Week continues with "Power of Perception" featuring Harold Gray, the Director of Center for Professional Development in the Blackburn Center Reading Lounge at 7 PM.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2002

Men in Action Week culmination is a reception in the Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge at 5 PM.

Thanks staff for your hard work this week. Kudos to the Business staff on superb work. Let's all keep it up for the SPECIAL issue next week. 2 Sections Again. I'm only hard on you guys because I love you all.

Ms. M.E.

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February 12th.

Provost's Monthly Student Roundtable

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Blackburn Center Café

TOPIC:

The University's New Total Withdrawal Policy

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NEWS

National Briefs

FLORIDA 24 year-old Noelle Bush, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter, was released from jail on Tuesday after trying to buy Xanax with a forged prescription from a pharmacy drive-in. Gov. Bush issued a statement, "This is a very serious problem. Unfortunately, substance abuse is an issue confronting many families across our nation."



CHICAGO, Illinois The American Academy of Pediatrics are endorsing homosexual adoptions, saying that gay adoptions can provide emotionally healthy family lives. The new policy was published in the February issue of the academy's medical journal. According to Dr. Barbara J. Howard, an assistant pediatrics professor at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, gay partners are the primary caregivers, but are not able to make any decisions regarding legal matters.

HAMMOND, Louisiana A pilot was escorted to the ground by a military fighter jet after found practicing aerobatics in his open-cockpit biplane. The pilot did not know that there were flight restrictions during the Super Bowl. Pilots had to submit flight schedules to federal authorities beforehand. No charges were filed.

HONOLULU, Hawaii The House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee killed two bills that would have allowed legal casino gambling in Hawaii. The committee voted unanimously to keep the bill in committee.

Legislative Report: President Increases Defense Spending

By JAMAL H. ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

President George W. Bush signed the Defense Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3338) on January 10th after receiving the new budget for the 2002 fiscal year. The Defense Bill allows for the largest Defense Department budget ever at \$317.4 billion. The President also approved an additional \$20 billion emergency supplement to provide funding for services needed in response to the attacks of September 11.

As the war on terrorism expands - a war, according to President Bush in his State of the Union Address last week costs "over \$30 million a day," - increases in defense spending seem logical to most. However, some question whether continued increases in defense spending are the answer to America's burgeoning international crisis.

Dr. Alan McPherson, assistant professor on the History of U.S. Foreign Relations at Howard University, argued that the United States has continually "cut back on diplomatic missions while keeping defense spending at about the same level." He went on to say that in lieu of future terrorist attacks, diplomacy is needed "more than ever in conjunction with better intelligence."

While some question the increases, supporters of the President are thrilled by the fact that the appropriations Act makes good on many election year promises made by President Bush more than a year ago. In 2000, Bush called for increases in pay for military personnel, a higher

allowance for the procurement of modernized weapons, and continued funding for the development of a strategic missile defense system.

The third of a trillion dollar Act, in addition to providing funding for an

average 6.9% pay raise for military employees, also allots a total of \$69 billion for increases in operation and the procurement of weapons.

Additionally, the Act apportions \$3.9 billion for retiree health care benefits, \$50 billion for research and development, and an additional \$8 billion for missile defense.

After the catastrophic events of September 11th, the Defense Appropriations

Bill had little trouble moving through Congress. Yet few believe that the ease with which such legislation moved last year would be repeated, as this coming year is an election year.

In the coming year there will inevitably be a "high degree of scrutiny, particularly on budgetary policy," according to Dr. Johnnie A. Landon, a political science professor at Howard. He made clear that "Democrats can't give President Bush a blank check" assuring that we can "expect to see some genuine debate on the issues."

Upon questioning, Howard University students had varying views as to the importance of the defense-spending Act. Freshman political science major



Photo Courtesy of Whitehouse.gov
President Bush looking over the Defense Spending Bill.

Chequan Lewis felt that while the amount of spending is "eye opening and justified," he expressed doubt as to whether many of his peers are as educated as they could be in regards to military spending. Another student, Mike Lyle, a junior communications major, cared little about the specifics of the spending but was more concerned with whether the money will "have a positive effect."

Whatever the opinion of students, Howard University assistant professor of Urban and Regional Economics Dr. Haydar Kurban advised that all students pay close attention to what is occurring in the world around them economically.

Hearing-Impaired Students Sue Universities

By CAPRICIA WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

Hearing-impaired students from UC Berkeley and UC Davis have filed suit against their schools alledging that the universities have failed to comply with state regulations.

The class action suit represents approximately 100 students from both campuses but the suit only names four plaintiffs. The lawsuit took two years to get through the federal court system and is now filed in California state court.

Both universities have denied the allegations stating that they are in full compliance with state regulations.

The plaintiffs are asking for better note-taking standers, more video closed-captioning, and improved interpreter services.

In an Oakland Tribune article, Guy Wallace, who is representing the plaintiffs said both universities have failed to fulfill the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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said.

"The UC Berkeley campus emergency phone system won't work for the deaf, because they can't hear what the police dispatcher is saying," he added.

Other problems that the students have are with the policy that hearing-impaired students are required to inform the professor in advance if he or she is not going to attend class and will not be in need of

additional services.

Disabled students at UC Davis are required to explain why they are late or absent from a class, while other students do not.

UC Davis student and English major Terrence Russell said, "As far as the making of inquiries as to why they were late, I feel that that is understandable to a degree. If someone has taken the time to meet you and help you with the lecture, and [you] don't show up because you're irresponsible, then I feel the [professor] has every right to know" he said, "However, I also understand that things can come up, and how we are all late from one time to another."

In a recent Daily Californian article, Jeff Blair counsel for the University of California said, "We are very proud of the panoply of services the university offers to all its disabled students"; Blair does not believe there is any merit to the plaintiff's argument.

Since the first lawsuit was filed, both campuses have reevaluated their programs for disabled students.

World Briefs

KARACHI, Pakistan Police and Wall Street Journal officials have not heard from Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal



correspondent who was kidnapped in Karachi, Pakistan 2 weeks ago. Pearl is still believed to be alive after 6 fake e-mails saying that he "still (may be) alive" and after a body was found shot in Karachi, Pakistan.

JERUSALEM Palestinian bomber injured 113 people and while killing herself and an 81-year-old man on Sunday.

LAGOS, Nigeria Over 600 bodies have been found dead in canals after a chain of bomb explosions from a burning military arms depot. Crowds of people jumped into the canals and died after being scared by the explosions. A national day of mourning has been declared by Nigeria's president, Olusegun Obasanjo.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Annetjie Mienie, a woman who was attacked and fatally wounded by an adult hippopotamus after photographing its calf in South Africa's Kruger's National Park. Mienie was bitten in the stomach and died while being rushed to the hospital.

HONG KONG, China Last week health workers in Hong Kong killed over 100,000 chickens that were suspected of having bird flu. Last year, Hong Kong had to temporarily suspend sale of over one million live chickens.

Trailing The Bush Administration...

By COURTNEY WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

President Bush is still riding the wave of his assumed success and support that he received last Tuesday for his (arguably) moving State of the Union Address. Since then, he continues to carve necessary domestic programs such as: highway projects, congressional environmental initiatives, and job training program among others out of the fiscal budget for the year 2003.

According to administration officials, congressional aides, and special interest groups, Bush has had his

back up against the wall and has had no choice but to cut or freeze spending in many sections of the government as a result. Perhaps the most alarming issue is the fact that Bush has even dipped into the once-forbidden funds set aside for Medicare and Social Security. After years of surpluses, the new budget of overall spending will exceed revenue by about \$80 billion. However, Bush defends his spending habits with his statement, "By curtailing unsuccessful programs and moderating the growth of spending in the rest of the government, we can well afford to fight terrorism, take action to restore economic growth and offer substantial increases in spending for improved performance at low

income schools, key organizational programs, health care and science and technology research, and many other areas."

Last Friday, President Bush made steps toward achieving his goal of strengthening the community through goodwill programs, and by appointing James Towey to the position of Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. Towey is an attorney who has spent twelve years acting as legal counsel for the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He founded Aging With Dignity in 1996, which promotes better care for people near the end of life. He worked for Florida's health

and social services agency, which is the largest in the nation.

One of Bush's main objectives in his recent State of the Union address emphasizes the importance of enacting new precautions to protect the interests of American workers. After the recent Enron catastrophe - in which countless American workers lost their retirement monies and consequently financial stability - it is key that employees who remain employed have full confidence in the nation's retirement system.

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CUNY Students Challenge Fee Increase

By Alice Iosifescu
Columbia Daily Spectator (Columbia U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Three undocumented City University of New York students got their day in the New York State Supreme Court Jan. 25 against CUNY Chancellor Michael Goldstein and his legal counsel, Frederick Schaffer.

The students, filing under the name "Paula R" for privacy reasons, are challenging the recent memorandum to charge out-of-state tuition rates to students who are undocumented immigrants instead of the current in-state fee.

The three students represent an estimated 3000 CUNY students who are undocumented immigrants and will have to pay \$3400 instead of \$1600 per semester at CUNY's four-year colleges and \$1538 as opposed to \$1250 at the community colleges.

The policy took effect on Jan. 29, but it includes a provision that gives CUNY students the option to stagger their payments so that not all of the tuition is due at once.

The judge is expected to render a decision within the next two weeks. Meanwhile, local politicians have drafted legislation to circumvent the tuition changes.

Assemblymen Peter Rivera of the Bronx and Adriano Espaillat of Washington Heights plan to introduce a bill which would change the criterion for in-state tuition from legal residence to graduation from New York high schools. Texas and California already have similar laws in place.

CUNY's reassessment of its policy regarding undocumented students complies with a 1996 federal law, which states that undocumented

immigrants are not eligible for benefits which are not granted to all American citizens. As U.S. citizens living in other states must pay higher tuition rates, undocumented immigrants cannot pay in-state tuition, according to Schaffer, legal counsel for CUNY.

Schaffer informed the CUNY colleges of the policy

change Nov. 2. In his memo, Schaffer explained that the former Acting General Counsel for CUNY had deferred implementation of the law in order to decide first whether the 1996 statute applied to in-state tuition and whether it is constitutional.

Souljah kicks off United Black World Month At Ohio State

By Kathryn Mitchell
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — Author and community activist Sistah Souljah was the kick-off speaker Thursday night for the United Black World Month at Ohio State University.

Sistah Souljah "told it like it was" for a packed crowd of students and faculty at the Ohio Union East Ballroom. She spoke on the theme for this year's United Black World Month, "The Struggle Continues." Souljah openly illustrated the battle that faces black men and women in black communities.

Advocating unity and responsibility, Souljah said, "You don't make it 'til your family does." Souljah's speech offered advice, hope and encouragement to black students to rise up and take their places as men and women in society. The talk encouraged the audience to be spiri-

tual, intelligent and moral.

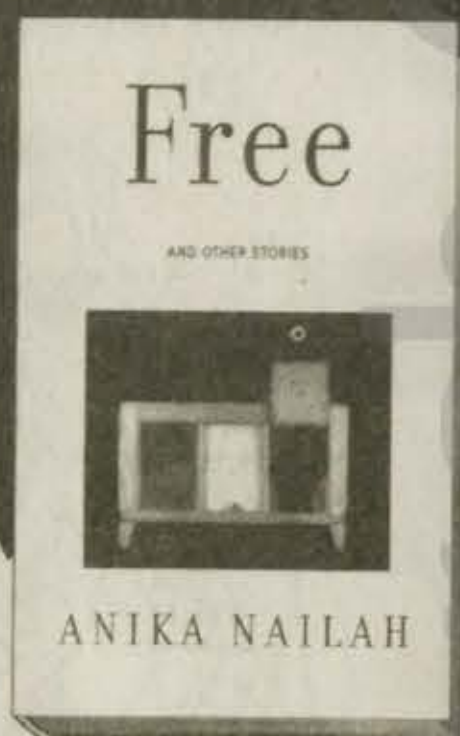
Souljah is a powerful speaker who lectures nationwide. She is executive director of Daddy's House Social Programs Inc., a non-profit corporation for urban youth.

She has also written a national bestseller, "The Coldest Winter Ever" and was a featured speaker at the Million Woman March.

Jon Cross, an OSU student, was impressed by Souljah's speech. "We live in a society where spin and propaganda is the norm; where people are being lied to. To have speakers and personalities that let people know the truth is a great thing," Cross said.

He said that he felt Sistah Souljah's speech was on time for the issues he faced today and was glad he attended the speech.

United Black World Month activities will be running throughout the month of February.



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Daniel Pearl a Forgotten Hero

Since September 11, Americans have been constantly reminded that their definitions of the words "hero" and "heroic" should have

changed completely. Now, instead of these words conjuring up the unforgettable image of Michael Jordan battling the flu in the NBA Finals to score 38 points, we see the tear, dirt, and sweat streaked faces of New York firefighters and policemen struggling to save the lives of those trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

However, one face most Americans don't think of when they hear the word hero is that of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Pearl is being held hostage by terrorists in Pakistan, and may already be dead. Nevertheless, most Americans wouldn't consider Pearl or his fellow journalists to be heroes. Why not? Is it because he doesn't carry a gun, ax, or gas mask? Pearl is one of many journalists that

risk their lives everyday by reporting on what is happening in the war from the frontlines.

Without these courageous Americans,

we would be at the mercy of government propagandists when it comes to discovering what is happening on the battlefield. During Vietnam, journalists told the public the truth about what was occurring in those humid jungles. Journalists sparked the American masses to demand we abandon a war that was

decimating our country and Vietnam.

Daniel Pearl is a hero by any definition, for he is upholding the American spirit of freedom, the freedom of information and knowledge. He deserves more than a 10-second spot on the television news, or a page twelve story in our nation's newspapers; he deserves our sympathy and gratitude for doing his job.

Our View:

Journalists deserve the same respect as any other group contributing to the war against terrorism

Pay Homage to Our History

It's February, and that means our special month has arrived once again. Black History Month is the time designated for remembrance of the contributions African Americans have made to this country. But are you learning anything aside from the quick facts McDonalds gives you on commercials? There are many programs that will be held on campus and throughout the District this month that should be taken advantage of.

We've all seen the flyers for these programs and walked past them without a second thought. This year, try something new. Take the time to attend at least three events this month. Take the time to actively remember those who came before us and honor those among us, who have made and are making significant contributions to African American society and America as a whole.

Many of these programs give you the

opportunity to learn in more depth about the lives and contributions of prominent African American figures. In addition, other events give you the opportunity to hear the wisdom of today's prominent African Americans.

At the very least, this month would be the perfect time to visit the African American Civil War Memorial—it is just a few blocks from campus—and/or the National Museum of African Art. If it really pains you to step off campus, check out the Fine Arts Building and the Blackburn Center for exhibits and functions being held this month.

The excuse of not being able to find out what's going on will not fly. It's as simple as checking your Howard e-mail accounts. Yes, they did assign them to us for a reason.

Let us truly celebrate our heritage and legacy this year.

Our View:

Everyone should attend at least three Black History events this month.

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Well, I reckon I can't force ya to "Roll On" with G-Dubya...But don't chu nervur evur forget this, Missy:
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PERSPECTIVES

Michael B. Bakeley

Speaking the Language!

When one attempts to learn a language here at Howard University, there are some fundamental concerns that should be rectified immediately, unless the university wants to continue in being negligent in its duty in adequately preparing its students. Before I digress any further, I am particularly focusing on the language laboratory that's reminiscent of the beginning of the Cold War era.

For those out there who have never visited the language laboratory, I will attempt to give you a visual description, and then you will understand why I am addressing this issue. First, as you saunter in the lab you will immediately notice the very drab environment such as the poor lighting and color. Second, as you turn the immediate left, you will see stacks of decrepit tapes with lots of dust, etc. Third, as you look

to the walls in the room, they are completely bare. Whatever happened to posters, books, videos that can be seen, read or viewed in the lab? Please do not say that the students find such an attachment to such material that they just have to take them home without returning them. This may be true in certain cases, but I think the majority of the students do not fall into such categories?

For those who may dissent, (President, Provost, Board of Trustees, and the Dean of Foreign languages, and some professors) I highly encourage you to merely stop by and visually see the misalignment or misdirected funding that you have created. I am quite sure that some of those individuals mentioned will say that they did not create this problem, however, if this true, what have you done to remedy the problem? Please do not say there is not enough money in the budget either.

If one decides to examine the university budget in its entirety, I am quite sure that adequate monies can be either redirected or found to ameliorate this issue. This sounds like a really good project for the MBA, economics, law, and graduate political science students to apply their skills to something that affects them directly and indirectly.

I personally think that before the university continue putting exorbitant amounts of energy in trying to gain the Tier I status, such as fortifying an exquisite exterior (buildings, grounds, etc), university officials need to place more emphasis on the inner-workings of its budget allocations and priorities. The most sad part about me having to address this issue to the university community, is that this has been going on for years and nothing seems to have been done. As Dr. Cornel West states, "We challenge athletes, entertainers,

professors, doctors, lawyers, and pharmacists to be on the front line. Don't sell your soul for a mess of pottage. Stay on the Frontline." Therefore, I challenge every Spanish major, foreign language professors and the entire student body to make demands to appropriate university officials about the plight of the language laboratory. For those that dissent, please do not say that changes are coming with "all deliberate speed."

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By Derrick K. Nayo

Journalists: I Truly Wonder if We're Ready

While covering the Lebanese Civil War for the Associated Press, Terry Anderson was abducted in Beirut and remained a hostage there for 7 years beginning in 1985. He was released in 1991 and fortunately found peace in a return trip to Lebanon and in an autobiographical account of his experience in his book *Lebanon: A Return to the Lion's Den*.

More recently, 8 journalists have died while sifting for new information in Afghanistan, and, even more recent, Daniel Pearl, Wall Street Journal reporter, is a hostage in Pakistan being detained by Harkat ul-Mujaheddin, a member of an extremist militant organization who is wanted on seven murder charges.

Worst of all, as I'm writing this, news reports say the kidnappers have given the United States 24 hours to provide warplanes to Pakistan and to release Pakistani detainees at Guantanamo Bay or they will execute Pearl.

I am now forced to admit that I'll be changing my major from print-journalism to psychology in a silly attempt to avoid the dangers of journalism, but I must question how I see life and how journalism is my duty during this epoch.

Life, to me, is striving for everything seemingly removed, only to attain what was said to

be impossible and to smile at your success. My goals in journalism are formidable but definitely in parallel with my understanding of life. If I'm cut down while striving to reach for the furthest goal in my profession of journalism, then I've simply lived the way I was intended to.

Pearl was hoping to discover a link between the man who tried to destroy a plane by igniting a bomb in his shoes and the man he expected to interview in Pakistan. If Pearl intended to expose this truth in benefit for us all and for himself, then he has only done what life asked of him; death at the hands of kidnappers would be an unfortunate, but destined occurrence during his strive for breaking news.

All journalism majors at Howard University, including myself, who will soon enter the apocalyptic environments of civil wars, those who will report on the gang violence in Los Angeles, and those who think they are prepared to do this for a living: Are we truly ready?

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Beef Man

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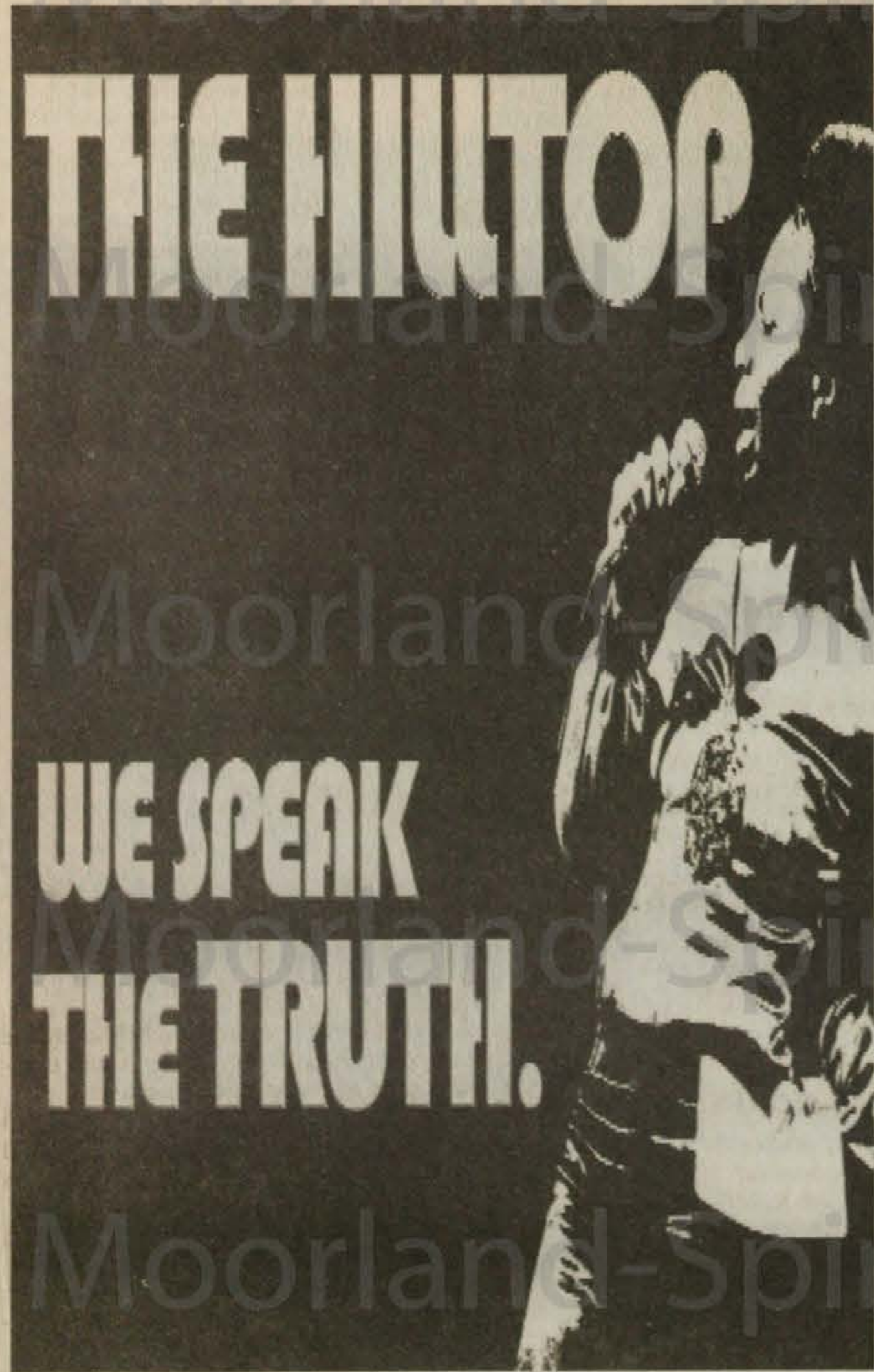
Yo what's the deal, people? I don't know about yall, but I'm still buggin' off that whole Enron thing. I mean, they dropped feces from the upper management instead of that trickle down economy bullshit. Folks life savings were depleted just like that. Damn, Can a brotha get a 2-week notice up in this mug? I'm sayin' if you gonna drop a load on my 401k plan, at least let me get accustomed to the improvised lifestyle. Those folks don't know how to scrap up a meal from Ramon Noodles, Double Mint, and three smash raisins. Only us down trodden folk know that's a Thanksgiving and a decent week afterwards. Nah, I'm wilding. Enron gonna mess around and have those cats lookin' like they hook up cable, do taxes, AND will paint your house for 4 dollars and a some toothpaste. They got to do better than that. That's grimy American for ya.



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Allen Powell, II

Religion and Sports, a Bad Combination Or Perfect Match?

Man I didn't want to write about the Super Bowl because the game happened two days ago, but I had to say something about what was one of the greatest games I've ever seen. I mean, damn, a 14-0 scoring run by the Rams followed by a last second game winning field goal by the Patriots, the NFL is fantastic! (Wait I think that's the wrong slogan.) But what was really entertaining about the whole game was the commentary of John Madden and Pat Summerall. These two are older than dirt; hell, Pat Summerall probably played racquetball with Moses. Moreover, not only are they old, but Pat is seriously senile. He misses calls all the time, and repeatedly uses the wrong names for players. For well over half of the game he called Kurt Warner Marshall Faulk. How the hell do you confuse Kurt Warner with Marshall Faulk? One is tall, thick, slow and white, the other is short, slim, quick and black. They look nothing alike. Even when Summerall said, "Faulk passes to Faulk" he still couldn't catch on. I for one am glad this was the end of the line for the dynamic duo.

What I really wanted to write about in this column was a program I saw on HBO called Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel. This show was tight. It was kind of like a news program devoted to examining some of the pressing issues in sports. On Saturday, they were talking about Christianity in the NFL. The show was examining all of the athletes who are Christians, and how they relate to each other and non-Christians. It was good to see so many positive images of athletes, but there was one thing about the show that was disturbing. The commentator spoke to Glenn Parker, a guard for the New York Giants, who is also a non-Christian. Parker told him of persecution, ridicule and abuse by some of his Christian teammates all because he did not embrace their religion. A Muslim player on another team also spoke about the same atmosphere in his locker room. Both players said that teammates and coaches often would come up to them out of the blue and tell them they were going to hell, or pressure them to conform to the team's Christian attitude. These stories are disturbing, mostly because I don't doubt their validity. Christians can be some of the most unforgiving, close-minded people in the world. Unfortunately, we (yes I am a Christian) seem to believe that forcing our religion on people, while condemning them about theirs is the best way to serve God. It's not! Every man is entitled to his own beliefs. Earlier this year, people on this campus ridiculed and criticized an editor from the District Chronicles because of some things she said about Christianity and Christians. How was their behavior or the behavior of the people in the NFL Christian-like? How is making people feel uncomfortable and guilty at their workplace going to bring them to God? Those were just some things I wanted to say about the show.

Agee Poses Silent Threat to Opposing Teams

By CHAUNA BRYANT
Contributing Writer

When opposing teams prepare for a game against the Howard University Women's basketball team, they often think of ways to try and stop last year's leading rebounder in the nation, Andrea Gardner, or star shooter, Courtney Kirk. However, when they step onto the court, they often find themselves behind because they haven't prepared themselves for Howard's "quiet assassin," Simone Agee.

Guards often return to their benches frustrated and out of breath after being smothered in relentless defense, asking the question "who is number thirteen?"

"I think due to the fact that no one really writes her up in the report, she's not a person that everyone is thinking they have to stop, and because she's not a focal point on anyone's mind, she's killing you," said Lady Bison head coach Cathy Parson. "In games where she is left open, she's deadly."

In her freshman year at Howard last year, Agee averaged just 5.6 points and 3.6 rebounds per game, after moving into the starting line up when point guard Nicole Jackson had to sit out the rest of the season, due to an injury to her ankle. She started in 14 of the 27 games she played, and had a total of 19 assists and 22 steals by the season's conclusion.

This year, however, the sophomore guard from Mississippi has improved her statistics drastically, and has proved to be the most consistent player on the team.

Agee is currently fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game, she's managed to pull down an average of

four rebounds per game despite being only 5'8, and she leads her team in steals with an average of three per game, which leaves her tied for second in the MEAC.

"I began working really hard because I knew we were the defending champions, and I knew we had to come back strong because everybody would be trying to stop us," said Agee. "So I knew that I had to work on my game in order for us to get to that first step."

Agee has truly earned her starting position, playing in 18 out of the 19 games this season, and has scored in double figures in 10, her career high 19 points coming against the Florida A&M Rattlers on January 12th of this year.

"I think over the summer she began working diligently on everything that she was trained to do, and as a result she came back even better," said Parson.

An extremely versatile player, you will often find Simone hitting short baseline jumpers, or coming down court for a break away lay-up, after stealing the ball from the opposing teams guards and point guard.

"I think my role on the team is being the defensive spark plug out there to sort of spark the defense, which sparks our offense," said Agee. "So my defense is definitely my biggest strength."

Basketball has been Agee's first love for as long as she can remember. She first picked up a ball at the age of two, but she's been playing organized basketball since junior high school.

"My dad used to take me to the court so I could learn to play ball," Agee said. "He is still really into my basketball, he still calls and tells me what I should do."

Before finally settling down in Mississippi, she lived in Louisiana, New Jersey, and Belgium, so she admits that her transition to Howard was not difficult at all.

"Making that transition into college was pretty easy for me I've been doing that (moving around) basically my whole life," said Agee.

At Gulportfort high school in Mississippi, she received a slew of awards such as MVP, offensive and defensive player of the year, and won several all tournament awards. Similar to her play at Howard, she also led her high school team in steals.

Off the court, Agee enjoys watching cartoons on the cartoon network, and she loves to watch the WNBA. Her favorite female player has always been Cynthia Cooper.

Agee hopes to make it to the WNBA



File Photo
Simone Agee has stepped into the role of a defensive stopper and leader on an undefeated Lady Bison basketball team.

someday, but wants to finish school first.

"I would love to play in the WNBA one day," said Agee. "College is definitely not the end."

Feature

HU Squad Wrestling Its Way to the Top

By MICHAEL T. LYLE, JR.
Hilltop Contributing Writer

Howard University wrestling head coach Wade Hughes has only two things on his mind—hard work and determination.

Led by last year's NCAA East Regional finalists' Adri-an Thompson and senior Derek Butts, second-year coach Hughes is confident that his Bison will make a huge impact in the East again this season.

But it's going to be a difficult task. With schools such as Kent State and the University of Virginia standing in their path, Howard will have to play at a superior level to win some meets.

"It's early in the season and our schedule is a little tougher than in previous years," said coach Hughes. "We may lose a few matches here and there, but that type of experience should give them a sign to work harder."

After coming off a disappointing 6-8 season last year, the Bison will once again look for the Heavyweight and 133-pound classes to key an early-season surge, with Thompson and Butts leading the way.

Howard will also look to their other seniors—Ephraim Walker and Milton Yates—for some support.

"Thompson is a coaches' dream," said coach Hughes. "He's done everything I've asked of him. He's always working hard during practice because he knows what's expected of him."

Thompson is certain of what his ambitions are—continue to perform well enough for a return to the NCAA National Championships.

"My goal is to keep up my training and play for another shot at the championship," said the junior heavyweight. "I would also like to increase my abilities to get to All-American status."

Each week, the Bison



File Photo
The Wrestling Team is having some early success and they are looking to continue their progress.

wrestling team spends three to four days training for at least two and a half grueling hours in preparation for their matches that take place on the weekends. So far, coach Hughes likes what he sees.

"I'm trying to hold the team together and get them in top-notch condition so that we can try and [surprise] some teams," said coach Hughes.

But he hopes that the hard work displayed during practice will pay off come match-time. And win or lose, the discipline and demeanor are the main ingredients for a successful season.

"We have to take every match one at a time, and as we play them, we'll get tougher," he said.

Of course, that type of toughness will take them all the way to the NCAA championships in Albany, NY, where they hope to make an impact in March.

First, they have to complete a grueling schedule this month that features a dual match against Maryland and

American, versus a tough Kent State squad and against competitive Franklin and Marshall College.

The Bison currently have a record of 1-5, with their most recent and only victory coming against Delaware State University, a victory that Hughes was certain of.

"We expected to win that match," said Hughes. "We really expect not to have too much difficulty competing with the local schools like Maryland and American U."

With nine matches left in the season, they'll get their chance to prove that they are the best team in the DC-Maryland area in the next few weeks. That dual match versus the Terrapins and the Eagles takes place on Saturday, February 9th in College Park.

Given the talent, leadership and "man-power" that they currently have, the Bison should do exceptionally well and improve their chances of finishing the season with a winning record.

New England Gets Surprise Win for Team's First Championship

By ETHAN ZAGORE
Contributing Writer

Man I didn't want to write about the Super Bowl because the game happened two days ago, but I had to say something about what was one of the greatest games I've ever seen. I mean, damn, a 14-0 scoring run by the Rams followed by a last second game winning field goal by the Patriots, the NFL is fantastic! (Wait I think that's the wrong slogan.) But what was really entertaining about the whole game was the commentary of John Madden and Pat Summerall. These two are older than dirt; hell, Pat Summerall probably played racquetball with Moses. Moreover, not only are they old, but Pat is seriously senile. He misses calls all the time, and repeatedly uses the wrong names for players. For well over half of the game he called Kurt Warner Marshall Faulk. How the hell do you confuse Kurt Warner with Marshall Faulk? One is tall, thick, slow and white, the other is short, slim, quick and black. They look nothing alike. Even when Summerall said, "Faulk passes to Faulk" he still couldn't catch on. I for one am glad this was the end of the line for the dynamic duo.

What I really wanted to write about in this column was a program I saw on HBO called Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel. This show was tight. It was kind of like a news program devoted to examining some of the pressing issues in sports. On Saturday, they were talking about Christianity in the NFL. The show was examining all of the athletes who are Christians, and how they relate to each other and non-Christians. It was good to see so many positive images of athletes, but there was one thing about

the show that was disturbing. The commentator spoke to Glenn Parker, a guard for the New York Giants, who is also a non-Christian. Parker told him of persecution, ridicule and abuse by some of his Christian teammates all because he did not embrace their religion. A Muslim player on another team also spoke about the same atmosphere in his locker room. Both players said that teammates and coaches often would come up to them out of the blue and tell them they were going to hell, or pressure them to conform to the team's Christian attitude. These stories are disturbing, mostly because I don't doubt their validity. Christians can be some of the most unforgiving, close-minded people in the world. Unfortunately, we (yes I am a Christian) seem to believe that forcing our religion on people, while condemning them about theirs is the best way to serve God. It's not!

Every man is entitled to his own beliefs. Earlier this year, people on this campus ridiculed and criticized an editor from the District Chronicles because of some things she said about Christianity and Christians. How was their behavior or the behavior of the people in the NFL Christian-like? How is making people feel uncomfortable and guilty at their workplace going to bring them to God? Those were just some things I wanted to say about the show.

Since this is the sports' section of the paper, I'll go back to sports. I really liked the fact that none of the media experts gave the Patriots a chance to win the Super Bowl. I mean, did anybody else find it somewhat stupid that everybody thought the Rams were invincible or something? They lost to the Saints this year and last year, and were played close by the Eagles in the NFC Championship game. I'm happy for the Patriots because, hell, everybody loves an underdog. I just feel sorry for Aeneas Williams, a true professional, who deserves a Super Bowl ring before he retires.



New England place picker kicks the game winning field goal for the 20-17 win over the Rams

All-Star Game to Take Philadelphia By Storm

By Les Flanagan
Contributing Writer

Next weekend brings the NBA All-Star Extravaganza to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as all-star weekend kicks into full effect. The exciting event, which was held in Washington D.C. last year, promises to attract celebrities and basketball fans from everywhere.

With so much to look forward to this All-Star weekend lets take a look of some of the events.

The main highlight of all-star weekend is of course the 2002 NBA all-star game. Starting for the Eastern Conference is Philly's Dikembe Mutumbo, Toronto's Vince Carter, Boston's Antoine Walker, Philly's Allen Iverson and the Wizard's Michael Jordan. Carter led the league in voting for the third consecutive season a distinction only shared by Julius Erving who did it four times and Mike who did it nine times. Rounding out the East squad are reserves Ray Allen of the Bucks, Shareef Abdur-Rahim of the Hawks, the Nets Jason Kidd, the Magic's Tracy Mc Grady, the Heat's Alonzo Mourning, the Pacer's Jermaine O'Neal and the Celtic's Paul Pierce. Pierce, O'Neal and Abdur-Rahim will be making their all-star game debuts, while Mike will make his thirteenth appearance and Iverson his third. Byron Scott will coach the East as his Nets had the best record in the conference.

Shaquille O'Neal headlines the Western Conference starting lineup, as he will make his ninth appearance at center. The Spurs Tim Duncan and the Timberwolves Kevin Garnett get the call at the forward slots. The Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant and Houston's Steve Francis will be in the backcourt for the West, as Francis makes his first all-star team. The West reserves include two Kings Chris Webber and Peja Stojakovic, and two Maver-

icks, Dirk Nowitzki and Steve Nash. Rounding out the west are Karl Malone, Gary Payton and Wally Szczerbiak from Minnesota. Dallas Mavericks head coach Don Nelson will coach the West.

Hopefully this year's game will be just as thrilling as last year's 111-10 victory by the East that featured fourth quarter heroics by Iverson, Marbury and Bryant. Iverson took MVP honors last year as he and Stephon Marbury led the East past Bryant and the West in a game that went down to the wire.

This year's NBA.COM Slam Dunk Contest usually one of the most anticipated events will feature last years champion Desmond Mason of the Seattle Super Sonics. Steve Francis, Golden State's Jason Richardson and Sacramento's Gerald Wallace will all compete for the slam-dunk crown and \$25,000. The event has been downsized this year from eight to four participants as stars like Vince Carter, Darius Miles, and Kobe Bryant declined to appear.

All-Star Saturday night will again feature the 1-800 Call ATT Shootout. The three-point contest will feature deadly marksman such as Ray Allen, Steve Nash, Paul Pierce, Peja Stojakovic, the Los Angeles Clippers Quentin Richardson who is from Chicago, Cleveland's Wesley Person, Orlando's Mike Miller and San Antonio's Steve Smith. Ray Allen attempts to defend his title as the best pure shooter in the league.

The 'got milk?' Rookie Challenge will feature first year players versus second year players. Shane Battier, Pau Gasol, and Brendan Haywood head up the rookie team along with Joe Johnson and Andrei Kirilenko. Sophomores Marcus Fizer of the Bulls, Kenyon Martin of the Nets, Desmond Mason, Chris Mihm and Mike Miller all will start for the second year team.



Photo Courtesy of Nba.com
Allen Iverson looks to compete again for the 2002 All-Star MVP award in his hometown of Philadelphia this upcoming weekend.

Last years game saw the sophomore's pull one out 121,113 over the rookies while Wally Szczerbiak captured the MVP. The Rookies will be coached by Chuck Daly and the sophomores by Billy Cunningham.

This year will also feature a new 3 on 3 tournament that will pit teams composed of former and present players, WNBA players, and celebrities.

Many Howard students who have tickets to All-star Saturday are excited about the upcoming weekend.

Anthony Davenport, from Chicago, IL said "I'm very interested to see who will win the three-point contest. It looks to be very competitive this year."

A lot of people feel the Slam Dunk contest isn't as exciting as the previous years. Dameon Boler said, "The slam dunk is a disappointment this year."

Bison Snap Two Game Losing Streak Against UMES

By AISHA CHANEY
HilltopStaff Writer

Kyle Williams and Aki Thomas each scored 13 points, and key reserves Gil Goodrich and Jonathan Stokes turned in their best performances of the season as the Howard University men's basketball team snapped a two game losing streak with a 75-65 road victory over University of Maryland Eastern Shore last Monday.

With this win, the Bison go up 11-8 overall and 6-3 in the MEAC placing them in a tie for third place with South Carolina State, and trailing the undefeated Hampton Pirates (9-0) by three games and Delaware State (7-2) by just one.

It was a total team effort the entire game, as Bison head coach Frankie Allen played everybody on the bench, and they all contributed in some way.

"I just felt like this was a time where you really want to have fresh legs going down the stretch and if you got a bench, and you've got some confidence in your bench, then they

deserve to play," said Allen. "So it's a big plus being able to go to your bench and get some solid play and I was really pleased with their effort and the things that they did to make it a total team effort."

Since the Hawks were a primarily perimeter shooting team and the intense zone defense by the Bison was forcing them further out, they weren't able to create an inside game.

Once the Hawks started missing shots because they relied strictly on outside shots, the Bison were able to capitalize on that, and established control of the game early because of the perimeter shooting of Williams (5-8, 13 points, 4 assists, 3 steals) and Ron Williamson (8 points, 4 rebounds).

With 6:58 to play in the first half, and the game tied 26-26, led by key reserves Goodrich (10 points, 3 assists), Stokes (11 points, 4 assists, 2 steals), and forward Ronald Miller, the Bison closed out the half on a 12-2 run, to head to the locker room with a 38-28 lead.

"I knew I was going to get some

playing time this game because Ali didn't play today, so I knew I needed to step up and play the point guard spot the way he played it," said Goodrich, who played his best game of the season. "I looked at him all season playing the point, and I just stepped up today and played like he always played."

Other contributors in the game included junior Mario Grove (4 points, 3 rebounds), who returned to the line-up after missing four games due to an ankle injury, senior forward Darren Kennedy (7 points, 6 rebounds), junior forward Brannon Terry (2 points, 3 rebounds), and junior forward Shawn Radford (3 points, 3 rebounds).

"We've got some big games coming up towards the end of the season and we want to be fresh and we want to be healthy, so we're playing everybody and everybody's doing a good job," said Williams. "We feel that our bench can play with anybody in the conference. We've got some guys on the bench who can probably start for other teams."



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Aggies Hand Bison First Loss at Home

By AISHA CHANEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Bruce Jenkins scored 20 of his game-high 22 points in the second half and Marque Carrington's three point shooting display in the first half led the North Carolina A&T Aggies to a 77-75 victory over the Bison Saturday in Burr gymnasium, before a crowd of 1,873.

This loss ended the Bison's eight-game home winning streak and dropped them to 11-9 overall and 6-4 in the MEAC, while the Aggies (7-13 overall, 6-5 in the MEAC) con-

tinued their hot streak, winning their sixth in a row.

After trailing 35-28 at halftime, the Aggies came out more aggressive on defense and shot 65% from the field in the second half. Jenkins dominated in the paint, shooting 8 for 11 and finishing with 22 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 assists.

"Bruce has been doing his job all year, being consistent with the double doubles, but the most important thing now is that we're getting certain guys to step up and play," said Aggies head coach Curtis Hunter. "Carrington has been stepping up the last five or six games and he's become a major player for us. He's being the player that I always thought he would be."

The lead went back and forth in the first half, but the Bison were able to maintain a halftime lead thanks to some deadly perimeter shooting from starters Ron Williamson, Kyle Williams, and Darren Kennedy and key reserves Gil Goodrich and Jonathan Stokes, who altogether shot a dazzling 8 for 10 from three point range.

"If you look at the stats, you would still think that Howard won this game because of the field goal and free throw percentage, but I think the turning point was the 3-point situation in the second half," said Hunter. "In the first half, they went 8 for 10, and in the second half they went 1 for 9, and we went 3 for 6 so that made a big difference."

Despite having five players score in double figures, Williams (20 points, 6 rebounds), Williamson (15

points, 2 steals), senior center Aki Thomas (13 points, 2 rebounds), Kennedy (12 points, 5 assists) and Goodrich (10 points), it wasn't enough to overcome Jenkins and his teammates.

"We knew we were running into a very good and a very hot team today," said Bison head coach Frankie Allen. "We had the opportunity to get it into overtime a couple times in the last few seconds, and it just didn't happen. But I'm still very proud of how hard we fought back and made some big plays. But you've got to give them credit because their defense played a great second half and they really caused us some problems."

According to Coach Hunter, a key to winning was making the Bison work for their offense more in the second half.

"Kyle Williams is a great player. He still had 20 points but it was a hard 20 points for him, which is what we wanted," said Hunter. "And then Ron, he went on that spree in the first half, when our defense got loose, but in the second half he didn't get as good of looks as he was getting in the first. So I thought our guys really stepped up and made them work for their offense."

In addition to Jenkins performance, Carrington finished the game with 21 points and 4 assists, which is well above his usual average of 7.9 PPG, and Landon Beckwith added 14 points.

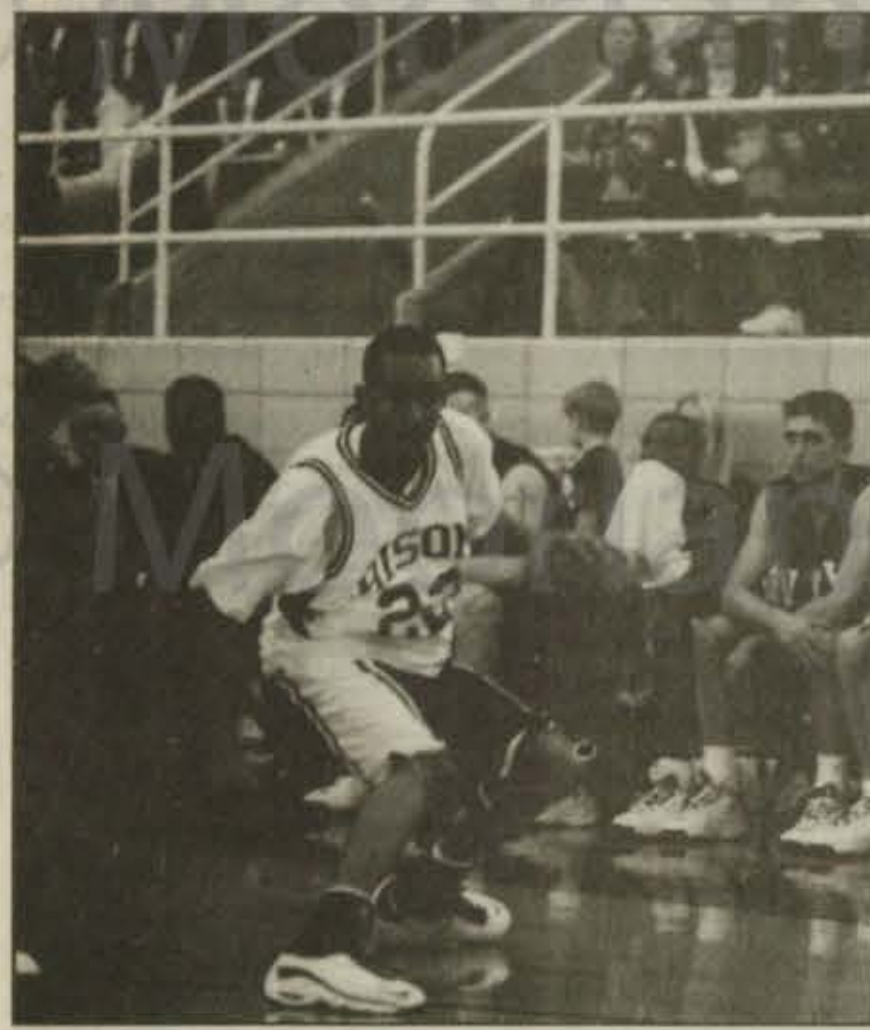


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Bison Forward Darren Kennedy got off to a fast start, but he cooled off and the Bison couldn't pull out a victory.

"Whenever you got a guy who really plays above what he normally averages, then that hurts," said Williams. "But we've just got to put this game behind us, and come out and play hard the next game. It always hurts to lose, and when you lose a game at home, it hurts even more, but we'll be alright."

The Bison will travel to Baltimore to play Morgan State on Saturday, February 9th.



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Howard guard Ron Williamson had a good game, but the Bison still fell short on Saturday.

Lady Bison Plant Aggies With 51-Point Whipping Team Continues Assault on MEAC, Remains Flawless

By CHAUNA BRYANT
Contributing Writer

Simone Agee led all scorers with 13 points as the Lady Bison used a balanced attack to embarrass the North Carolina Lady Aggies last Saturday in an 85 to 34 blowout. This victory maintains the Lady Bison's undefeated 10-0 record in the MEAC, but adds another loss to the Lady Aggies' dismal record of 0-18 overall and 0-11 in the MEAC. The win was also the largest margin of victory for the Lady Bison this year.

"I think we're growing, and I think a lot of it has to do with when you don't have your number one scorer and rebounder on the floor," said Lady Bison Head Coach Parson. "Everybody knows you have to now depend on each other and I think we were a better team today."

The Lady Bison started the game off with an 11-0 run and continued to thrash the Aggies, forcing 32 turnovers, 19 of which occurred in the first half. Howard's pressure defense gave the Lady Aggies fits, as they often tried to dribble through the zone press, which resulted in even more turnovers. The Lady Aggies also lacked a consistent post threat, which made them easy pickings for the bigger and stronger Lady Bison on the boards. The Lady Bison led the entire game with little effort. Every player on the team scored with four other lady Bison joining Agee in double figures.

The second half was a replay of the first, with the Lady Aggies continuing to struggle with the Lady Bison's pressure. Even when Coach Parsons called off the full court press the Lady Aggies still turned the ball over repeatedly. Guard



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Lady Bison guard Nicole Jackson had a solid game on the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

Nicole Jackson was really solid for the Bison with several steals and key buckets.

The Lady Bison's domination of the Lady Aggies came without the aid of Andrea Gardner who sat out due to problems with her foot, in her absence other players brought their "A" game. Shauna Rugless started as center in place of Gardner, shooting 4-7 from the field giving her 8 points and 5 rebounds.

"I didn't feel more pressure I just felt like it was something I had to do, it was something that my coach wanted me to do. Andrea has really been there, talking to me and motivating me, letting me know the little

things that I need to work on to make me a better player," Rugless said.

"So you know, I really want Dre to come back because she's such a great player, but right now, with her out, it's a chance for me to shine and do what I have to do. It's a chance for me to show my coach that she can rely on me when one of her best players go out."

Laura Askew and Yetta Enobakhare both came off the bench and contributed 10 points each.

Nekesha Walton lead the Aggies with 6 points.

Howard Track and Field Have a Good Showing At UMES

By JOSEF SAWYER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Track and Field team traveled to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore this past weekend for the Fighting Hawks Games and turned in a lot of top performances. There were three number one finishes on Saturday. On the men's team sophomore captain David Oliver finished first in the 55m hurdles.

David Oliver also won the 55m hurdles with a time of 7.47. In the preliminaries, he ran 7.40, which was .01 of a second off from another NCAA Provisional qualifying time.

"In the prelims I felt I ran a pretty good race, I didn't press myself and I didn't hit very many hurdles," Oliver said.

Men's Coach Michael Merritt had faith in Oliver and knew he had a good chance to win.

"My coach told me just to run my race in the finals, and I would come away with the victory. And that is exactly what I did," Oliver said.

Other top finishers on the men's team was Tariq Mix who finished 5th in the 55m dash, Arren Dodson finished 5th in the 200m dash, in the 400m dash Taj Alavaranga finished 4th, Lance Gross finished 6th,

and Adetole Adewodu finished 8th. In the 800m dash, Vashon Flood-Ray finished in 3rd place, Edgar Sams finished 7th and Jeremy Hardy finished 8th. Leon Snyder finished 4th in the mile. The 5,000 had 3 Bison finish in the top eight: Gerald Bright, Juma Osman, and Troy McArthur finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively. Nicholas Wright turned

"In the prelims I felt I ran a pretty good race, I didn't press myself and I didn't hit very many hurdles," said David Oliver, men's team sophomore captain.

in a 4th place finish in the 55m Hurdles, and in the long jump Lance Gross finished 2nd. The men's team was also able to outscore rival Hampton Pirates in the duel team scoring aspect of the meet by the score of 55 to 25.

On the women's team, freshman Erica Day was the top finisher in the 200m dash. The women's 4x400m relay took the top spot. Day set the tone for the Women's team with her victory in the 200m dash with a time of 25.20; a time that improved on her season's best that was set

last week at the University of North Carolina. Day is continuing to solidify her spot as a contender in the conference for the 200m crown. The 4x400m relay team for the women came through with a victory in a time of 3:55.32. The team of Lakeshia Richmond, Jodi Reid, Ramsi Bethany and Amanda Franklin held off a late surge by rivals Hampton University to hold on for the win.

Other top finishers for the women's team were many. Leonie Prao finished 8th in the 55m dash, Ramsi Bethany finished 4th in the 400m dash, Nadia Francis finished 7th in the 500m dash, Jodi Reid finished 4th in the 800m run and finished 2nd the distance medley relay. Tilita Lutterloh finished 3rd in the triple jump, and Syreeta Robinson came home with a 3rd place finish in the shot put.

The Bison are off this weekend, but they return to action the following week at the George Mason Patriot Invitational.

Commentary

The Winter X-Games, Winter Olympics: What's the Difference?

By BERNARD MURRAY
Contributing Writer

After the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, the display of patriotism was evident. Every other commercial was promoting the idea of *God Bless America* through flags, ribbons, and car decals. Even sports teams showed their support with flag and ribbon insignias on jerseys and helmets. The nationalism and loyalty to this country will carry over to this year as the Winter Olympics take place in Salt Lake City. On Friday, February 8th the open cere-

The Winter X-games gives a rush that the Olympics just doesn't have.

monies of the 2002 Winter Olympics will begin. And continuing for 16 days, the greatest athletes from around the world that ever touched the snow will be competing to be called the greatest in the world. But last Friday, ESPN and ESPN2 aired the sixth annual Winter X-Games.

Personally, I am not going to be watching the Olympics. It's not that I am anti-US, it's just that there's something better on; The Winter X-Games on ESPN and ESPN2. Let me rephrase that because the X-Games air a week before the Winter Olympics. It's possible to watch both. But after watching the X-Games, why would you want to watch the Olympics.

Even if Tony Hawk, Bobby Burnquist, and Dave Mirra are not names that you expect to hear on a list of competitors in the Olympics. But then again, these athletes don't participate in events that you would expect to hear in the Olympics. With such extreme sports as motocross, BMXing through the snow, and snowmobile, viewers and competitors are in for a treat. The Winter X-games gives a rush that the Olympics just have. For five straight days, the best in extreme snow sports battle to be the X-Games best.

The Winter X-Games and the Winter Olympics have a lot in common. The only difference is that the Winter X-Games is a different way to play in the snow. Extreme sports have been headlining newspapers around the country. Just like Michael Jordan and Barry Bonds are arguably the greatest athletes alive. But to in the world of extreme sports, they don't exist. Only the likes of extreme athletes are important. In the words of John Travolta, "I say hot damn, what a rush!" The Winter X-Games will give you a rush from the comforts of your own home. No cold, bone-breaking falls in hard snow isn't needed; just stay tuned to ESPN and ESPN2 all this week for further Winter X-Game events. Try something different; it won't hurt you to watch.



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The Winter X Games provide an alternative to watching the Winter Olympics.



/äñ-gäzh-ā/ A Section Devoted to the Fine Arts, Entertainment and Self Expression

Wideman Skillfully Applies the Art of Basketball to Life

By Ryan Fox
Contributing Writer

Hoop Roots
John Edgar Wideman
Houghton Mifflin
Price: \$24.00

The beauty of the game of basketball for many is its ability to transcend sports to the point that it dominates other aspects of life, and the way the game provides an escape from the harsh reality of the physical world. John Edgar Wideman's memoir, *Hoop Roots*, draws from that passion and zest for the game that engulfs his way of living.

Hoop Roots is the story of Wideman's life through basketball that begins on Finance Street in the ghetto Homewood section of Pittsburgh, where his grandmother kept a close-eye on him. Wideman recalls slipping past the watchful eye

of his grandmother to a nearby factory where white men would play basketball on the side of the building. It was that day he would take his first shot. Later, it would be Wideman that had to keep the close eye on his grandmother, as he watched from her bedside, life slipping away from her.

It is this ability to symbolically weave events in his basketball life to events in his personal life that gives this book its strength. Throughout his book, Wideman smoothly transitions from memory lane, to social and racial commentary, to his present-day life, and back to memory lane without the reader realizing he even left memory lane in the first place.

The flow of Wideman's words are constant and unyielding, which makes it a hard-read at times, but it masterfully captures his passion and love for the game.

At times, Wideman gets overly poetic and romantic with his experiences, making his story

seem somewhat sappy. However, early and often, he reminds us that he wrote this book mainly for his personal sake- a forum to tell his story. "Whatever you make of this book, I need it," Wideman offers in the opening pages of the book.

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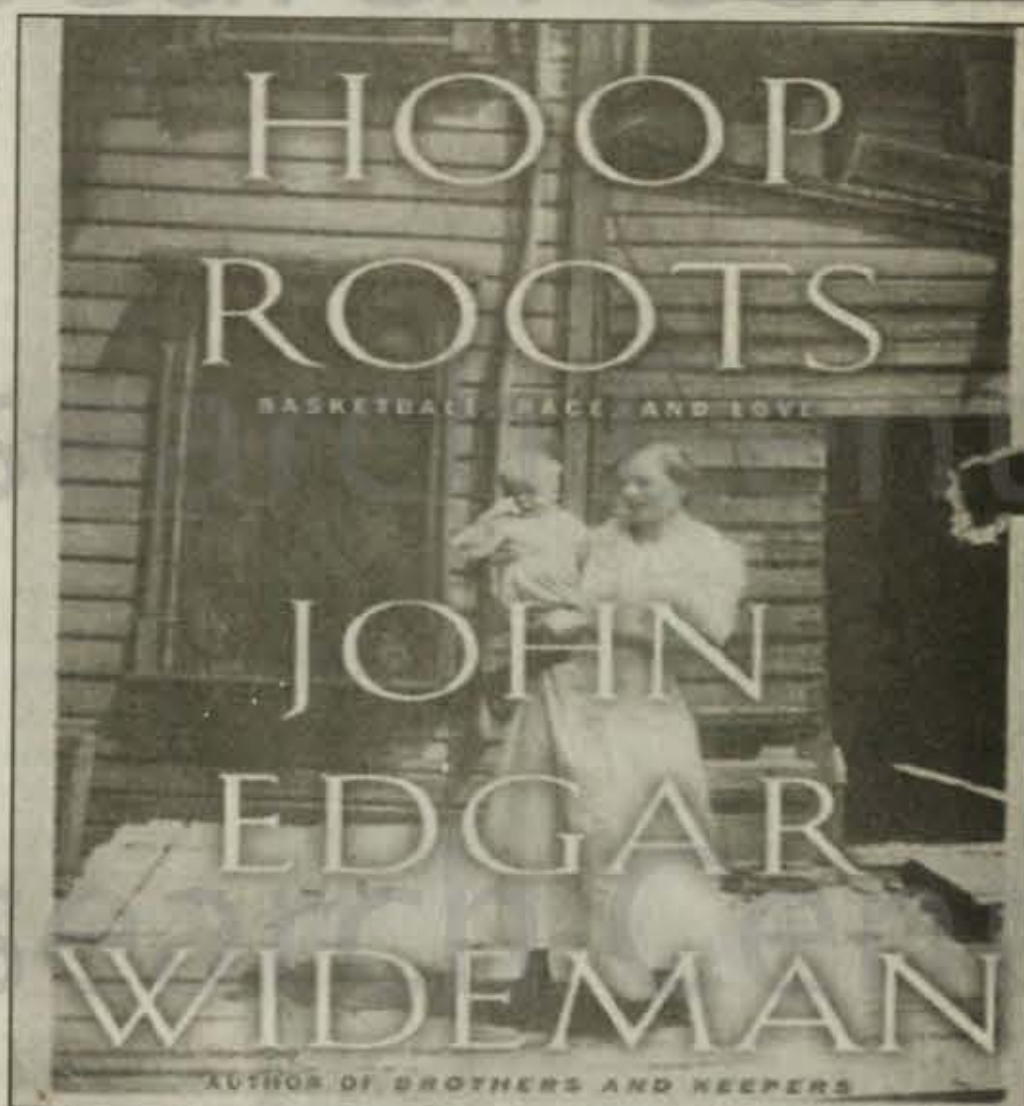


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John Edgar Wideman explores how basketball influenced his life in *Hoop Roots*.

WPGC Brings Spoken Word To the Airwaves

By BERNARD 'POET' MURRAY
Contributing Writer

Spoken Word. A concept that will never fade to black. Not any time soon, at least. The demand for spoken word is at its highest point now in 2002. You see and hear it everywhere. Howard University has numerous organizations that host open mics at least once a month and artists, though music is but poetry to a beat, have jumped on the bandwagon too by publishing written lyrics of their songs. Spoken word has taken over television, the Internet (with countless sites that revolve around spoken word), and now the radio waves.

Though some may not be aware of it, WPGC has been making its own contribution to the lyrically potent art form. Joi Rutherford, producer of

Love, Talk, and Slow Jams, gave me the run-down of WPGC's program *Love Jones, Live Poetry*. For four years, WPGC has been broadcasting live poetry every Thursday from 10 PM to midnight. The name *Love Jones*, did not derive from the popular movie of the same name; instead, it stemmed from the well-known local group *Love Jones Poetry*. It was the high demand for spoken word and heavy requests of WPGC's listeners that boosted the program into existence.

WPGC is a music driven station, but finds a way to incorporate live poetry into their broadcast. According to Rutherford, WPGC takes their broadcast live and on location on select days. Before January 24th, their last live broadcast was a little under a year ago, last Valentine's Day at Zanzibar. Though there are no special plans for the Valentine's Day segment this year, Rutherford

noted that the next live show will be the following Thursday, February 21st.

One possible down side to WPGC's on-air spoken word, is their screening process. Poets are pre-selected by Rutherford and other producers, whether live on the air or on location, due to the limitations of the FCC (Federal Communication Commission)-they keep close watch of all radio shows. Both WPGC and WKYS were in hot water with the FCC a few weeks ago when the Roc-a-fella clique free-styled live on air, using explicit lyrics.

In addition to screening for inappropriate content, WPGC only allows those who are 21 and older to perform. Though this may weed out some of Howard's young poets, Rutherford added that, "With the high demand for [spoken word], it's a possibility for college students....maybe a college night."

Def Poetry Jam Sheds Light on Growing World Of Spoken Word

By BERNARD 'POET' MURRAY
Contributing Writer

ideas kiss smiles so deeply
that metaphors get jealous...

Four years after Russell Simmons and HBO teamed up to bring us six seasons of *Def Comedy Jam*, they collaborate once again to bring another Def Jam exclusive. Feeding off the overlooked presence of spoken word artists of the past, present, and future, in conjunction with this nation's fastest-rising performing-art form, spoken word, they have created a place where artists can freely express themselves and get the publicity they deserve.

This televised format of *Def Poetry Jam* is the newest face of spoken word. But *Def Poetry Jam*, started as a website and has been showcasing poets from around the country. The site www.defpoetryjam.com gives poets a chance to display their skills. Def Poetry Jam posts applications for online poetry contests and chances to share works via message boards and chat rooms. The producers launched *Def Poetry Jam* with a twelve-city competition tour, in concurrence with their newest television deal, HBO has expanded that twelve-city tour to a nationwide one. Each potential poet had a chance to audition for executives from *Def Poetry Jam* in hopes of having the opportunity to be scouted for tour dates, book signings, and/or even record deals.

Of the many Def Poets that blessed the stage of New York's *The Supper Club*, none were more essential than the host Mos Def, who started each show with an excerpt from past Def Poets. Mos Def brought his style of poetry, evident in his albums, to the stage of *Def Poetry Jam* every week. But Steve Coleman was deserving of the honors of being the first poet to perform on *Def Poetry Jam*. In 1998, he won SLAM and awed the audience with

I wanna hear a poem.

"...I wanna hear a poem where

With the recent terrorist attacks in New York, it was only a matter of time before a Def Poet dedicated a piece to the victims of the World Trade Center. Suheir Hammad, of Brooklyn, stepped up to the plate, but shocked everyone with her resentment for Americans during this time of crisis. Her piece was devoted to her two brothers who are of Islamic decent. Not only angry with the attacks, she expressed her extreme hatred of her brothers continuously receiving questioning about their ties to the terrorists. As the camera panned through the audience, you could see the tears swelling in their eyes as Suheir performed. When she concluded, she left the audience captivated and wanting more.

Every Friday since, *Def Poetry Jam* brings Def Poets from all around the country to give their own interpretation of spoken word. Def Poets such as Georgia ME, Black Ice from Philadelphia, and Flow Mentalz of New Jersey came to flaunt their skills. Even Cedric the Entertainer came to add humor to spoken word. But what gave *Def Poetry Jam* a twist was the mix of the new Def Poets with the old. Nikki Giovanni and Howard's own Sonya Sanchez were just a few of the spoken word veterans who bestowed their wisdom.

Television has never seen that type of expression before. *Def Poetry Jam* brought the same raunchy, sexual explicit attitude that has always been represented by Def Jam. If you missed the debut of *Def Poetry Jam* or you just didn't know about it, don't worry. *Def Poetry Jam* has compiled all the Def Poets who have made a lasting impression with producers and poets alike. The book, *Bam Rush The Page*, is available at Barnes and Nobles and Borders. For more information on Def Poetry Jam, visit them on the web at www.defpoetryjam.com.

Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation To Fund Ten Years of Performances at Kennedy Center

By ALLISON GENTRY
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On December 1, James A. Johnson, chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced the center's creation of a new 10-year performance initiative funded by a \$10 million grant from the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation.

Reynolds, a Virginia businesswoman and major arts philanthropist, started the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation, a nonprofit organization that offers grants and awards with an innovative approach to philanthropy by promoting education and giving young people incentives to strive for success.

The \$10 million will fund the Catherine B. Reynolds Series for Artistic Excellence, which will enable the center to produce unique programming through annual performances or collaborative efforts between artists.

"This is the largest gift the center has ever received specifically for innovative artistic programming," said Johnson, "and is the most generous gift in the performing arts since September 11, 2001."

Since taking over earlier in 2001, Michael M. Kaiser, president of the Kennedy Center, has been responsible for bringing in a number of large donations. Shortly after his arrival, Kaiser negotiated a \$50 million gift from Alberto Vilar for performances of the Kirov Ballet and Kirov

Opera.

The announcement of Reynolds' donation also came with an announcement by Kaiser that the Center just raised approximately \$3.4 million from the National Symphony Orchestra ball and Honors weekend, the revenues of which will go to the symphony and center's educational programs. The programs cost \$12 million, making the center's outreach effort the biggest of any performing arts center in the United States.

The \$10 million gift produces an opportunity for the center to have artistic freedom in production of any of the art disciplines: opera, theater, ballet, symphonic music, jazz, or modern dance for the next decade.

"This gift of extraordinary generosity is a programmer's dream," said Kaiser.

The grant gives the center an opportunity to choose projects from a broad spectrum of art forms, without money being an obstacle. "So often we are faced with trying to create a wonderful production and having to abandon it or reduce its scope for lack of funding," said Kaiser.

Each year, Kaiser will select and produce a world-class production to showcase in the Series. First in the Series will be the joining of members from the Bolshoi Opera and Bolshoi Ballet scheduled for May of 2002.

Some believe that this large donation may receive some criticism after a controversy over a \$38 million donation to the Smithsonian by Reynolds last spring. The money was intended to

develop a "Spirit of America" exhibit at the National Museum of American History that would feature the stories of Americans such as Medal of Honor winners, Civil Rights activist Coretta Scott King, and skater Dorothy Hamill.

This donation received criticism from arts funding watchdogs and curators at the museum. Two major concerns of critics were the involvement of a donor in the development of museum presentations and the museum possibly putting money first.

The donation to the Kennedy Center is in the hands of Kaiser, and Reynolds said that the center would make all artistic decisions concerning the money.

The series will reflect the center's and the Reynolds Foundation's commitment to making this programming accessible to children by holding a number of seats to each event for D.C. school children. Also, the Kennedy Center Education Department will produce related educational programming for each presentation in the series.

"We believe that great art contributes immeasurably to an educated citizenry," said Reynolds, "and the Kennedy Center, a thriving National treasure, allows us to help bring exceptional performances of the highest caliber to millions of Americans. Our goal is to spark the imagination and we are committed to the education and inspiration of young people."

Poetry Corner

The Crushed Expectation

I really wanted to get to know you
Because I enjoyed your company
But what you expected was certainly not in me

The conversations
The smiles
were great yet short

In three hours
we talked
we hugged
we touched
we kissed

Then dismissal

These actions were enough for me
But you wanted more

You excited me
but I left you sore

We talked about other possibilities
but we could not agree

Cause we
were
on different levels
at different stages
had different desires

and were different ages

I said no

But what did you expect?!!
For goodness sake
we just met!

But you didn't persist
you accepted and walked out
and I'll probably never see you enter again.

Good!
-Kelay

The Hilltop. Get your news every Tuesday and Friday

Weekly Horoscopes



Weekly Horoscope: February 3-February 9, 2002

Aries (3/21-4/20)
Now is not the time to procrastinate. Deal with issues or people whom you find intimidating. On Sunday you will feel relieved knowing that you accomplished difficult tasks.

Taurus (4/21-5/21)
Someone from your past will call, catching you by surprise. Don't be surprised if you find yourself thinking about an ex girlfriend/boyfriend.

Gemini (5/22-6/21)
After weeks of planning, your vision finally comes to life. You anticipate an event you've been planning, and you hope to have great results.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)
For all you Cancers, this is a great week for you. Expect a raise at work, and if you're unemployed expect a job.

Leo (7/23-8/22)
You receive many compliments this week. Someone you wouldn't expect is watching you.

Virgo (8/23-9/23)
For those Virgos in relationships, you find yourself feeling very stressed lately. You and your sweetie end up arguing more than usual.

Libra (9/24-10/23)
With Valentine's Day approaching, you begin to make plans. You fear being alone on this holiday and end up flirting with a friend of a friend, whom you have

absolutely no interest in.

Scorpio (10/24-11/22)
No matter what the situation, try to keep your opinions to yourself. Although you are outspoken, now is not the time to go against your boss's opinion.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21)
On Wednesday and Thursday, you will experience problems at work and/or school. You will be feeling down for a couple of days. Spend time with a good friend over the weekend to set your mind at ease.

Capricorn (12/22-1/20)
On Monday and Tuesday pay close attention to situations you feel uneasy about or you will experience unwanted surprises. Throughout the week you complete many errands. You will see results of your hard work at the end of the week.

Aquarius (1/21-2/19)
Pay attention to the smallest details. If you tend to rush into whatever it is that you wish to accomplish, things will go wrong. Make big plans for your upcoming birthday.

Pisces (2/20-3/20)
In beginning of the week you tend to be preachy. You wish for others to form opinions similar to your own. You will offer to volunteer for many good causes during this week.

Compiled by Leesa Davis, Staff writer



Poetry Corner

Is It?
The touch of your hand against my skin
Is full of your life
Life with you is love
Or is it?
I am not what you need; an ear, a hand, a shoulder
One to fill your mind, body, and stomach
So why is it so hard?
Is it trust?
I am loyally known by all to be yours!

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you-
That is what I live by

You say it is commitment
But I am committed to you and I know you want to be
Don't stop what could be a good thing
Don't be afraid this may be that risk we both have to take
I've seen you weak...Let me keep you strong

A Queen by her Kings side

I know you see
We mix so well like rice and peas...
Together we make the other better...
Apart we are not as good
What keeps my feelings for you ignited,
It's your intelligence
You are so bright, yet modest
So strong, yet sensible
Others try to emulate your signature style, walk, your way of life

If I was your woman and you were my man

But I really can't wait for long
You're not being fair...rather selfish
I am tired of guys being greedy
I know that you are not like that
You don't need to be with everybody
That's why you chose me...I wasn't with everybody

With you, my mind, body, and soul is like a virgin...Touched for the very first time

What I do know

There is something different about you
Not just your crazy walk
It's all in the way that you treat me
The way that I am supposed to be treated
Opening doors and always protecting me

This is definitely a mental attraction

You do something to my mind and body
I try to block you out
But what you embody is so overpowering
Your presence keeps me coming back
I can just feel our bond
Is that why you're afraid? I know you feel it too

This IS something

But I may never get to experience life with you because of your fear
Fight it, fight them
Be strong for US

This is deep, deeply rooted in my heart

We all have to feel hurt
I'm sorry
If I could I would make it so that you never hurt
I can't promise you anything
If you don't take a chance at life with me

I've had a life but never a life that could compare to what we share

It's hard for me to do this
I am always seen as being so strong
But I am so susceptible to you and everything you stand for
I can't stop writing but I need to stop

It just keeps flowing from my soul...Soul Mate

I am too much for myself
You make me complete
And I do the same for you!

P.S- It might be!

-BigThingsComeInSmallPackages

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MEN IN ACTION WEEK

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MONDAY

FEB 4

"Leadership and Responsibility"
Jeffrey Johnson,
NAACP National Youth Director
Armour J. Blackburn Forum
7:00pm

TUESDAY

FEB 5

"Lunch with the Men of 1999"
Armour J. Blackburn Cafe
12:40pm-2:00pm

WEDNESDAY

FEB 6

"Beyond the Glass Ceiling"
Dennis Kimbro,
Author of Think and Grow Rich:
A Black Choice
Armour J. Blackburn Forum
7:00pm

THURSDAY

FEB 7

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

FRIDAY

FEB 8

"The HU Male Students:
Triumphs and Struggles"
Panel Discussion Moderated by
Rasheem-Ameid Rooke,
Assistant Director of Student Activities
Armour J. Blackburn Reading Lounge
7:00pm

"Prayer of Perseverance"
Harold Gray
Director of Center for Professional
Development
Armour J. Blackburn Reading Lounge
7:00pm

"Men in Action Ward: Reception"
Armour J. Blackburn Gallery Lounge
5:00pm



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

What to watch...

Tonight, February 5

8:00pm

Toronto Raptors vs. Washington Wizards on TBS (35) See Vince Carter and Michael Jordan square off before they team up during All-Star weekend.

The Chair on ABC (27): And you thought sitting in Econ was a drag just picture sitting in the Chair. Contestants must maintain their heart rate while answering a series of questions.

9:00pm

Winter X Games on ESPN (17): Perfect for fans of extreme sports.

Speed on USA (34): This movie gives another meaning to Get on the Bus. Starring Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock. We know you've seen it before, but how can you resist seeing the bus jump that gap in the bridge one more time and that stuffy white woman jumps off the bus. After watching remember the shuttle is still safe.

10:00pm

The History of Sex on The History Channel (14): Enough Said! For all the freaks out there, you know who you are. I hope you haven't started to change the channel it comes on tonight. So gather your friends together cause this will definitely cause some good conversation.

Tale About the South on WHUT (2): An overview of Southern literature. Don't Sleep on this. You know you need to get your read on anyway. You never know if you watch it you might get some extra points in that Humanities class.

Get Real With Real World Chicago(21): Check out another show in the Real World Series as the cast gets along without that one particular cast member. See what happens.

Thursday, February 7

8:00pm

WWF Smackdown on UPN (28): If you smell what UPN is cookin', then you know what's up with this wrestling show. You know it's fake but hey you gonna watch anyway because Life and Style said so. Whut, Whut?

Gladys Knight: A Knight's Tale on A&E (10): A profile on the singer's life and career.

9:00pm

Disappearing Acts on TNN (37): See Sandra Latham and Wesley Snipes get it on. If you haven't seen it then here's your chance. Hey, it's kind of shaky* cause the movie wasn't as good as the book, but you can't help but watch. *this was not a reference to Latham's character's epilepsy

Say it Loud: Let's Get it On VH1 (22): A celebration of black music in America, tonight's show will actually be the fourth installment in a five part series. Tonight's show will go into territories unexplored as artists such as 'Lil Kim explain the role sex has played in the history of black music.

Wednesday, February 6:

8:00 PM

That 80's Show, FOX: Remember growing up in the eighties? For a lot of us the answer may be no. Fortunately, for those who can't quite think back to those days when we were just learning how to count, there is *That 80's Show*. The new comedy has just premiered and is a spin-off of FOX's already successful *That 70's Show*.

Behind The Music, VH1: One of the best music shows on television, everything we wanted to know about our favorite artists all comes out. Tune in as VH1 takes us deeper into the life of the queen of hip-hop soul, Ms. Mary J. Blige.

9:00pm

Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Story on Lifetime (41): And you thought your life was freaky. Cable drama based on the factual story of a Louisiana family who garnered headlines as the victims of a video voyeur, features an engaging performance by Angie Harmon.

11:30pm

Ren & Stimpy Rocks on VH1 (22): They're Back!!

12:00am

High on Crack Street on HBO (30): This is why we love HBO! The only place where you can see four beat white women and three down and out crack heads. This special is a graphic chronicle of the lives of three crack addicts in Massachusetts over an 18-month period. Watch this so maybe we can gain some respect for the true story and not the one you see on comic view.

1:00am

Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry Jam on HBO (30): "See my eyes are filled with the ink of your love. Write me a letter!" If you didn't get the poem then you might want to start taking some lessons from the greats like Sonia Sanchez and Amir Barakah who perform on this show. For those who need a little enlightenment.

Special Edition

The Hilltop Valentine's Day

Check out next Tuesday's Special Valentine's Day issue of The Hilltop. In it, you will have the chance to view a **special Hilltopics** section. The 1st edition of Tuesday Hilltopics, you can send a special message to your latest Campus Honey.

Businesses advertise to Howard students about your Valentine's Day products.

A combination of Engage' and Life and Style for your Valentine's Day

Dateless for Valentine's Day?

Let The Hilltop Hook you up! E-mail hu_lifeandstyle@hotmail.com for a chance at a date of a lifetime. 2 Singles will be chosen to go out on a date together. Tell us why you're Howard's perfect male or female.