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Staff Column

Simone Marie Mason

Redefining Valentine's Day

The other day, a girlfriend of mine called me depressed that her friend with benefits of five months has called it quits. He says he needs space, he's probably "moved on to 'greener pastures.'" On top of the companionship she has enjoyed and appreciated for months being gone, not to mention that good extra-loving you only get from someone you're really feeling, she's also trying to cope with the fact that the Valentine's Day she had been looking forward to celebrating will now be spent alone. I'm sure she will not be the only person on this campus without a date for Valentine's Day, for many of us the day will probably be mundane.

It's easy to rationalize Valentine's Day as a day simply celebrated for commercial reasons, invented by capitalists to stimulate the economy. I have personally never been too impressed with the holiday, at least not in the traditional sense. In fact, it recently occurred to me that the most special part of the holiday has always been the present I receive from my mother. Raised by a single mother who didn't date, I learned early from her example that it's up to me to make sure there are fresh flowers in my room if I want them there, and that it's okay to splurge on Godiva chocolates for myself once in a while. When I was younger, I would make my mother a card to reciprocate the love. Now that I'm older and can sympathize more with the loneliness she experiences being single, I invest more in her present because I'm beginning to understand her plight.

Although none of us need a man (in fact, some of us might not even want one), we can all appreciate or desire having someone there to make us feel special, and not the way your mother or friends might. It's not a weakness, it's a natural human desire. For some of us this holiday may be depressing for various reasons, but with the risk of sounding cynical, it probably isn't your first Valentine's Day that's less than spectacular and probably won't be your last. In fact, for many of us, the lonely Valentine's Day may become a yearly annual theme for years and years.

Please don't say I'm waiting to exhale. Seriously, the other day I picked up an Essence magazine

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University Hosts Technology Tour on Campus Local Media Outlets Attend Luncheon with President, Provost

By Josef Sawyer
Hilltop Staff Writer

To display the technological advancements made by the University in recent years, President H. Patrick Swygert and Provost A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert hosted a tour and luncheon with members of the media Friday.

The tour, which included approximately 15 media personnel from publications such as Washington Business Journal and Black Issues, along with student organizations and faculty members, began at Lulu Vere Childers Hall, moved to Blackburn's Center new Digital Auditorium and to the Bethune Annex.

The tour concluded at the i-Lab where a faculty member

"Today, in order to continue our legacy of leadership we must continue and for students to be successful we must have the proper tools," President Swygert said.



Students sit in the iLab where President Swygert and Provost Caldwell-Colbert led a media tour of the new technological facilities on campus.

displayed the various capabilities of the University's 21 month-old facility.

Following the visit, the members of the tour were ushered into one of the i-Lab's conference rooms where lunch was served. During the meal, Swygert and the President of Siemens, the University's Technology @ Your Pillow service provider Greg C. Nolan, opened the floor for questions.

Swygert told reporters the reason for the recent technology push was to have state of the art facilities comparable to other major universities.

In five years, Howard has done what many institutions are still striving to do, bridge the digital divide," said Student Ambassador Shermela J. Williams.

"Howard University did not recruit students, it selected students. Today, in order to continue our legacy of leadership we must continue

and for students to be successful we must have the proper tools," Swygert said.

During the question and answer period, Nolan described how Siemens and the University were more than just business partners.

"When people are looking to make a global connection they turn to us. Howard had a vision and we didn't want to

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Board of Trustees Has Ties to Enron

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS
Contributing Writer

After failing to appear last week, today former chairman and CEO of Enron Corporation, Kenneth L. Lay will visit Capitol Hill after being subpoenaed by Senate and House Committees investigating what financial analysts deem the largest corporate investing scandal in United States history.

Lay, who served on Howard University's Board of Trustees until his formal resignation January 31, is expected to follow suit with other Enron administrators today and employ his constitutional right against self-incrimination when he appears before Congressional committees awaiting answers.

Lay, a former deputy Secretary of Energy at the United States Department of the Interior, was selected to be a member of the University's Board of Trustees, effective March 2001.

According to Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Artis Hampshire-Cowan, Lay resigned following his resignation from the Enron corporation two weeks ago. Although not publicly announced, Lay resigned from membership to the University's board Thursday, January 31, 2002. Prior to that, he resigned as



Courtesy of abc.com. Former University Board of Trustees Member and President of Enron, Kenneth L. Lay, officially resigned from his position effective January 31.

chairman and CEO of Enron January 23, 2002 and just recently stepped down from the company's Board of Directors last Monday. However, Lay is not the only member of the University's board with connections to Enron.

Chairman of Howard's Board of Trustees, Frank Savage, a graduate of the University, was hired to join Enron's Board of Directors in 1999. Savage, former chairman of \$35 billion dollar Alliance Capital Management International, was appointed to the Compensation and Management Development committees on the energy company's Board of Directors.

HUSA Candidates State Their Platform, Ideas

By Derrick K. Nayo
Contributing Writer

Howard University student government candidates are beginning to outfit their campaigns for the elections in March, providing platforms that promise both change and satisfaction for the University community.

Out of more than 30 students interested in heading student government positions, eight are preparing to seize the ballot of Howard University Student Association (HUSA) President and Vice-President, Undergraduate Trustee, or Graduate Trustee.

Arabella F. Littlepage and Karim M. Shabazz, candidates for President and Vice-President respectively are running on the same slate. Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt are their opposition, while Jaha Howard

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RSVP Housing Deposit Increases to Prevent Future Housing Shortages

University Continues Search for Alternate Housing Options for Students

By Makebra Anderson
Hilltop Staff Writer

In order to avoid the housing shortage the University faced this past fall semester, officials have decided

on a 100 percent increase in the advance room rent payment for students seeking on campus housing.

The deposit's increase to \$200 must be paid on or before April 1 for those students who have been assigned on-campus housing. The Board of Trustees voted on a 10 percent increase in room rates.

The Random Selection Verification Process (RSVP) provides an equal opportunity for people to secure on-campus housing for the 2002-2003 school year. The RSVP selection process will be held March 3 for all students who plan to live on-campus next year.

Raymond Archer, Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs, said that the increase would help identify students who want on campus housing.

"At other schools, students are required to pay the entire rent before moving into the dorm, but we realized that because so many of our students rely on financial aid that would not be a good idea," said Archer. "The \$200 is to give us a serious indication of who really wants the room and who doesn't."

University officials guarantee that everyone who is promised a room will get one, but students must meet the cut-off date in order to receive a room assignment.

"It is important that students stick to deadlines," said Archer. "If the advance room rent payment is not turned in on or before April 1, 2002, the student's room will be given away to the next student on the waiting list."

Unlike previous years, freshmen and sophomores are no longer required to live on campus. University

officials say they encourage first and second year students to live on campus, but by not requiring it they hope to avoid overcrowding.

Compared to other universities who only house 26% of their undergraduates; the University houses 56%, which according to officials, is an extremely high number considering Howard's urban location.

The University has 3,751 beds available for students who receive on campus housing: 1,500 for freshmen, 2,124 for upperclassmen and 127 for transfer students.

"The demand is high because we have a large percent of female students, whose parents usually don't want them living off campus, our room rates are better than the city, and we have no local phone, internet and cable cost," said Archer.

Students will know their housing assignment in April, but with only a limited amount of space available upperclassmen need to have other options before leaving the University in May.

"Students who are not assigned housing should prepare for other housing arrangements before they leave for the summer," said Archer. "The University is encouraging alumni to rent rooms to current students, but they can find off campus housing listing by visiting the Residence Life web site or office."

Realizing the overwhelming number of students who prefer to live on-campus, the University has been looking into housing alternatives, but have not made any solid commitments for the upcoming school year.

"Bethune Hall has been looked into for renovation, but it's going to take 12 to 14 months to repair, and the low estimate is \$10 million," said Archer. "The University is also looking into leasing or purchasing property near the HU community, but I am not at a point to make any announcements about such properties."

RSVP gives all students an equal opportunity to select housing, but within the next two years the process might be phased out. The University is beginning to look at a more advanced selection process that allows students to select housing on the Web.

Until then, it is the University's goal to make sure that each student has an agreement and gets the room they were assigned.

RSVP 2002

Housing Lottery is
March 3. The deadline
for payment is April 1.

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Student Attempts Suicide in Tubman Quadrangle

By AMIE MCLAIN
Contributing Writer

Campus Police officials say that a Harriet Tubman Quadrangle resident allegedly attempted suicide recently. Friends and officials say stress was one of the reasons the student allegedly attempted the act. Officials have not released an official statement.

Witnesses and friends of the resident said that she locked herself in

her dorm room after asking to borrow a friend's cable cord to her television. When the friend went to retrieve the cord, the resident refused to answer. After the friends' repeated knocking, the victim ran out of the room. Then, they noticed there was a cable cord hanging from the top of the door.

One friend sought help from the floor's Resident Assistant. Also, the Community Director of the Dormitory and Campus Police were called to the scene.

Officials asked that the name of

the resident not be released to ensure her privacy.

This is not the first time that the issue of suicide among students has confronted the University.

Last year on March 17, sophomore Sidney Harris died after jumping from the top of the School of Business building. Officials ruled it as a suicide. The case was the University's first suicide in 25 years.

A friend of the resident, Lauren Bridges, a broadcast journalism major from Dallas, TX believes

this event occurred due to an enormous amount of stress affecting the resident.

"[She] was going through a lot of stuff at the time and didn't know how to deal with it. [She] was dealing with pressures with school and personal problems," Bridges said.

Campus Police Chief Reginald L. Smith, not divulging personal information about the resident, offered his thoughts on the case

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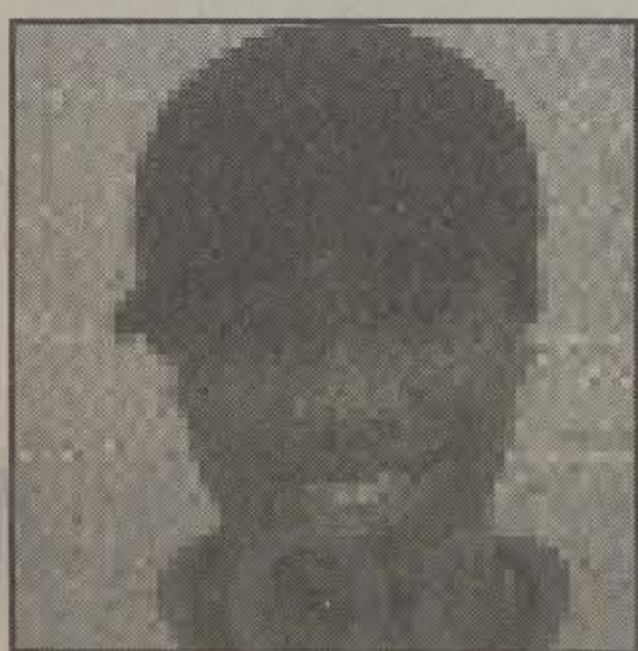
Voices & Views

How should the Carnegie Hall building be used once it is completed?



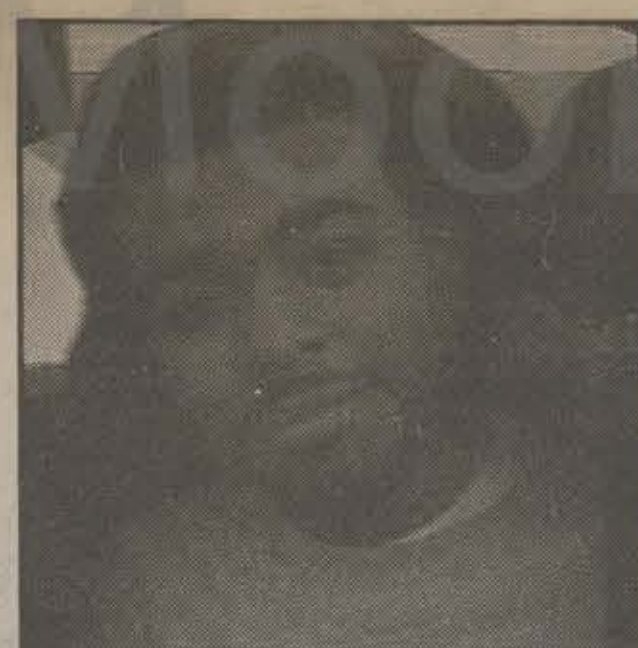
It would be a good idea to have new classrooms."

Christin Jennings
Freshman
Radio, TV, Film



I think it would be nice to utilize it as an alternate space for Fine Arts production."

Darryl Payton
Freshman
Musical Theater



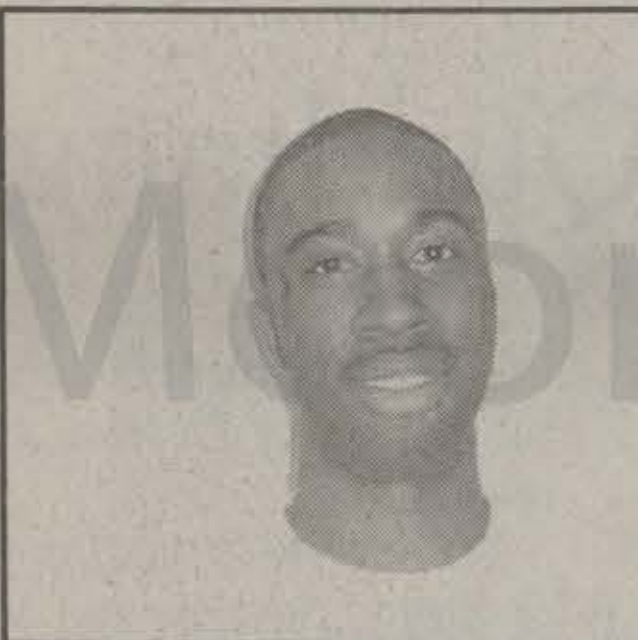
"I think Carnegie Hall should be two things. One, it should be a better health center and the other half should be a better student center. Each organization should have its own room."

Rhett Butler
Senior
Broadcast Journalism



"They should use the hall for dorm rooms."

Nashunda Harper
Senior
Information Systems



"They should turn it into a lounge."

Darian Smith
Junior
Information Systems

Compiled By Melanie Nesbitt

Students Question Status of Chaplain

By KERRY ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the religious organization Absalam Jones Canterbury Student Association investigated the reasons why their chaplain's contract with the University will not be renewed, during a conference with an Episcopal/Anglican official late last week.

The meeting main focus was to save the post of Episcopal/Anglican Chaplain, Rev. J. Carleton Hayden.

The members of Absalam Jones met with the Right Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop of Washington, Pro tempore, oversees all clergy and appoints campus ministers and chaplains in the Washington area. Dixon declined to comment on her motives for not reissuing Hayden's contract with the University.

Those in attendance however, deemed the meeting unsuccessful due to Dixon's vague explanations as to why Hayden will be replaced.

"We were still not able to find out specific reasons why Father Hayden's con-

tract was not being renewed, the responses seemed capricious and arbitrary," said Absalam Jones President Stephanie Bland said. "The Bishop said she would not deliberate the issue, it was between her and Father Hayden."

Bland spearheaded a petition in an attempt to have the Dixon reconsider her decision that was by approximately 500 students and Chapel attendees. The petition said, "We do not want Father Hayden to be replaced... We petition you to reconsider your decision and allow Father Hayden to remain as the Episcopal/Anglican Chaplain."

Dixon allegedly informed Hayden last February that his contract would expire at the end of May this year. Hayden, who has been ordained as a University Chaplain since 1963, has served at institutions including, University of Virginia, Frostburg State, and Morgan State Universities. In the fall of 1994 Hayden began his tenure at Howard.

Hayden, a well-respected professor and chaplain among students, described his reaction when he learned his contract

would not be renewed at the end of the semester. According to Hayden, the Bishop's decision to terminate him was unexpected.

"It was a blow to me, I felt like crying," Hayden said. "There was no previous communication that indicated that the Bishop was not pleased with my ministry at Howard."

The Absalam Jones records show in the past seven years under Hayden's leadership the ministry has grown to five times the size it was when he began the post. A possible reason for the increase is the fact that Hayden reaches out to his members through Bible study sessions and making himself available during a weekly support sessions where medical and dental students can receive spiritual counseling.

However, on a campus where smaller faiths like the Episcopalians/Anglicans record slightly less than 100 members can

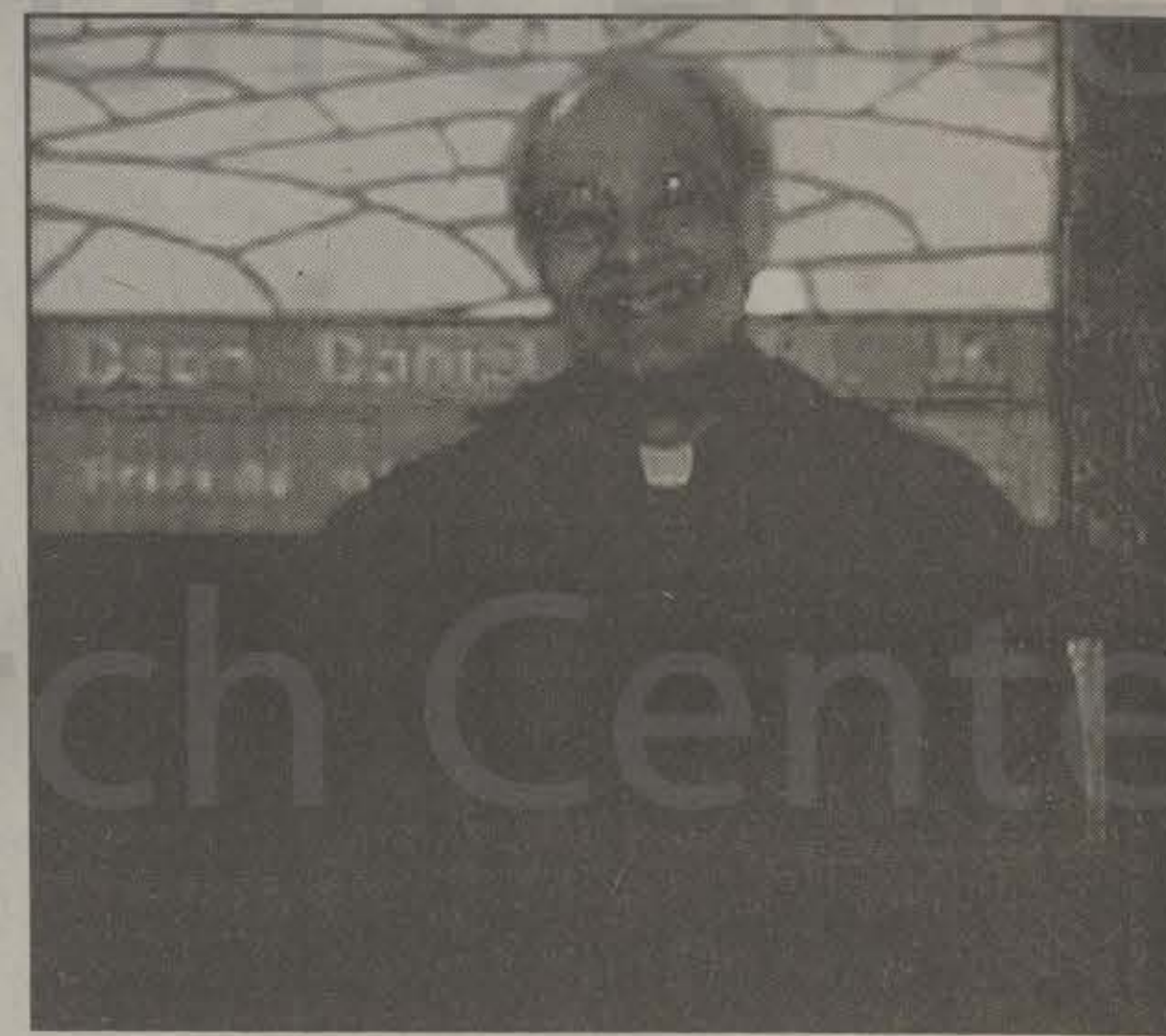


Photo Courtesy of Melanie C. Nesbitt

Students launch crusade to save the J. Carleton Hayden's position as the University's Episcopal/Anglican chaplain.

often be overshadowed larger denominations like Baptists which record over 700 members.

In light of these numerical facts, the Chaplain's son, Jonathan Hayden, Jr., an

MTV Gives Students a Chance to 'Be Heard'

By LEESA DAVIS
Hilltop Staff Writer

One of cable television's most watched networks MTV, is hosting a forum discussion with former University Board of Trustee and current U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell Thursday and has selected twenty University students to participate.

The hour long *Be Heard: An MTV Global Discussion With Colin Powell* will feature 75 selected high school and college students as well as community members ages 18-24 to engage in an informative question and answer session discussing topics ranging from human rights to the Sept. 11 assaults.

The goal of MTV is to have the youth from all over the world express their concern on world affairs. The program will be available to other countries abroad. MTV is working with their international affiliates in nations such as Brazil, Russia, Italy, and the Middle East to ensure the message is heard worldwide.

MTV initiated a selection process on Howard's campus Monday, February 5. In order to be selected for the taping, students had to go through a preliminary screening process in which 40 Howard applicants, which MTV calls interns, made the cut. Of the 40 interns, 20 made it to the final round, of which five were hand selected by Associate Director of Student Activities Oscar Jones, the head of the University's screening.

One of the interns selected was Alex Dixon, vice president of the Howard University Student Association. Dixon, along with the other hand-selected interns, helped to facilitate the screening process.

"It was great working with Julia, representative of MTV," said Dixon. "The experience was very interesting," he continued.



File Photo
Twenty University students will attend an MTV forum to discuss global issues with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Eventually, the number of applicants was cut in half, and, those remaining could be granted a spot for the taping. The interns selected had their names entered into a database, then forwarded to executive producers of the MTV show. Due to tight security measures, the names of the participants were not released. As another safety precaution the participants of the show will be notified until today as to the location of the taping.

Eligibility for participating in the forum depended on well-worded questions directed to Secretary Of State, Colin Powell and on the ability to articulate. On the application students were given the opportunity to ask Powell two questions.

One question had to be detailed and the other in a yes-no form. Among the questions asked were: What is your driving force and where does it come from? and Do you believe that the Bush administration is placing domestic issues on the back burner since September 11th?

After the screening process, Jones is confident the program will have a positive impact on numerous people.

Louisiana Club Hosts Baby Shower for Single Student Mothers

By ELENA BERGERON
Contributing Writer

Student parents and their children were the guests of honor at a reception held in the West Towers Sunday night, as the Louisiana Club held the first event in its Bison Babies initiative.

The group distributed baby items to the honorees gathered there as part of their ongoing effort to recognize the escalating population of young single mothers enrolled at Howard.

"We never hear about any programs [on campus] to help students who have an extra obstacle, a child," said club vice president Avione Brown. "They need to be not only helped, but commended."

Brown and President Laci Rouzan, spearheaded Bison Babies to ease the burden student parents had to endure. The idea behind the event was a bit personal for the Louisiana Club.

Citing two members who either had a child or were expecting one, Brown and Rouzan found there was not much support on campus for undergraduates in their shoes.

"The pre-school on campus is only for faculty and outsiders. It is very expensive and only accepts children over 2 1/2 years old," said Kalisha Wright, a 19 year-old biology major and mother-to-be.

"Howard has a day-care for students but only takes fifty kids and the waiting list is ridiculous."

The Louisiana Club's response was a budget proposal to HUSA outlining a small-scale program to assist the parents that yielded \$500 allocated to the purchase of baby goods for donation. With a committee in place to coordinate the effort, members targeted nine student par-

ents on campus whom they knew in passing or from classes, who responded to their offers of assistance.

From the nine, the club selected items such as shoes, bottles, clothing, toys and baby appliances from the parents' wish lists to give at the informal event.

On Sunday, the effect of their efforts could be seen in toddlers' smiles and the appreciative glances of proud parents as they welcomed the gifts.

Cidney Brown, 1, found one way to express her gratitude. Bouncing up and down on her new baby toilet, the toddler squealed to hear it sound a flourish every time she sat. Across the room, Oshae Shaw, 2, oblivious to the parents' conversations about babysitting solutions and proposed baby names, marveled at her new 70-piece set of building blocks.

"These things are so helpful," Wright said referring to yellow and pink pastel all-in-ones she received for her unborn child. "You don't realize how many [clothes] babies go through. They need to be changed like 2 or 3 times a day."

Between distracting little hands away from the food laid out as refreshments and passing cooing infants from one set of outstretched arms to another, Rouzan detailed a future for the "Bison Babies" that would widen the scope of the club's community service project to more parents on campus.

"We plan on getting sponsors and expanding the program every year. Maybe we could even get all the members to baby sit once a month so all the parents can go out," Rouzan said.

The proposed plan of sponsorship from local businesses would enable the organization to reach the rising population and list the club along with associations like the Student Parent Group as part of the

Campus Digest

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

- Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. hosts the Woman to Woman Conference in Blackburn Center from 10 AM to 3 PM.
- HUSA presents "Why Am I Here?, The Roles of HBCUs" in Blackburn Center Rooms 148-150 at 7 PM.

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

- Poutre (Extraordinary Poetry) presents the 2nd annual "Come and Get Some" at their major social event of the year. It will be held in the Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge at 7 PM. There will be food, drink, and of course an open mic... so come and get some!
- TSCM Noonday Prayer presents the Virtue Campaign 2002. "Overcoming Your Past" will be held in the Blackburn Center Forum from 4:30-5:30.
- "Sexual Purity" will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 PM in the Blackburn Center Auditorium.
- Later on that night there will be a male rap session entitled, "Will the Real Men Please Stand Up?" from 7-9 PM in Douglass Hall Room 116. The ladies will

- have their own session as well entitled, "Diamonds in the Rough" from 7-9 PM in Blackburn Auditorium.
- HUSA presents "Black on Black Hate in America" in Blackburn Center Reading Lounge at 7 PM.

Thursday, February 14, 2002 (Valentine's Day)

- TSCM's Virtue Campaign 2002, Who Touched Me? Is hosting a "Christian Dating" Session from 4:30-5:30 PM and "Dinner and Conversations" from 7-10 PM
- There will be a Book Drive in the Blackburn Center at 12 PM.

Friday, February 15, 2002

- TSCM hosts the finale for their Virtue Campaign with The Rally - "He Touched Me and Made Me Whole" from 7-9 PM in Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Compiled by Hilltop Staff Writer Courtney Wade

Facelift Continues



Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt

Bulldozers and large trenches decorate the lawn front of the Carnegie Building on the main campus. The Carnegie Building is just one of many venues on campus undergoing a structural facelift.

Illtop Journal to Publish Twice This Semester, Officials Say

By CORY HOWARD
Contributing Writer

After more than a year of not being available to students, the University's satirical magazine the Illtop is scheduled for two editions this semester, according to the publication's advisors. Originally being slated to circulate once a semester, the Illtop has not published an issue since December 2000.

The Illtop, a journal serving as a training ground for young humor writers, was founded at the University to develop comedy-writing techniques for students. Funded by comedian and talk show host Chris Rock, the magazine's purpose is to elevate the black social consciousness first with humor then with useful information, according to one Illtop advisor, Jim Brown. Brown stated that the goal of the upcoming issue of the Illtop is to touch on numerous topics and concerns raised by students on campus.

"Students have talked about all kinds of matters they could write about, ranging from how people are more cautious about the surrounding areas they are in, students style of dress on Howard's campus and student life on campus," said Brown.

This year, advisors have provided an English professor to conduct a series of writing workshops. Advisors hope to have more focused articles, better development, and a better scope on life itself.

"The past issues could have been better if the writers had the workshop experience that they had for this issue," Brown said. "I feel good about what they did although the progress that they have this year has tremendously improved their writing."

Other Illtop personnel agree with Brown about how beneficial the workshops are for the magazine's writers.

"The workshops were very helpful in making us

become more creative in developing our ideas to make our work stand out more with a more polished state," said the Illtop's Creative Coordinator LeRon Lee, a junior radio-television-film-major.

Illtop advisors say the structure of the Illtop will be much improved from the past issues and they have made gallant efforts at capturing and developing a state of humor they felt took place on campus.

All of the additions to this year's Illtop have whet the appetites of University students who are eager to read the humor magazine.

"I am definitely anticipating the Illtop," said Alex Chesley. "[The last] issue was very comical and I enjoyed reading it. The Illtop could be greatly improved just by coming out more frequently," said Chesley, a sophomore business management major. Although the Illtop has received positive feedback from some students, not everyone is pleased with the publication. Many said the magazine has remained absent for too long to try and make a comeback.

"The Illtop has been out of sight therefore out of mind. I'm more excited about the N'SYNC album and I hate N'SYNC. But the fact that Chris Rock is affiliated with it means that I'll have to read it," said Brian Chamberlayne, a sophomore political science major. Other students agree with Chamberlayne, but do offer suggestions to help develop the publication.

"Although I'm not anticipating the Illtop, they were half funny. It could be improved by having better writers," said Allen Wing, junior advertising major. The forthcoming issue will be based upon a general theme, and will be used as the "blueprint" for future issues. In the first issue, during the Spring 2000 semester, the magazine poked fun at a white students' perspective of the Howard experience and Greek life. The last issue was geared toward the debacle during the last presidential election.

Capstone Connection to Premier Tonight on University Channel

By Courtney Wade
Hilltop Staff Writer

University students had their first opportunity to showcase their skills as they independently produced their first episode of WHUT-TV's latest show, "Capstone Connection," which premieres today at 5 and 9 p.m. today.

"Capstone Connection" is a unique, student-produced television program that focuses on in-studio production elements. The show concentrates on issues directly affecting University students.

Larry Brown, Jr., "Capstone Connection's" Senior Producer, said that, "It (Capstone Connection) embraces what is going on here at home ... by connecting to the students."

For example, the first show, produced by Valerie Colter, a freshman film major, has the theme celebrating love and Valentine's Day. The next show plans to discuss the issues concerning the African-American community and the titles that have been given to us by the media and other outside groups.

Perhaps the best feature of "Capstone Connection" is the fact that the entire program is entirely student-run. It gives experience to beginning producers by plunging them into the field that they are eventually going to have careers in. Industry professionals, who have the knowledge and expertise of working in the field, directly train students. "Capstone Connection" is a show that "dares to be different" by demanding nothing less from it's employees that work in an environment similar to that of a professional station.

Student producers must fulfill every aspect of putting together a show from researching ideas, collecting data, inviting guests, scriptwriting, communicating with contacts and relevant personnel, and smoothing out details concerning technical support. It differs from the other WHUT-TV student-oriented

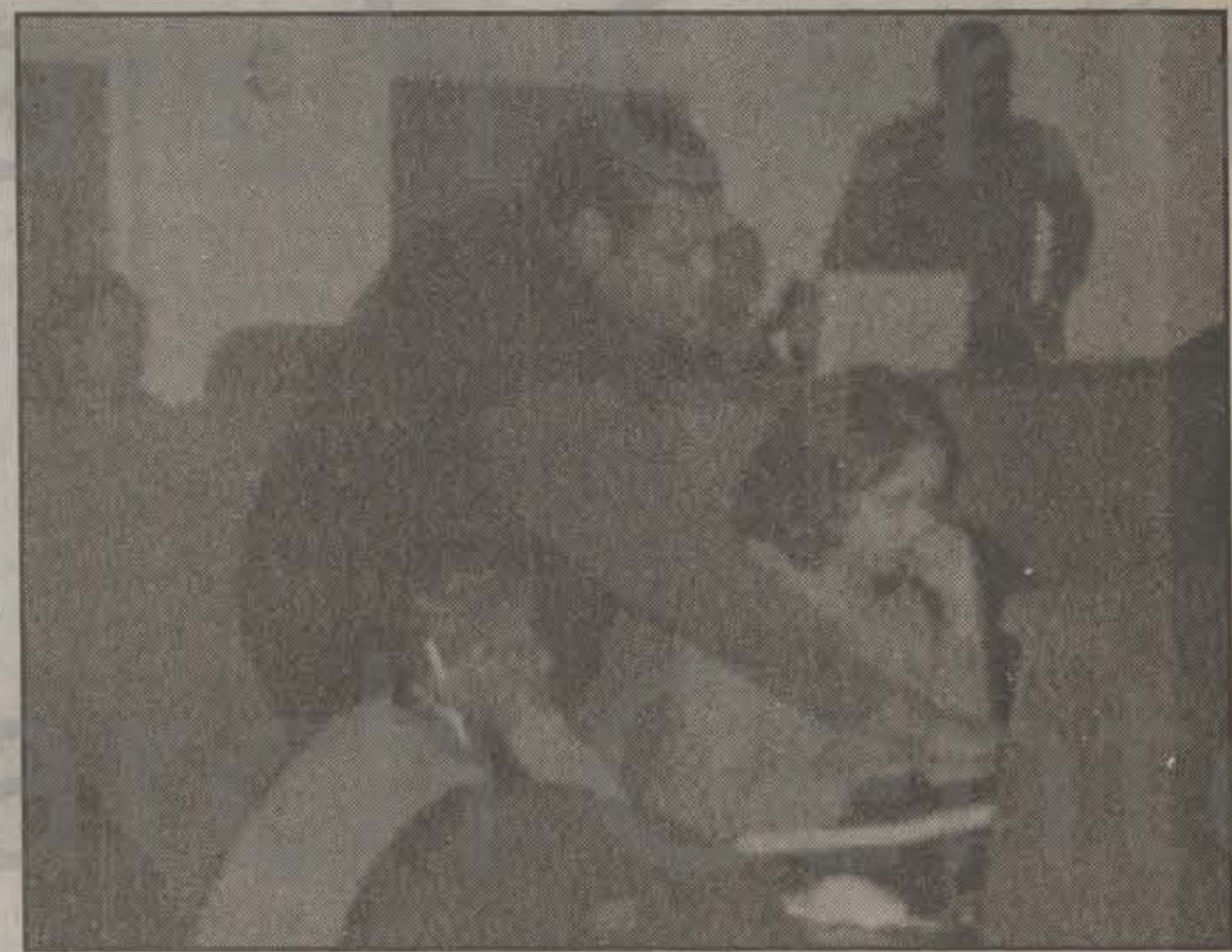


Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt
Senior Producer for the Capstone Connection Larry Brown assists a colleague during the program's initial taping.

show, "Spotlight" in that students have the opportunity to produce in-studio programs on a routine basis.

Some key players for "Capstone Connection" are Amie McLain, Supervising Producer, and Niambi Wilder, the Production Manager.

These are the student leaders, who assist the smooth production of the show and help train the students to work with the equipment.

Brown is pleased with the outcome of the show's first taping.

"It went very well. We look forward to getting support and encouragement from the student body," said Brown.

"Capstone Connection" is open to all University students. In the near future, students will be able to participate as in-studio audience members.

Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie Urges Students to Escape 'Slavery'

By Stephanie Crouch
Hilltop Staff Writer

A semi-conservative Chapel was transformed into a praise fest Sunday morning as the honorable Vashti Murphy McKenzie not only lead the congregation through worship, but laid the groundwork for many students to make some life altering changes.

McKenzie serves as the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Church. She is the first women to obtain the level of Episocal office in 213 years. McKenzie currently presides over the 18th Episcopal

Church which oversees Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland in Southeast Africa.

McKenzie's message seemed straightforward. Her theme titled "No More Drama" focused on the effects that worldly ideas can have on an individual. She later tells the congregation once a person begins to believe and participate in these ideas, they loose sight of what God can and has done for them.

McKenzie began her sermon by suggesting that everyone, not only blacks, are subjected to a modern form of slavery. She referred this type of slavery to be the ideas or impressions given to us by the rest of society. These ideas can be anything from the individual believing

they must have the right clothes, shoes, and cars, to individuals associating with popular people in order to gain acceptance from others.

"You are a slave to a media driven culture that tells you what is right and wrong," McKenzie said.

McKenzie goes further to point out that in Elijah the prophet's time of fear, the Lord was still right by his side.

"God did not let him go but he let him know he could help him break free from his enslavements," McKenzie said.

McKenzie suggested to students that the Lord will do the same thing for them once they surrender all their modern day enslavements

to him. She indicated that students wind up telling their problems to their friends instead of Jesus.

"Instead of receiving a fresh work from Jesus Christ, we run the other way," McKenzie said. "I'm here to tell you that if you put the Lord first in your life and abandon all of your enslavement, the Lord will never leave your side."

However, one of the most surprising parts of the sermon was when McKenzie asked members of the congregation who were attempting to abandon their enslavement to come forward. More then one hundred students paraded to the front attempting to give away anything that was hindering their relationship with God.

Some students found themselves surprised at other students' reactions.

"The fact that she was a dynamic speaker and her breakdown of the different types of enslavements helped people realize what their enslavements were," freshmen broadcast journalism major Jennifer Williams said. "It was both good and surprising to see that many people willing to give themselves to God."

Other students indicated that chapel service was a little bit different then usual.

"Normally chapel is really cut and dry," sophomore biology major Zenovia Right said. "However in today's service I felt the presence

of God."

Even Dean of Chapel Dr. Bernard L. Richardson, found himself moved by McKenzie's sermon.

"She not only preaches, but she ministers," he said.

McKenzie closed by telling the congregation to have undying faith in the Lord and to associate with people who only put the Lord first.

"Put the Lord first in your life because he will be able to bring you through any situation," she said.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Feb. 7		
Founders Library	Bethune Annex	Student Health Service
Theft II	Hazardous Elevator	Sick Transport
HUH	Meridian Hill Hall	Feb. 9
Assault w/ a Deadly Weapon-Gun	Aggravated Assault	HUH
		Sick Transport
	Feb. 8	
Service Center	Meridian Hill Hall	HPT
Theft from Auto	False Fire Alarm	Verbal Dispute
HPT	West Campus	HPT
Theft I	Unlocked Door	Damaged Property
Student Health Service	HUH	HUH
Sick Transport	Damaged Property	Lost Property
Bethune Annex	HPT	HUH
Sick Transport	Sick Person	Disorderly Conduct
HUH	Girard St.	HPT
Damaged Property	Auto Accident	Injured Person
Student Health Center	HPT	HPT
Sick Transport	Damaged Property	False Fire Alarm
Off Campus	Student Health Service	This report appears courtesy of Howard University Campus Police. The report was compiled by Campus Editor Brakkton Booker.
Harassment	Sick Transport	
Blackburn Center	HUH	
Lost Property	Damaged Property	

Jon and Hug, thanks for the great section. Jeezy is proud of you both and so am I. Akeya you killed it this week. Keep it up. Brak, you always come through. Bones and Monica thanks. Melanie you are the hot shot. Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. This is especially for you Simone. Keep up the hustle.

Jeezy and Ira

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NEWS

Kelley Clark Wins First Gold Medal

By Akeya Dickson
News Editor

Sunday was a day of many firsts for Kelley Clark, representing the U.S. in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. 18-year-old Clark won the United States its first gold medal in its first hometown Winter Games since 1980.

Three bare-chested men with "U-S-A!" painted across their chests cheered Clark on with the rest of the patriotic crowd. Clark snowboarded to her victory to the tunes of Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle".

Snowboarding, or the halfpipe, debuted as an Olympic event at Nagano in 1998, and America's Shannon Dunn took the bronze.

The recent high school graduate raced into the arms of her coach and grinned with anticipation as she awaited the scores. Clark was ecstatic when she saw that she won the first gold medal.

"It means a lot to me, and all of the rest of America. We've had a tough few months in the United States. It's important to give people something to

have pride in," said Clark to reporters.

France's Doriane Vidal won the silver and Switzerland's Fabienne Reuteler won the bronze medal.

Clark has come a long way since she was just ranked No. 10 in the World Cup halfpipe last season.

At the end of her routine, Clark "stomped it", snowboarder slang for a "twisting, high-flying run" that won an outstanding score of 47.9 out of 50, putting her above Vidal's score of 43.0 — a perfect score of 10 from the French judge included.

Clark's competitors were good sports about her victory.

"I knew she would beat me because she was doing such a great run," Vidal said to reporters. "She was going so high. She really deserved it."



Kelley Clark poses after receiving the first gold medal for the 2002 Winter Olympics in snowboarding.

Cell Phone Concerns Grow Due to Fatal Accident

By Allison Gentry
Contributing Writer

While following her boyfriend to his parents house in Prince George's County, 20-year old Dawn Richardson from Arlington lost control of her new Ford Explorer killing herself and four others, Friday Feb. 1.

The vehicle flipped over the guardrail and landed on top of a van in the oncoming traffic. Investigations with the National Transportation Safety Board said Richardson lost sight of her boyfriend in traffic and was talking to him on a cell phone when the crash occurred.

This marks the first time that NTSB officials have cited cell phone use as a possible factor in a n accident.

While officials are also looking to the design of the guardrail as a contributor, this accident has sparked debate over whether to regulate cell phone use on public roadways.

Last November, New York became the first state to ban hand-held phones in moving vehicles. Drivers are required to install hands-free equipment or face a first time fine of \$100.

In addition, at least 16 smaller districts like Miami and Santa Fe, N.M. have instituted similar bans on cell phone use while driving.

Studies show that 85% of the more than 110 million Americans who own phones use them while driving.

In Maryland, Del. John S. Arnick (D-Baltimore County) said the accident should help in the push of his bill to fine drivers up to \$500 for dialing while driving. This measure has died three years in a row in Annapolis legislative committee.

D.C. Council Member Harold Brazil (D-At Large) planned to submit a resolution last week to prod along his bill which would fine motorists \$100 for using hand-held cell phones. The resolution also urges Mayor Anthony Williams (D) and officials from Maryland and Virginia to work to set a uniform set of restrictions on cell phones for drivers in the area.

In Virginia, a bill that would have banned cell phones while driving was bypassed for this year and will be considered again in 2003. A second bill making it illegal for people younger than 18 is pending in a House committee.

Proposals for bans on cell phones in cars has met overwhelming opposition from the telecommunications industry, which claims talking on cell phones is less distracting than eating or changing the radio.

Some believe Richardson's inexperience in driving her new vehicle may have been a factor in the crash.

Statistics from Maryland, one of a handful of states that track accidents caused by cell phones, blamed phones for only 67 of 40,206 traffic accidents in the first nine months of last year.

"Driving with a cell phone is very distracting, but it's good with devices like hands-free sets," said sophomore criminal justice major Jewelle Grant.

Despite statistics and opposing opinions this recent accident only further supports proposals to ban cell phones while driving.

Trailing George W... Prisoners Of War Issue Resurfaces

By COURTNEY WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has been released last Thursday by the White House Press that the United States is treating and will continue to treat the Guantanamo detainees compassionately in the manner which correlates to the principles of Third Geneva Convention of 1949, an international treaty created to defend prisoners of war from cruel treatment. President Bush has concluded that Taliban detainees rather than al-Qaeda detainees are included under the conditions of the Geneva Convention. "Even though the detainees are not entitled to Prisoners of War privileges, they will be provided many POW privileges as a matter of policy," states a White House fact sheet on the matter.

The detainees are being provided necessities such as three meals a day, water, medical care, and clothing along with other items as well. The mental and physical abuse of detainees is prohibited and the International Committee of the Red Cross has visited them in order to check the conditions and concerns of the detainees.

Also last Thursday, it was announced that President Bush would travel to Lima, Peru, on March 23 and to San Salvador, El Salvador on the following day. Peruvians have recently avowed their commitment to democratic principles and their promotion through the efforts of their President, Toledo. In El Salvador, Bush will meet with President Flores to discuss the proposed initiative on a Central American Free Trade Agreement.

According to a White House Press Release on Friday, Bush signed the law that extends the current student loan program borrower interest rates formulas through June 2006 and it institutes fixed borrower interest rate on loans made thereafter.

\$38 Million Donation To Smithsonian Withdrawn

By ALLISON GENTRY
Contributing Writer

Only one month after the announcement of her \$10 million donation to the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Catherine B. Reynolds withdrew her controversial donation of \$38 million to the Smithsonian.

Reynolds announced Feb. 4 that she will withdraw most of the planned \$38 million she donated last May. Reynolds had already given one installment of the pledge of an undetermined amount.

The \$38 million was supposed to create a 10,000 square foot hall of achievement. Reynolds suggested the hall could feature Nobel Laureates and Medal of Honor winners as well as

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Legislative Report:

The Undying Debate of Affirmative Action

By JAMAL ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

Should race be used as a factor in college admissions? The states of California, Texas, Florida, and Washington do not think so. However, a new bill introduced last month in the Washington State Senate is rekindling the debate.

Affirmative action has been a controversial issue since its inception in the mid 1960's. It was on the campus of Howard University that then President Lyndon B. Johnson began the dialogue on what is referred to today as "affirmative action." In his now famous commencement speech, Johnson delivered his most cogent argument for the creation of programs to redress the grievances of African-Americans. "It is not enough to open the gates of opportunity," he said, "all of our citizens must have the opportunity to walk through those gates."

Three and a half months after delivering his commencement speech, President Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 allowing groups to take affirmative action to ensure that job applicants are employed without regard to their "race, creed, color, or national origin." The Order laid the foundation for expansion of affirmative action to include educational policies as well, though such measures were met with resistance.

In 1978, a medical school applicant claiming that he had been unfairly discriminated against as a result of the University's affirmative action policies sued the Regents of the University of California. The United States Supreme Court intervened and ordered that the student be admitted to the school in question. The Court simultaneously upheld the use of race as one factor that may be used in the process of University admissions but only if it is used to achieve "racial diversity in the student body for educational reasons."

Since 1978, the issue of using race in college admissions has been fiercely debated. Still, it was not until 1995 that use of affirmative action in the college admissions process suffered its first major setback. That year, the Regents of the University of California voted to end all campus affirmative action policies based on race or sex.

In 1996, the voters of California passed the California Civil Right's Initiative, Proposition 209, by a slim margin. Led by UC Regent Ward Connerly, the proposition paved the way for several other states to discontinue the use of affirmative action policies. In 1997, Texas became the first state to follow California's lead, followed by Washington in 1998, and Florida in 2000.

Washington's road to the abolishment of affirmative action was most similar to that of California. A "confusingly worded" initiative was also presented to the voters of that state. The Washington State Civil Rights Initiative, Initiative 200, asked a simple question: "Shall government entities be prohibited from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to individuals or groups based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin?" To that question, Washington voters answered a resounding "yes," unaware of the potential consequences.

After passage of Initiative 200, the University of Washington was forced to end its 30-year policy of using race as a factor in college admissions. During the 2000 school year, according to the University of Washington, expected enrollment by African-American students in the freshman class decreased by 40 percent. Similarly, other public universities around the state saw enrollments of African-Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans decrease on average by 31.6 percent compared with the 1998-99 school year.

The statistics caught the attention of Democratic State Senator Ken Jacobsen, the lead sponsor of Sen-

ate Bill 6295. The bill, currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee, seeks to exempt public colleges and universities, community colleges, and school districts from the provisions of Initiative 200.

Despite a Democratic plurality in the State Legislature, Senator Jacobsen acknowledges that the measure simply "doesn't have the votes," for passage. He went on to say that the dearth of affirmative action policies "hurt our public institutions because they don't reflect America." Still, Senator Jacobsen vowed to reintroduce the measure in the next session and "keep working at it until it gets passed."

Most Howard students share the Senator's sentiment. Senior Michael Winfield asserted that race should play a factor in the admissions process because "it fosters a diverse community where varying thoughts can be questioned and debated." Freshman Political Science Major Adam Hunter agreed that diversity is important, but emphasized that "educational admissions should be mainly performance based."

The debate over affirmative action rages on in other parts of the country as well. In May of last year, The Regents of the University of California voted to drop the ban on affirmative action, though the move was largely symbolic, as affirmative action remains prohibited by state law. The University of Michigan is also defending its affirmative action policies in two cases pending decision in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The debates in Washington, Michigan, California, and indeed elsewhere around the country are likely to continue indefinitely. Lorenzo Morris, Professor of Political Science clearly articulated that the debate will assuredly not end until the "diversity of society is represented on all college campuses." And by his estimation, that day is "a long way off."

Bush and Blair Receive Nobel Peace Prize Nominations

By AKEYA DICKSON
News Editor

The recent Nobel Peace Prize nomination of President George W. Bush and UK Prime Minister Tony Blair has been met with mixed responses.

Harald Tom Nesvik, member of the Norwegian Party for Progress, a right-wing political party, nominated the pair. Nesvik cited battling terrorism and promotion of peace as reasons for his decision.

Some feel as if the two did nothing more than what was required in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11th and the subsequent war on terrorism. Nesvik stands firmly behind his nomination.

"The background for my nomination is their decisive action against terrorism, something I believe in the future will be the greatest threat to peace," he told the Associated Press news agency.

"Unfortunately, sometimes... you have to use force to secure peace."

However, many doubt that the two will

win the award because of lack of support from Bishop Gunnar Staalsett. Staalsett, one of the five-member selections board, spoke out against the bombings in Afghanistan late last year.

While the world struggles with this question, some Howard students have already made up their mind.

"A Nobel Peace Prize for going and bombing other countries? I don't think so. It certainly helps his campaign for military funding, but it does not necessarily place them in the same category as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Deseree Gardner, junior communications major.

Echoing Gardner, Shermona Mapp, a junior telecommunications management major said, "I don't know how much I am in agreement with the nominations for peace prizes. I think that it's important to know how to deal with adversity when it comes your way, but I don't think that it is necessary to give them this prestigious award."

The committee does not reveal the nomi-



U.S. President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister have been recently named as Nobel Peace Prize nominees.

nations for the Peace Prize, but the party who nominates the candidate may reveal their choice. Other nominees include former Mayor Giuliani of New York City.

Last year's recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize was Kofi Annan of the United Nations.

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Mardi Gras Past ...

BY BERNADETTE CARRIERE
Contributing Writer

Every Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, natives of New Orleans celebrate Mardi Gras, which is French for "Fat Tuesday." Two weeks prior begins the celebration. During this time, on Sunday afternoons, people gather to participate in what is known as "Super Sunday."

This tradition began with social aid and pleasure clubs. These groups were formed to provide important forms of social assistance to their members, such as making sure their health care and burial expenses were covered. These aid societies would hold parades as a type of advertising, to encourage others to join. These parades were performed by and for blacks. Mardi Gras' origin has been traced to the creation of the krewe of Zulu, a black organization and their participation in the Mardi Gras celebration.

Even before the Zulu, Mardi Gras has been placed as far back as ancient Rome. Around the middle of the second century, the traditions of Carnival became popular as a way to feast and act wild before the strict days of Lent among Catholics. Fat Tuesday has always been 47 days before Easter Sunday and can fall anywhere in between February 3rd and March 9th. First introduced to New Orleans through French Culture in the year 1699, it did not lose its original influence during the Hispanic invasion. Although, when

the Spanish government did take over, parties and street dancing were banned in the early 1700's. This was when the French of New Orleans were holding elaborate balls, where guests were encouraged to wear a mask.

In 1827, the right to party in mask was restored and elite parties began resurfacing again. For fear that the right to party may be taken away again, in

belonged to a Benevolent Aid Society. Benevolent Societies were the first forms of insurance in the Black community where members received the same kind of financial help when sick or financial aid when burying deceased members. Since the city is divided into wards, in the beginning stages of the organization each ward had its own group or "Club." The Tramps were among them. After seeing a skit of a performance, each group assemble to a shared meeting place and emerged as one, calling themselves Zulus.

The first appearance as Zulus came in 1909, with William Story as King. The group wore raggedy pants, and had a Jubilee-singing quartet in front of and behind King Story. His costume of a "lard can" crown and "banana stalk" scepter has been well documented and remains a uniform for the organization.

During the two weeks of the Mardi Gras celebration, parades can be viewed nightly and on weekends. Most businesses are closed for Lundi Gras (Fat Monday) and for Mardi Gras itself. Beads, doubloons, cups and trinkets are thrown into the air as part of the festivities and help create excitement during the parades.



Masks such as the ones pictured are just a small part of the extravagant costumes that appear at Mardi Gras.



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Nation Briefs

WASHINGTON, D.C. Kenneth Lay, the former Enron chairman subpoenaed to testify on Tuesday before Congress, has refused to answer questions by pleading the fifth amendment. Some congressmen had already anticipated this, even though Lay's attorney had not indicated it beforehand. "We will be respectful but tough," in questioning Lay, Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of a Senate Commerce panel on consumer affairs, had told CNN earlier Sunday. Former chief executive of Enron, Jeff Skilling, did testify last week. Many members of Congress made it clear that they did not believe Skilling's sworn testimony.

CALIFORNIA Dozens of people fled into the streets after a fire burned down 16 homes in North County. According to a North County fire Captain, Rick Mann, six people suffered hypothermia after hiding in a swimming pool while the fire raged all around them. Many of the homes were valued at a range from \$500,000 to \$1 million, and was fueled by the 15-foot-high brush, said Mann. Red Cross officials put the number of displaced individuals to about 100. The fire was driven by winds that whipped up to over 100 mph in other parts of Southern California that same weekend. Kembra Fleming, a spokesperson for the Orange County Fire Authority, said that over 1,000 firefighters were trying to put out the blaze.

World Briefs

SINGAPORE According to an article in Singapore's Straits Times on Monday, Indonesia officials found a document with detailed plans to bomb the U.S. embassies in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Jakarta by Muslim militants late last year. The plan came from a JI leadership meeting on September 28 when the U.S. prepared to target Taliban forces in Afghanistan. "It is time for us to engage in a holy war to eradicate the Jewish 'satans' in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia," it said to Reuters. "They will face a wave of violence in their societies, especially Americans who reside there."

LONDON, Britain There was a week of mourning for Princess Margaret who died on Saturday at the age of 71. People were encouraged to sign the condolence books at St. James palace and to leave messages on the family's website for the Queen Elizabeth II's younger sister. She was remembered at church services around the world. Her 101-year-old Queen mother prayed with Prince Charles at a private estate in England.

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people such as Steve Case, Chairman of AOL Time Warner, Martha Stewart, Coretta Scott King, skater Dorothy Hamill and newsman Sam Donaldson.

Curators questioned Reynolds close involvement in a museum presentation. Some were concerned that the museum was putting money before scholarly integrity and emphasizing famous people instead of groups of ordinary people.

Also questioned was the exhibit's connection to American Academy of Achievement,

an organization run by Reynolds husband Wayne that has an annual gathering of "super achievers" with hundreds of high school students.

"Never in our wildest dreams did we anticipate that the notion of inspiring young people by telling stories of prominent Americans from all disciplines would be so controversial," Reynolds wrote in a letter to Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small. Reynolds said that the criticism was the reason for canceling the gift.

The Smithsonian claimed that over the

eight month delay, due to the controversy, that they would maintain final say over the nature of the exhibit.

In a statement, Marc Pachter, acting director at the American History Museum said, "We are disappointed that the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation has decided to withdraw from this project, which was being developed in strict accordance with Smithsonian Standards."

The Smithsonian depends on donations from private donors. The federal government gives 70% of the museums budget to the

Smithsonian, but it has a \$1 billion backlog in building renovations and needs money for the reworking of major standing museums and presentations.

Small has brought in over \$300 million in the past three years. He got \$40 million for the American History Museum from the family of inventor Jerome Levinson for an inventor's center. The museum also relieved \$80 million from businessman Kenneth E. Behring for modernization of building and exhibits.

Mardi Gras Present

BY AKEYA DICKSON
News Editor

Today is the last day to indulge in all those sinful pleasures that make life worth living. You have only 24 hours before you have to repent, so don't waste another minute. Why? Because it's Mardi Gras time, of course! Here is a list of things to do for all you homesick folks from the NO, and for everyone else that wants to join in the celebration.



Lulu's Club Mardi Gras

Where: Lulu's Club Mardi Gras
217 22nd St. NW
Washington, DC 20037

Phone: (202) 861-5858

What: Fire eaters, Cajun food, jugglers, stilt walkers, and drink specials courtesy of the Kain Cutters will be at your disposal. And don't forget the beads!

When: Doors open at 4 pm

How much: free admission until 5 pm.

Flounder's Fat Tuesday Party

Where: Five
1214-B 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC

What: DC101's Flounder will be hosting this party of drinks, beads, and zydeco Music.

When: 5 pm

How much: \$10 in advance

Party D.C.'S Third Annual Mardi Gras Madness Party

Where: State Theater
220 N. Washington St.,
Falls Church, VA

Phone: (703) 251-4800.

What: Live musical performances by Soul Purpose and Warehouse, dancing and refreshments.

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

How much: \$10

Buck Creek Jazz Band

Where: Millennium Stage - The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 467-4600

What: The Buck Creek Jazz Band will be performing from a variety of Dixieland jazz.

When: 6 pm

How much: free admission

University Hosts Tour

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just sell them a product," Nolan said. According to Nolan, Siemens is not only looking to further develop Howard with new technology, but they also have an interest in the surrounding area.

"We are going to be part of the community for years to come," he said.

Swygert assured the guests that the advancements would continue because students are constantly demanding more.

Students in attendance were excited about more advances the University has in store.

"The tour was an introduction of Howard technology to the world at large, via the media. In five years,

Howard has done what many institutions are still striving to do, bridge the digital divide," said Student Ambassador Shermela J. Williams.

Williams anticipates another department will come under the Siemens scope—the Financial Aid Office.

She said students will hopefully in the future be able to go to a financial website and access their account, view all records and even ask specific questions.

"With the opening of the new digital auditorium, the 34 smart rooms on campus, the two new libraries, Ethernet and Cable installations, and a host of other technological advancements, Howard is strengthening its commitment to produce leaders for America and the global community," Williams said.

with her single friends. This article isn't about the brothers who aren't treating us well, but simply taking a day that evolves around romantic love and making it one of self-love, for those of us who aren't in romantic relationships. Besides, with stats like the one in *Essence*, it's apparent that a woman shouldn't hold her breath waiting for a man to spoil her when she can spoil herself. After all, everyone knows that nobody is going to love you more than you love yourself.

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Redefining Valentine's Day for the Single Woman

From Valentine's Day on A1

article that stated 42 percent of black women never marry, and when one calculates the high divorce rates, you're left with staggering stats of sisters who aren't too lucky in love. Hence, the Terry McMillan novels and the Toni Braxton songs. Perhaps you're thinking your predicament is temporal, you're thinking you'll be rich and successful, these stats portray the hood rat with three baby's daddies. I'm not, I'm thinking Condoleezza Rice, Oprah Winfrey, and Janet Jackson

Case in point, Valentines Day if anything should be one in which a single woman can justifiably indulge in all of her vain vices and hedonistic ways not to mention bond

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Closet Racism: Finger Lickin Good

Ignorance is bliss has been coined in many situations, but it really takes the cake, or should we say the chicken, in South Eastern Pennsylvania. One store in the Super Giant Food Stores chain put up a sign saying, "To celebrate Black History we are having a special on Fried Chicken". Outraged about this, many store shoppers brought it to the attention of the corporate headquarters and the sign was immediately taken down. Is this enough? Well Giant didn't seem to think so. They publicly apologized and then thought of a great solution, they put jazz musicians and soul food sampling in their stores for February.

In the midst of a month dedicated to African-American's and their struggles, I hope you as a reader don't think that during this month racism ends or that we get an anti-discrimination card that can be used from Feb. 1st to Feb 28th. The truth is that racism still exists in its purest form but we have become subjected to accepting it. It is time as a student body that we stop falling for all the gimmicks that are fed to us by the media about our own people. The best way to know your people is to first know yourself. The notions and stereotypes that have been applied to our culture has led to more ignorance and less bliss.

Whether it is the racial slur "Nigger" appearing under a proponent for racial equality on MSNBC

(in which they had to later apologized for the misspelling), the racial climate in Cincinnati, or the recent event at the Giant Food store, we as trained leaders of America and the Global Community need to stop listening and start leading. Instead of buying into the ignorance that is fed to us about our own in the media, we need to change those notions of shuckin and jiving. We as African-Americans have come along way to be just singing and dancing or eating chicken and spitting watermelon seeds. With names like Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr celebrated in our history, we should live by their example instead of those in the videos.

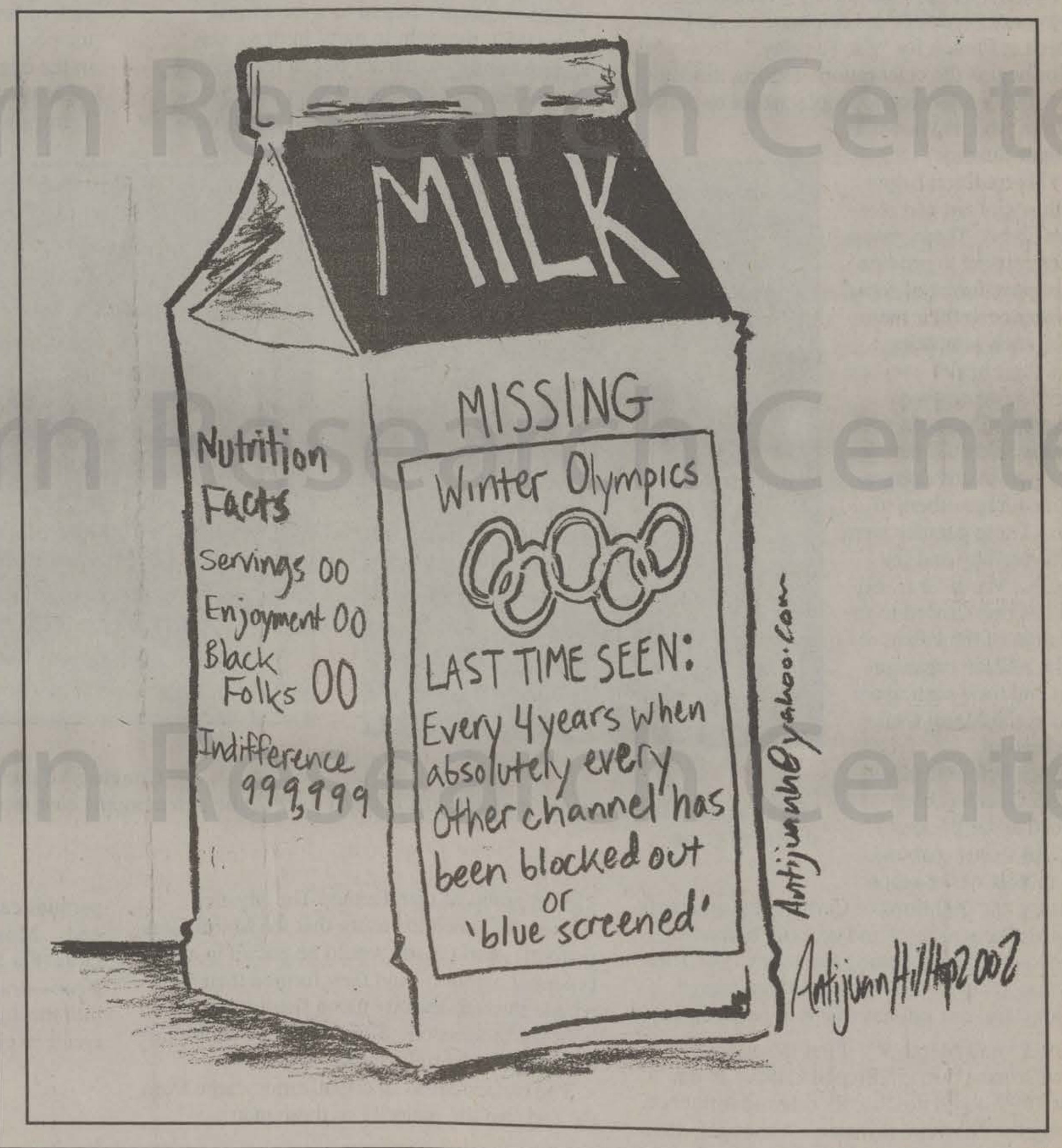
When was the last time you stood up against racism? And if you think racism does not exist then you're as ignorant

as those who practice it. Racism follows you around Nordstrom, has a special on kool-aid for Black History month instead of donating money to schools in our neighborhoods. Racism is the liquor store that is placed in your community opposed to a community center. When social issues become ignored, we are yet doomed. It is time for us to create a new box and stand upon it, and not just this month but for every one. We owe it to Martin, we owe it to Malcolm, and we owe it to ourselves.

Our View:

We need to overcome our stereotypes, of ourselves to overcome closet racism.

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson



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The Poster Boys of Peace

Since 1901, five prestigious awards of achievement have been given out annually in the name of "Renaissance Man," Alfred Nobel -the philanthropist and creator of this award. A lover of peace, Nobel invented the Peace Prize for someone who during the proceeding year had "conferred the greatest benefit on mankind." In addition, another part of the prize could be shared by one who had "done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

This being understood, I find it alarming, disappointing, and even quite disturbing that ranking among those nominated for the 2002 Peace Prize are President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair. In the past, endowments of this honorable award have been designated to people like Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., and Mother Teresa. They exemplified self-sacrifice, fortitude, and courage in their long-term commitment to helping make life better for other people. Yet, presently we have the nominations of two men who know little about sacrifice and a whole lot about having self-motivated careers in politics and living like aristocrats. One is waging a war that has killed perhaps thousands of innocent Afghans during American air-strikes and attacks, the other is standing by whole heartedly support-

ing him.

Bush and Blair were nominated by Norwegian politician Harald Tom Nesvik, who thinks terrorism is the world's biggest threat to peace. Nesvik feels both Bush and Blair are deserving of the award for their work in fighting terrorism and "promoting world peace" after the 11 September attacks. This nomination is possibly self-motivated if you ask me.

Our View:

President Bush is undeserving being endowed with a Nobel Peace Prize, his nomination is a hoax.

Although Bush has a ridiculously high approval rating, we have a President that has done very little to preserve peace. Instead, we have a man who in his role as Commander and Chief, bombed Afghanistan before the United Nations Security Council even gave its approval and is distorting the statutes of the Geneva Conference to discriminate against al-Queda. His endorsement of legislation like the Anti-Terrorist Bill is perhaps one of the biggest threats to the civil liberties of Americans, and is far from being the panacea for curing us from the enemy within.

A global leader deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize is one who is humble, diplomatic, and understanding enough to aggressively engage in peace talks and not war. Bush has yet to speak of peace talks or discuss the role we played in bringing on this attack, instead he immediately used force, which is something an authentic peaceful person never does.

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PERSPECTIVES

By Russell M. Drake

So, You Want to Be a Student Leader?

Conversing with a gentleman interested in running for an executive office within his respective student council, he told me that although he had not been too involved, he could make an impact. We went on conversing and he informed me that the Dean of his college was Dean (Rev.) Goodwin. *Urh!* At that point, I realized that he (and many others) might be headed for failure. In light of that, I'm going to Share my Testimony:

Got put on the scene in fall of 1998. I read up (H-Book, Hilltop, etc...), stayed informed and didn't really get hip to the game until 1999. Ran for office in 2000 (and won) and ran again in 2001 to finish what I started and pave the way for a good future. Sacrificed financially, academically and socially to help my student council blossom. Made time for EVERY meeting and went to other meetings just to make sure we were all on the same accord. Put the TNG Lists out (in the mailbox or under your door) and remain committed towards servant leadership. Put in double time and double effort, and now YOU WANT TO BE A STU-

DENT LEADER. You need to read this! Being a student leader should NOT have just started when you saw the application two weeks ago or because you think you can do a better job than him or her; it should have started when you saw that hole in the wall or the lack of air-conditioning, or when you were tired of complaining and just wanted to solve the problems. If you are really trying to make a change, you should already have some basis in being active on the campus. You should NOT be running for UGSA representative when you have NEVER attended a UGSA meeting. You should NOT be running for Student Council President if you do not know what the HUSA Policy Board is (page 139 in the H-Book). What you should be doing is trying to become aware of the student government. More than that, you should evaluate what a leader really is.

Leaders are people whose basis is in serving their constituents. They are there to guide you by educating, motivating, and uplifting you. Leaders are also truthful with you; they don't hide things and they don't make excuses. Lead-

ers are confident, but humble; knowledgeable, but still learning; think outside of the box, yet know their limitations; bold enough to make decisions, and mature enough to take responsibility for their decisions; striving for success, but not afraid of failure; stern enough to handle business, yet mellow enough to have fun; lead when they need to, and know how to follow when others take the lead. The value of good leaders is not just measured by their accomplishments, but more so by their ability to inspire others to lead. More than that, leaders are there to listen to you and work with you as equals, for no matter what titles they may hold, we are all students and human beings, none better than any others.

That brief description of leadership should apply to everyone who thinks that they are leaders. If you think that you are a leader and that does not apply to you, you may need to re-evaluate yourself. If you do not think that you are a leader, and that description does apply to you, then you are a good leader in the making.

I'm not trying to discourage anyone; every-

one can be active and make an impact. However, if you want to become active start at the ground level and work your way up – if you start at the top, you'll finish at the ground level. My purpose in writing this article is to effectively communicate with the student body and help others to understand student government. My time at Howard will end in December, and my time in student government will end in May. I'm just trying to give some tips on what I've learned along the way.

So if you really want to be a student leader, re-read this article and try to apply it to yourself. And if need be, holler at me. From one bison to many others, keep your heads up, and make something happen.

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By Sebastian Parks

One Step Forward, Three Steps Backward

I believe sanity may have escaped Howard University. In all attempts to grasp what may have caused the display of ignorance that I just witnessed, I believe I can never, never find justifiable reason in it. It started off last semester when the brightest and boldest from Howard University broke the windows at Cramton Auditorium while impatiently waiting for free movie tickets. Free movie tickets, I write this with emphasis to underline the stupidity in the action. Oh, but our intellect grows each semester. It was February 5th, when a young lady, a friend, was slapped in the Howard University Cafeteria. Yet, in order to grasp the entirety of slave mentality the fun had to continue. February 6th, the day after the genius of a boy decided to test his man hood by a slapping a woman, a food fight escalated into a fist fight. I just wanted to say thank you, of course speaking from the standpoint of our oppressors who already view African Americans as unruly, uncouth, and unintelligent specimens. Howard University students you have proven yourself to not be the actual Mecca of African American intellectuals, but an actual fraud of what we hyped ourselves up to be. Oh, I hate to seem negative, but isn't this exactly how we are depicted. How can it be that at the plethora of

great black minds that we in case the same mentality of the streets that many of us escaped from in order to live a better life? Is it possible? I thought not, but the problem wasn't the show of sheer niggerism (and yes I know the origin, so take it in the context that applies) the problem was in fact the problem which haunts the African American community today. The problem, the stereotype that has been created by our Western European trustworthy friends, apathy, once described in a sense by Cornell West as Nihilism. When I stood there watching the actions of cavemen, a young lady observing in entertainment had the audacity to say, "This happens at every college, not just Howard." That's it. Is that what the new generation of Howard students accept? Have we reached complacency in our advancement? Are we at a stalemate? Are we not the talented tenth? Have we accepted here, at the Mecca, that we can be the same as other universities? Have we ceased to be the Excellency that our rich tradition holds true? I just ask in concern, that we, at Howard University, be that change. Our speech, our actions, all of us, we make up what the future holds for Black America. Remember that.

Beef Man

By Antijuan Jackson

Yo, is it just me or
is the NBA madd Black?
Negroes are doing big things.

Wait, this explains it—Black history month.
Plus, it's just the entertainment sector. And last night
that cab not only passed me up, that fool tried to hit me.
Only one phrase is appropriate for pseudo achievement:
"BLACK RAGER"

I peeped that at the All-Star weekend.
For a sec I thought NBC was BET.
Even the commercials got hip-hop flavor.

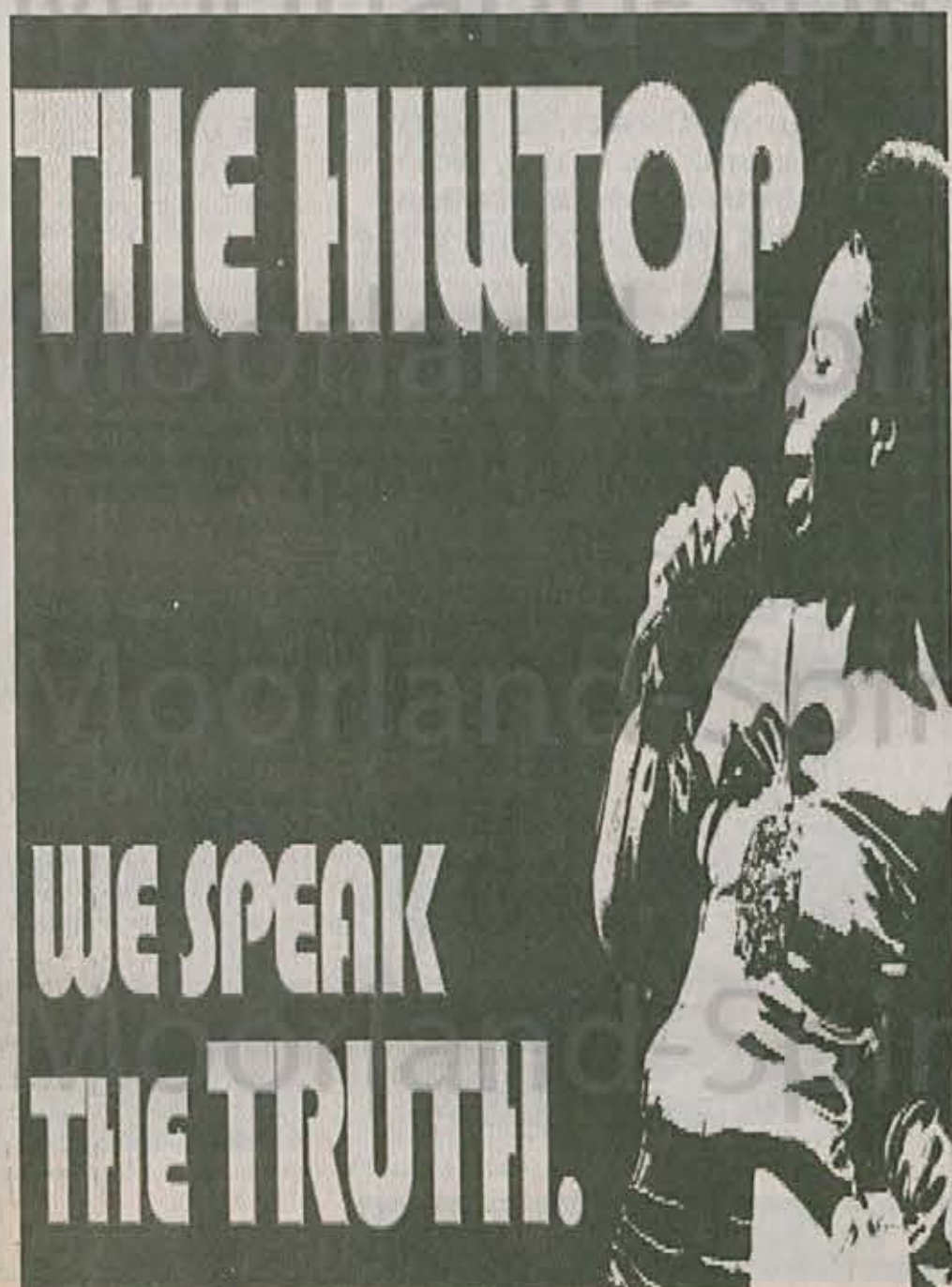
Okay, who's gonna catch one.
The hand is cocked and ready to deliver
Where the hell is Ahmad Rashad?



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HUSA Candidates State Their Platform, Ideas

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and Justin Hansford rustle for the Undergraduate Trustee position. Candidates for the role of Graduate Trustee are Janelle Phillip and Marwan Porter.

Several of the candidates spoke to The Hilltop, giving a short overview of their platform and goals for the University.

HUSA candidates Arabella Littlepage and Karim M. Shabazz

Junior Political Science major, Arabella Littlepage, and Senior Political Science Major, Karim Shabazz, are boosting their campaign under the platform of "Envision...Seeing is Believing." Littlepage said she hopes to establish a surveying system, where students are sent to various administrative offices seeking both positive and negative aspects to compile as data. This data will then be presented to the head of that office as a notice of student treatment and the impression that students felt by this treatment. Littlepage wants to improve the communication between students and HUSA by creating a calendar for dispersal, e-mail messages, ads in student papers, and dispersal of flyers in dorms and in Blackburn. She also hopes create proposal writing workshops and a leadership development series, where students will gain leadership skills.

"We wanted to have a platform that is not all fluff," said Littlepage in her press release. "We want the stu-

dent body to envision themselves making a positive contribution to the Howard Community."

HUSA candidates Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt

Running under the platform of "The Awakening," Junior Legal Communications major, Cornell Williamson, and Advertising Major, T. Nicole Merritt, hope to "promote awareness, involvement, and change" as the essential heads of HUSA.

Williamson said he plans to work with voter education stressing that "students have been disenfranchised in Howard's past and is important that students vote now."

Merritt said that transfer students are not made aware of the functions of student government, being that she transferred to Howard. She plans on changing that, while also increasing the exposure HUSA leaders have with the leaders of other schools.

"We could try to see how they do things," said Merritt.

Merritt is the present Ms. School of Communications and Williamson is the president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Beta Chapter. Williamson also sits on HUSA's judiciary board, and is the president of the mock trial team.

"We really want to open students eyes to what Howard has to offer," said Williamson.

Undergraduate Trustee candidate Jaha Howard

Junior biology major, Jaha Howard, has an array of initiatives he plans to undertake if he captures the position of Undergraduate Trustee. Howard first wants to create an African American Center, where issues pertaining to the black community can be addressed and discussed. He wants to work with the present Undergraduate Trustee, Breana Smith, to create an H-book for future trustees so they "don't go in there blind." A partnership with a major work out facility is in the works for Howard, as he hopes to provide a better facility for athletes and students.

If Howard becomes trustee, he would be one of the few trustees that forms an unofficial staff beneath him.

"I work well with people, and that is what I am used to doing, so a staff could help me with day-to-day operations," Howard said.

FOCUS is his platform, which stands for flexibility, opportunity, cooperation, understanding, and service. As the present Vice-President of the Arts and Science Student Council and former Vice-President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Howard feels he can push is FOCUS platform along.

Undergraduate Trustee candidate Justin Hansford In honor of Black History Month, Justin Hansford is running under the platform of "The Black Star Campaign"; he got the idea from Marcus Garvey's steam company. The focus is on economic independence and

self-reliance.

Unfortunately, Hansford was unavailable for further comment.

Graduate Trustee candidate Janelle Phillip The first-year graduate student, Janelle Phillip, working toward a master's degree in social work, said she does not have a platform. She structures her campaign behind her corporate experience with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which is the primary money printing division of the American government. She also works with the Washington Adventist Hospital, which she ensures, gives her the experience to head the trustee position.

"I am not selling anything false. What I am saying is that I can conduct myself in a professional manner, not just for graduate students but for the undergraduate students also."

Phillip wants to offset costs in tuition by raising money and donating some of her own. She plans on helping with recruitment and with alumni giving, by "raising students concerns about how important it is to give back."

"This position is gives the University long-term benefits," Phillips said. "I am also looking out for my children that will attend this school in the future."

Graduate Trustee candidate Marwan Porter Unfortunately, Marwan Porter was not available for comment.

Student Attempts Suicide in Tubman Quadrangle

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and the main cause of stress for many entering college students.

"We're troubled by it, especially when you are dealing with a student suicide attempt," Smith said. "Some students come to Howard or other universities finding themselves the first time away from home at 17, 18, or 19, and they have to navigate their way through this maze their first year."

Smith said when students go away to school they must forge support systems to have people to count on in times of need, much like a family. According to him, parents, University faculty members and classmates can be part of this system.

The American Association of Suicidology said that in 1997, on an average 5.3 Blacks committed suicide each day. People between the ages of 15 and 24

accounted for roughly 11.5 % of the people committing take their own life daily. Suicide was the third leading cause of death of people in the 15-24 age group.

Smith recommended that when friends know of others who are having thoughts of committing suicide that they should contact someone trained to help the individual.

"Students contemplating suicide often feel an inability to deal with their problems. It is important that someone from his or her support system refers that troubled person right away. Those minor problems need to be addressed immediately instead of waiting until they compound," Smith said.

Dr. Wilber Lacey, a psychiatrist from the University Counseling Service, outlined possible causes of suicide.

"Suicide is a hostile act that can feed off of depression, but it can also feed off of hostility, anger, impulsiveness, alcohol, or drugs," Lacey said. "Suicide is a very complicated issue and should not be simplified as always being caused by depression."

Lacey said students in college are often struggling to please their parents before pleasing themselves.

"Majorities of people who are depressed contemplate suicide. A lot of students we see at the clinic have been depressed because of their families. Students will come in and say they want to major in performing arts, for example, even though their parents want them to pursue something else," Lacey said.

Lacey suggests individuals who are thinking about taking their own life seek help and try not to spend too much time alone. She said the best way to find out if a friend is suicidal is to simply ask.

The University Counseling Service offers help for all of those who wish to speak with a professional about depression, anxiety and other personal problems. They are located in the School of Communications. Information courtesy of the University Counseling Service and 2001-02 H Book.

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A Letter to an Unknown Friend

Dear friend,

For a year and counting, we have been silent friends. At times, I noticed you even though I may have been blind to your eyes. I have walked by you on the yard countless times and I remember on several occasions we exchanged passing glances.

I remember the one time we spoke but that was only by chance. In class one day, you asked me a question about an assignment, in my amazement, I answered with glossy eyes but I quickly turned away.

But today as I take a moment to observe you, I notice you have grown and sadly, I feel responsible. You are pregnant.

I would call it a mistake but that would be ignorance. I would call you a black girl lost but how could I when I was too scared to find you.

We were never intimately involved, and I have never really spoken to you or taken the time to find out who you really are. I can't even form my lips to say your name. Frankly, I know nothing about you except what my eyes allow me to observe.

But the miserable look in your eyes tells the story. In your face, I can see that's not what you wanted.

If I could weigh all the problems in the world when I look at you, I see a woman carrying more than her share. I feel responsible because if I had taken the time to speak to you maybe I could have helped. Maybe things would have been different for you.

As a friend you never asked for much, in fact you have always been a good friend to me. You have never lied to me, never talked behind my back or ever said anything to hurt me but still I let you down. You have never spread any rumors about me but still I let you down. You have plenty of unknown friends like me, who pass you by daily and wonder. We have all let you down.

I still wonder what your "other" friends told you. I know some may have deserted you because that's just how people are. Some may have suggested that you get an abortion, but that's not the answer you are looking for. I know you well enough to know that you could never willingly take a life — especially one growing inside of you. And if you did toggle with that option, you are too far along now for an abortion.

Your family might be disappointed with you but what's done is done and now you will need them more than ever.

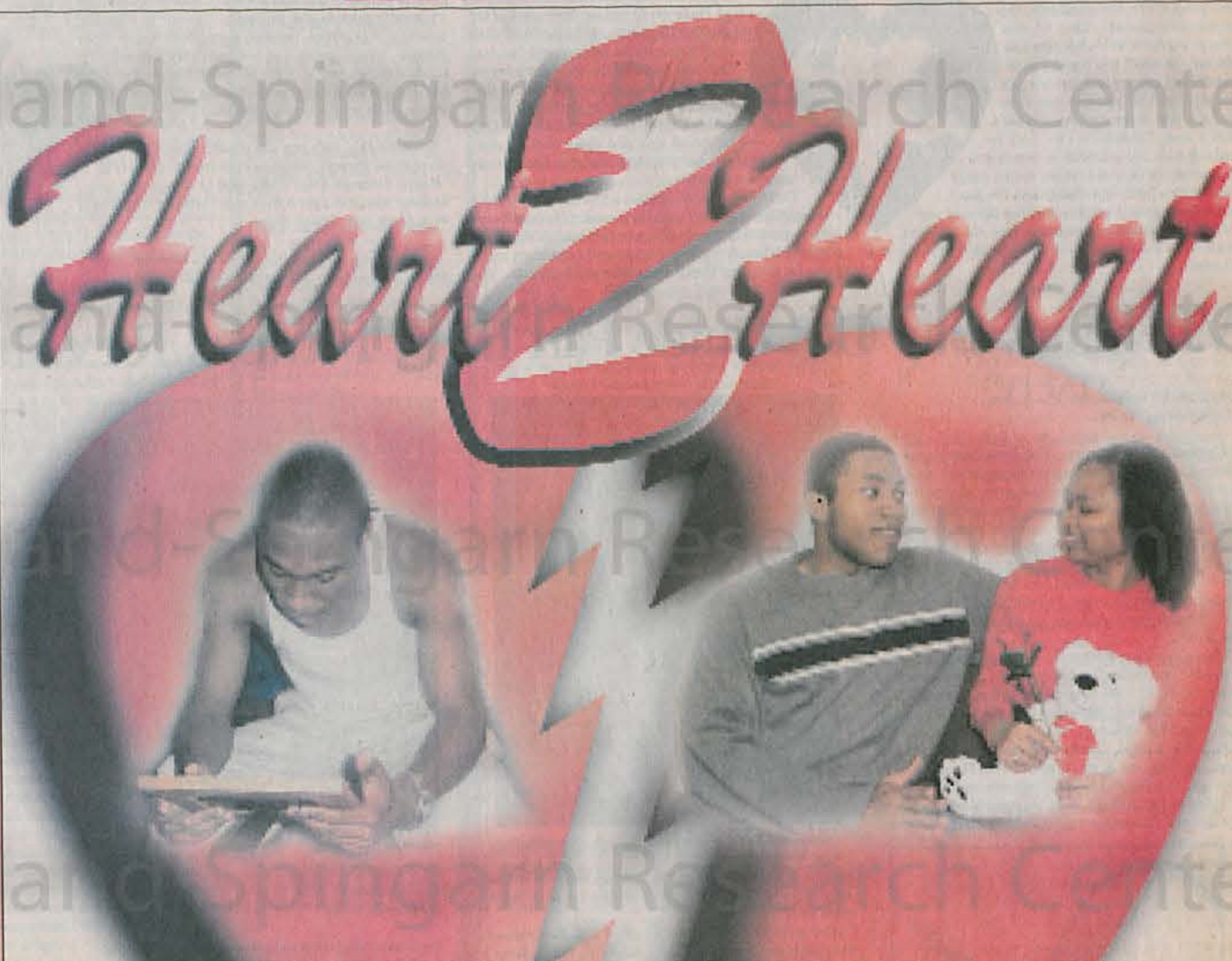
I know you have dreams, aspirations, and goals, and what you are going through now is not one of them. Now when you walk I see you stepping around your dreams, some dreams deferred while others destroyed.

How many more times will I see you? Will you become another shadow in the dark? Will you become another number in somebody's statistic book or will you persevere? Will you become another woman overburdened with responsibility and grief? These are not questions that I or anyone else can answer for you. But whatever the future may hold and as much as you grow, I still think you are beautiful. Happy Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,
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Single On Valentine's Day

By JOHNDELL HILL
Contributing Writer

Valentine's Day is the day that many couples celebrate their love for one another. They hold hands and stroll down the streets while window shopping, making promises and planning a future together. This is the day for love, and showing the one you love just how much you love them. But for those of us who don't have anyone, this day can bring about depression and loneliness. Valentine's Day for the single people can be just as fun as it is for couples.

"Valentine's Day is pure and utter bulls*it, it's just another holiday for companies to make money," said Jeremaih Shannon, a single, senior political science major. Shannon has a point. Many people like him believe that Valentine's Day is a day for companies like Hershey and Godiva to capitalize on the gullibility of the American public, but there is a history.

Valentine's Day started in 5th century Rome where they would traditionally celebrate the Lupercian festival in Mid February. As the story has it, the Lupercian festival was a day to pay homage to the god of fertility, a celebration of sensual pleasure and a time to meet and court a prospective mate. Male participants would pull the names of women from a hat. The women whose names were pulled would be the males' sex partner for the next year until the next festival came around. In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan festival and replaced it with another festival in which men and women

could pull names of saints from a hat and have to relate them for the rest of the year. He chose St. Valentine.

Today, we still have it. St. Valentine was beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of Emperor Claudius. Claudius felt that the Roman soldiers were weak and wanted to keep them strong so he outlawed the tradition of marriage. The customs of this celebration have changed throughout the years, we now acknowledge this day of love as Valentine's Day. While many people who don't have a significant other are left in loveless limbo trying to find out what to do on this day, others think of it as just another day. "I just go about my life as normal," said Lincoln Brown, a single, graduate student majoring in organizational development. He is not alone. Many students will continue with obligations other than celebrating. According to Sharrela Williams, a single, legal communication major, she "will be in mock

trials practice."

Another problem with this day is the stigma that comes along with being single. "Many people think that most singles are unhappy," said Carol Dudley, a single, career development coordinator in the School of Communications. "They think that single people don't talk to anybody. They do, they are just not committed." According to Deepak Chopra, author of the book "The Path to Love," "Sadly many people enter lifelong relationships in which love fades. When you find love is when you find yourself."

For the many who are deeply involved with that special someone, there are other ways to unveil the compassion one feels for their partner. "Ya know, I'd like to spend the day by taking my girl to a restaurant for dinner and drinks. Flowers are complimentary for a day like this, but I will probably cop (buy) some lingerie as a gift... fun for the both of us. At the end of the day I will be laying beside my girl for the night and waking up to breakfast in the morning," stated Champlain Jones, sophomore. Luckily, his girl has got a winner, but will Jones successful-

ly find the right piece of lingerie or that perfect restaurant to share with his girlfriend on Valentine's Day? Victoria's Secret, just like Godiva, always comes out on top. Their store contains a wide assortment of sleepwear, lingerie, body scents, and fragrances that will accent any woman.

If you choose not to buy from the store, link into www.victoriasecret.com for specials on panties and bra sets, make-up, jewelry, and scents. Nordstrom also keeps a very nice lingerie department where featured names such as DKNY, Calvin Klein, Jockey, and Guess intimates range from \$15-\$75.

Washington, DC maintains a diverse choice of top-notch restaurants that cater to Valentine's Day. Certain highlighted spots, by the critics of the Washingtonian magazine, featured Citronelle in the Latham Hotel on 3000 M St., NW. This restaurant will be displaying and serving a huge line up of assorted desserts from all around the world. Also, the Market Street Bar & Grill at the Hyatt Regency in Virginia is offering a "dessert-for-two" package that is \$40, and includes a bottle of champagne and a rose. For a late night drink and dessert after 11pm, Galileo on 1110 21st St., NW is a comfortable lounge spot to drop pass after a dinner escapade. Other restaurants include the Bistro Bis, Vidalia, Melrose, and Kinkead's, all located within the District. A classic restaurant will give the couple a chance to talk and focus on the fact that on this day and for many days to come, they will be able to share many memories together.

Other gifts for that special girl include the new Girlie Denim Skinny with wristlet for only \$42, a huge phenomena in the purse industry for the new year.

For that special man Coach presents the men's wallet for a price of \$48, and compliments his companion's purse, also Eddie Bauer has a leather kit bag, for \$48. Colognes seem to gain popularity on this day: Chanel, Versace's Blue Jeans, Davidoff, etc. for a price range of \$30-\$80. Pajama pants for sleepwear are always at the Gap and Old Navy for reasonable prices of \$20-\$30. For times when a friend is buying a gift for a male, the best way to go around this complicated situation is with gift certificates to their favorite shoe or clothing stores. Athletic stores are always on a male's shopping list, and carry the basic tennis shoes, comfortable clothing, and sports team caps.

Observing the yard a little more, I wonder who will be flattered on the day of love by that special someone. Will they enjoy the undesirable box of chocolates and the soon to wilt flower bundles? Or will they wine and dine at a notable restaurant after the sun has set? It truly does not matter how the person shares the love, but it depends on whom he/she will share it with, because the only thing that matters is how this person can be the most influential towards you and the way you perceive the understanding of "love".

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Cupid Stand by: 'Cause Love is in the Air

By TIFFIN MCKENNA
Contributing Writer

As we wind and slide into the new year, we come to a time where we begin to evaluate the people who surround us, and use this fresh, new start to admire the one we wish to share the '02 with. Thus, we experience a time of Cupid's battle against the separation of male and female; lover to lover... Valentine's Day. It is a day of exchanging thanks and empathy for being a part of one's life. It is clear that romance and lust take over on February 14.

Though it does not seem that campus love exists, in all actuality Howard has brought people together. The main question is how can a college student express admiration, with a gift that is both symbolic and reasonable in price, while money becomes tight when venturing throughout the college years.

"Being an independent, single man, my options are open. But don't get me wrong, I would like to spend Valentine's Day with that special somebody," Jay Barney, junior, stated after being asked whether or not he was involved. "I'll keep it simple, with no attachments, and bring the girl chocolates, maybe Godiva, and flowers... a classic and traditional way." Yes, Godiva always remains a chocolate winner throughout every year. Their Valentine's Day specials include a "True Love Heart" box for the price of \$24, or there is the option of the "Valentine's Day Balloons 1lb." chocolate box for \$37.

Another simple way to explore for chocolate items is 1-800-FLOWERS.com. Prices range from \$20-\$80. These arrangements include: chocolate-covered Oreos, "Roses with Hershey's Chocolates", and "Mauve Bear with Heart Shaped Can," which are all priced at either \$40 or less. Along with chocolates, 1-800-FLOWERS.com, features their beautiful flowers with the "Sentimental Valentine," a pretty pink and purple flower bundle speckled with baby's breath for \$40, and "Bugs Hugs Rose Plant" for an outstanding \$20. There are many places to go for this simple, but very romantic gift, but take these options into consideration. Taren Addison, of Maryland, responded, "I truthfully do not like the assorted chocolate gift. Flowers are cool, but chocolates are a no, no because there are only two good flavors out of twenty in the box. Besides, most of those chocolate boxes go to waste."

For the many who are deeply involved with that special someone, there are other ways to unveil the compassion one feels for their partner. "Ya know, I'd like to spend the day by taking my girl to a restaurant for dinner and drinks. Flowers are complimentary for a day like this, but I will probably cop (buy) some lingerie as a gift... fun for the both of us. At the end of the day I will be laying beside my girl for the night and waking up to breakfast in the morning," stated Champlain Jones, sophomore. Luckily, his girl has got a winner, but will Jones successful-

Valentine's Day or Sweetest Day: Which Do You Prefer?

By Bernard 'Poet' Murray

Everybody who has somebody knows if February 14 is overlooked in least or if the gift isn't to her standards, that night you'll probably think of what you could have had while she's in the next room. If you care for your significant other you'll get her just the right gift so you two can sleep happier that night. But wait; what's that I hear, Valentine's Day isn't the only day on the calendar in which you honor the one(s) you love (or really, really like) with a little something from the heart. I am talking about *Sweetest Day*! For those of you who aren't fortunate enough to be from the Midwest, it's a small holiday celebrated on the third Saturday of October.



Sweetest Day was established in 1960 by a man from Cleveland, Ohio who watched as the orphans and shut-ins in the neighborhood were being neglected and forgotten. He wanted to show them that someone cared. He received support from a few of his neighbors and together they distributed small gifts to those orphans and shut-ins. That next year, on the third Saturday of October, Clevelanders took part in this ceremony and began the tradition of Sweetest Day. The idea of Sweetest Day was to spread love and cheer to the underprivileged, but over the years it has been broadened to everybody.

There are some who believe Sweetest Day to be a fake Valentine's Day or a clever scam Hallmark created to generate money. When in fact both of these are correct, Hallmark and many other card companies make cards for Sweetest Day that are cute and humorous. But

in no way am I saying that Sweetest Day is better or more important than Valentine's Day (though the Midwest is holding it down), all I am trying to do is enlighten the general public of this holiday that's widely overlooked by people outside the Midwest. I spoke to Kamaria Smith, a sophomore psychology/pre-med major from Buffalo, who is proof that Sweetest Day has truly reached those outside of the Midwest. She recalls her high school boyfriends buying her small tokens of their affection for Sweetest Day.

Sweetest Day isn't just shared with your romantic interest. Parents, siblings, even friends can get a "Happy Sweetest Day." Take time to show some love to those who don't get it from you normally. Think of it as a, *I love you...man* holiday.

Sweetest Day, as I recalled earlier last semester, wasn't getting the publicity it deserves. You can join the crowd

or be the outcast, it's up to you. But Sweetest day is a cute holiday, and it's suppose to be a fun holiday where you can give love and touch that special someone. Smith disagrees, "the entire concept behind Sweetest Day is overrated and over-commercialized and I'd rather celebrate Valentine's Day." However there is no denying that Sweetest Day is a holiday that can't be overlooked, it's about to spread throughout the whole country. Mark it on your calendar now before you forget.



Valentines Day Gift Guide Part II A Fitness Revolution

By Danielle Pointdujour
Contributing Writer

It happens to most of us. The New Year begins and you're full of hope for things to come, that is until February rolls around and all the local stores start putting up little hearts and teddy bears in the window and you remember that you're alone. Sure you have friends who are probably in the same boat and you can always count on mom and dad to send you a card, but V-day is a time for lovers and as much as you love your family and friends...it's not the same. So what do you do when you don't have a special someone, but still want that "I'm special feeling?"

"There's nothing wrong with taking time out to treat yourself", according to Nancy Ellis, an employee at Macy's in NYC. "We have customers, male and female, who come in every Valentines Day for a little pampering," says Ellis. However, "a little pampering" at Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Elizabeth Arden, Aveda and other spas, can cost you as much as \$150-\$200 for the basic package, so what's a broke college student to do?

"I plan on just taking a long, hot bath, playing a few of my favorite love songs and watching *Pretty Woman*,"



The coach coin carrier for \$48 is a hot gift to pamper yourself for Valentines Day

says sophomore education major Krystal Mackie. Freshman Andrea Fairweather is taking a different approach, "I'm going to be my own Valentine. I'm buying myself



Giving yourself a gift of roses should make your Valentines Day a one to remember

flowers, going to dinner and the movies, and who knows, maybe while I'm out I'll find someone for next Valentines Day."

Now fellas I haven't forgotten about you. Just because you might not be in to the self-pampering thing, doesn't mean you can't find a way to enjoy your V-day. "Men aren't generally into spas or hot baths at home," says Ellis, "but they do like to shop, for themselves anyway." That's right fellas, treat yourself to those new Jordans, that velour Phat Farm suit or that X-Box game you've been dying to play, after all who said February 14th was just for women.

Now if being alone is not gonna cut it because you will eventually depress yourself thinking about your friend and their mate, then spending time with friends is always a great way to get your mind off of being romantically challenged. Rent a few movies and make tacos with the girls or go out to the club and spit your best game with your boys, basically, do you.

No matter how you spend this special day, always remember one important thing. It doesn't matter who you're with, where you go, or how much money you spend, the greatest gift you could ever give yourself or even that special someone, is the gift of complete and unconditional love. Because love is something that will never get lost, stolen, broken or go out of style and it's the gift that gives itself to you all year long.



Third Power Fitness gets many local DC residents in the workout mood

By Chris Cooper
Contributing Writer

The Adams Morgan bar and restaurant scene is being challenged by a new hybrid, Third Power Fitness, a gym unlike any other by day; it also functions as one of the area's new evening hot spots. Founded by Edward "Steel" Rush, a Howard Law School graduate, Third Power Fitness creates a unique environment for people to work out. "I wanted to create the kind of facility that I wished I could have worked out in," says Rush.

Rush bought out the old gym, Muscle Beach, a couple of months ago and converted the bland gym into one with flavor. The gym's lounge interior blends African art and modern furniture. The rest of the 8,000 square foot facility offers a wide variety of strength, conditioning, and cardiovascular equipment. Sounds of jazz, Hip Hop, and new age music fill the air. Over size windows reveal an eighteen square foot boxing ring where passer bys get a look at the variety of activities that the gym offers.

Unlike most gyms that offer watered down versions of boxing and kickboxing in the form of aerobics, Third Power Fitness gives members an opportunity to train as if they came to learn how to fight. "The main difference is that we stress authenticity. We don't teach aerobics...you are trained as if you want to be a fighter. There is none of that jumping around flailing of the arms stuff," says Rush. Instead, the rigorous cardiovascular and muscular workouts combine drills similar

to those of boxing and kickboxing, incorporating learning combinations and pad work. Members can put their newly found skills to the test every Friday night as the club has open sparring. Grappling, another form of combat fighting is offered, and Capoeira will be added later this month. The gym's instructors have the combined teaching and fighting experience of over 50 years.

To balance the energy of all the combat classes, Third Power Fitness offers Tai Chi, Yoga, and Chi Gong (another form of moving meditation). "It's a great way to relax and relieve stress," says one member.

Perhaps the most unique class offered is African dance that is backed by live drummers. Not only do members learn the movements and steps, but they also get a great cardio workout. Dancer/choreographer Jennifer Martin, a Howard student, began taking the class. "It was great; dancing is such a fun way to work out. I definitely burned some pounds," says Martin.

The club also has several upcoming seminars and benefits. Seminars about herbal alternatives for health combat Kimoyo and many others are planned for the facility. "During 'Black History Month,' we are going to do a benefit for independent Black Primary Schools in DC...namely the Roots Learning Activity center and others" says Rush.

In the evening, the gym will be converted into one of DC's chill spots with "Work Out Parties," "Open Mic" night, and will play host to special exhibition fights. The events will create a club like atmosphere with a DJ, oxygen bar, organic fruit, and a special half-hour circuit set up for those who want to get a quick workout. "You get to party with some of the best bodies in DC...You don't come home smelling like smoke, there's no alcohol and no reason to feel guilty in the morning" says Rush.

The fusion of gym and fitness facility is a 10-minute walk from the Meridian, making it ideal for many Howard students. "The walk is cool; it's like walking up to Safeway" says one Meridian Hill resident.



Many students in 3rd Power Fitness' training room take advantage of its spaciousness

Roses are Red;
Violets are Wild,
Enjoy your Valentines Day,
On behalf of

Life
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What to watch...



Jackie Robinson was the first African American to integrate baseball.

Tuesday, February 12

The Jackie Robinson Story, WHUT (2): The second baseman who not only changed the face of the game, but also the way it was played tells his own side of the story. Ruby Dee also stars in Jackie Robinson's story that tells how he helped break the color barrier in the major leagues. **Time: 8:00 PM**

The Real World, MTV (21): Kyle and Keri argue about how he treats her when they're with his friends; Theo brings home several girls for a party and one of them throws up in the shower stall, angering his housemates. **Time: 10:00 PM**

Blind Date, WB50 (26): If you have not been on a blind date, you may want to either consider getting into one or reconsider. Catch the big-daddy of all dating shows, as host Robert Lodge takes you into the wild world of dating in the new millennium. This is definitely not your parent's Love Connection.

Wednesday, February 13

The Middle Passage, HBO (30): In a haunting, poetic tone, *The Middle Passage*, describes the way men, women and children were stolen from their villages and crammed into a ship's hold, many wasting away in their own filth or taking their own lives. **Time: 7:30 PM**

Duke Ellington's Washington, WHUT (2): Take an intimate look into the life of one of Washington, DC's most famous native sons. More importantly, get a peak in the past Washington's Uptown scene during the 1920's is revealed. **Time: 8:00 PM**

Tales From the Crypt, Sci-Fi (33): Looking for a little horror in your life? *Tales from the Crypt* presents a touch of B-movie nostalgia and stars Jada Pinkett in a clash between good and evil over a key that can unlock dark forces. **Time: 10:00 PM**

Thursday, February 14

Living Dolls: The Making of a Child Beauty Queen, HBO (30): A look at the world of child beauty pageants, including preparation and execution, and the financial burdens assumed by parents. Included: a 5-year-old Florida girl and her mother traverse the South from one competition to another. **Time: 7:00 PM**

Be Heard: Global Discussion with Colin Powell, MTV (21): The Secretary of State fields questions in an interactive international conference slated to be taped today in Washington, D.C. Powell, a key figure in the war on terrorism, is expected to discuss the rapidly evolving nature of foreign policy in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. Howard students will also be taking place in the forum, which is moderated by John Norris and Gideon Yago. **Time: 8:00 PM**

NBA Washington Wizards v. Sacramento Kings, TNT (36): Last time these two met in Washington as the Wizards pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the first half of the season. Now, the Wizards are going back to Sacramento. Will MJ and the Wizards be able to take down Webber and the Kings where they have only lost one game at home? Watch and find out! **Time: 9:00 PM**

Compiled by Jozen Cummings, Hilltop Staff Writer

Calendar

What's Going On This Week?

Tuesday 2/12/02

What: Jam to the tunes of the Buck Creek Jazz Band as they perform from their repertoire of Dixieland jazz.

Where: Millennium Stage-The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; 2700 F. Street NW, 202-467-4600

When: 6 PM

How much: Free

What: Join Richard L. Friedman, chairman of the Security Task Force of the National Planning Commission, as he discusses increased security efforts around Washington's monuments.

Where: National Building Museum; 401 F Street NW, 202-272-2448

When: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

How much: Free

Thursday 2/14/02

What: Have a chic Valentine's Day at the reception and sneak preview of *Happenstance* (*Le Battement d'ailes du Papillon*). The reception includes pastries and champagne.

Where: Visions Cinema Bistro Lounge; 1927 Florida Avenue, 202-667-0090

When: 6:30 PM

How much: \$6 for students

What: Ignite the romance this evening with a guided tour through the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory.

Where: U.S. Botanic Garden; 100 Maryland Avenue SW, 202-226-4082

When: 5 PM-6 PM

How much: \$12 couples, \$7 singles

Wednesday
2/13/02

What: Take a trip to Maryland tonight to enjoy classic black films from the 1930s and 1940s. Film librarian Kent Moore will screen and provide commentary for this weekly event.

Where: Largo-Kettering Branch Library; 9601 Capital Lane, 301-336-4044

When: 7 PM

How much: Free

What: Entertain your inner child by attending the DC production of "Disney on Ice," presenting four Disney classics.

Where: MCI Center; 601 F Street NW, 202-432-7328

When: 7 PM

How much: \$13-\$40

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Wednesday, February 13, 2002

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Tuesday, February 12, 2002

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How not to define Yourself on Valentine's Day

By TIFFANY D. JACKSON

Roses are red, violets are blue, things are sweet but not when it comes to you and Valentine's Day. A time when gifts are prevalent and romance is in the air. For couples, it's one of their most favorite times of the year. For others, it is easy to get bitter and simple to define yourself on such an easy gift-giving holiday. Like Christmas and birthdays, it's hard to decide where you stand with one another. Is it appropriate to buy someone a gift even when there was no verbal agreement on where your relationship stands? That's just one of the many hardships that come with V-Day.

If there is one day that women take completely different face it would have to be the V-Day. On one side, women look happy, dress in their best, and carry the flowers their man obviously gave them. On the other hand, some women are dressed in black with the most disgruntled face you've ever seen. Some may even accidentally trip one of the happier girls, just for evil fun. Whether this is your first V-Day with your man or lover, or this is the first time without one, this article is for you.

There is no simple explanation on why some women hate Valentine's Day. Many believe it's jealousy but I don't believe that's the only reason. I've hated Valentine's Day since I was five years old and I'm far from jealous. Being hurt at such a young age affected me until I was eighteen. Even if I had a man and it just happened to be V-Day he definitely wouldn't see me on that day. At times, I couldn't even bring myself to school because I didn't want to see all the girls flaunt their roses and jewelry. I thought it would be even worse as a freshman living in an all girls dorm and seeing the flower trucks pull up to the dorm. This year, I'm trying something new. I'm going to be positive about this Hallmark holiday, and I give you the same advice.

Personally I don't think we should let one day of the year define our worth and how much another person loves us. If that's the case Valentine's Day should be every day of the year. There shouldn't be one set day where you get all the treatment that you deserve on every other day. And just because you didn't get that rose or ring on V-Day doesn't mean no one loves you. You have lots of friends and family that care about you. Some women live and die for that perfect day. You should live for it to be perfect 365 days of the year. So I wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day, may you have lots of sex, plenty of chocolate, and someone special (whether it be a man or friend) to share it with. But hey don't listen to me, I just live life and write about it!

By: Nia McLean
Staff Writer

This Valentine's Day, give something from the heart that touches both the soul and the mind. Show that special someone that you appreciate more than what's on the outside. Give him/her a book, the gift that keeps on giving, especially when it comes to L-O-V-E. No matter what your Valentine's type, one of these love/passion-inspiring books should suit him/her well.

POETIC Love Poems

By: Nikki Giovanni
William Morrow & Co.January 1997
ISBN# 0688149898
\$12.00, hardback

How do I love thee? Say it with poetry from one of the most provocative poets of this century. If you do not have a way with words, leave it to someone who definitely does with this collection of romantic, sexy, serious, and silly verses. (Personal favorite, pg. 78)



TRUE STORIES

Top 10 Most Romantic Restaurants For V-Day

By ELENA BERGERON
Contributing Writer

Whether you've counted the days until February 14th, waiting to do the whole flowers-cards-candy thing, or closed your eyes and tried to ignore hints from a significant (or not so significant) other, the fact is it's almost here. Valentine's Day forces everyone in any sort of relationship to find a way to celebrate their stage of romantic love, regardless of its depth or duration. For most, hopefully, that celebration will mean a trek beyond sharing an order of chicken tenders in the Punchout.

Good intentions aside though, V-Day's approach often prompts a last-minute scramble to the phone book to find a restaurant both special enough for the occasion (no drive-thru window) and fitting for your level of love/like. This year, don't let the progress of that relationship hinge on the advice of Verizon, or worse, on fate as you stab blindly between lists with your eyes closed. Here are ten can't-miss romantic restaurants that, barring any bone-headed comments about your exes or a faux pas involving your date, your steak knife and the emergency room, should inspire a cozy, snuggly, and all-together revolting display of post-dinner affection.

The list takes into account as many definitions of 'romantic' as possible, offering a variety of dining styles, locations, and price ranges; because although ornate, extravagant restaurants are impressive, nothing is less romantic than not being able to cover the check or spending the night at the same place as forty other Howard couples. Most of the places that made the list offer prix fixe menus (a choice of specials for a set price) or similar Valentine's Day values in addition to their regular menus, so budgeting should not be a problem. It should also be noted that while all the restaurants on the list are sure-fire, consistently good spots, some great restaurants were left off the list due to factors other than food quality including overcrowding, noise, or difficulty of their type of food (imagine trying to hold hands as your date cracks open her crab legs). With that being said, here are the restaurants that did make the cut:

10. **Banana Café** 500 Eighth St., SE (202) 543-5906

Step outside of the Tex-Mex mold on Valentine's Day. This vibrant Latino spot features Cuban and Puerto Rican delicacies (think braised and smoked meats, stuffed seafood dishes, and lots of beans and rice sides) without breaking the bank. Do the three course prix fixe menu (\$24.95 per per-

son) or order a la carte in the \$8-\$17 range for entrees.

9. **Mehak** 817 Seventh St. (202) 408-9292

This metro-accessible (red-line; Gallery Place/Chinatown) Indian restaurant is perfect for first-timers and culinary adventurers alike. The dim, exotic eatery offers a selection of traditionally spicy and milder versions of flavorful Indian staples with which even the most gluttonous couples can experiment while escaping with a tab under \$30.

8. **SenSeS** 3206 Grace St. (off Wisconsin Ave.) (202) 342-9083

The Georgetown bistro, whose name refers to its mission of appealing to all five of diners' senses with decor, service, and nightly live music, delights patrons' taste buds with a menu full of "gourmet French" treats. The mid-range restaurant (about \$22 per person) has drawn up a Valentine's menu, but couples will be more impressed with the dainty treats on the dessert menu, most notably the banana creme brulee and chocolate dome cake.

7. **Sequoia** 3000 K St., NW (Washington Harbour) (202) 944-4200

A favorite among Howard students in the know, the awe-inspiring view from the dry-docked ship in Georgetown's Washington Harbour sets the stage for romantic gatherings. The ship gained entrance on the list mainly on the strength of its reputation and decor, however, as the middle-of-the-road menu does little to aid or interfere with the evening. Check out the seven Chef's specials on Valentine's night priced from \$6 to \$23.95.

6. **Kuna** 1324 U St., NW (202) 797-790

Take advantage of the under-utilized, resurgent U-Street corridor with Kuna, one of a number of quality restaurants sprouting up along the historic avenue. The neighborhood newcomer offers traditional Italian, its short menu, and focuses on doing the few freshly made pasta dishes well, offering them at ridiculously low prices (most around \$9) to attract customers.

5. **Rocky's Café** 1817 Columbia Ave., NW (202) 387-2580

Rocky's, previously reviewed in this space, cracked the top five with its consistently excellent Caribbean-Creole food. The intimate, dimly lit café has a great inexpensive wine list for those old enough to partake, and Chef

Paul Pelt frequently features specials and even complementary appetizers in addition to fabulous traditional and off-the-wall dishes with an African influence (picture heavenly fried chicken and collard greens or adobo skirt steak with green chile and mushroom salsa butter).

4. **Patisserie Poupon** 1645 Wisconsin Ave. (202) 342-3248

Who says you have to eat a traditional veggies-meat-and-potatoes meal to be romantic? For those who find it easier to get in the mood without a heavy meal in their stomachs, delight your date with decadence. Isn't that what Valentine's Day is all about? Gorge yourselves with the Patisserie's raspberry mousse and chocolate almond mocha cake or other sinfully delectable desserts. The pastry shop also offers the requisite coffee drinks and fresh-squeezed juices in addition to salads and sandwiches if your date wants something more substantial. You'll come off as a hopeless romantic while only shelling out about \$6 a piece.

3. **Cada Vez** 1438 U St., NW (202) 667-0785

The new urbane "restaurant/entertainment experience" will continue its Thursday night jazz series on the 14th with a performance by Royce Brown that will feature a three course dinner. Patrons can choose from the lobster, served with shrimp and pasta or the prime rib with a choice of desserts for \$34 per person.

2. **Le Jardin** 1207 19th St., NW (202) 833-4800

Although the French restaurant can hit pockets hard with entrees ranging from \$16-\$24, savvy Washingtonians know that the secluded restaurant is worth every penny. Besides expertly done dishes, Le Jardin gets everything right with its floral-patterned glass windows, fireplaces and a heated terrace. Anyone not in a romantic mood after leaving this place should have his or her heart checked for frostbite.

1. **Melrose Park Hyatt Hotel** M & 24th St., NW (202) 955-3899

For the hard-core dreamy-eyed romantics, Melrose is everything that Hallmark has taught us that Valentine's Day should be: white linen, roses, dinner and dancing. From the exquisite art decor, attentive service and comfortable, private tables Melrose is a class act and a perfect Valentine's choice, but its prices are not for the faint of heart or those who won't eschew the Timberland/Roc-a-Wear look for a jacket and tie.

Weekly Horoscope: February 10- February 17, 2002

Aries (3/21-4/20)

Try to be more sensitive to other people's feelings. At times you tend to be harsh. Be patient, and do not rush anyone into anything they are uncomfortable with.

Taurus (4/21-5/21)

For those of you who are already in a relationship, you plan to spend more time with your sweetie this week. For those of you who are single, your demanding workload keeps you from having a social life this week.

Gemini (5/22-6/21)

Spiritual concepts appeal to you at this time. You try to change your views on various subject matters.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)

You attract a lot of attention this week. Members of the opposite sex compliment you on everything and you get many invitations to certain events.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

Be careful of how you say things and to whom. You always feel that you should be in control, however not this time. Be prepared to answer to people of a higher status.

Virgo (8/23-9/23)

This weekend, you will go away to spend time with your true love. Be prepared to have fun and indulge in deep conversations.

Libra (9/24-10/23)

Someone leaves an important decision in your hands this week. You take on many responsibilities and will interact closely with a Capricorn.

Scorpio (10/24- 11/22)

Although you will be very jealous this week, you experience a spiritual connection with someone new.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21)

You will finally get the chance to enjoy things that you did when you were younger. You will be a celebrity in your own little way. Flirt with the person you always wanted to get with.

Capricorn (12/22-1/20)

Stay mentally alert the 11th-13th. Your ideas will be much needed and your creativity will flourish. For all you female Capricorns, expect a fun date with the guy you just met.

Aquarius (1/21-2/19)

You have a lot of things on your mind right now and you come across as being aloof to those around you. Try not to seem so withdrawn from everything.

Pisces (2/20- 3/20)

Your calm nature and open mind is what holds you and a group of your closest friends together. You will be surrounded by many opinionated people.

Compiled by Leesa Davis, staff writer



For Lovers Only Library

I Hear a Symphony: African Americans Celebrate Love

By: Paula L. Woods and Felix Liddell (editors)

Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group
November 1995ISBN# 0385475039
\$19.95, paperback

Not just a song by the Supremes, this book contains everything including pictures, essays, fiction, non-fiction, and tender love letters from the likes of W.E.B. DuBois and Frederick Douglass to Terry McMillan and Bebe Moore Campbell.



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Love Supreme

By: TaRessa and Calvin Stovall
Warner Books, IncorporatedJanuary 2000
ISBN# 044652171X
\$23.95, hardback

Whoever said the true love between the black man and black woman cannot exist needs to read this book. Coffee table-style, this book is full of pictures and stories of real people who beat the odds, including Colin Powell and his wife



Alma. But, don't get it twisted, this is not only for the older generation,

there are couples of every age, career, and background. Seeing is believing.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER Brothers, Lust and Love: Thoughts on Manhood, Sex, and Romance

By: William July, II

Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group
April 1998ISBN# 0385491492
\$12.95, paperback

Author of Understanding the Tin Man. William July, II returns with this book that looks at the rift between black men and women. In terms of keeping it real, it doesn't get any realer than in this book, that delves into everything from the myths that black women hold about black men and romance to the reasons that black men date white women. Like it or not, there are serious issues in terms of black men and black women and in this latest offering, July seeks to tell it like it is.

For Lovers Only



Salvation: Black People and Love
By: bell hooks
HarperTrade
December 2001
ISBN# 006059495
\$12.95, paperback
Looking for more depth than flowers and candy? Prolific

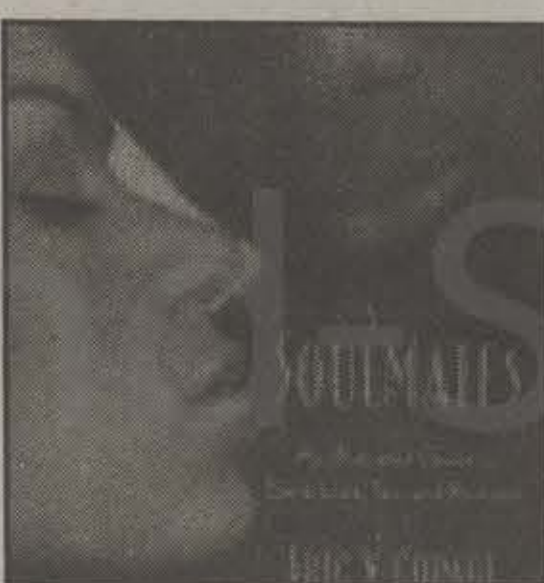
and controversial black feminist, author bell hooks offers a culturally historic perspective of love in the black community. hooks places love in a social context and examines it critically in this best-selling novel.

BEDTIME STORIES
Erotique Noire: Black Erotica
By: Miriam DeCosta-Willis, R. Martin, Roseann P. Bell, and Reginald Martin (editors)
Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group
August 1992
ISBN# 0385423098
\$15.95, paperback
Some say the imagination is a hotbed for erotic stimulation. What better to rev it up than a steamy anthology of poetry, short stories, and essays from some of



your favorite black authors? From Alice Walker to Ntozake Shange, this book is as intellectual as it is sexual. This book contains a variety of passionate literature that everyone can savor and enjoy.

Brown Sugar: A Collection of Erotic Black Fiction
By: Carol Taylor (editor)
Dutton/Plume
December 2000
ISBN# 0452282241
\$13.00, paperback
Nineteen stories in all comprise this collection of contemporary eros written by a grouping of established and emerging voices

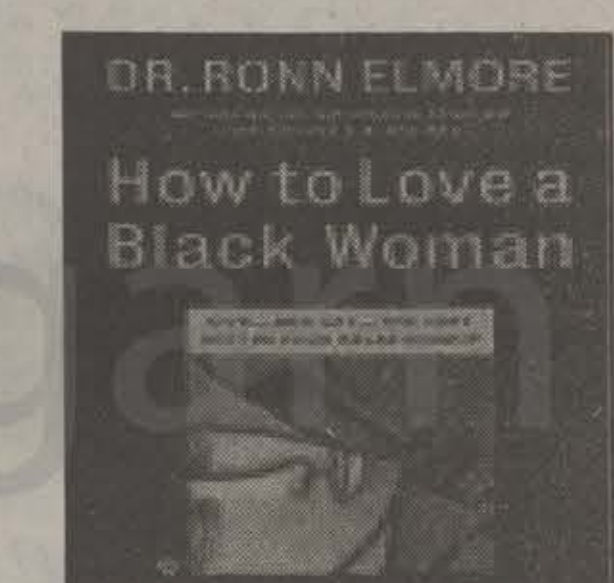


Soulmates: An Illustrated Guide to Black Love, Sex, and Romance
By: Eric V. Copage, Neverne Covington (illustrator)
Dutton/Plume
July 2001
ISBN# 0452281598
\$17.00, paperback
Move over Dr. Comfort, there is a new Joy of Sex, for people of color. Full of helpful hints and drawings and utilizing everything from the Kama Sutra to more modern ideas of lovemaking and sexuality; this handbook is sure to add some spice and sensual nuances to incorporate into getting it on.

How to Love a Black Man: Give the Love He Needs, Get the Love You Want, and Create the Relationship You Both Deserve
By: Dr. Ronn Elmore
Warner Books, Incorporated
January 1997
ISBN# 0446672599
\$13.95, paperback
Ladies, how long have we wished they came with instruction

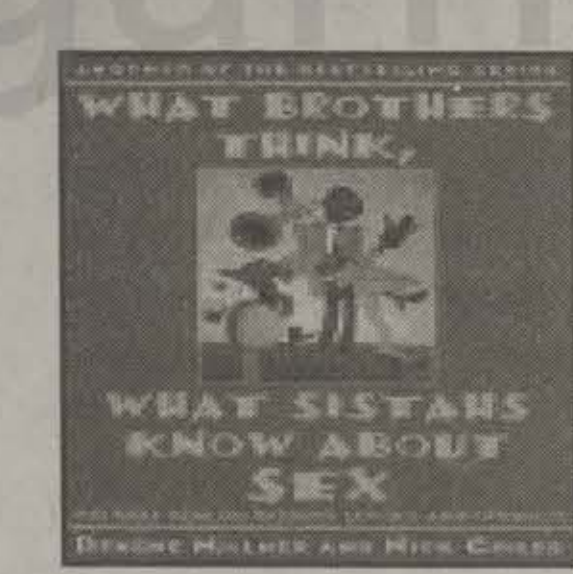
manuals? While, every man is different, this book may come close. Written for black women by a black man (who happens to be a psychotherapist and minister), L.A.'s relationship doctor, Ronn Elmore provides insight with respect to the emotions of black men. Drawing upon information gained during his radio call-in shows and seminars, Elmore provides a heads up for sisters on how to

HOW TO GUIDES



By: Dr. Ronn Elmore
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To keep it fair, Dr. Elmore followed up with this sequel, which follows the same premise as his first, just switching the gender he's focusing on.

What Brothers Think, What Sistahs Know about Sex: The Real Deal on Passion, Loving, and Intimacy
By: Denene Millner, Nick Chiles
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Who better than a married couple to give advice to those of us still searching?



This husband-wife team gives us a second helping of their shared wisdom in their second title in the What Brothers Think, What Sistahs Know series (the first dealt with relationships and romance, the third with finance). In a Mars and Venus in The Bedroom with a black twist sort of way, the two get into the heads of black women and men and what they really think about sex. Written in a he said-she said manner, the book can aid in bridging the communication gap prevalent in many relationships.

Bird's Eye View High School, Oh High School.

By Marcus Bird
Contributing Writer

It's another boring week people, another week to do school work, get shunned by your fellow females, and prepare for that orgiastic frat party on Thursday night. This week it's time to go back. Back to high school, that is. The golden era, the time of firsts, the time of true or supposed love, it's also the time of extreme, never ending pain.

See, I entered high school with high hopes. I said, " Yeah! I'm gonna get me a girl; gonna enjoy these 7 years (not under the American school system) of educational bliss!"

Well, sad to say, it was hardly that spectacular. My high school life was just filled with work, more work, and loads of more work. I went to a highly competitive high school, where the bright students all walked hand in hand with the teachers, and we, the dumb demographic, would sit together and discuss dumb, nerdy topics.

Ahh, high school, a time to grow, a time to learn. Where I come from, girls wore nice uniforms; short pleated skirts, and reasonably close fitting white colored t-shirts. Some girls broke from this mold, wearing skirts well above the knee, and shirts that showed the nice lace brassieres that would make our young eyes bulge with anticipation. (We really loved cold, rainy days!) I still sigh fondly at the memory.

The free time in between classes was interesting. Idle chatter about the latest TV shows, who likes whom, and of course, quick, passionate physical adventures! These were done by the "cool dudes," (i.e. the guys with the hottest girls) who would openly kiss in public, sneak into the girls' bathrooms, and do unmentionables that we in lonely demographic, would never experience (*til later on, of course).

Yes, this was a time of exquisite pain; looking at girls we felt we would never get, doing schoolwork we felt we could never pass. It's funny how youth makes us walk blindly into pain. In high school, girls are masters of rejection, and do it unerringly. They tell you that you are ugly, your skin is messed up, you aren't tall enough, your friends are stu-

pid, and of course, the classic "I don't like you". My, my, should I shed a tear?

But high school wasn't all about pain and rejection. I remember hanging out with my colleagues, playing intense games of football, tennis and badminton. Breaking my arm playing American football, fighting over some dude kicking my book bag. Yes, the days of extreme testosterone. It was fun, teasing girls, facing scathing retribution for saying something about a girl's hair, and of course, detention. I remember a detention where the teacher told us to clean the whole school block with a toothbrush!

To me high school was where we grew as young people, discovering those really lame, uninteresting aspects of ourselves that no one likes, and getting rid of them before we got to college. It's like a complex method of filtering yourself. Characteristic-wise that is. I mean think back. Remember those stupid haircuts, tight jeans, scruffy clothing, and those weird dudes you used to hang out with and discuss "Thundercats" episodes with? Remember that guy people called the "Green Man" because of how he smelled? Yeah, if we went to college with the funky clothes, the weird perspective on life, and not to mention the dumb game to drop on the ladies, we'd never survive. We'd come to Howard, see a sea of beautiful ladies draped in the latest gear, and realize we had some filtering to do... but by then, it would be too late.

Yep, high school was a dramatic period where I discovered the true nature of myself. A young man destined to be rejected constantly by every woman he meets, until the day he has a really big bank account, and can afford all the Thai women named "Sooki" he wants. My conclusion on high school: For some it sucks, for some it rocks, and like life it was all about what you made it. Later!

Quote of the Week:

How do you write women so well? "I think of a man, and remove all reason, and accountability." - Jack Nicholson As *Good As It Gets*

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Poem

Que tonto
The way we put faces on the unimaginable
Clothe and wrap our dreams in silken garments
Breathe, smooth and create flesh lovingly that moves seamlessly
-Seamlessly out the door
Esperando
I sit and wait as flurries dance around my ears
The whispers as they fall to my feet
They appear on the horizon, white but unsoiled
Only to whirl aimlessly into a sea of grime, concrete and mediocrity
Mi gente
If I breathe too hard wishing on my frozen beauty it fades
Melting away into blunted, oafish expression
I grasp on her blue ears as she slips away
I soothe her hair as rivulets stream down her back
Tug at her aged hands only to break her fingertips in fervor
Tiempo
Swirling and splashing back to genesis
Each year bringing trade winds of yesterday
False poets and sages name themselves until everyone is a deity
-Your sh*t is hot!
Until lies have become the founda-

tion of truth
Rotting life away in gangrenous symbiosis
Mi novia
Scenarios play and replay into oblivion
Nothing is new
Silhouetted figures at the door frame
-Flash-
Lips like pomegranates, moist and sweet
Exploring the curves of your chromosomes
Holograms of lies flutter as bodies crush cotton
Moans into the night as Senor Python consumes its prey
Perfumed exhilaration makes my head sore
Taut, waxen backs shudder at the indentation
Blindness fills me as I drift
Boiled, powdered and cut
Cold crushed 'til there's nothing left but ebony and blues
The blues like an eighty year old, alcoholic, gambling diabetic, three-time veteran from Memphis with a slide guitar
Valentino champagne-soaked with Mari chino
-Cherries for display that plump into decay-
Others may game and spit words past your lobe
Sugar sweet metaphors or butter-scotch prose
They fall to my feet
Above all, life my dear is Nutrasweet
Pleasing to the eye but bitter in the teeth
Saccharin in all its packagin'
Paper hearts mean not a thing
When compared to the oro of my pinky ring...

'Never put the pure brown sugar before the dirty green cream'

—Wally 'Gunns' Cambridge

— Keven Cotton

Daylight, Music To Work By

Grade: B
By Tariq Abdal-Haqq
Contributing Writer

In a genre that can only offer materialism or over-consciousness, it is nice to get some diversity for a change. New York MC Aesop Rock's latest endeavor, *Daylight*, is a 7-track EP that is a companion to 2001's critically acclaimed *Labor Days*. In *Labor Days* Rock dissected and interrogated the everyday working life of the average US citizen. *Daylight* Rock provides some additional views on the topic of labor that was previously addressed in *Labor Days*, as well as offering some additional songs that do not necessarily tie into the theme of *Labor Days*.

Aesop Rock has gained much attention in the hip-hop community over the past year. His lyrical references to theology and philosophy provide reason for thought in his music, as well as, providing blueprints for an evolved state of hip-hop altogether.

Daylight is Rock's fifth album and his second album on Def Jux, the record label headed by El-P formerly of the independent hip-hop group Company Flow. For this EP Rock teams up with a team of producers and MCs to create an outstanding album.

Daylight is named after one of the songs featured on *Labor Days*. The song "Daylight" can be considered by many fans and critics as one of *Labor Days*' best tracks. So, it was only instinctive for Rock to choose "Daylight" as the name and title track for this EP.

Rock does not disappoint when it comes to thoughtful subjects in his songs. The track produced by Def Jux's label head El-P "Nickel Plated Pockets" features lyrics addressing the tragic loss of the World Trade buildings along side fellow Def Jux MC Vastaire of Cannibal Ox. The standout track from *Daylight* is "Four People." A track in which Rock rhymes in depth about a breakdown that he underwent and thanks those who helped him

recover from his potential downfall.

Daylight is definitely a good EP, but it does have its shortcomings. All of the EP is not new. The track "Night Light" sounds like an alternate take of "Daylight," while "Maintenance" is just a b-side to the *Coma* single released on Def Jux last summer. Another problem is that there is an approximate 17-minute wait to get to the hidden track "Four People." By the time you get to the hidden track you have already forgotten what CD you were listening to in the first place. Other than those two disturbances, there is very little to complain about.

While Rock may not possess the social consciousness of Common or the fashion sense of Puffy - I mean P. Diddy - he does provide an insightful look into the state of the world. His lyrics, that sometimes need a dictionary to comprehend, coupled with his enigmatically produced tracks have always provided a good album. *Daylight* is no exception to his track record.

Theatre Review

By HAROLD EICHELBERGER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Set in the early 1500s, during the Jacobean era, a duchess, widower is surrounded by her valiant kingdom in a perfect and stable environment, complete with a trusted mistress who tends to her every need and strong guards who protect and beckon at her every call.

But, as in every kingdom, there are corrupt magistrates who live to develop and use their nasty plans for making her life a living hell. For the Duchess of Malfi, her two jealous brothers, the Duke Ferdinand, and the Cardinal play the thorns in her side who swear by their own stripes that she will never marry again. She cannot and will not ever fall in love. She is a young, stunning woman forced to be forever stuck in the crux of her brothers, unless she marries in secret to Antonio (Robert Tyree), the steward of the household, who happens to be black.

In a dark and gloomy background, the stage was set to captivate the audience into an illusion of the classic tragedy. "The Duchess of Malfi", written by John Webster and currently playing at the Shakespeare Theatre, starring Kelly McGillis presents the battles and weaving ways in which one must find love. The excellent language used to write this play allows you to hang upon every

scripted word that each actor strands across the stage.

To ensure that the Duchess does not marry again, her brother Ferdinand hires Bosola (Andrew Young), a spy, to follow her every move. Meanwhile, the Duchess conspires with Antonio and they marry secretly, a perfect marriage that produces three beautiful children, two boys and a girl. Despite their attempts for this marriage to remain a secret, they are haunted by the slick presence of Bosola who reports these actions to her brothers Ferdinand. In an escape to protect the lives of her children and her husband, the Duchess runs, only to be captured with her and her family left to bear the burdens of eternal torture.

This play, which runs for approximately two and a half hours, slowly opens up to lure the audience into a world that strains the emotions of heartfelt sensitivity, if there was ever such compassion to feel for an individual. Due to the immaculate stage architecture, the kingdom turned into a forest, a palace, a bedroom, and a house within seconds. The play's comedy lies between the skillful reverences of each actor, making up for the tragedy found in this play. The lightheartedness of this play did not succeed in saving the heroine into living the perfect



The Dutches of Malfi runs at the Shakespeare Theatre until March 10.

seclusion that she wanted, but it served to leave the audience members with a lesson: control your own life. This was a well written and magnificent play, left only to be comprehended by the intelligence of experience.

The "Duchess of Malfi," runs from now until March 10, 2002 at the Shakespeare Theatre, 516 Eighth Street S.E., Washington, D.C. For further information, the box office can be contacted at 202-547-3230.

When The Love is Gone

How can you tell when the love has gone?
Is it the loss of happiness, the disappearing twinkle in your eye?
I was sure what we had was more than forever, something eternal
We were like soul mates, getting our future aligned,
Planning to walk that golden road of happiness,
Planning to love each

other throughout eternity
But a catastrophe occurred, the Big Bang itself could not compare,
Our worlds became out of sync, each revolving as polar opposites
Our power of love had withstood many disasters, but this last gust blew that love apart
Yet, here I am reflecting and recalling,

The times I've just longed, ached to hold you in my arms,
Just to tell you, look you in your eyes, and say, "I Love You"
And before I can get caught up, I realize, that time is long past.
And the fact that I'm reflecting lets me know, and allows me to answer my own question.
The Love is Gone
— Keven Cotton

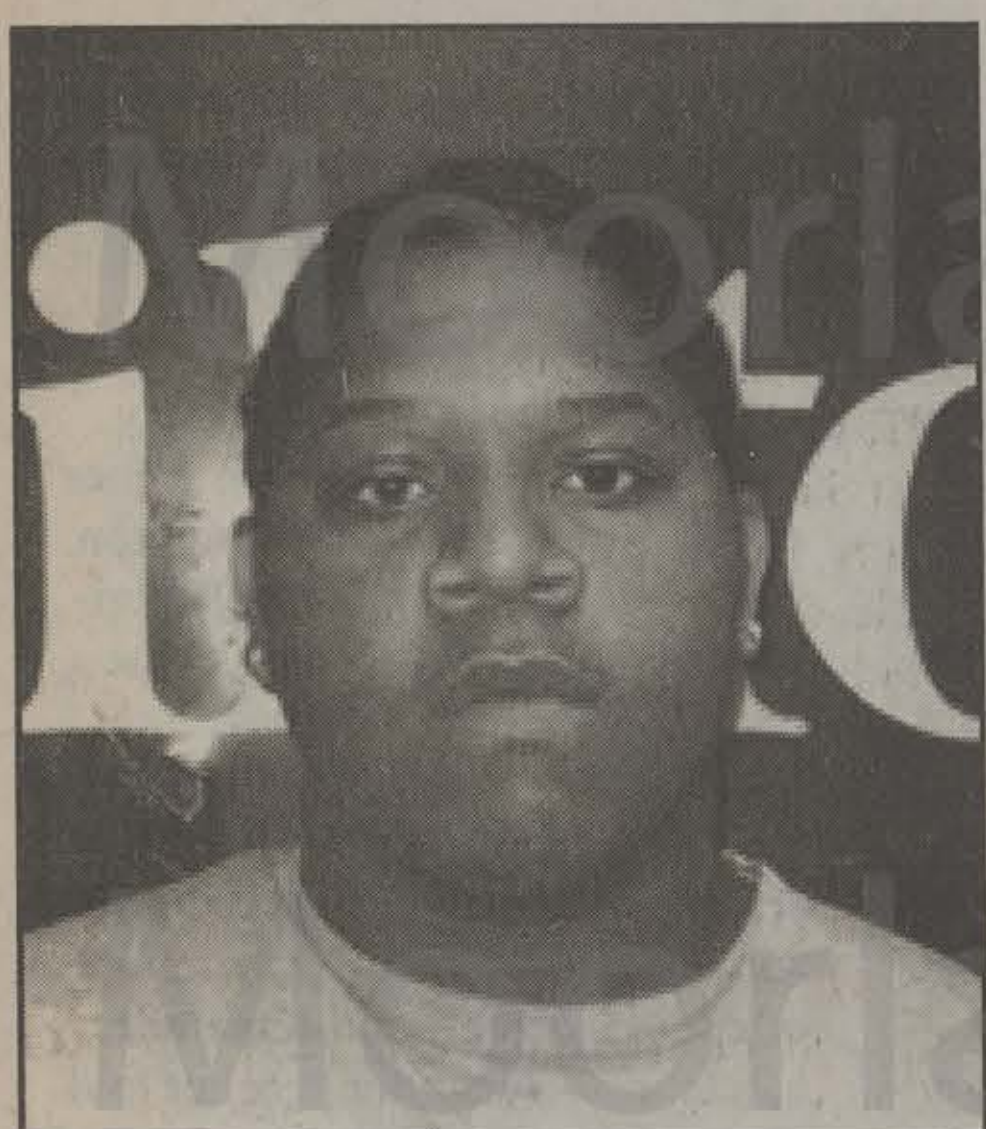
Poetry Corner

Untitled

Our lives run like parallel lines
But in opposite directions
The time is never right for us to get together and start a relationship
So I wonder are we more caught up in the fantasy of harboring a secret love
Than the pure sweetness this joining could provide in reality
I liken it to the battered woman who believes each time he'll never do it again
When will the time be right for this love to handle the competition of reality?
Reality in our relationship is our friendship

It hasn't ended, and I don't think it would (Knock wood)
But the honesty is what keeps it alive
Some say you don't know the lie 'till they tell the truth
But the stuff you confide in street and when I play confident the more I realize that our love is real
It's real in the friendship that we share
And we're getting closer to admitting it
That's half the battle won, but the fantasy still remains
But, what is life without a dream...
-The Alchemist

Sports Tuesday



All Star Weekend is the Greatest Show on Earth

Allen Powell II

Is it just me, or is NBA All Star weekend the greatest all star exhibition in all of professional sports? I mean the NFL's Pro Bowl is lame because nobody really goes all out because they are all afraid of injury, which is understandable. In baseball, good pitching dominates good hitting any day, and the All-Star game features the best pitchers, which means there is very little scoring. And let's not even talk about hockey, which should be easy since nobody talks about hockey anyway. The NBA's All Star weekend features an exhibition of the game's most exciting aspect, the slam dunk, a tribute to one of the greatest sights in the world the smooth swish of nylon nets, with the long distance shootout, and finally a chance to watch the greatest players in the world play together in the actual game. NBA action is fantastic!

The Dummies

Unfortunately, NBA officials seem to struggle with a disease common among beauracrats the desire to fix things that are not broken. Case in point, the new rules for the Slam-Dunk competition and the new Hoop It Up game. The NBA dummies thought it would be a good idea to force dunkers to recreate old dunks, and have the people who actually did the dunks judge them. This goes against the whole spirit of the dunk contest. The dunk contest is about originality and creativeness, the essence of basketball. (Didn't I sound a little like Bill Walton when he goes off on one of his tangents?). Although the dunkers were told that it would be okay if they changed the dunks up a little to add their own flavor, it appeared as if the judges were looking for dunkers to recreate the bangs exactly. This forced players to try dunks they were uncomfortable with, which led to several misses. It also meant that even when players completed some of their dunks they received a poor score. Hell Gerald Wallace dunked from the free throw line and only got a 44 I think. When MJ, Brent Barry, and Jordan did it they al got 50s. Secondly, the three on three tournament was some garbage. What the NBA needs to do is have a shooting skills challenge similar to some of the things the NFL does. Players should have to perform dribbling feats, execute fundamental moves, and still be able to hit shots. This would give fans the opportunity to evaluate just how complete their favorite players are. Now that would be exciting!

The Dilemma

Now I'd like to discuss the game itself. Sadly, we didn't get a thrilling finish like last year's, but the game was still well played. Most of the players didn't press to be too fancy; instead, they let the game come to them. This made for a more exciting game, and allowed for spectacular plays. However, what really caught my eye was the reception Philadelphia fans gave Kobe Bryant. Early in the game it seemed as if fans were warming to the cocky superstar, but as the game wore on and Bryant seemed to be heisting up shots at every angle fans began to boo him. Truthfully, I thought Kobe was taking a lot of shots, but I also thought that he was taking good shots the majority of the time. It was obvious he wanted to leave his mark on the game in his hometown. Although I was rooting for T-Mac to win the MVP, I wasn't disappointed that Kobe won. I really felt bad for him because he truly seemed hurt by the Philly fans booing. I hope that he won't save up his animosity and punish the Sixers when they meet the Lakers in the Finals though. (Did you see how I stuck that Sixer plug in there? I am just too smooth.)

The Ramblings

Besides the Kobe fiasco, how about those foreign guys? I mean these guys have no fear. First All-Star game, it doesn't matter. Overtime in the long distance shootout, it doesn't matter. These guys will put up shots and score on anybody. For my money the two most frightening players to have to guard in any game, would have to be Kevin Garnett and Dirk Nowitzki. These two are seven footers who can do every thing a guard can do. Even Michael Jordan was helpless trying to stop him. Did it seem like Steve Francis was pressing a little bit or what? He fell into the trap of trying to do too much, and ended up with one point. Was anybody else cracking up over the trio of fur coats that the Iverson family sported at the All-Star press conference. Fabulous, they're so ghetto fabulous, ooh woo. I am really pissed that T-Mac and Kobe were not in the slam dunk, aren't you? Besides that, what idiot at the NBA forgot to invite Kobe to the Slam Dunk contest? That's like forgetting to ask Mike Tyson if he's hungry before letting him nibble on your ear. Just plain stupid. I'm out.

The Dynasty

Year after year, season after season, the Howard University Women's Basketball team racks up championship trophies, they will not lose.



By: Paul Crewe
Contributing Writer

Over the past seven years the Howard University Women's Basketball team has played at a very competitive level and this year has proven to be no different. The Lady Bison have performed well and have an undefeated conference record as well as a 13-8 overall record.

Head coach Cathy Parson, who is now in her second season with the Lady Bison, took over last fall after former head coach Sanya Tyler was dismissed by the university for alleged NCAA and university violations. Tyler, who fished with a 298-266 career coaching record at Howard compiled a record of 102-45 and took the Lady Bison to the NCAA Tournament three times over her last five seasons.

Before coming to Howard, Parson developed an equally impressive resume of her own as she spent time coaching at Providence College, Christopher Newport University, and the University of Richmond. Parson also served as the interim head coach of the WNBA's Washington Mystics in 1998. After ten years of head coaching at Christopher Newport (1988-98) Parson left with an astounding record of 183-83.

Before leaving Newport she coached her teams to five regular season championships, three co-championships, and three Dixie Conference Tournament Championships. She played her collegiate basketball at West Virginia University where she received All-American honors. Since her graduation in 1984, no one in the school's history has scored more points (2,128). Her jersey was

retired in 1986 and interestingly Parson was one of only 18 women invited to try out for the Harlem Globetrotters.

With expectation levels for the team at an all time high, the Lady Bison were able to use Parson's prior knowledge of the game to overcome this transitional period and win the MEAC Tournament last year and again qualify for an NCAA Tournament appearance with a 21-9 overall record.

Romanda Noble, who is the sports information director for women's basketball at Howard University, said that the team was able to perform so well last year because there was no drop-off in the talent level when the coaching transition took place.

"When she came to us last season, she had the nucleus of a great team to coach, the talent level never decreased," Noble also added that, after last season, the team's only major loss was point guard Chanell Washington, who graduated last year.

"Because the team has been so successful over the years the expectation level is constantly rising, they're picked to win the conference almost every year and as you can see they've done a great job maintaining that level of expectation. As a result, opponents are respecting the team a lot more and they know Howard's going to come play you tough every time," Noble added.

The Lady Bison improved their conference record to 12-0 and won their tenth straight game Saturday with a 82-62 win over Morgan State University, maintaining their three game lead over Hampton University and South Carolina State University, who are both tied for second in the MEAC with records of 9-3. The Lady Bison have just

six conference games remaining.

Coach Parson explained that it's difficult to maintain such efficiency on a yearly basis and it's even more difficult when life's issues take precedent over sports issues.

"We've had some illnesses and some injuries, but we deal with those life issues just like everyone else. What makes us so strong is our ability to keep those things in perspective, but at the same time realize that family and health are first," Parson stated.

Andrea Gardner (15.7 ppg, 11.5 rpg), who is a senior and has played well over the last few seasons, has been banged-up like so many of the Lady Bison. The six-foot, three-inch forward/center from Washington, D.C. missed the North Carolina A&T game with Tendinitis in her foot. Although Saturday's game was just her second game back, she and guard Essence Coggins seem to be healthy again. Coggins (8.1 ppg, 2.0 spg) has had problems with her knee.

Earlier in the season against non-conference opponents, the team struggled to 1-8 record. Also, the services of sophomore reserve guard, Ayanna Ball were lost for the season due to injury. On top of that, Parson said that the team still had to find a point guard and figure just exactly where they were going to get their offensive production.

"Now every point guard understands what she needs to do. I've not seen depth at the guard position anywhere else in the conference. When you lose a kid like Ayanna, you lose such a good athlete who heart is to play defense and she's not a scholarship athlete, so she's made a mark on the team because of her athleticism and her willingness to be

taught. So our depth helps us overcome major losses in player personnel," Parson said.

Parson also recalled times this season where she's had to rely upon her young bench to perform well and when called upon, they've done just that.

"When sophomore guard, Laura Askew comes off the bench she can get an open shot at almost any time. I think that has to do with the fact that the scouting report doesn't include players like Askew on team who can hit open shots and contribute to the team's chemistry"

According to Noble, the team's success last year against non-conference opponents contributed to the team's heightened exposure this season. This year, the team has responded to the lofty expectations as Lady Bison lead the conference in several categories.

"Our defense in terms of numbers doesn't show that we are one of the top teams on defense in our conference, but that's because we have the highest offensive production. Sometimes the numbers don't explain those odd complexities," she said.

Before last Saturday's game against Morgan State University, the Lady Bison led the MEAC in assists (14.85 apg), field goal percentage (.409), steals (13.85 spg), and points per game (77.6 ppg).

"We have a very talented group of young ladies and the leadership is growing. Now it's our job as a coaching staff to get these athletes prepared both mentally and physically. I walked into a tradition when I came to Howard and now, I really want to help take this tradition to another level."

Despite Valiant Effort Wrestlers Get Pinned

By MICHAEL T. LYLE, JR.
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Despite a well-rounded effort, the Howard University wrestling team fell to the University of Maryland, 39-9, Wednesday at Ritchie Coliseum in College Park. Maryland improved to 8-3 with the win, while the Bison fell to 1-10 on the year.

Howard was forced to forfeit at 174 against Maryland's Patrick Cissne in the early going. But the Bison drew even, 6-6, with the Terrapins as junior James Blanton used some nifty takedowns and techniques to pin Dan Barsnica at 184 pounds in the final 14 seconds of the second period.

After another forfeit from the Bison at 197 put Maryland back in front, 12-6, junior phenom Adrian Thompson, last year's NCAA East Regional finalist, gave Howard new life, bringing the Bison to within 12-9 with a decision victory over Jeremy Duncan in the heavyweight class.

"I just tried to work on a few of my flaws that I've had recently," said Thompson. "I was able to work out a few, but there's still room for improvement."

After Thompson's win, however, the Bison fell apart in the final six matches that proved to be the difference for the Terrapins.

In the 125-pound match, sophomore Reginald Torrence hung tough with Mike Lupa

in the early going, picking up a pair of escapes to draw even with Lupa, 2-2, in the first period. But Lupa battled back, scoring on a couple of takedowns and getting some key escapes of his own to win the match, 7-3, and a 15-9 Maryland advantage.

Derek Butts then put up a strong outing against Joe Guzzio at 133 pounds, but the senior fell victim to a pin fall in 4:28. At 157, Brandon Hogan put up a good fight against John Antonelli, but Antonelli was too much for the 154-pounder, picking up a technical fall in five minutes even.

"I had (Antonelli) under control early, but I messed up toward the end," said Hogan.

After the Bison was forced to forfeit the 141-pound match, two decision victories by the Terrapins—including a 12-4 major decision win by Adam James over Headley Murray—sealed it for Maryland.

Howard has some important meets coming up before the Eastern Region and NCAA Division I championships in March. After competing in the East Regional Duals at Duquesne, they will battle the American Eagles in a dual meet with Franklin and Marshall next Saturday and travel to Old Dominion one week later. The match at American is scheduled to begin at 12 p.m.

Bison Lose Close One to Cross Town Rival Morgan State

By: AISHA CHANEY
Staff Writer

The Morgan State Bears proved Saturday why free throws win basketball games. Randy Dukes sank five clutch free throws in the final 24 seconds to reclaim the lead and give the Bears a 66-64 upset over the Bison, Saturday night at Hill Field House in Baltimore.

The Bison (12-10 overall, 7-5 in the MEAC) went on a 9-0 run and held Morgan State without a field goal in the final 7 minutes and 24 seconds. A three pointer by Darren Kennedy with 2:33 remaining in the game put the Bison ahead 62-61.

Aki Thomas then went to the line in a one-and-one situation, but missed the first free throw with 1:53 left to play. Dukes was fouled on a three-point attempt with 24.8 seconds remaining and he made all three free throws, giving the Bears a 64-62 lead.

With 10 seconds to go, Jonathan Stokes missed a three pointer from the top of the key. Dukes was fouled after he grabbed the rebound and he went back to the line and hit both free throws in a one-and-one situation with 6.3 seconds.

Thomas then dunked after a long inbound pass from half court by Kyle Williams with 3.6 seconds to go to bring the lead to within two, 66-64, but after Cedrick Barrow missed a free throw with 2 seconds to play, the Bison did not have enough time to score again.

"We just happened to do some good things down the stretch and we ended up with the win" said Bears head coach Alfred Beard. "We beat a good ball club today, Frankie has really done a good job all year long. We have been in quite a few games like this and ended up on the short end, so it's a good win for us and we will see where it takes us Monday."

Coming into this game, the Bison as a team were shooting 70 percent from the free throw line, but in this game they shot just 41percent, making only 7 of 17, while the Bears made 8 of 12.

According to Bison head coach Frankie Allen, the difference in the game lies in the free throw shooting.

"We probably set ourselves up for defeat by the way we played in the first half, missing so many free throws (5 of 14)," said Allen. "Down the stretch we just didn't play with the smarts to win a basketball game. We just have to be able to make plays at the end of games and hit our free throws."

Thomas had another big game, leading the Bison with 20 points and 9 rebounds.

"We just came up short today," said Thomas. "We usually shoot better (free throws) than that in the first half, but we just really need to hit our free throws on the road. We just have to put this game behind us, as hard as that is, because this was a game we really wanted and needed to win."

Williams finished the game with 16 points and 4 rebounds and Kennedy added 14 points and 5 rebounds.

Dukes led they way for Morgan State with 20 points and 6 rebounds. His supporting cast, Reggie Winkfield and Brandon Reece scored key baskets down the stretch as well and they ended with 15 and 14.

Jason Richardson highlights All-Star Saturday

By Ethan Zagore

Many Howard students made the trip north up I-95 to Philadelphia for All-Star Weekend. The weekend was packed with activities and highlighted by the NBA's 51st Annual NBA All-Star game. But before the main event was All-Star Saturday as Philadelphia's First Union Arena buzzed with filled the schedule. Among the main events was the 'got milk' Rookie Challenge,

the AT&T 3 Point Shootout and the NBA.com Slam Dunk contest.

The Rookie Challenge, in which a team of NBA rookies face a team of NBA sophomores, lived up to the hype as two players by the name of Richardson stole the show. As always, the game was played at a fast pace as the Sophomores got off to a fast start and led 58-51 at the half. Quentin Richardson, who scored 19 first-half points, and his fellow Clippers' teammate Darius Miles put on a show as the 6-10 Miles played point guard at times and highlighted the half by throwing a pass off the backboard and dunking it.

However, in the second half, the Rookies took over as Jason Richardson showed off his game while providing the highlights.

After knocking down back-to-back three pointers, Richardson finished off his MVP performance by doing a 360 dunk and a reverse dunk off a miss that brought the First Union crowd to its feet. The Rookies continued to dominate the second half and held on for a 103-97 victory. Jason Richardson led the Rookies with 26 points and Grizzlies rookie Shane Battier added 15 points. Quentin Richardson led the Sophomores with 22 points and Darius Miles chipped in with 20 in a losing effort.

Darius Miles played and the Sophomores played well, but they could have used more guards,' said junior biology major Alex

Allen. 'Other than that Jason Richardson's dunks were pretty tight.'

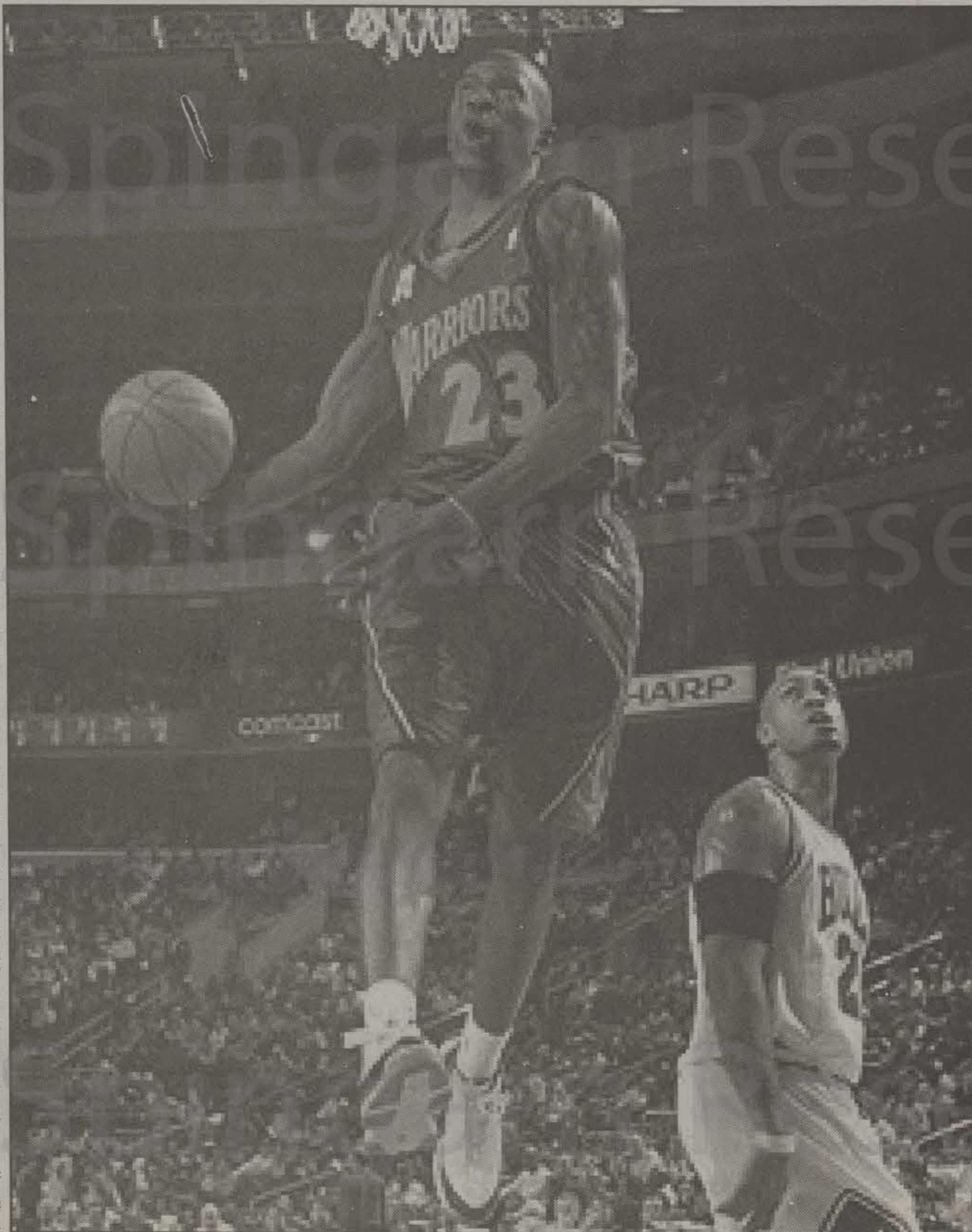
In the AT&T 3 Point Shootout, 2001 champion Ray Allen looked to defend his title against seven other sharpshooters from around the league. The first round brought a few surprises as top shooters Paul Pierce, Steve Smith and defending champion Ray Allen were all eliminated. In the second round the top three of eight shooters advanced, pitting the Kings' Peja Stojakovic, the

Mavs' Steve Nash and the Cavs' Wesley Person against each other. Nash was then eliminated and in the final, Stojakovic continued his hot hand and held off Person for the 3 Point Shootout championship.

The night was capped by the NBA.com Slam Dunk contest. This year's field was quite disappointing and only four contestants competed for the crown. Last year's champion, Desmond Mason of the Sonics, highlighted the field which included Gerald Wallace (Kings), Steve Francis (Rockets) and Jason Richardson (Warriors). This year's contest included contestants spinning a wheel and performing a dunk from past NBA Slam Dunk contests.

The wheel messed up the small bit of excitement there was,' said biology major Anthony Davenport. 'There were only four people and when you think of all the exciting players in the NBA, that's pretty disappointing for the fans.'

That same wheel proved to be Francis' downfall as Wallace and Richardson met in the final round. The contest was up in the air until Jason Richardson bounced the ball off the ground, windmilled and reverse dunked in his final attempt. The dunk gave Richardson the crown as he completed a spectacular NBA All-Star Saturday.



Jason Richardson skys in for a spectacular jam during the rookie game.

Lady Bison Remain Undefeated With 20-point Drubbing of Bears

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The Lady Bison extended their undefeated record in the MEAC to 12-0 after beating the Morgan State Bears last Saturday 82- 62.

The Lady Bison had a slow start allowing the Bears to lead 13-3 early in the game. With the help of the Lady Bison guards senior Danielle Shelton, sophomore Simone Agee and freshmen Daisha Hicks the Lady Bison were able to tie the game just after the ten minute mark.

"They were fired up and they came out an executed extremely well and I don't think we went to the next level with the first unit," said Lady Bison Head Coach Cathy Parson. "We always talk about having counters, and having a counter refers to if you make a move then I make a move, and they would make a move and we would kind of just stand there. When we put the unit (Shelton, Agee, and Hicks) they became the counter it was like when they make a move we would have an answer to that move. At that point in the game we became very successful."

After tying the game at 16 points the Lady Bison and Bears fought vehemently for the lead. The Bears did not go down quietly. The lead changed four times and the score was tied three times within the next 6 minutes.

"They did some great things against us they don't look like a 1- 21 team. They struggled and that was my biggest concern, because when you struggle you come out hungry or you just lie down and die. I knew they wouldn't just lie down and die," said Coach Parson.

The score was tied at 28-28 when the Lady Bison offense took off. Senior Andrea Gardner hit both of her free throws giving the Lady Bison a two-point lead. Sophomore guard Essence Coggins increased the lead to 9 by scoring 7 consecutive shots.

Having outscored the Bears 16 to 6 in the last four and a half minutes of the game, the Lady Bison ended the first half in the lead 44 to 34.

The Bears were unable to cut the deficit in the second half and remained behind for the rest of the game.

Shauna Rugless, who shot 8 for 11 from the field, lead the Bison scoring a career high of 16 points and 3 rebounds.

"I think in the second half of the season my confidence has risen so much, and that's just something I needed to do," said Ruglass. "Where I was last year and at the beginning of this year wasn't where I wanted to stay. I just finally realized that I'm going to make mistakes and that I can't be hesitant; I have to do what I know I can do. I'm out here to have fun and just learn and everything I do is a learning experience."

Essence Coggins followed closely behind with 12 points and 4 assists.

Three of the Bears tied for leading scorer at 14 points, Calibra Alston, Chanelle Scott and Tasha Neal.

HUSA WEEK

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 -
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**SUNDAY: CALL TO CHAPEL
COME START THE WEEK OFF RIGHT-TOGETHER!
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM @ 11:00 AM**

**MONDAY: GENERAL ELECTIONS SPEAK OUT
GET READY TO LISTEN, INTERACT, VOTE, AND EMPOWER. MEET THE
CANDIDATES
DREW HALL @ 7:00 PM**

**TUESDAY: TOWN HALL MEETING
VOICE YOUR CONCERNS!!!!
BLACKBURN CENTER, ROOM 148-150 @7:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY: "POLITICKS OR POLITRICKS: THE CLIMATE OF POLITICS IN
BLACK AMERICA"
DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
BLACK CONGRESS
BLACKBURN CENTER, READING LOUNGE @7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY: HUSA BOOK DRIVE
BRING YOUR USED BOOKS TO BENEFIT PEOPLE AND SCHOOLS WHO
NEED THEM!
BLACKBURN CENTER, GROUND FLOOR PLAZA 12:00 PM-6:00 PM**

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Priya Abraham	Nina Cadney	Javita Everhart	Keshetta Henderson	Ashley Lee	Jasmine Neville	Dara Royer	Doria Thomas
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Emilia Adams	Don Caggins	Alanna Farrell	Leilani Henson	Rhesha Lewis	Monique Nichols	Arlethia Royster	Danielle Thomas
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Miriam Ahmed	Heather Caruth	Jacqueline Fisher	Adana Llanos	Brandon Ogbunagor	Brandon Ogbunagor	Alicia Samuels	Kia Tollett
Temilolu Aje	Marcus Casey	Colin Flaveny	Kevin Lloyd	Malika Oglesby	Malika Oglesby	Karaine Sanders	Kymberlee Towns
Olumide Akanni-Owo	Alicia Casey	Natasha Fleming	Michelle Lucas	Ademola Ogunseye	Ademola Ogunseye	Cedric Sanders	Noelle Trent
Fofie Akoto	Lauren Causey	Nicolas Fletcher	Tilita Lutterloh	Ngozi Okeke	Ngozi Okeke	Shiva Sandill	Tiffany Trice
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Carla-Maria Alexander	Latoria Chambliss	Tracey Foreman	Jasmine Maddox	Oge Onwudiwe	Oge Onwudiwe	Chadwick Scott	Cameron Tyler
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Gerald Allen	Pamela Clarke	Darlene Foster	Amber Marshall	Denise Parks	Denise Parks	Christopher Serrano	Paul Vaughan
Charles Anamelechi	Andrea Clarke	Kenny Fournillier	Latrice Martin	Carla Parks	Carla Parks	Karim Shabazz	Chanel Vestal
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Eric Black	Lana De Souza	Christine Gouveia	Christie Johnson	Tabitha Miller	Darius Smith	Pollyanna Williams	Pollyanna Williams
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In your honor for making the Dean's List, we invite you to
a Convocation and Reception on Thursday, February 21, 2002, 2 p.m.
Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom

Speaker: A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Congratulations on an Exemplary Academic Performance!!!