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Staff Column

The Female Superbowl

MONICA BARBARA
Engage' Editor

As the camera scanned the top five contestants competing for the title of MISS USA Friday night, I couldn't help the overwhelming feeling of pride that was swelling in me. Four out of the top five contestants represented different shades of chocolate. Such a pretty picture, I thought. What a progressive society we are coming in to.

Then Deione Sanders opened his mouth again, reminding me of one of the reasons I feel so burdened to become a psychologist.

Sanders, who co-hosted the pageant with former MISS USA Ali Landry, brought the old minstrel show right into prime time Friday night with his blatant "accept me please" antics. Being only familiar with Sanders as a football player, I had never seen him in this realm of television appearance before. According to friends, however, this was Sanders' regular TV persona. What I first thought was embarrassment, on Sanders behalf, I soon discovered was sheer irritation with Sanders' antics. Being consistently overly enthusiastic throughout the program, and at times just down right ignorant, made Sanders appear about as bright as the watermelon slice he should have had in his hand, while elevating co-host Landry to appear even more sophisticated than she may have appeared on her own. A drawn on black face and bright, red lipstick would have made Sanders' act complete. What's unfortunate is that Sanders' demeanor during the pageant is just what the producers of that production, and many other people who hire Sanders for advertisements and endorsements, want. It is the image of the black male that they wish to keep alive. And classically, Sanders has stepped up to the plate to deliver the neck of black males' to be slit, all in the name of commercialism.

For me, Sanders was just another addition to the growing list of hosts for pageants that bring more absurdity than prestige to the tradition.

Due to the ever-existent controversy over pageants and their role in modern society, producers have made numerous efforts over the years to make pageants themselves more commercial and audience pleasing. The result is often the stripping of honor to a title that is really worth much.

Students Leaders Seek Changes to Policy Board Guidelines Bison Yearbook, Hilltop Board Procedures in Question

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS
Hilltop Staff Writer

HUSA Policy Board members are formulating plans to modify the rules and procedures of several policy boards, including the Bison Yearbook and The Hilltop, as concern mounts over the effectiveness of the governing voice of numerous University-wide activities.

In a Feb. 27 letter addressed to Director of Student Activities Terrance Samuels, HUSA Policy Board Chairman Russell M. Drake outlined several recommendations to improve the Bison Yearbook Board's operating tactics.

Among the procedures, Drake seeks to add a student council representative from each school and the department of journalism chairperson as board members. The letter also includes a recommendation to require that all board members visit the yearbook office at least twice a month to "observe the environment."

Drake says that such changes would assist the board in selecting better student leaders.

"These policy boards are supposed to adequately establish fair criteria to choose leadership for the Hilltop, Homecoming and the Bison Yearbook," said Drake, who is also president of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Com-

puter Sciences. "The goal is to have equal representation on all of these boards."

Drake, who has obtained copies of four governing board procedures, says he plans to make to changes because the rules are too "broad." Similar changes to the Hilltop Policy Board's procedures are expected to be introduced to its members, Drake said.

"I will make the recommendation that there should be a requirement for people on the Hilltop Policy Board to visit the Hilltop office at least twice a month, as they are serving as supervisors over the newspaper," he said. "You cannot be a supervisor if you never supervise. All members of the Hilltop Policy Board should at least do this in order to show that their judgments are fair."

Rooting out conflicts of interests on the committees is a goal of the new provisions. A "more concrete" constitution for yearbook that includes a quorum number, rules for amendments and rules for appealing board decisions, Drake said.

"A problem arises sometimes with conflicts of interest," he said. "In the case of the Hilltop Policy Board, student council presidents are to appoint a representative to cast votes during board meetings."

For student leaders, a system of checks and balances sys-

tem could be an effective solution to the policy board conflicts.

"There needs to be a review of all of the boards to make sure that the boards serve in an advisory capacity," said Arabella Littlepage HUSA Presidential candidate and 2000-2001 Homecoming Treasurer. "At this point, I do not think that the procedures are clear on how an individual would file a grievance against any of these boards because it isn't clear who oversees the policy boards themselves."

Samuels and Interim Dean of Student Life & Activities Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins were unavailable for comment at Hilltop press time.

Some leaders, though content with the current structure, are concerned about the level of involvement of board members.

"There are student members on each board, but there are other members of the board who make decisions affecting student activities and do not include those activities in their schedules everyday," said HUSA Vice-President Alex Dixon. However, Dixon says he is not in favor of another board to monitor the various policy board activities, which has been mentioned as a possible solution.

"I don't think that there should be another board instituted

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The Merit Behind the Madness of Endorsements

News Analysis

Editorial opinions of political candidates have been expressed in "balanced" newspapers ever since Horace Greeley, editor of the influential New York Tribune challenged Abraham Lincoln's lack of resolve on the issue of slavery emancipation in the 1800's.

Newspaper commentary about politicians has expounded over years into columns, opinion sections and editorial pages at some of the nation's most respected publications. On the "editorial pages," newspapers have reserved the right to endorse or criticize political candidates to provide the voters with an objective opinion about each slate.

"Editorial commentary is an important function of the media, a legitimate expression of opinion that readers or audiences may accept, reject or rebut," says Howard professor Robert Asher, a member of The Washington Post Editorial Board. "An editorial board may choose to endorse or

criticize candidates and those assessments may assist or infuriate the players."

During the political season, with all the rhetoric and acronyms, The Hilltop has endorsed candidates for the Howard University Student Association president and vice-president positions as well as the

undergraduate and graduate trustee posts. The endorsement of candidates allows the newspaper to present an editorial viewpoint to student voters who might not be knowledgeable about the election—

in addition to serving "well-informed" voters. Some have criticized The Hilltop for endorsing candidates, saying the newspaper influences the voters' decisions. But, the goal of endorsements is not to tell the students how to vote; only to make to recommendations based on editorial board interviews with each candidate, platforms issues and speak-out speeches. Though some might be persuaded by our opinion, the candidate holds

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Resident Robbed at Gunpoint in Towers

By JOSEF SAWYER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Campus police continue to search for two suspects that allegedly forced their way into a dormitory room and robbed a West Tower resident at gunpoint Thursday night.

One of the suspects allegedly used clothing to tie up the victim while the other proceeded to burglarize both rooms in the suite. The suspects allegedly put the victim on the floor and tied his legs around a chair.

After the suspects entered the room they allegedly demanded to know where the victims roommate was. After allegedly discovering they were in the wrong room, the suspects decided to rob the victim.

"They took my computer monitor and put it on top of his legs to weigh him down," said Jason Robinson, the roommate of the victim. "I was not there at the time of the incident, but my room door was unlocked," Robinson said.

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Howard University Senior Shauntay Hinton Wins Miss USA Pageant in Indiana

By MAKEBRA ANDERSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University student Shauntay Hinton, a senior broadcast journalism major, was crowned Miss USA at the 51st Anniversary pageant in Gary, Indiana.

The 23-year-old student is the second delegate to win from the District of Columbia. Her predecessor won in 1964.

Originally from Mississippi, Hinton is known as the down south social butterfly.

"Shauntay and I came to Howard in the same year and we both lived on the third floor of Wheatley Hall," Johnson said. "She was always extremely outgoing and really friendly with a lot of energy."

Lindsay Douglas, a graduate student at the University of Kansas, was the first runner-up.

Surprising to many spectators, the other three finalists were Black women. Kelly Loyd, of Indiana, Lanore Van Buren, of Minnesota, and Alita Hawaah Dawson of Connecticut.

"I was pleasantly surprised that out of the top five finalists, four were Black," Yanique Johnson, Howard alumna and friend of Hinton, said. "I am really glad that they all made it that far."

The pageant's website said Hinton keeps busy by volunteering at Miriam's Kitchen, which feeds breakfast to the homeless, Partnerships for Positive Alternatives, the Fannie Mae "Help the Homeless Walkathon," and works as a customer service representative for a local bank.

Hinton plans a dual career as a news anchor and entrepreneur and hopes to use her networks to accomplish her goals.

"My goals include becoming a news anchorwoman for a major television network. Further, I



Shauntay Hinton, a senior broadcast journalism major won Miss Usa Friday. Photo Courtesy of cbs.com

plan to leverage my exposure as a media personality into my ultimate career goal to become an entrepreneur. I plan to build a network of contacts and partners to help me brand and launch a chain of health and beauty day spas," Hinton said in an interview with MISS USA sponsors.

Many Howard Students were impressed with Hinton's performance.

"When I found out that a girl from Howard was running for Miss USA I was so excited," said sophomore Tiffany Walker. "I was glad that a real sista' was in the pageant and not the made up baby dolls we are used to seeing."

Confident that Hinton will fulfill her dream of becoming an anchorwoman despite pressure of being Miss USA, friends know

that she is well equipped for the job.

"I think Shauntay is the type of



person who can handle the daily stress of being MISS USA, with traveling from state to state, dealing with different people's attitudes, and handling the enormous

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War Report: U.S. Troops Attacked in Afghanistan

By AKEYA S. DICKSON
News Editor

U.S. troops were attacked last Monday in an airport in the eastern Afghan city, Khost. According to a report from a Pakistani news agency, rockets and light weapons struck early that Monday. U.S. forces, "returned fire and called for airstrikes," according to news agency. By the time U.S. planes bombed the area that they believed the unidentified attackers fired from, the attackers were already gone.

Khost, near the Pakistan border and Paktia province is the same place that U.S. bombers first hit Al-Qaida and Taliban positions last

Sunday. There has been "heavy fighting" in eastern Afghanistan between U.S. forces and Afghan forces, an Afghan commander told the news agency. Supplies were helicoptered to American forces by U.S. helicopter Chinook, said the unidentified source, signaling preparation for a new fight.

"The biggest U.S.-led ground offensive of the five-month Afghan war was repulsed on Saturday, forcing government troops and U.S. advisers to withdraw close to the nearby town of Gardez, about 95 miles from Kabul and 20 miles from the fighting. There are an estimated

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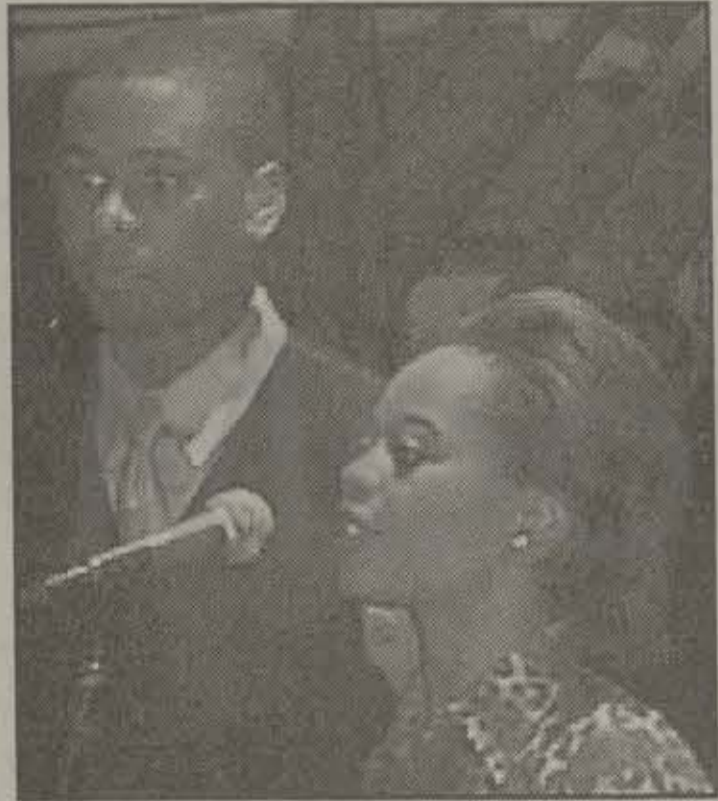


Afghan Soldiers attacked U.S. Soldiers

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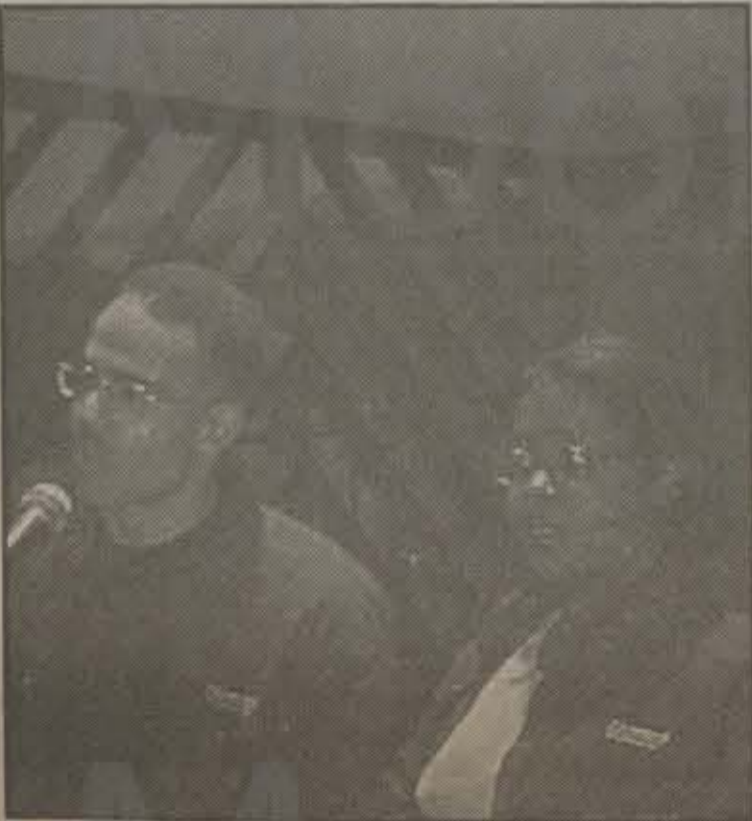
Voices & Views

Why should the Howard University community vote for you on March 6th?



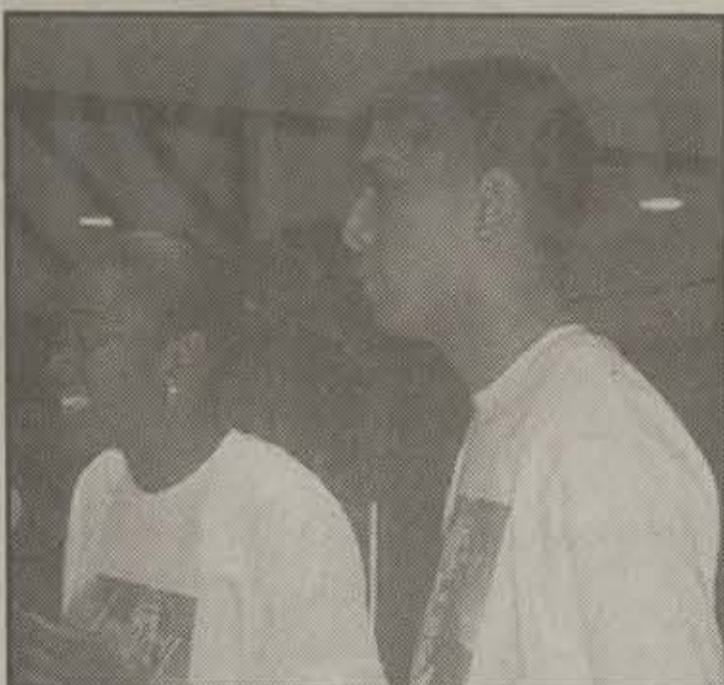
Cornell R. Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt

"What HUSA needs is change. What students need is a reason to care about their student government. The AWAKENING provides that reason and that change. 'Now, it is high time to wake out of sleep...' Romans 13:11."



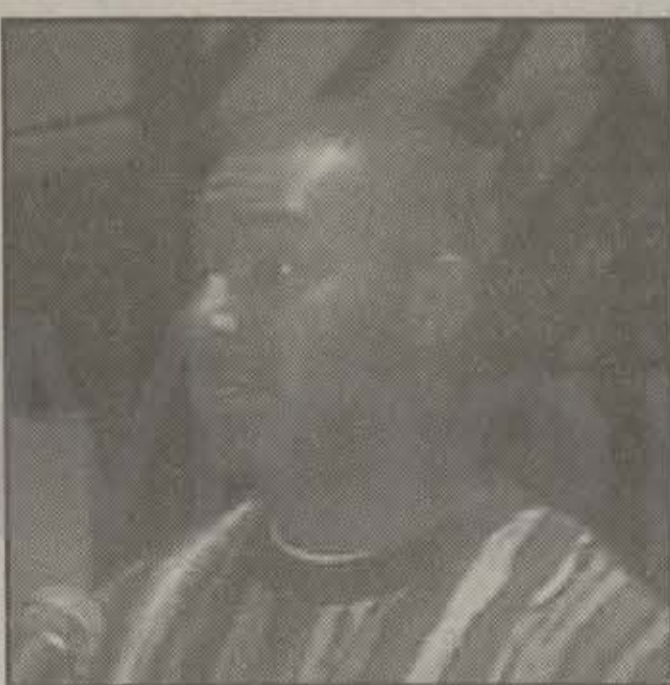
Arabella Littlepage and Karim Shabazz

"In addition to our love for Howard, our passion, determination and experience working with students on a personal level, we have provided students with accomplishable written proposals for the betterment of the Howard University community."



Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas

"The students of Howard University deserve experienced, qualified servant leaders. They also deserve a realistic platform. The beauty of LEGACY is its feasibility."



Justin Hansford

"The Howard University student body should vote for me for two reasons. Not only will I address the school's most pressing issues, but I also have the sincerity and commitment it takes to make it happen."



Jaha Howard

"I have the skills and the experience to represent the issues of the students with confidence and compassion in the board meetings. Furthermore, I understand the importance of being accessible on a day to day basis."

-Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt

Carter G. Woodson's Book Leads Panel Discussion Faculty, Students Gather For Black History

By RYAN JUSTIN FOX
Contributing Writer

On the final day of black history month, the School of Communications and Culture Department hosted a panel discussion to honor of Carter G. Woodson and examine his most famous work, "The Mis-education of the Negro" in Blackburn, Thursday.

The forum was organized and moderated by Dr. Carl Patrick Burrows, a professor in the Department of Communication and Culture in the School of Communications.

"It is fitting that we celebrate the man who is credited with the creation of Black History Month," Burrows said in his opening address.

Dr. Jules Harrell, from psychology department, Dr. Edna Medford from history department, Dr. Veronica Thomas from the School of Education, and Dr. Richard L. Wright from the Communications and Culture department formed the panel.

Panelists were given five to ten minutes to present an analysis of Woodson's book from their field of expertise.

Wright was given the loudest ovation for his presentation. In his speech, Wright, an alumnus of Dunbar High School in Northwest D.C. the same school Woodson taught from 1908 until 1919, criticized Howard for perpetuating the pigeon-holds that Woodson discussed in the book.

"To what extent has Howard relived what Woodson warned

us about," Wright said to the audience.

After the panelists presented, the forum was opened to questions and comments from the audience. Several audience members took that time to address their grievances they had with the University such as administration and curriculum. Others brainstormed ideas to solve complacency and self-defeating thinking among Blacks.

Most of those who attended the panel discussion were students earning extra-credit for class. Still, even though students only came for the incentive of extra-credit, there were those who took something away from the discussion.

"I learned that Black people have a long way to go," said sophomore biology major Geoffrey Ray. "In 70 years, we haven't progressed like we should have."

Carter G. Woodson, a noted black teacher and author in the early 20th Century is credited with starting Black History Month, which was originally called Black Awareness Week. As an educator, Woodson served on Howard's faculty from 1919-1920.

His arguably best-known work as a writer is *The Mis-education of the Negro* was originally published in 1933 was

University faculty members participated in a panel discussion on Carter G. Woodson's popular work "The Mis-education of the Negro" late last week.



Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt

University faculty members participated in a panel discussion on Carter G. Woodson's popular work "The Mis-education of the Negro" late last week.

Woodson's plea and argument for incorporation of African-American history in to schools.

The book was also the inspiration for the title of Lauren Hill's award-winning album "The Mis-education of Lauren Hill."

Bison Student Leadership Trains Underclassmen for Success at Howard, Real World

By AMIE MCLAIN
Contributing Writer

With the climax of the elections for next semester's student government set to end during tomorrow's Election Day, some organizations are continuing to hone the skills of the University's younger students to prepare them for future leadership roles.

The Bison Student Leadership Program (BSLP) was created last semester with a mission to facilitate the development of leadership skills in first and second year students. Assistant Director of Student Activities Rasheem-Ameid Rooke coordinates the program along with mentors who assist the mentees.

BSLP is built on the foundation of the components of interactive, workshops, practical experience, and community service. Rooke said he believes in order to be a good leader one must put their skills to use. Rooke and mentors teach skill in ethical leadership, motivation, conflict resolution, fund raising, and community service.

"First year and second year students are still impressionable and building on their identity. It's better to develop leadership skills at this age then waiting until their third or fourth year," Rooke said. "The students we have we filter through programs that come our way which allows students to get involved with community service. Some of these programs include Circle K, America's Promise, and Habitat for Humanity."

Many participants in the program said BSLP will improve their skills in leadership and allow them to network with other students with similar aspirations.

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Janelle Stiehl said the organization is not only helping her develop as a leader, but also building her communication skills.

"The various seminars broaden my scope as far as interpersonal communication, diversity, and time management. The program is also teaching me how to get through obstacles without stressing myself out," Stiehl said.

Some said the organization is a wonderful way to network with other aspiring leaders with similar interests.

"I feel even though I have leadership skills, they can be improved and I like being able to meet other leaders on campus to ask them what things they did as freshmen to get them to the positions they hold now," sophomore mathematics major Lakesha Robinson said. Robinson also said she would like to be a mentor next year for the program.

Mentors in the program are junior and seniors who present workshops and offer advice to mentees.

Senior Nashuda Harper is currently a mentor for BSLP and for two years has been the President of the Virginia Club and Captain of the Volley team.

"Rasheem (Rooke) hand-selected all the mentors to ensure quality mentors. Each session, the mentees learn something new about developing leadership skills from the mentors. Each time I go, I take information from the mentees. It's def-

initely a two-way street," Harper said.

BSLP has a total of 52 members, however, only seven of these members are male. Rooke said increasing participation among male students and international students will be one of his goals for next year.

Freshman political science major, Chequan Lewis, is dismayed by the low number of males, but said the males currently in the program are dedicated.

"Truthfully, it's too bad that there are only seven males, but the ones we do have are quality brothers. It also speaks to the general fact Howard males can improve on availing themselves of opportunity presented to them. There are plenty of involved males, be we can always raise our standards," Lewis said.

Aside from boosting the number of male and international participants, Rooke also wants to increase the number of applicants he can accept into the program.

"This year, we didn't have the resources dedicated to the program to take ideally the number of students I wanted to. Because I have a heads up, I'll be able to take 50 to 55 students comfortably next year," Rooke said.

Although Rooke is optimistic about the program, he said he will not be able to tell if the program was a success until after the year is over. But from the thank you cards covering his office wall, some might say it looks like BSLP has definitely changed the lives of many students at Howard.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Weekend Robbery in Towers

From A1

Robinson said the suspects were looking for another student that owed them money, but somehow ended up in his suite.

Campus Police estimates the suspects stole \$1,075 worth of personal belongings including an X-box Game Console, DVD's, jewelry, electronics, a Kenneth Cole Bag, cell phone, and a wallet with an ATM card.

Police are investigating a number of leads in the burglary and are confident the suspects will be found soon.

"These obviously weren't Howard students; students do certain things but they don't go as far as these two went," said Campus Police Investigator Jonathan Rich. "There is fiscal evidence collected from the crime scene. The case is not a dead end case. The prognosis looks good and the case looks like it will be solved in the near future," Rich said.

One of suspects did leave behind their cell phone, which was turned over as evidence to campus police according to Robinson. The phone had several local numbers stored in it. Robinson remembers seeing the suspect's father's phone number in the phone.

Security measures in the Towers are being discussed between Tower's Property Manager

Larry Frelow and Campus Police. Frelow said that after reviewing security tapes the only way the suspects could have entered the building is through the garage or the front entrance.

According to Frelow discussions to implement extra safety measure in the lobby are underway with Campus Police.

"I encourage every student who lives in the residence halls to carry apartment insurance," Frelow said.

Students who live in the Towers are aware of the security issued and many do not feel enough is done as far as security.

"It (security) doesn't work, they may check everybody's id's at the door but it doesn't necessarily mean they live here. Half of the time the security guards are asleep, on the phone, or flirting with girls," said sophomore History major Lindsey Spann.

Junior Physical Therapy major Kira Davis knows the security is deficient and knows to take precautionary measures.

"I feel even though we do have security students need to be aware of their surroundings and remember the security guards are not are parents. We need take responsibility for our actions by knowing who is in our suite at all times and we must lock our doors," Davis said.

The Merit Behind the Madness of Endorsements

From A1

the ultimate power to influence voters. "If the editorials contain inaccurate information or personal attacks on a candidate's character, the candidate should have an opportunity to submit a timely reply," Asher said. "But objecting to a newspaper's editorials because they might influence people's thoughts? Of course they might; and so might a candidate."

In sessions with the editorial board, candidates are asked questions and are allowed to talk about themselves, their plans, ideas and vision for the future. The time spent interviewing can-

didates are opportunities that not all voters may have - or may wish to have in some cases. The Hilltop endorses candidates to assist readers who have not had the time to familiarize themselves with the candidates as well as they would like.

Going in with an open mind, the editorial board weighs the pros and cons of each candidate until a consensus is met on the board's opinion. Then each member submits a vote for which candidate the newspaper should endorse. There are no partisan standards by which we

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Compiled By Campus Editor Brakhton Booker

Campus

Campus Digest

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002

Week Five of the General Elections Committee's L.I.V.E rolls on with the Pre-Election Kick-Off Party. Location and time TBA.
 "Sex for Chocolate" sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho's Rhomania Week. It will be held in Douglass Hall, in Room 133 at 7:22 PM.
 The School of Communications is hosting a final Speak-Out at 8 PM in Room 211 of the C. B. Powell Building.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002

Election Day for L.I.V.E. Vote to voice your choices! Rhomania Week continues with "Sorority Sisters Keepin' It Real" at Baldwin Hall at 7:22 PM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2002

Attend a "Cancer Awareness

Seminar" in the Ground Floor of Blackburn Center.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2002

Charter Day. The University will suspend classes from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Ambassadors for Christ and Howard University Campus Ministries unite to present Howard University Revival 2002. Ladies, attend "Women of Purpose" featuring Lakaiya Atwater in the Blackburn Reading Lounge at 4 PM. Gentlemen, attend "Men of Purpose" featuring Jeffrey Johnson in the Blackburn Forum at 4 PM as well.
 Come to "WORD! - The Revival Service" featuring Pastor Harvey Carey of Salem Baptist Church in Chicago, IL in Andrew Rankin Chapel in 7 PM. Also, featuring the Unified Steppers.

Work it out with the Sigmas at "Sigma-cising" at 7:22 in the Blackburn Center Reading Room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2002

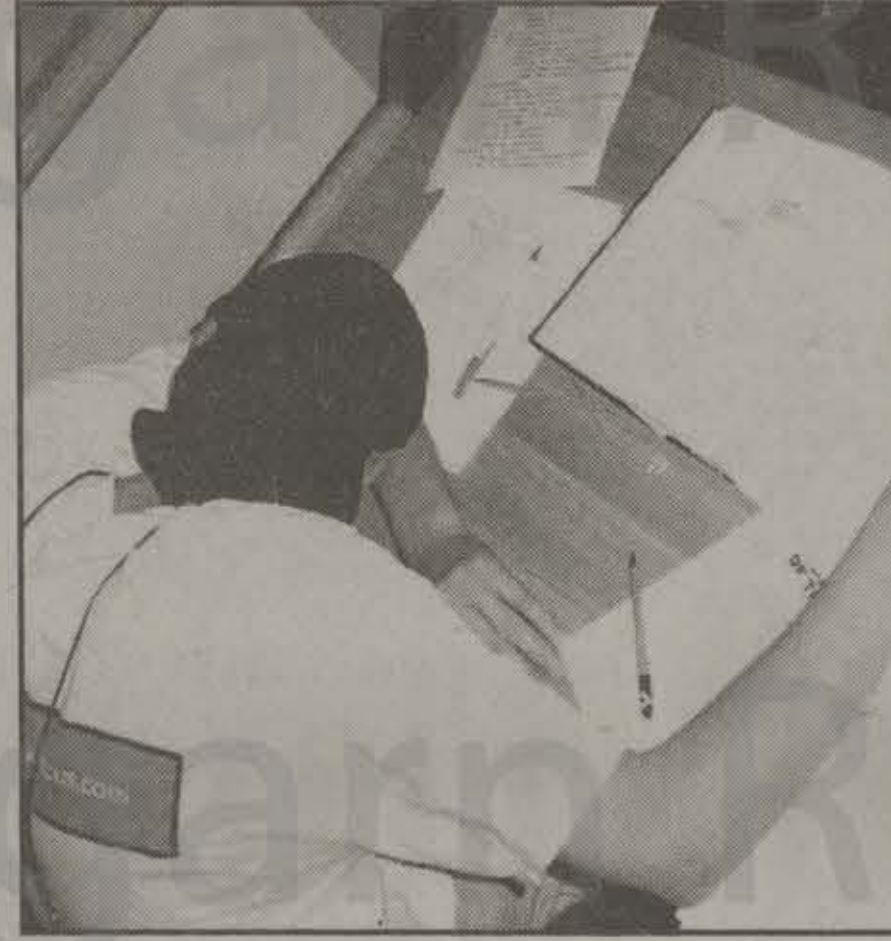
Charter Day Dinner and the launch of Capital Campaign.
 Attend "Mentorship and Evangelism", the finale of the Howard University Revival 2002. It is a Mentor/Mentee Brunch and Seminar featuring Pastor Harvey Carey in the Blackburn Forum at 10 AM.
 Rhomania concludes with "College Life: College Tour" at 3 PM. Also, in the evening there will be a Greek Step 'N' Sing & After Party in the Blackburn Center Ballroom at 8 PM. Admission is \$5.

Compiled By Courtney Wade Hilltop Staff Writer

Over the Counter Drug Approved

BY TAMMYNIKA JORSLING
 Contributing Writer

The Federal Drug Administration has approved a new over the counter drug called Modafinil that can keep a person



awake for three days without any serious side affects. However, some don't think it is safe for students to use during late night study sessions.

The drug Modafinil was originally created to treat serious sleeping disorders such as narcolepsy, hypersomnia (excessive sleep) and cataplexy (a condition of sudden muscular weakness or fatigue).

But an increasing number of college students are beginning to take the drug to help with those late night study sessions.

According to the Good Drug Guide, Modafinil is a memory-improving and mood-brightening psychostimulant. It enhances wakefulness and vigilance. It is less likely to cause jitteriness, anxiety, or excess locomotor activity. In three years of research, the only side effects that have been noted were headaches and nausea.

In rare cases, there has been hyper-salivation and moderate tachycardia (increased pulse rate). People who suffer from heart conditions must consult a physician before using Modafinil.
 Many case studies have been completed on the affects of Modafinil, including one on 41 military personnel. Some soldiers received 300 mg of Modafinil while others were given a sugar pill placebo. On three occasions during the 64 hours of being deprived of sleep, the soldiers fatigue, and sleepiness, as well as their reaction time, logical reasoning and short-term memory showed better performance with both Modafinil.

Modafinil has been studied and used by many countries armed forces for military operations. The use of stimulants to keep troops awake and alert is not a new one.

"Yeah, I have taken stimulant drugs before and they worked out great. I had to drive from Miami to D.C. and I did not feel tired at all, but when I arrived in D.C.

I could not go to sleep," Tristen Nunley, an E-4 in the army said.

However, some experts don't believe the practice of taking stimulants like Modafinil is safe.

"Modafinil is like many other stimulants, there is the risk of cardiac side affects and there is also the risk of serious long term side affects and abuse," Dr. Jadan Phillips, a family physician said.

Many University students like junior business major Owen Wilkins are aware of the side effects stimulants can have on the body and said that taking them is not worth the risk. Wilkins said he has his own remedy to fight off sleep for late night studying.

"Frapacino all day, I would rather drink coffee than take a stimulant drug."

Another side effect to taking stimulants is some become dependent upon them. A Morgan State junior psychology major, Brandy Miller, said the addiction is a relevant concern.

"I have a friend that was hooked on a stimulant drug, she felt like she was getting so much accomplished with no sleep. We had to get her some help," Miller said.

Modafinil, like any other over the counter drug must be carefully considered before consumption. The advice of a physician should be considered before usage.

Franklyn Speaks to Congregation at Chapel

BY SHAWNTEL HEBERT
 Contributing Writer

While the rain may have kept some people in bed, those who made it were able to witness guest preacher Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson break into a sweat during his chapel sermon "A Lifestyle of Praise" in Cramton Auditorium, Sunday.

Though the congregation seemed a bit cold at the beginning of his sermon, by the end of the sermon he garnered the attention of many chapel attendees.

Richardson led into his sermon by saying that "we live in an assault prone culture" and that we as African-Americans have been "systematically assaulted."

Richardson's sermon, taken from the 34th Psalm, was attempting to focus on the "substance, reason, and rational for praising God." Richardson preached of an "attitude of gratitude" and a "posture of praise" that students should be striving for.

Breaking his message into three parts, the guest preacher began with touching on black heritage. Richardson spoke on how Africans came to America with their tribal religions, had Christianity forced upon them, and by some higher power were able to still say,

"I'm so glad trouble don't last always."

Richardson continued to tell the congregation about possible events that may take place in the future and warned that daily prayer will help during any situation one may be facing.

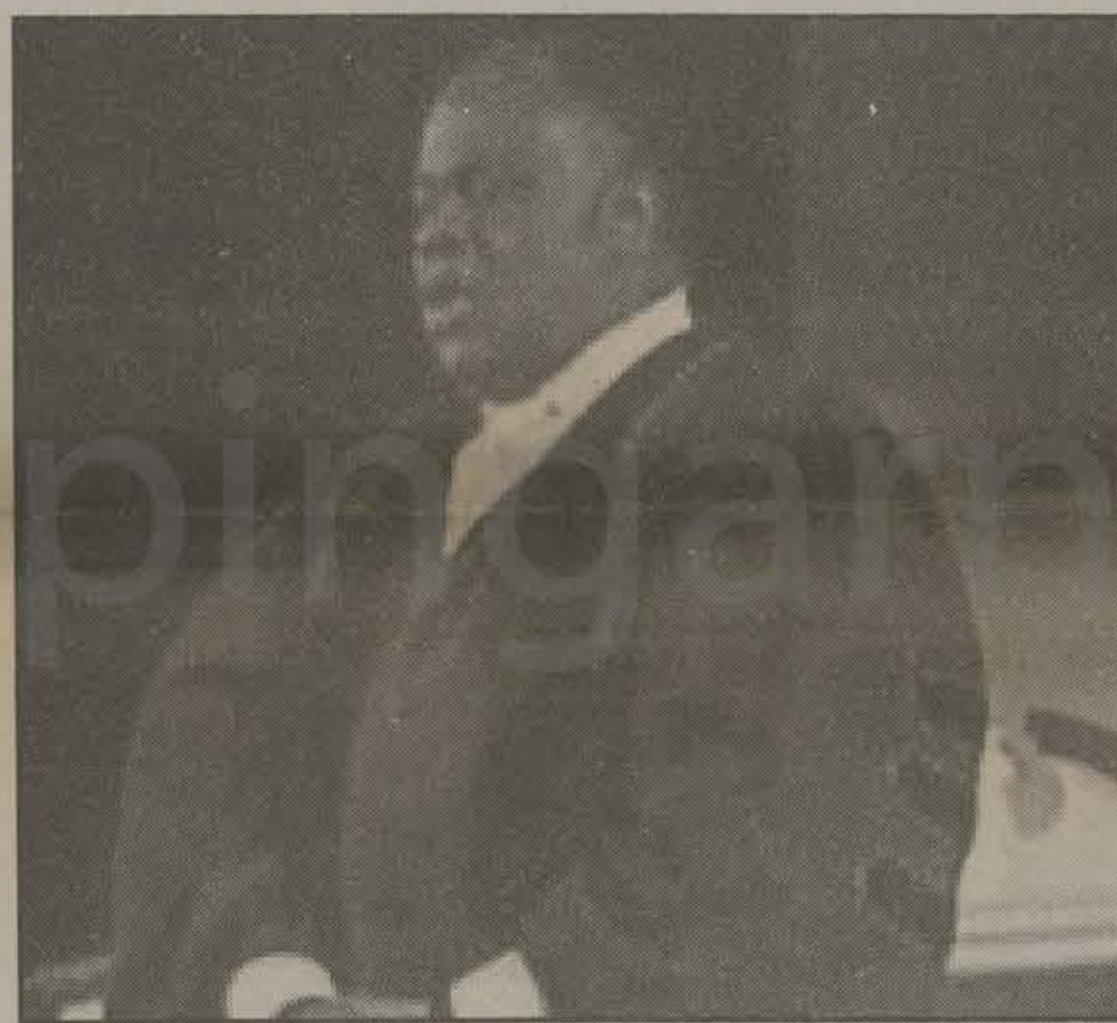
"We have reason to praise God in the moment," said Richardson, as he tried to reach a somewhat lifeless crowd. "Hope is the trust in God for the shell of God."

Some in congregation appreciated Richardson's efforts Sunday.

"The sermon was very uplifting; indeed a call to remember all that God has done and a challenge to stand on a firm foundation of faith," Graduate Assistant and second year graduate student at the School of Divinity Kanika MaGee said. "It is powerful when we, with our intellect, begin to reflect on the awesomeness of God."

Dean of the Chapel Dr. Bernard L. Richardson echoed sentiments similar to those of MaGee.

"One of the most important things we can do is to recognize God's blessings upon us and our responsibility of being leaders for our nation and the world," Dean Richardson said.



The Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson II is the Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, New York. Richardson has been leading his 4,000-member congregation for the past 27 years. He also serves as a board member of the Congress of National Black Churches, the Constituency for Africa, and the Institute of Church Administration and Management headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Rounding out Richardson's accomplishments is he serves as a trustee of the National Urban League and his alma mater, Virginia Union University in Richmond.

UGSA, HUSA, ASSC, CEACS Student Council, School of Business Student Council, and the Bison Yearbook Staff present

Section 8 MEAC Tournament Bus Trip

Come join Section 8, as we support the Howard University basketball teams in the MEAC tournament in Richmond, VA.

Buses will be leaving Cramton Auditorium for 1st Round games for:
 Women - Wed., Mar. 6th @ 9:30 a.m. & Men - Thurs., Mar. 7th @ 11:30 a.m.
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Officials Seek Changes to Policy Boards

From A1 to oversee policy boards. That would lead to an increased review of content in the case of University-wide publications, The Hilltop and Bison Yearbook.

Drake also suggests that ambiguity in the policy boards' provisions leaves procedural rules open for interpretation.

"The provisions of all of the boards are vague and could be more clear," he said.

Students questioning the boards' validity and qualifications claim the vagueness of the provisions governing the students should be clarified.

"There is so much jargon and politics in organizations here at Howard.

Everything has a chain of command," said sophomore history major Raya Foster. "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine, but its all politics and it ends up hurting students more than the administration can 'strategically' deal with."

Others students favor an increased separation between the students and the University.

"There has to be a point when the administration and the student body are separate, meaning that the administration no longer tries to force-feed its agenda down the throats of students through the student leaders they decide on" said senior political science major Heather Donavan.

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The Hilltop Endorses Legacy for HUSA President and Vice-President

The editorial board of The Hilltop, the nation's largest black collegiate newspaper endorses the Legacy slate of Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas for the presidency and vice presidency of the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) for 2002-2003.

Based on the board's assessment, Legacy's goal for reviving the vision of Howard University by remembering our core values is the way to go.

Wright and Casillas present a good platform that does not promise things that cannot be accomplished in one year. Of the three slates for HUSA, they have the most realistic proposal. Changing the way town hall meetings are set up is a good idea. Wright and Casillas have a good idea in wanting to rotate the meeting throughout campus and bring them to the students.

Instead of starting over from the beginning, Legacy wants to continue a working relationship with past administrations and evaluate their performance and plan for future goals to be met. The website they are planning to publish minutes from General Assembly meetings, town hall meetings, University committees and scholarship opportunities is a new idea that would be very informative for the students and allow them 24 hour access.

Our View:

Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas are the best candidates for HUSA next year.

Another thing that proves to be insightful about the Legacy slate is the presence of mind to push for student input on all committees dealing with issues from tuition to security. That is looking to the future. While some of the literature in their platform seems vague, it is a good thing because one cannot know all of the issues that might arise in a year as student government leaders, so they catered it to meet problems as they come along instead of making promises or fighting issues that will no longer be a problem for students next school year.

While the Arabella Littlepage and Karim Shabazz slate had concrete ideas and The Awakening slate seemed very organized and, Legacy is the strongest of the three. Their presence suggest that they would be student leaders who get students involved and could possibly spark a flame in the student to actually care. Wright is a charismatic person with lots of personality and Casillas is outspoken and seems like he would be a good backbone.

When the student body votes on Wednesday, be sure to cast your votes for the Legacy slate...the most qualified of the three slates this election year. The Hilltop endorses Legacy.

F.O.C.U.S. On the Right Candidate

The role of the Undergraduate Trustee is to represent the students of Howard University on the Board of Trustees. This is a person who needs to be not only confident and able to handle himself in the boardroom, but one who is able to collectively gather the concerns of students and take them to the Board. He must also have good ideas and be able to convey them appropriately.

The Hilltop felt that Jaha Howard of the F.O.C.U.S. slate exhibited all of these characteristics. Standing on a platform of Flexibility, Opportunity, Cooperation, Understanding and Service, Howard has the leadership experience to effectively serve the students.

The other candidate, Justin Hansford of the Black Star Campaign had a noble idea for the title of his platform, but unfortunately couldn't back it up. His ideas appeared to lack the necessary research to effectively carry them out. With confidence being a big portion of succeeding in the boardroom, Hansford showed a lack of assuredness that may be a telltale sign of how he'll handle himself with the Board of Trustees.

Howard's long-term goal to propose a Center for African American Research and Studies that if accepted will allow the University to be seen as the premiere

place for "studies and statistics on social and civil issues such as racial profiling."

Undergraduate Trustee is also a position that involves researching various topics in order to present an intelligent option to students and the Board. Howard has presented the idea of working in cooperation with the Gold's Gym near the law school in order to offer students a

cheaper alternative for working out for those who want more extensive facilities outside of Burr Gymnasium. At first, this sounds quite unrealistic. However, Howard has spoken with Gold's Gym and found out that the Law School already has a similar plan in place.

An important aspect of the job is learning from the mistakes of those before you. One major problem with the current Undergraduate Trustee, Breana Smith, is visibility. Howard understands that being a successful Trustee is a combination of great boardroom tactics and a presence on campus.

The Hilltop endorses Jaha Howard of the F.O.C.U.S. Slate for the 2002-2003 Undergraduate Trustee position. So, when you vote Wednesday, choose the right candidate and elect Jaha Howard.

Our View:

Jaha Howard is the best candidate for the Undergraduate Trustee position.

We'll Pass on the Politics

It seems as if politics from Capitol Hill have spilled over to Policy Boards that overlook various University activities. The various boards are made up of students and administrators who come together to decide on the improvements and issues concerning their organizations. On the Bison Policy Board, the current editor appoints three members, while the Dean of Student activities appoints four. This just doesn't add up. Instead of looking out for the best interest of their respective organizations, the boards rely on a system of back scratching. This corruption of the supposedly objective groups is exhibited in events like the selection of the newly selected 2002 Homecoming Chairperson, who failed to attend her interview.

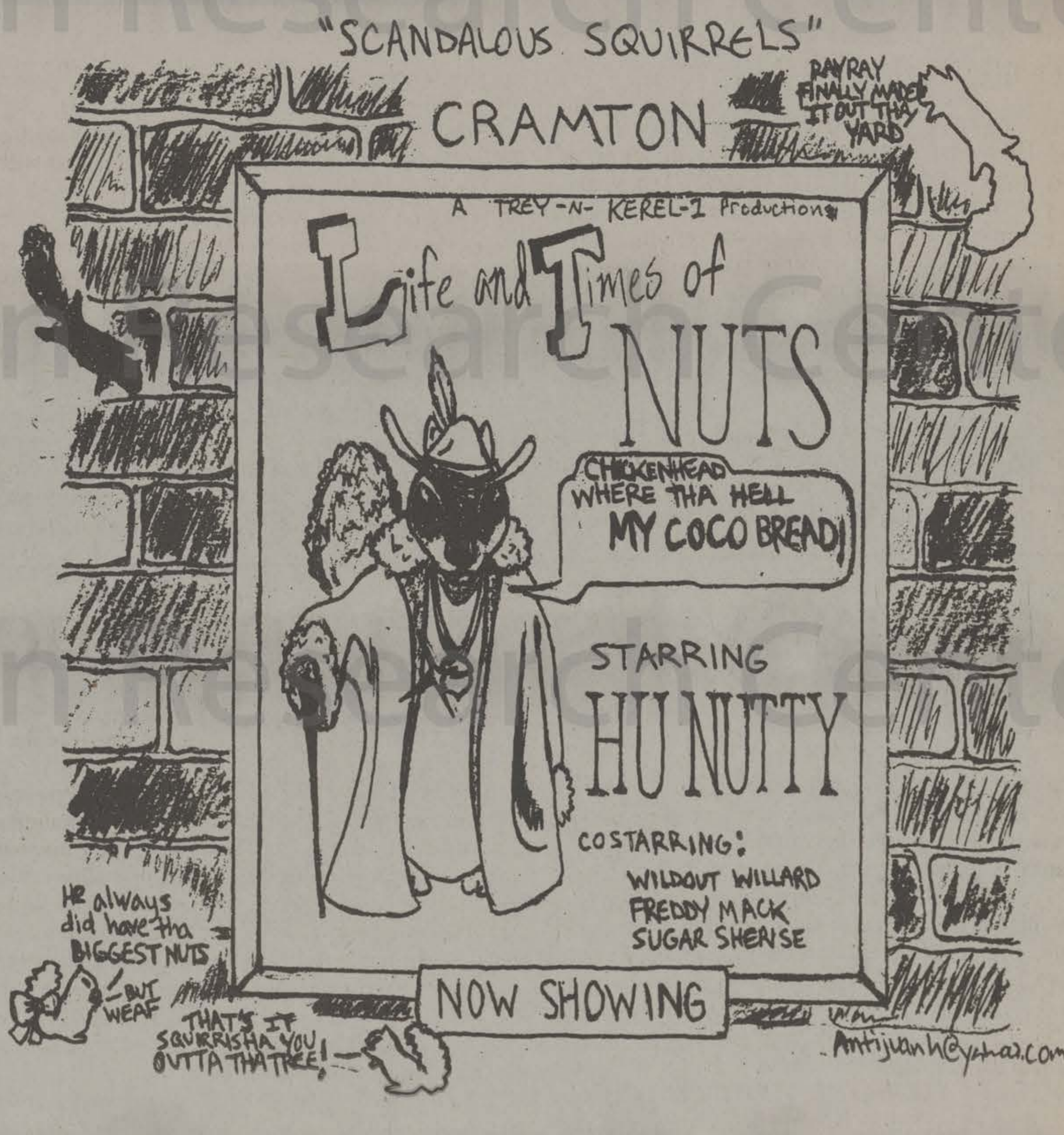
The purpose of these boards is to make the organizations better. In order to make these Boards better represent each organization, there needs to be representation from each staff. The policy boards sit in their back rooms and discuss issues, instead of coming to staff

meetings, learning the staff's names and making themselves available and known to the staff. Even if the staff doesn't consist of the board, shouldn't they make up some portion of the committee deciding the policy? The guidelines for these boards need to be stated clearly, and if necessary elaborated upon. How can these boards make decisions if they don't even have to make quorum? There needs to be an option to appeal decisions, and a process by which board members who have conflicts of interest, like being an employee are removed from the voting process. These boards that are supposed to be objective and look out for the best interest of their respective organization have turned into nothing more than a place to gain favors and influence.

Our View:

The Policy Boards need to be involved with each organization instead of just making uninformed decisions.

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PERSPECTIVES *Elections 2002*

The 'Awakening' Speaks Out

Dear BISON,

Every morning we all have the same choice to make. Do we get up when the alarm clock goes off or do we press snooze and go back to sleep? The Awakening is a movement for us to come together and realize our importance, our power, and our responsibility as Howard students. The power of HUSA lies within the students. The state of the body directly affects the state of the student government. Our administration will strengthen HUSA by awakening the talent, energy, and resources we have amongst ourselves as students.

The Awakening offers true Servant Leaders to head up HUSA next year, whose primary initiative to serve the students. Leaders in which we can depend upon, not just to have our best interest at heart but to have

the ability and courage to stand up for those interests on a daily basis. Those leaders are Cornell R. Williamson & T. Nicole Merritt. We pledge to direct our efforts to create a student government that will focus on the following.

Awaken Campus Access
Works to ensure that students' access to transportation, dining, and academic resources reflect the needs of the students.

Awaken Student Welfare
Is designed to provide information, advice, and practical help to students with any non-academic problems that might be affecting their studies here at Howard University.

Awaken Community Unity
Is dedicated to promoting unity amongst students with local businesses, national corporations, and stu-

dent government at other HBCU's.

Awaken Political Action
Works to ensure that students are registered to vote, educated on current political issues, maintain a working relationship with the CBC and actively partake in the university decision making process.

Awaken Student Involvement
Promotes student awareness, involvement, and evaluation of campus activities, student services, and student government.

In closing, we know that you are not truly apathetic. We know that you care and want to make a difference here at Howard University. It is HUSA's responsibility to make you AWARE and get you INVOLVED in its operations in order to make a positive CHANGE. Our goals and visions are not just limited to what we spoke about above. Our goals and visions involve YOU, the

student of HU. HUSA requires men and women of conviction who are willing to stand up for what they believe, not for what their resumes need. The Awakening provides this new generation of candidates offering a very fresh perspective.

What HUSA needs is change. What students need is a reason to care about student government. Cornell R. Williamson & T. Nicole Merritt provides that reason and that change. We would love the opportunity to serve you and continue to work hard for Howard University.

With Bison Pride,
Cornell R. Williamson
T. Nicole Merritt

'Legacy Speaks to' The Students

Dear Bison,

A vision statement is a declaration of goals set forth by the founders of an institution. It is a promise to pursue those goals in every aspect of its operations.

Howard University's vision statement reads as follows: "Howard University is a comprehensive research university, unique and irreplaceable, defined by its core values, the excellence of all its activities, its instruction, research and service, and by its enduring commitment to educating youth, African Americans, and other people of color in particular, for leadership and service to our nation and the global community."

Our platform, **LEGACY: REVIVE THE VISION**, is designed to ensure that Howard University remains "unique and irreplaceable" as stated in its vision.

We have defined three steps toward reviving the vision statement of the University. 1) Raise the awareness of the student body; 2) Assess where Howard is, relative to

where it should be; 3) and Apply the vision of the University to get us there.

LEGACY is a plan to raise student awareness by maximizing the use of the vehicles of communication already in place, such as The Hilltop, the University e-mail, and Howard University television stations. We will publish bi-weekly reports in The Hilltop which will contain important information such as explanations of student government functions, steps being taken by the University to correct issues of concern and HUSA meetings and events. In addition, we plan to reach apathetic students by hosting Town Hall meetings at various locations around campus.

In order to assess where Howard University is, relative to where it should be, we will meet with past and current student leaders to evaluate progress and plan for the future. Also, we plan to ensure student representation on all University-wide committees, which address problems directly related to students such as the Health Center, Housing,

Faculty Tenure, Parking and Campus Security.

Finally, we will apply the core values of Howard University, Leadership, Excellence, Truth and Service, to ensure we continue to pursue the vision. In order to exemplify Leadership, we will ensure that each branch of student government recognizes its obligations and achieves its purpose. We will work to achieve Excellence in University operations and administrative offices. We will seek Truth by reminding the faculty and staff of the university mission and vision. And we will unite the campus through community Service projects and initiatives. We will revive the vision.

We believe the students of Howard University deserve genuine, servant leadership. We also deserve a HUSA administration with feasible goals and real experience.

Genia Wright is currently President of the School of Communications Student Council, a member

of the HUSA Policy Board, the Hilltop Policy Board, Amnesty International and the Campus Pal Organization. In addition, for the past 3 years she has been an Events Coordinator at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

Alexis Casillas gained extensive student government experience while attending Marygrove College in Detroit, where he was named "2001 Student Leader of the Year." He is an active member of the Howard University Bison Student Leadership Program and a volunteer for HUSA and NAACP. Alexis also serves as a mentor with America's Promise Alliance for Youth.

On March 6, 2002, we should vote for a team with passion, drive, and a genuine desire to continue the legacy of Howard University. Vote **LEGACY** and help **Revive the Vision**. For more information, feel free to contact us at revive@email.com.

'ENVISION'... Seeing Is Believing

"Envision...Seeing Is Believing" is a platform that puts the needs of the student body first. *Envision Your Education* centers on supplemental professional evaluations that will allow students to find out from their peers about teaching styles, strengths and the weaknesses of various professors so that students can make a more informed choice about which professors to take. *Envision Your Empowerment* centers around a university wide Secret Shopper Program that allows trained students to seek services from university offices and personnel and write an evaluation that will be put together with other student evaluations to develop a

document that will assess the services that are provided by the University. Based on the evaluation, proposals for change will be presented from the student body to the university. *Envision Your Excellence* centers on a Leadership Development Series to insure continuity in student government. This series will be open to all the students of Howard University and will give students an opportunity to interact with university administrators, up and coming leaders in business, and leaders in government. Lastly, an initiative that we plan to complete is making sure that graduate school organizations have a chance to receive organizational

funding from HUSA. These organizations are usually not given the same chance undergraduate organizations receive to compete for organizational funding. We hope to use this platform as a mechanism of change. We have full faith that if we give the students a road map to success that we will not be let down. While it is important to critique and evaluate the administration, it is also time for us to develop a plan to help ourselves. We must understand that "Empowering means helping [people] develop their skills and knowledge and supporting them to use their talents. (Kenneth Blanchard)" This platform not only gives stu-

dents the tools necessary to effect change on this campus but leaves a legacy of leadership for future generations of Howardites to be proud to uphold. When students go to the polls on March 6th, it is important that they vote for candidates that have a clear vision of leadership for the Howard University Student Association.

Elections 2002

Vote for your student government candidates
Tuesday, March 6.

Howard Reaches out to Students

Jaha Howard is...

...confident in his abilities, in his fellow students, and in his university.

Greetings Howard University. I am writing this perspective to explain the position of Undergraduate Trustee and to inform you of my plan of action if elected to the position. To begin with, the Undergraduate Trustee sits on the Board of Trustees with equal voting power. This body makes decisions and policies that will generally affect the University on a long-term scale. Essentially, the board's job is to make sure that the university fulfills its mission that is to provide a quality education for African Americans at a reasonable cost and to attract and maintain the best faculty and students that will develop solutions for the world through their research and teaching.

In light of this, I have developed a feasible platform that contains actual solutions and not just words that sound good on paper. I am running on the platform F.O.C.U.S.: Flexibility, Opportunity, Cooperation, Understanding, and Service.

Flexibility: In the boardroom setting, issues will arise that only someone who is versatile and well rounded can handle properly. Having served in the NAACP, UGSA, Residence Life, and as Executive Vice President of the Arts and Sciences Student Council, I have gained the necessary experience

to be effective as a trustee.

Opportunity: I will propose a Center for African American Research and Studies that will be a long-term project that will catapult this university as the cornerstone of statistics and studies on social and civil issues such as racial profiling. My vision is that when I turn on CNN, I will hear, "The latest studies from Howard University show..."

Next, I plan to create a partnership with a local workout facility to compensate for the inadequacies of Burr Gymnasium. We have 20 athletic teams of 400 students and a general student body that generally wants a better facility to exercise. My plan is to get a free or discounted price for the university and transportation the students. Why not build a new facility? We are!!! In President Swygert's Strategic Framework for Action II, the necessary steps are already in place. Unfortunately this facility will not be complete for at least five years. This partnership is a solution for the current students at Howard University.

Cooperation: The Undergraduate Trustee is an unpaid position without a staff or a budget. Simply, I will work with the HUSA administration and other clubs and organizations to build positive relationships and combat current issues that affect the students such as security and street privatization.

Understanding: A major problem

on this campus is that most students do not know who their trustees are or what they do. I propose to issue a booklet at the beginning of the year with the pictures and bios of each trustee and a detailed description of the role of the board.

Furthermore, there is a problem for student trustees every year in that they don't have a good understanding of the position until they are thrown in the fire. An idea that current trustee, Breana Smith, and I came up with is a type of H-Book for new Undergraduate Trustees. This will contain several helpful hints and tips that are needed to be successful.

Service: A real student leader is a servant leader and they lead because they care. I love Howard University and I plan to serve you in the best way that I can.

In closing, I appreciate your patience and your time and tomorrow, March 6th, VOTE!!!!

Handsford Speaks Out

By Justin Handsford

We are born into history. Tossed into the world, we immediately become full-time characters, charged with improvising our way through continuing stories that began long before we stepped into the part. As leaders, our attitude about our history and identity will determine the future of the worldwide Black community. Rediscover in yourself the pride of being an African American with a magnificent and complex history, and we can inspire our people to pursue their most treasured dreams.

To me the most fantastic moment in the film *Amistad* was when Cinque, the African Hero, explains: "I am the reason for all the ancestors." He knew himself to be the purpose of countless sacrifices before him; the answer to the age-old questions, "Who am I? Why am I here?"

Can you imagine getting up tomorrow morning to find everything around you strange and unfamiliar? You don't remember the night before. You don't even remember being alive yesterday. Suddenly, your life is blank. You don't know where your classes are, or even that you are a student at Howard. You can't recall any of your friends or family. You are completely lost. You don't even know your own name.

This loss of memory is analogous to America's systematic denial and suppression of black history. Have you ever wondered why black history month is the shortest month of the year? As it is, American Slavery and the subsequent White dominant culture has destroyed our sense of the unity of life and our place in it, while deforming

the characters of captive and conqueror alike. As the old saying goes "A people without knowledge of its history is like a tree without roots."

We all have hopes and dreams. We need and deserve to know that we, like all living beings, are rooted, webbed, woven, and wound throughout the infinite fabric of existence.

Our everyday links between the past and present were lost over a period of four hundred years. As a people we largely missed the comradeship that comes with building a nation of our own which we could manage and cultivate. Conditioned to be materialistic and inferior, invisible and dependent, we have lived between a rock and a hard place for a long, long time—believing the lies others taught us about us.

My campaign for Undergraduate Trustee is not just about extending the hours in the Punchout, addressing Howard's security, Health Center, and Housing problems, and fostering Financial Independence for the student body. "The Black Star Campaign" pays tribute to Marcus Garvey, one of the valiant knights of Black pride, by resurrecting his timeless theme of Black Unity. We are reaching to the past for strength.

"Your hearts know in silence the secrets of the days and the nights
But your ears thirst for the sound of your heart's knowledge

You want to know in words that which you have always known in your soul

You would touch with your fingers the naked body of your dreams

Your soul unfolds itself, like a flower of countless pedals."

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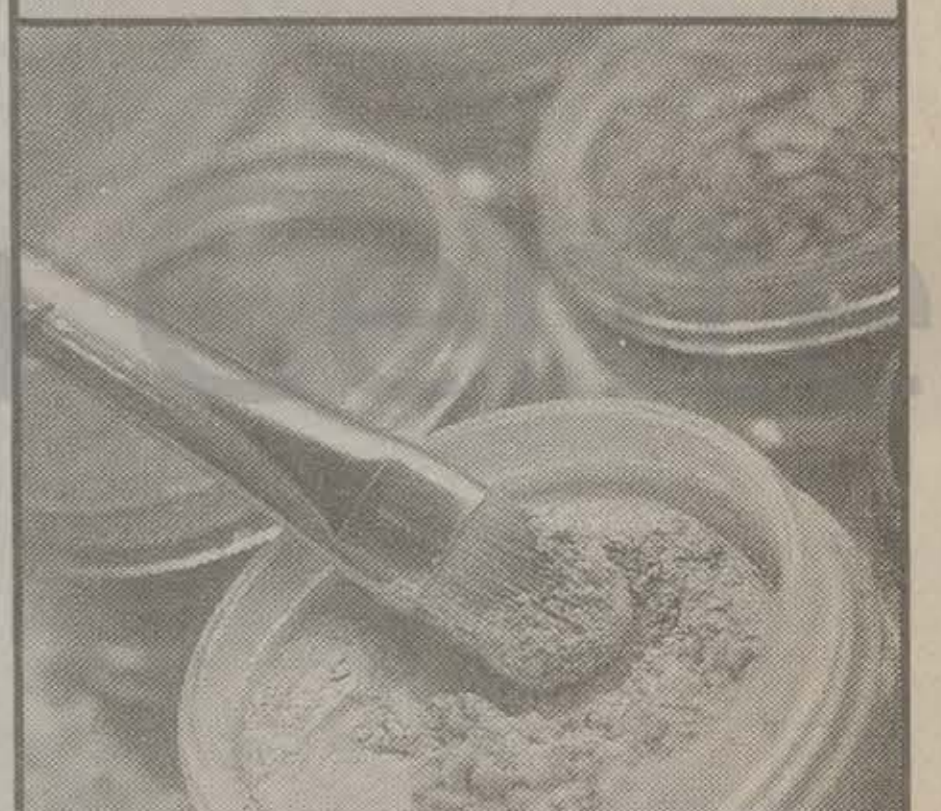
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Sports Feature

Ron Williamson Is A Rising Star For The Streaking Bison

BY AISHA CHANEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

I'm Baaack Allen Powell II

Hey everybody out there it's me again your favorite neighborhood columnist. I know it's been a long time since I used the hallowed pages of the Hilltop to express my horrid opinions, but it couldn't be helped. I was in a terrible funk because of the awful happenings in the world of sports. No I don't mean Skategate, or Mr. Tyson coming to Washington, rather I speak of the horrible role reversal that was taking place in the NBA's Atlantic Division. My beloved Sixers had fallen to battling for a playoff spot, while the lowly Wizards and Nets seemed to have their windometer (I made that word up) set on cruise. I had begun to call Jordan Beatrice because he was ballin' out of control, (shout out to my New Orleans peeps, and that Latex party) and J-Kidd, the Magic man because he had the Nets rolling like ShowTime reborn, in other words, my world outlook was bleak. However, the good Lord finally decided it was time to stop toying with me, and restore the world to its proper order this last week.

I mean how much better can it get. The Sixers blasted the Nets and the Raptors with my main man (big up to Ahmad Rashad) Allen Iverson dropping 40-plus two more times. Besides that MJ is probably done for the season, which means that so are Wizards as shown by their loss at Chicago, and not their lucky win against Orlando. With the Raptors slumping and the Pacers stumbling after their big trade, all is looking great for my Sixers in the Atlantic Division. Although Aaron McKie is still struggling with injuries, Derrick Coleman and Matt Harpring are finally performing up to their capabilities consistently, and the Sixers are rolling. Nobody wants to see them in the playoffs, and I think I'll be seeing them in the Finals.

My good mood was extended even further when I saw the highlights from Saturday's game between the Pacers and Lakers, and watched Kobe start punching on Reggie Miller. I mean this was Kobe Bryant, Mr. Perfect of the NBA. This kid probably studied tapes of Jordan, not for his in game moves, but rather to get his post game interview style down pat. But now that I think about that, Kobe's fight with Reggie makes sense. After all, Jordan had a fight with the slim Bruin early in his career and proved to everybody he wasn't going to put up with too much stuff. In addition to that, Kobe might be trying to make up for the two lumps Chris Childs put on his chin a couple of years back. Either way, the fact that Reggie Miller was suspended for the same amount of game as Kobe, even though he was basically defending himself, just isn't right. What does the NBA expect, players to allow themselves to be beat on to avoid fines and suspensions? Get real. Finally on the local scene, I want to congratulate the men's and women's basketball teams for great seasons. In my four years here at Howard, I have always been amazed at how often the women just blast other girls' teams. I mean they regularly win by 30! And, the men had a really good year. I thought they lost some games they should have won, but all in all, they came to play every game, and gave the fans something to cheer about. Good luck to both squads in the MEAC tournament.

When basketball coaches prepare their teams for an upcoming game, they usually watch tape and develop some type of strategy of trying to stop the other teams' key player. But when opposing teams face off against the Bison, they quickly find out that their strategy will not work if they focus their attention on only one player.

The obvious players that opponents must concentrate on stopping are multi-talented junior guard Kyle Williams, who leads the team in scoring and senior center Aki Thomas, who provides the strong post presence.

But opponents are finding out that Ron Williamson also bears some serious attention. The Columbus, Ohio native has one of the quickest releases in college basketball and can hurt you from anywhere on the court with his unlimited range.

In Howard's recent 82-81 upset over Hampton University, the 6'1" junior sharp shooter was nearly unstoppable, as he drilled nine three-pointers en route to a 41-point performance.

Throughout the season, Williamson has played a significant role in the Bison's success. He is the only player on the team that has started in all 28 games and he is second on the team in scoring (14.7 ppg.) and in minutes played (30.8 per game).

"Ron's an explosive offensive player," said Bison head coach Frankie Allen. "When he gets in a zone, where he feels like he can't miss, then we try to run every possible play and set as many possible screens as we can for him, as we did the other night (Hampton)."

Williamson is without question a scorer, but his specialty is the three point shot. You will often find him coming hard off a screen and pulling up to drain the three, or spotting up behind the line in ready position so that he can release the ball from his hands as soon as his teammates pass it to him.

He is ranked second in the MEAC and leads the team in three-point shooting percentage (44 percent) and three pointers made (3 per game).

"It's fun playing with Ron because since I've been playing college ball, he's one of the purest shooters I've played with and it's always fun playing with somebody who can shoot it like that," said Thomas. "Especially when you're a big man because the way I open up the game for the perimeter players, it kind of works the same; he opens up the game for me because the defense has to respect him from the outside."

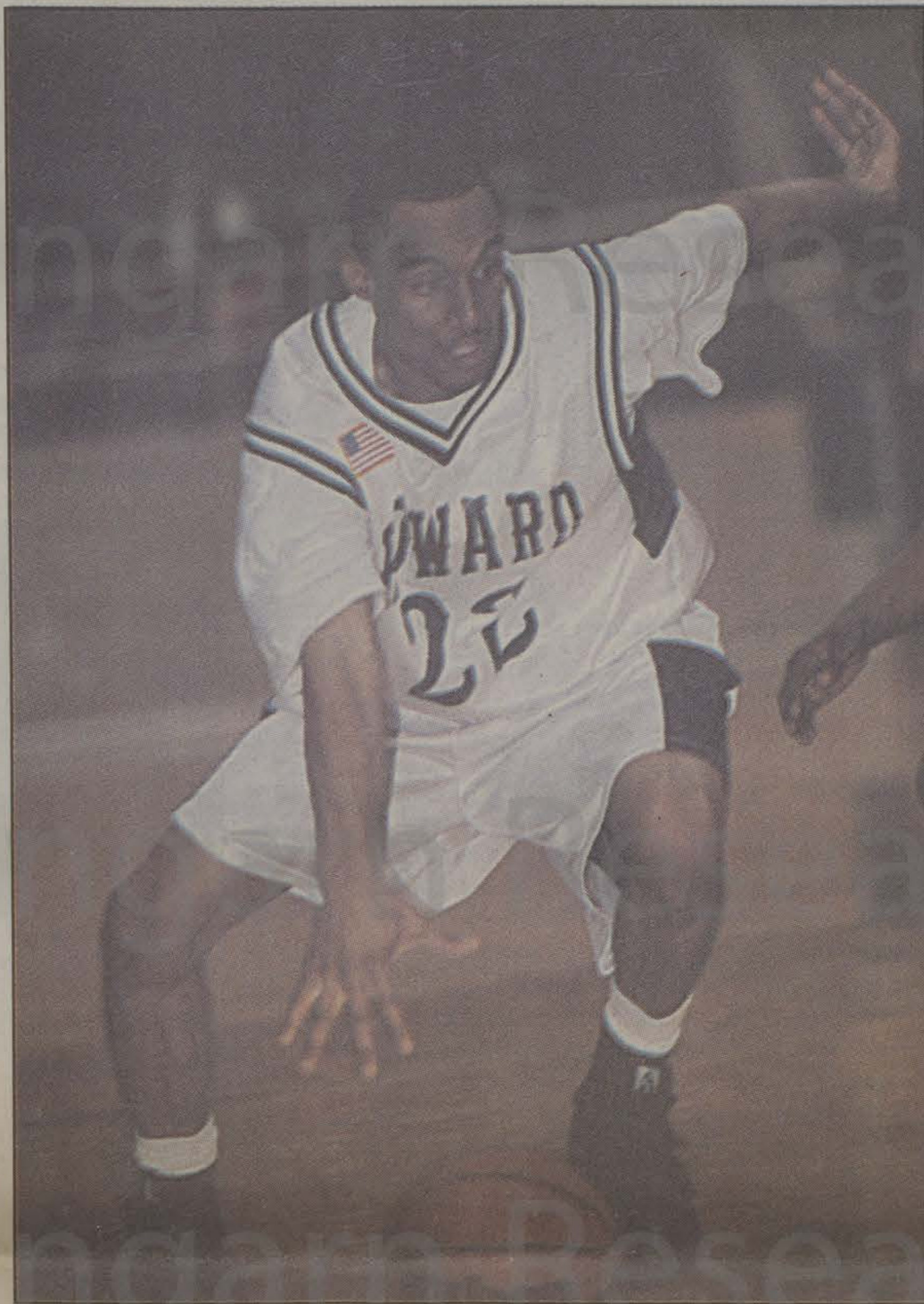
Although Williamson is an outstanding shooter, he admits that he has not always had that as a part of his game.

"During my freshman year at Howard, I didn't really look to shoot because we had Reggie Morris and Tony Michelle, and they were two real good shooters," said Williamson. "Jon (Jonathan Stokes) was also playing really well. So I was really just looking to contribute any way I could whether it was defensively or rebounding."

Williamson had his break out game against University of Maryland Eastern Shore during his freshman year when he scored a then career-high 25 points. He went on to finish the season strong and established himself as a college basketball player.

"We had some good offensive players, but that game I was just feeling it and it carried on for the rest of the season," said Williamson.

The following season, Williamson showed tremendous promise of things to come when he scored a then school record 41 points (it has since been broken by Williams with 43) that included 11 three pointers against Georgetown.



Ron Williamson is having a breakout season for the Bison, as they look to make some noise in the MEAC tournament.

However, Williamson's hopes for a promising season came to a screeching halt when he was declared academically ineligible after playing only 11 games.

He was eligible according to the NCAA grade requirements; however he fell just a tenth of a point short of the grade requirements at Howard.

"By NCAA rules I was eligible, but by Howard requirements, I was not," explained Williamson. "I wasn't able to play for the second half of the season. Being on the bench and just watching was not a good feeling at all, knowing that I could not go out there and help my teammates. I thought I played pretty well the first half of the season, and I was looking forward to playing the second half. But it just didn't happen. There were growing pains for me. I had to really concentrate on my grades."

After playing on a team that finished 1-27 during his freshman year and having to sit out the second half of his sophomore season, Williamson made a concerted effort to perform well this season and make a significant contribution to his team.

The addition of five transfer players and a new freshman point guard has been instrumental in the men's basketball programs' dramatic turnaround. At press time, the Bison have compiled a 16-12 record and 11-7 in the MEAC, good for third place. The 16 victories are the most at Howard since the 1991-92 season and eclipses the combined record of victories for the past three seasons.

Williamson says that the addition of the new players has been welcome with open arms.

"Kyle and Aki have been a big help to me this year," said Williamson. "Offensively, Kyle can score at will and when Aki gets the ball down low, he can score at will and it just takes a lot of pressure off of me from last year, having to score the way I had to. If I'm not hitting, I know Kyle is, and if Kyle's not hitting then I'll be hitting, or Aki will be doing his thing down low and it's just been a great bonus for our team this year. Especially with Seye coming back playing good and Gil stepping up his game now, it's been a real bonus."

Howard was not the only school that recruited Williamson. He was also courted by Boston University, Hampton University and Youngstown State. But after a visit to The Mecca on a campus visit in March, he decided that Howard was the place for him.

"I really liked the campus and the coaching staff was cool," said Williamson. "I felt Howard was a good fit for me. Everybody was telling me how it's an outstanding academic institution, so I decided to come here."

As for his participation in other sports, Williamson said his only interest was in the sport of basketball.

"I didn't play any other organized sports like football or baseball," said Williamson. "I just played basketball and recreation sports. Basketball has always been my first love. I've been playing since I was age five, and I started organized basketball at age 12."

At Briggs High School, he played varsity all four years, but was reluctant to shoot until his junior and senior seasons.

"We had good players on the team, so I never really looked to shoot. I was just looking to pass and trying to blend in with my other teammates," said Williamson. "I had to really step up my game in my junior year when I averaged 17 points and in my senior year when I averaged 24."

Williamson attributes much of his success in basketball to his AAU basketball coach Nate Mitchell, who coached him from ages 12-16.

"When I met him I could play and I had a lot of raw talent, but I really didn't know the game as well as I know it now," said Williamson. "He's the reason I was able to play varsity as a freshman in high school. He helped me look at the game as a point guard, think the game through and be mentally tough. He showed me a lot of things to help my game out, especially shooting wise, because I couldn't really shoot that well. I was more of a scorer, taking it to the basket, but he helped me develop my jump shot, and just helped me on all aspects of my game."

Off the court, Williamson enjoys playing video games, going to the movies, and watching videos, Sportscenter, and NBA TV. The business management major plans to pursue real estate after college.

"When I first got to college, I wanted to try and make it to the NBA. I adjusted my thinking after I became ineligible in my sophomore year. I had to really think about it and I realized that my grades and getting a degree were more important," said Williamson. "I decided that after college that I'm going to pursue real estate and ultimately own a few restaurants in different areas around the country. That's my ultimate goal after real estate."

With Jordan Out, Wizards' Playoff Chances In Doubt

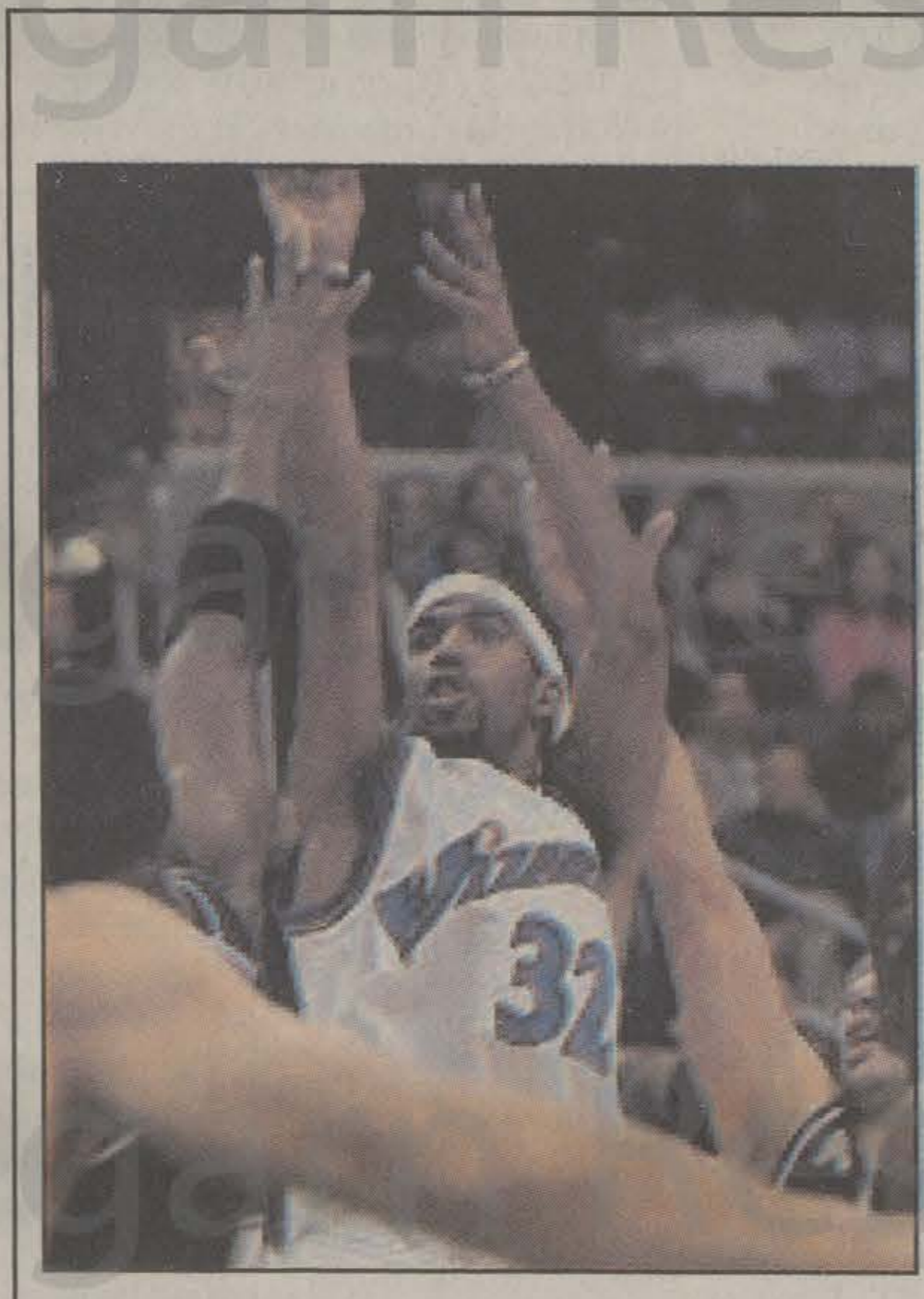
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With the greatest player to ever grace the basketball court on their team, the Washington Wizards began their season with high goals. Not only did the Wizards plan to blow by last season's win total of 19 games (19-63), they also intended to reach the NBA playoffs come season's end in April. While their 20th win of the season came in late January, their other goal might be in jeopardy as Michael Jordan was placed on the injured list last week with an injury to his right knee.

Jordan had successful arthroscopic surgery to repair his torn lateral meniscus cartilage Wednesday and the Wizards have yet to determine his return date. However, because the surgery was a success, Jordan is expected to return in plenty of time for Wizards stretch run to the playoffs. The injury was a result of normal wear and tear on the knee of an athlete of the caliber of Jordan according to team physician Dr. Stephan Haas.

Jordan leads the Wizards in scoring, averaging 24.3 points and has averaged 6.0 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 36.7 minutes per game in 53 games.

When a player is placed on the injured list, they must miss at least five games meaning that Jordan would be eligible to play again Friday when the Wizards face the Magic in Orlando. Since Jordan's injury, the Wizards have gone 0-2 with losses to at home to Portland and Chicago (away) on Friday. The Wizards have games against the Bulls and the Pistons this week before Friday's game. Chances are Jordan won't be ready this Friday as the Wiz-



Richard Hamilton is going to have to carry the load if the Wizards want stay in the playoff hunt in the East.

ards are asking the 39 year-old superstar to take an ample amount of time off so that his knee will be at full strength the last two months of the season, and hopefully the playoffs.

"Jordan really doesn't get hurt that much because he's a little old so he'd better take it easy," said junior political science major Gerrard Hairston. "Being from Chicago, I was disappointed that Jordan and Pippen (a member of the Portland Trailblazers) couldn't play against each other last week, but I hope the Wizards make the playoffs. But with no Mike, they definitely won't."

Currently the Wizards are 27-30 and would be right on the verge of making the playoffs if the season ended today. Eight teams make the playoffs for each conference and in the Eastern Conference only New Jersey, Detroit and Milwaukee seem to be safe bets for the playoffs. The race is mighty tight as seeds 4-12 are all in a position to take a spot come playoff time and the Wizards are right in the mix. Although guard Richard Hamilton has stepped up in Jordan's absence (31 and 30 points in the two losses), without their star the Wizards hopes of making the playoffs are slim to none.

"The East is real close right now, but the Wizards will fall out of the picture real quick if Jordan doesn't return soon," said junior international business major Sean Blondell. "Jordan is so competitive though. I think he'll return in plenty of time to save the Wizards."

Michael Jordan has achieved all that a basketball player can. It even seems that he has silenced the doubters who said his age wouldn't allow him to be successful again. Many say that if Jordan can get the Wizards into the playoffs, that accomplishment would be his greatest basketball feat. Hopefully, for the Wizards and NBA fans worldwide, Jordan's knee can heal correctly and in a timely fashion. If not, look for the Wizards to miss the playoffs once again.

Bison Lose Season Finale, 71-64, Against Delaware State

BY AISHA CHANEY
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The disappointment was written all over the faces of the Howard University men's basketball team Saturday night as they walked off the court with their heads hanging down after suffering a close 71-64 loss to Delaware State, in their final game of the season before a crowd of 1,958 in Burr Gymnasium.

With the loss, the Bison finish the season in third place with a 16-12 overall record and 11-7 in the MEAC, while the Hornets claim second place with a record of 15-12 overall and 12-6 in the MEAC.

Heading into the MEAC tournament this week the Bison hold the third seed and will get a first round bye. They will play their first game in the quarterfinals Thursday afternoon at 2:15, against the third lowest seed winner from the Monday/Tuesday match-ups.

Before the game began, seniors Aki Thomas and Darren Kennedy were honored in a brief ceremony at mid-court for Senior Day, since it was the last game they will ever play in The Burr as a Bison.

Once the game got underway, there were a total of seven lead changes and seven ties in just the first half alone. Ron Williamson's 12 first half points and some powerful inside play by Thomas kept the Bison in the game, despite the tight defense and eight three-pointers made by the Hornets, and they headed into the locker room with the score tied at 36.

The Hornets came out strong and scored the first seven points of the second half to take a 43-36 lead with 17:06 left to play. Point guard Miles Davis slowed the tempo of the game and displayed a lot of patience on offense, letting the shot clock wind down to below 10 seconds before the Hornets would even attempt a shot.

The Bison, on the other hand, seemed to lack patience on offense, often taking a shot after just one pass. They shot 58 percent in the first half, but only 33 percent in the second, and that proved to be the difference. Despite some questionable calls from the officials, the Bison still had opportunities to cut the deficit, but came up short in the end.

Delaware State led the entire second half and hit crucial free throws (11 of 14) down the stretch to seal the victory.

"I've got to give credit to Delaware State because they did what they had to do to win the game," said Bison head coach Frankie Allen. "They shot the ball really well from the three-point line. We out rebounded them, but it seems like they got all the key rebounds and loose balls, and every possession was a big one. We wanted to try to do some things to force tempo and we just weren't able to do it. Miles Davis is a good point guard that did a good job of running the show for them out there. They've had some ups and downs this year, but they're a very solid basketball team."

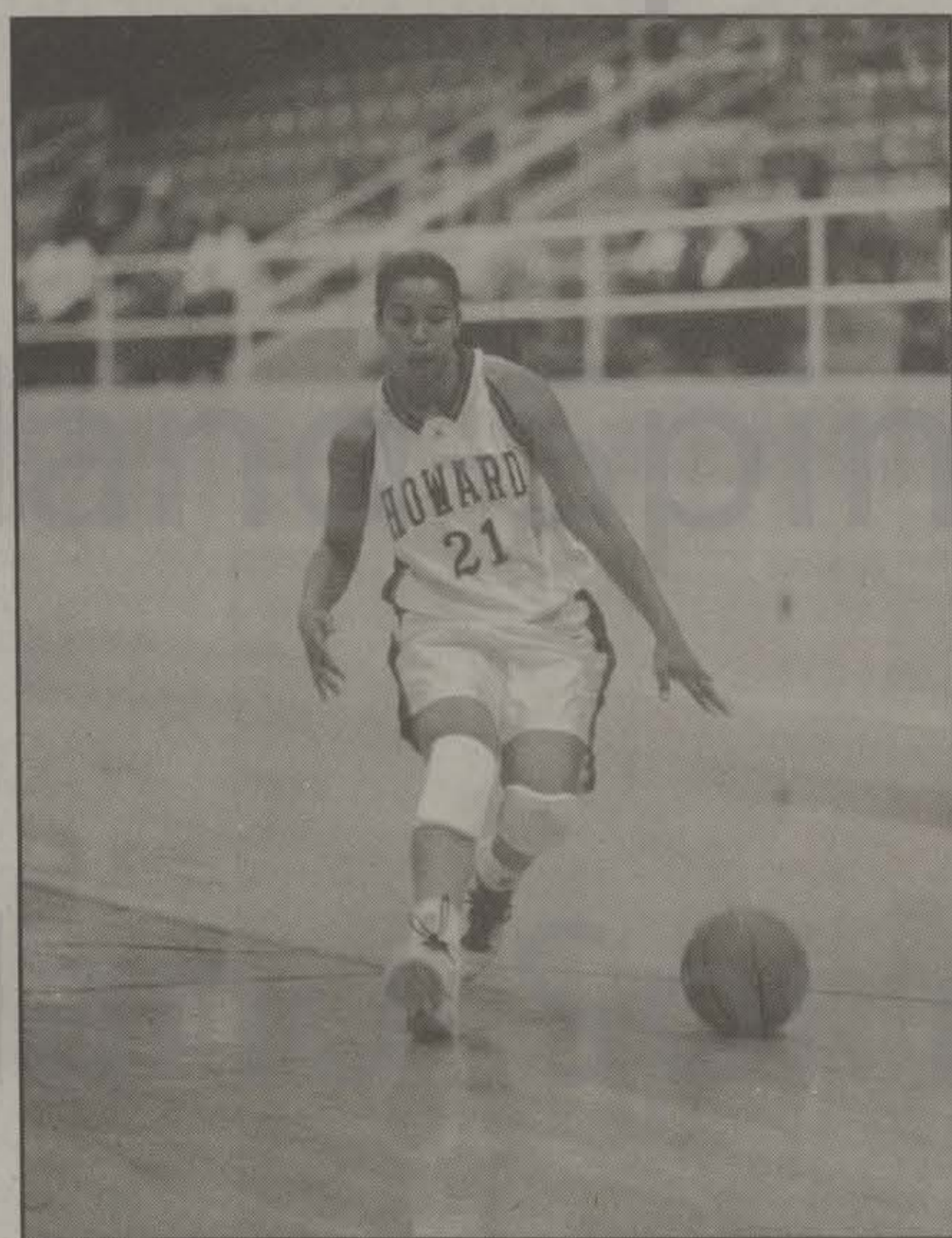
Andre Matthews led the way for the Hornets with a game-high 21 points and four rebounds and Marty Bailey and Miles Davis added 14 and 13 points respectively.

"We wanted it more," said Davis, who also had five assists. "It seemed like they didn't know what was at stake. We knew second place was at stake and we just pulled it out in the end. The free throws came from just taking my time and tuning out the crowd. I couldn't hear anything."

For the Bison, Kyle Williams finished the game with 15 points, while Thomas ended with 13 points and 12 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season, and Gil Goodrich turned in a good performance with 11 points and three assists.

"It's a brand new season when we go down for the tournament," said Williams. "We've got to win Thursday, Friday and Saturday in order for us to get a chance to go to the tournament (NCAA). But we pretty much feel like we can beat anybody that's on our schedule. We just have to get our hands up on defense, contest shots, get rebounds, and we've got to execute."

Diary of the Lady Bison Daisha Hicks Is Just One More Impact Player For the Lady Bison Dynasty



File Photo

Daisha Hicks has had an immediate impact on the Lady Bison's season this year.

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With intensity in her eyes, Daisha Hicks guards a struggling point guard. "Get her Daisha," screams a supportive teammate. Hicks steps up the intensity, reading the point guards every move, getting lower into defensive stance, hands quick and ready to strike. After a failed attempt at a cross over, Hicks swipes the ball, and goes to work. Flying past the now embarrassed point guard Hicks completes a lay-up with ease.

Just a freshman, Hicks has stepped into the Lady Bison's back-up point guard position, and brought energy on both the offensive and defensive end of the floor.

"In terms of my youth I think that I can bring a little spunk and character where I can be a spark. If things are going down and coach puts me in, I can provide a defensive presence," said Hicks.

Daisha Hicks, a Sacramento, California native, who averages 4.1 points a game, was recently voted onto the all MEAC Rookie team.

"Daisha Hicks is probably the most valuable player to our program, in terms of young players, she is growing every game and at times her impact on the team has been impeccable" said Bison Head Coach Cathy Parson. "There have been times where if she hadn't been on the floor we would not win. To have that much of a value as such a young player lets me know that her future is very bright."

Teammates also respect and appreciate Hicks.

"Daisha coming in has helped us a lot this year. Said sophomore guard Simone Agee "I know that I can come sit on the bench and she will go in pick up right where I left off. Then on offense she is a spark, Daisha is a great point guard and I enjoy playing with her."

Hicks said she came to Howard because she really liked the coaching staff and wanted to return to the East coast.

"We talked about it (where she would go to school) a lot, but after the coaches at Howard got a hold of her she was dead set on going, and no one could change her mind," said Wood Creek girls basketball coach Lori Ann Donnel.

Though her parents are 3,000 miles away, Hicks said her parents' support is the key to her success.

"My parents and family are always emailing me and telling me to send them tapes," said Hicks. Their encouragement really keeps me going."

Hicks began playing basketball after her dad was transferred to the Pentagon for a two-year assignment. "I was in 6th grade living in Fairfax, Virginia and my PE teacher was like 'you know you are really good you should play' and from that point on I played basketball," said Hicks.

Hicks returned to California after two years in Virginia, and attended Woodcreek High School. Hicks was a four-time varsity Most Valuable Player, three-time co-captain and recipient of the Nation Bank's Excellence in Leadership Award.

Off the court, Hicks enjoys sleeping as well as shopping at her favorite store Lerner New York.

In the future, Hicks, a marketing major, would like to work for a



File Photo

With the injury to star guard Essence Coggins, Daisha Hicks has provided the MEAC regular season champions with stability at the point guard position.

fortune 500 company. "I also have future aspirations to be an entrepreneur," said Hicks.

Despite Facility Problems Bowling Team Perseveres

BY PAUL CREWE
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Four years ago, Curtis Butler retired from the Information Systems and Services Center here at the university. Just two years into his retirement, Butler was presented with another job opportunity at the school, as it's women's bowling coach. A friend of Butler's at the bowling alley where he frequently bowled had passed his name along to the university's athletic department officials.

"At the time I wasn't necessarily interested but they said they really needed a bowling coach so I told him I'd give it a shot," said Butler. Since then, another two years have passed, and Butler has started to build a bowling program here at Howard that is already performing at a competitive level.

Since the ratio of athletic scholarships awarded between females and males has been so lop-sided over the years, there has been an effort to create more female-only scholarship sports, to serve in the same capacity as football does for male athletes.

"Most people don't even realize we give out scholarships and we do recruit," Butler added. "Since we don't have the adequate bowling facilities to host our own tournaments, very few are able to ever see us in action."

Butler elaborated on how the bowling lanes at Howard have been resurfaced, but the machinery used to retrieve the balls and set up the pins is outdated and does not function properly.

Senior Crystal D. Waters, who is the team's captain, says despite the team's success over the last couple of years, the program has not been rewarded accordingly. Waters compared Howard's program with other programs like Morgan State, who provides their team with new bowling balls, bags, and shoes yearly.

"In the future, I would like to see the program get more funding. We actually have had to pass up opportunities to place in tournaments that we've qualified for because we don't have enough money. All the programs really need to improve is the support of the athletic department."

Unable to use the lanes in the Blackburn

Center, the team practiced twice a week at a local bowling ally in Suitland, Maryland this season. As a result, Butler said the team built a strong rapport with the league bowlers, who often shared the lanes with the team and they turned an inconvenient situation into a fun environment.

At the conclusion of the MEAC regular season, the Lady Bison finished in third place, just one game behind first place, UMES. Howard's pin-fall count was lower then Morgan State's, which resulted in the third place finish although the two teams finished with the same number of games won. Butler felt the team would have definitely won had the services of junior, Lilibeth R. Jones not been lost during the season. Jones sat out most of the season as she recovered from surgery. She will be red-shirted and will not lose a year of eligibility.

In a fashion unique to intercollegiate bowling, the Lady Bison actually participate in two different conferences at the same time, as do the other schools in the MEAC.

The Eastern Maryland/Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Bowling Conference also hosts a number of bowling tournaments and it's own conference championship as well for intercollegiate bowling teams in the region. It is in this conference that males are able to compete in on a non-scholarship basis.

Some notable highlights of this season were the three invitational tournaments that the Lady Bison were invited to participate in. November 9th and 10th the MEAC Bowling Championships were held at Delaware State University. As a team, the Bison finished fourth in the all

events category. Waters and freshman, Kimberly N. Williams finished second in the doubles category. In the individual category, Waters finished fourth overall out of 61 bowlers and was named to the conference championship first team.

During All-Star Weekend, the Lady Bison participated in the EMPIBC Championship Tournament in Philadelphia, where Kimberly Williams received honors for second high-game score. Waters paired up with Nathan Bolden of UMBC to place first in the mixed doubles competition.

Butler said his goal was to improve the program every year he was here. It appears that the program is definitely headed in the right direction. Butler finally added, "In order to improve upon what we are doing now, we need to keep finding good players, finding the best people is the key to having the best team."

Sports Briefs

Who Needs Tyson? It's K-O-B-E

NEW YORK- Kobe Bryant and Reggie Miller were each suspended two games without pay by the NBA on Sunday for fighting at the end of the Indiana Pacers' game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Both players also were fined — Bryant \$12,500 and Miller \$10,000 — for the fight that occurred after the Lakers beat the Pacers 96-84 on Friday night in Los Angeles.

Bryant will miss Lakers' home games Sunday against the Houston Rockets and Tuesday against the New Jersey Nets. Miller will miss Sunday's game against the Sacramento Kings and Tuesday's home game against the Orlando Magic.

The NBA suspended Bryant for "throwing a punch and fighting" and Miller for "retaliating against Bryant and fighting."

Tiger Was Grrreat, But Els Still Held On For The Victory

MIAMI — An eight-stroke lead suddenly became Ernie Els' worst nightmare.

It was bad enough that the Big Easy was having a difficult time in the Genuity Championship on Sunday. Worse yet, Els had to watch Tiger Woods in the group ahead put on a dazzling display of big drives and crucial putts, working the gallery into a frenzy.

He has wiped out leads like that before," Els said. "When he gets on a roll, it's hard sometimes for him to hit a bad shot. It's not a very comfortable feeling."

Fortunately, the duel Els' never wanted turned into a victory he desperately needed on the Blue Monster at Doral when he withstood relentless pressure to win for the first time in 18 months on the PGA Tour.

Jayhawks Are Perfect, now it's time to dance.

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Top-ranked Kansas finished the first unbeaten Big 12 season by beating the team that gives the Jayhawks fits.

Five of the previous six times they played at Missouri with a top-five ranking, they lost. In both 1997 and '98, the Missouri game was their only loss in conference play.

This time, Kansas passed the final exam, surviving a tight final few minutes for a 95-92 victory on Sunday. Nick Collison had 28 points and seven rebounds and Kirk Hinrich had 25 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (27-2, 16-0).

Raiders May Look Within For Guidance

The Oakland Raiders are expected to hire offensive coordinator Bill Callahan as their next head coach, ESPN.com's John Clayton reported Sunday.

Raiders boss Al Davis doesn't appear to be in a hurry to promote Callahan since the team has its practice schedules planned through training camp, its free-agency plan in place and every assistant under contract, Clayton reported.

Davis, the Raiders' managing general partner, is expected to continue his quest for Jon Gruden's replacement in the next couple days.

Meanwhile, the Contra Costa Times reported that Gruden and two league sources say signs point to the Raiders promoting Callahan.

Without MJ And Rip Wizards Still Manage a W

WASHINGTON, (— The Washington Wizards finally found a way to win without Michael Jordan.

Courtney Alexander scored a season-high 32 points as the Wizards snapped their seven-game losing streak with a 107-102 overtime victory over the Orlando Magic.

Five of the defeats were with Jordan in the lineup and the last two came after Jordan underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on Wednesday. He is out anywhere from two to six weeks, severely jeopardizing Washington's playoff hopes.

In addition to Jordan's absence, second-leading scorer Richard Hamilton sat out with the flu and starting center Jahidi White was sidelined with a strained right shoulder.

Lady Bison Blast Lady Hornets

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Lady Bison Roll Again in Rout Of Lady Hornets

The crowd cheered and players hugged with bittersweet smiles on their faces as the buzzer sounded signaling the end of the last regular season victory 97-65 in Burr really set it off.

"We have three seniors so of course we started them all, and we really wanted to honor them by starting them and giving them an opportunity to make this a night to remember. I think that was the first thing on my mind, but we wanted to win," Lady Bison basketball coach Cathy Parson.

The Lady Bison will end this season as the MEAC regular season champs 18-9 overall, 17-1 in the MEAC. The Lady Bison will enter the MEAC tournament as the first place seed, with their first post season game will take place in Richmond, VA.

"Howard will play at 12:00 pm noon Wednesday against the lowest seed team to advance from the first round," said Parson.

Simone Agee tied her season high and led the team in scoring with 19 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals. This

game ended a slump for Simone Agee who struggled to score points in the last four games.

"Yesterday at practice, I asked her when was the last time you hit a jump shot," said Coach Parson.

The championship is also important to seniors who want to end their college careers on a high note. Andrea Gardner looks forward to the tournament with high hopes.

"We are very confident, and if my teammates are not confident, then I will be confident. That is whole new level. I don't take it lightly because I know that it is anybody's game in the tournament," said Gardner.

The Lady Bison will start the tournament in good condition with the entire team ready and able to play with the exception of Essence Coggins, who is still recovering from a knee injury, which occurred earlier in the season. The Lady Hornets scored four unanswered points at the start of the game. Senior guard Nicole Jackson scored the first point of the game by hitting a 3-pointer and the Lady Bison took off from there.

Andrea Gardner recorded her 17th double-double of the season, with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Nicole Jackson scored 15 points and had 6 assists.

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SEX In the Chocolate City

Between The Sheets, The Art of Pillow Talk

By Tiffany D. Jackson

Pillow Talk: any dialog shared in bed by a couple of the opposite or same sex. These talks are deemed by some to be sacred. The question is what is right or not right to speak on in bed? Pillow talk is a bunch of jumbled up words that at times can be pretty annoying. For instance, "what are you thinking about" is a notorious question used for generations. That question can be nice at certain moments, but other times it's quite frankly, in the way. I always find that guys ask me that question when I am honestly not thinking about anything. Then they think I'm lying, so I'll have to conjure up something just to shut them up. Do you really want to know what I'm thinking? What if I'm not thinking about you and am thinking about someone else? Another example is "was it good?" Ok, maybe not in those exact words, but something like it. It's like taking a test with a man stripping in front of you, it's hard to concentrate. That can put a person on the spot. What's with the pop-quiz, that I may not have the answer you really want to hear? What is the answer you want to hear? Or even worse, talking in the middle of sex! Do you really think I want to have a full-blown conversation with you right at that very moment? It's hard to enjoy yourself with someone yapping in your ear. I mean, damn, can't it wait!

Women are known for being the worst at timing when they want to have a deep conversation about the relationship they currently reside in. They figure the only way to have that conversation is to corner them, and what better way than cornering a man while in bed, right? WRONG! Why would you wait to have that type of conversation, a conversation that may alter your entire relationship, in bed, when you're lying on your back and your man is thinking with his dick? It is a medical fact that the hormone that induces hard-on's also alters perception and way of thinking in men. Ok, so I lied, but even if it's not a medical fact it's still a well know and proven fact. So why try to have deep conversations in bed when a man can't even utter a full sentence? And fella's, why wait until your woman is good and ready to have sex to start a conversation that may lead to no "play" at all?

I make it a rule that any discussions I have with a man, I want them to be fully conscious and attentive so that they give an answer that they can communicate clearly and won't regret. I want them to be honest and sensitive to the situation, something you can't get when you're anxious for sex. Plus, I don't communicate well under those circumstances, therefore I may not verbalize all the things I wanted to say and I hate half-ass conversation. Now, I can't reveal my tricks on how to have those types of conversations (after all, men read this too!) but I will say this, be somewhere where it is comfortable for you. If your not comfortable in his room, go for a walk, eliminate the problem off jump.

Now don't get me wrong, pillow talk also has its good traits as well. Sometimes you see a side of a person that no one has ever seen before. It's the time when you can be with that special person and no one else is around to disturb that special quality time that you can only get in bed. You don't even need to have sex, just to sit an cuddle in bed can be one of the most sincere moments that you can never get in front of your friends or out in public. But hey, don't listen to me, I just live life and write about it.

Late Rock Star's Soul To Go On Sale This Fall Through Auction

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On February 26, 2002 the New York based Riverhead Books successfully won the bidding war over what could be one of the biggest arrangements in rock history next to Michael Jackson buying the rights to the Beatles music. The deal involved the highly personal and extremely insightful diaries of one of modern rock's most enamored personalities. Former Nirvana front man Kurt Cobain's diaries were put on the auction block (literally) so they can be mass-produced, over-priced and eventually made into a movie.

The vending of Cobain's diaries comes courtesy of his widow Courtney Love, front woman of the riot-girls gone pop-princesses band Hole. The rights to the yet to be named diaries are only one of the many contractual or legal battles that Love has plunged herself into over the past few years concerning Kurt and Nirvana. In June of 2001 Love sued the remaining members of Nirvana, Dave Grohl, who you may know from Foo Fighters, and Krist Novoselic for the rights of "You Know You're Right" the last song ever recorded by Nirvana. In October of 2001 Love sued Universal Music Group in addition to Grohl and Novoselic for rights over the master recordings of Nirvana's music. She also claims that Universal has cheated Nirvana, or her, out of \$3.1 million in royalties.

The contract for the 23 notebooks is said to have gone for \$4 million, although Riverhead nor Jim Barber, Love's managers, released no official

number. The contract includes full world rights to the 800 pages worth of material all handwritten by Cobain. According to Barber, "The family, the estate made the decision." However, being that Love controls the estate, the financial benefits from this contract will be going into her hands.

The book, which is slated to be released sometime in fall of 2002, is going to be a hardbound collection of the 23 notebooks. The contents of the diaries follow Cobain's life from the inception of Nirvana up until his suicide in 1994. The diaries will also feature handwritten lyrics, a list of his favorite CDs, drawings and personal reflections. There are also accounts of Cobain's highly publicized bout with heroin addiction and love letters written to Love.

Although the book will provide insight into Riverhead Books has won the opportunity to auction the late Kurt Cobain's items. Cobain's life it can also be viewed as a testament to greed and fame. Critics may find that there is no justification for releasing the deeply personal self-reflections of a person with-

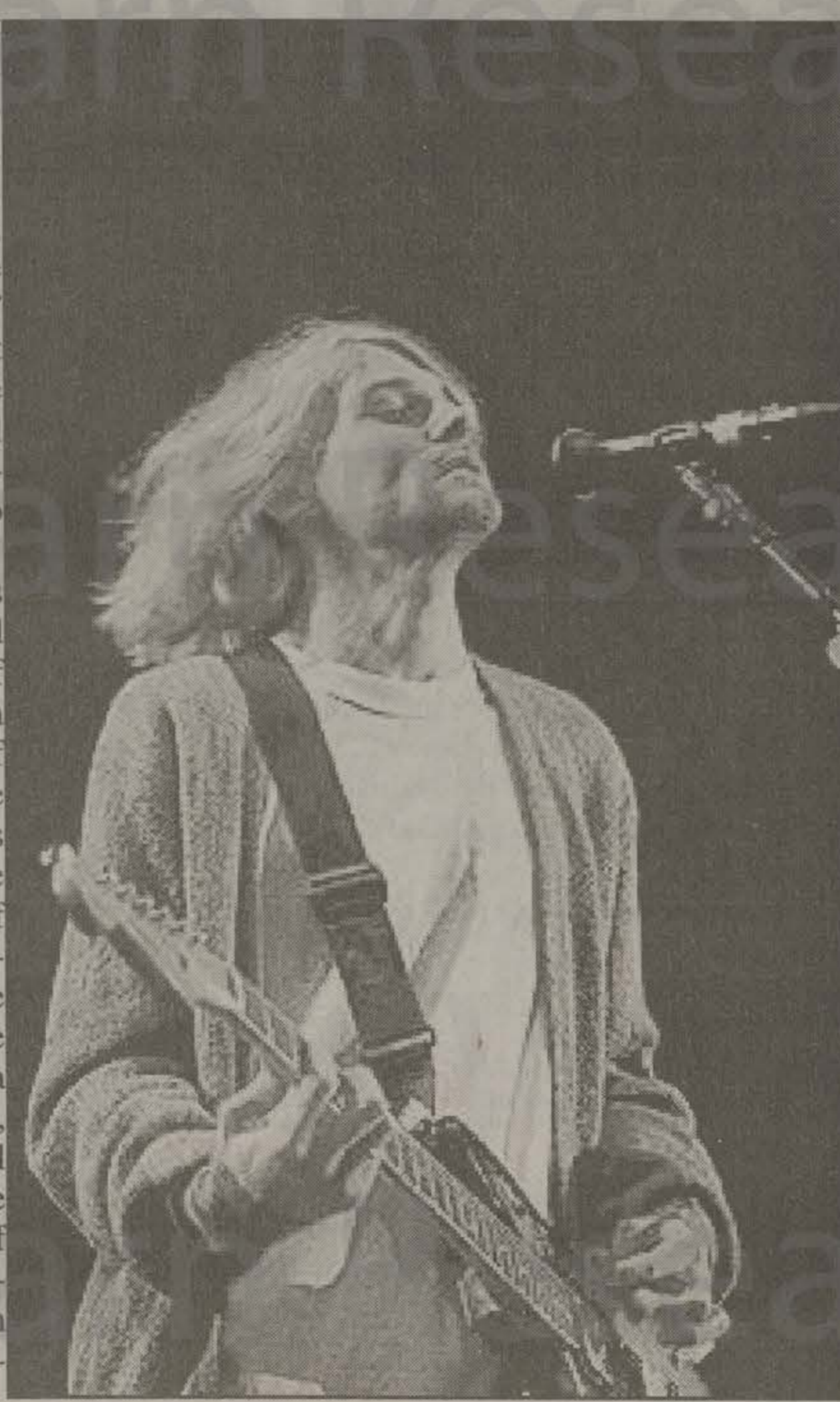


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Book Review

How One Small Word Made a Big Impact in History

Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word
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Contributing Writer

Noxious. Negative. Naughty. Nefarious. Nasty. Nauseating. There are plenty of n-words in the English language that denote something bad. However, there is none so inflammatory, none so incendiary, none so volatile as the word "Nigger". This single word has caused the loss of dignity, careers, and even lives. This word also caused Harvard law professor, Randall Kennedy to go to the Internet where he searched Lexis Nexis and found over 4,000 references to it. Over six months in research and one month of writing resulted in Kennedy's latest book, "Nigger: The Strange Career of A Troublesome Word, which in 226 pages (3 of which contain "nigger jokes" courtesy of KKKomedy Central) explains the history, usages, and effects of the word.

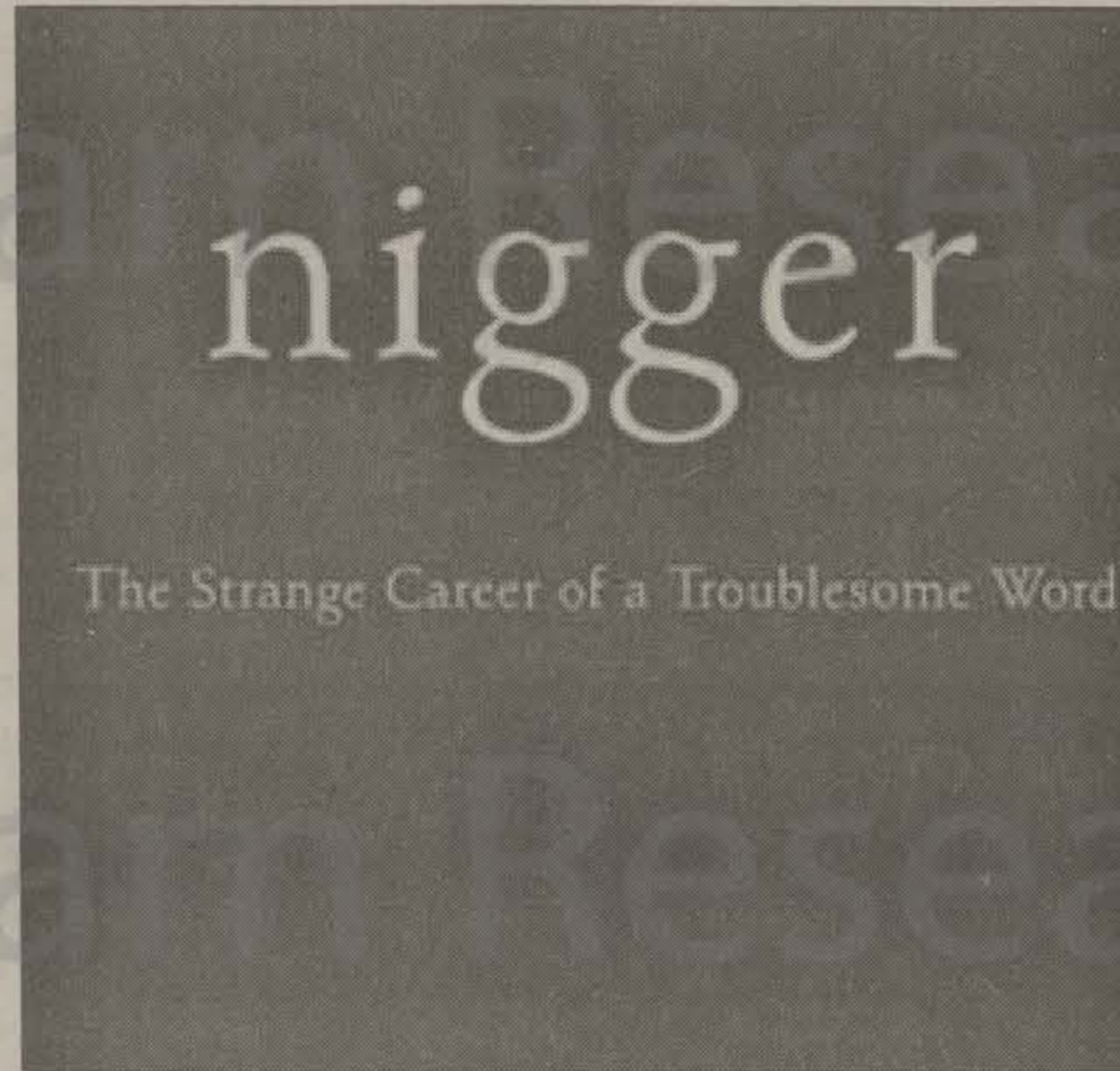
The opening chapter, titled "The Pro-tan N-Word" delves into how "nigger" has been employed alternately as both a racial epithet and a term of endearment. In a great number of examples, including quotes from sketches of comedian Richard Pryor (who stopped using the word after traveling to Africa), Kennedy attempts

to demonstrate who has used the word and why.

The second chapter, "Nigger in Court" recounts a number of cases in which the word reared it's ugly head in the courtroom, in some instances having a substantial effect in the defense of crimes. One such example was the 1944 case of Julius Fisher, a black janitor in Washington, D.C.'s National Cathedral. Fisher fatally "beat, choked, and stabbed" white librarian, Catherine Cooper Reardon, after confronting her for reporting his poor performance to his supervisor. Reardon responded by calling Fisher a "black nigger", which incited him to slap her. When Reardon screamed and would not quiet down, Fisher killed her. Fisher's Counsel, Charles Hamilton Houston, pleaded a defense of "partial responsibility" claiming that while Fisher had indeed killed Reardon, he had done so because of a mental deficiency, brought on by Reardon's racist comment.

The third chapter, "Pitfalls in Fighting Nigger: Perils of Deception, Censoriousness, and Excessive Anger" the author provides examples where he

out their consent, especially if they are dead. There is no doubt that the unnamed book will sell millions, but at what cost.



www.amazon.com

Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word by Randall Kennedy takes a look at the word and its origin.

believes that charges made against the use of "nigger" were unjust. He cites the controversy of the Mark Twain classic, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, which has been banned in a number of schools because of it's "racist" content, including the repeated use of "nigger".

Kennedy also gives more modern examples such as the case of David Howard, the white director of a Washington, D.C. municipal agency who told members of his *staff that he needed to be "niggardly" with funds as a direct result of a limited budget. Though "niggardly" means "thrifty", Howard's bad word choice ultimately lead to his resignation.



Weekly Horoscopes (Mar.3-Mar.9)

Aries (3/21-4/19)
You are overwhelmed by certain situations. Many challenges will be coming your way this week.



Taurus (4/20-5/20)
You will find yourself in the limelight this week. You will receive great recognition for a job well done.



Gemini (5/21-6/21)
Many people compliment you on a job well done the 6th-8th. Your mind will be at ease and you will carry yourself in a confident manner.



Cancer (6/22-7/22)
It will soon be time for you to reveal yourself. Your secret will soon be out and the world will discover your accomplishments.



Leo (7/23-8/22)
A good friend will encourage you to pursue a dream that you've been wanting to fulfill. You begin to have doubts about the certain someone you've been dating.



Virgo (8/23-9/22)
This week, you may find yourself experiencing feelings of anger and jealousy. You begin to feel strong feelings about a friend of the opposite sex that you never had before.



Libra (9/23-10/22)
You will have a lot of influence concerning a creative project. You also have the power to turn negative situations into positive situations because of your ability to compromise.



Scorpio (10/23- 11/21)
Your secretive ways frustrate someone who is trying to get information out of you. You are hardworking, loyal and determined to succeed. As a result, people think that you're pushy, however you just know how to play your cards right.



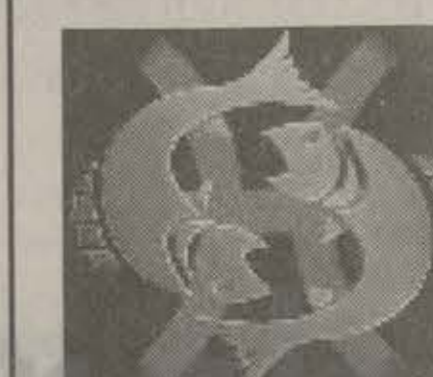
Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)
Being there for a friend will take precedence over work or school related matters. If someone needs assistance this week, it's your duty to be there for them.



Capricorn (12/22-1/19)
This week, you would have accomplished a long-term project, now it's time for you to relax. Make plans for a summer vacation and go shopping with a group of your closest friends.



Aquarius (1/20-2/18)
You are always trying to help others with their problems and feel frustrated when people do not share the same views as yourself. Try to avoid forcing your opinions on others this week.



Pisces (2/20-3/20)
You're calm, compassionate and charitable toward others. As a result, you will enjoy working with others on a community service project this week.

-Compiled by Leesa Davis, Staff Writer

Play Review

Brotherhood and the West at The Arena Stage

By HAROLD EICHELBERGER
Hilltop Staff Writer

What bond can be greater than brotherhood? There is the camaraderie, the laughs, and most of all, the conflicts. In *True West*, a play written by Sam Shepard and directed by Howard Shalwitz, these ideas are explored through the opposite lives of brothers Austin (Todd Cerveris) and Lee (Ted Koch).

In the hot sun of the California desert lies

a bungalow in which Austin and Lee must housesit their mother's home until she returns from Alaska. Austin is the Yale graduate who is a great screenwriter looking for a break, while Lee is a thief, hustler, and a lowlife. Together these brothers struggle against each other's differences vouching for respect in a tiny kitchen. Austin's goal is to hand over his magnificent screen play to Saul Kimmer (David Marks) a big shot Hollywood producer.

In this tiny kitchen Austin spends count-

less evenings typing a screenplay, but is having stark difficulty due to the jealousy and scrutiny of his brother Lee who continues to chain drink beers and crash cans only to irritate Austin's psyche. While awaiting the arrival of Saul, the Hollywood producer, Austin convinces Lee to leave, in order to avoid embarrassment. While Lee is gone, Austin convinces Saul to do his story. Just as Saul is parting, Austin's half-illiterate brother comes in, right on time, busting through the door with a stolen television, only to snatch

away Austin's story leaving Saul with a better idea, two cowboys chasing each other in horse ridden trucks, and Austin has the honor of writing it.

With many comedic ideas that can illustrate a stage, the personalities of both Lee and Austin intermingle as the plot continues to unfold. Austin begins to become so festered and angered with his brother, that he becomes Lee. Likewise, Lee becomes Austin since he has to develop a "greater" screen idea.



Courtesy of www.arena-stage.org
Things get ugly when Austin can't get what he wants.

CD Review

Pat Metheny Group

By HAROLD EICHELBERGER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Pat Metheny Group has just released its new album "Speaking of Now." Pat Metheny is a jazz guitarist known for such works as "Secret Story" released in 1992, and "Pat Metheny Group" released in 1978. This new album takes a plunge into an era of contemporary jazz that attempts to leave the ideologies from the likes of Kenny G, and other lackluster contemporary artists. This is an album that truly explores jazz guitar realism with standout solos by Pat Metheny that keeps your head bobbing to the improv of the piano player.

On the opening track "As It Is," Metheny takes you into a 7-minute introduction into what the album is going to present once you press play. The instrumentation tells you to expect a new thing, or a new transition of Metheny-ism's. The second track on the album "Proof" proves to be the most jubilant. With its induction of smooth vibrant tones, Metheny's guitar invites Cuong Vu on trumpet to breeze across the field with solos that are imminent of the Miles Davis format. The trumpet stems forth and leaves room for a piano solo by Lyle Mays only heard in dark rooms filled with smoke and humid light to bring into view the true jazz feeling.

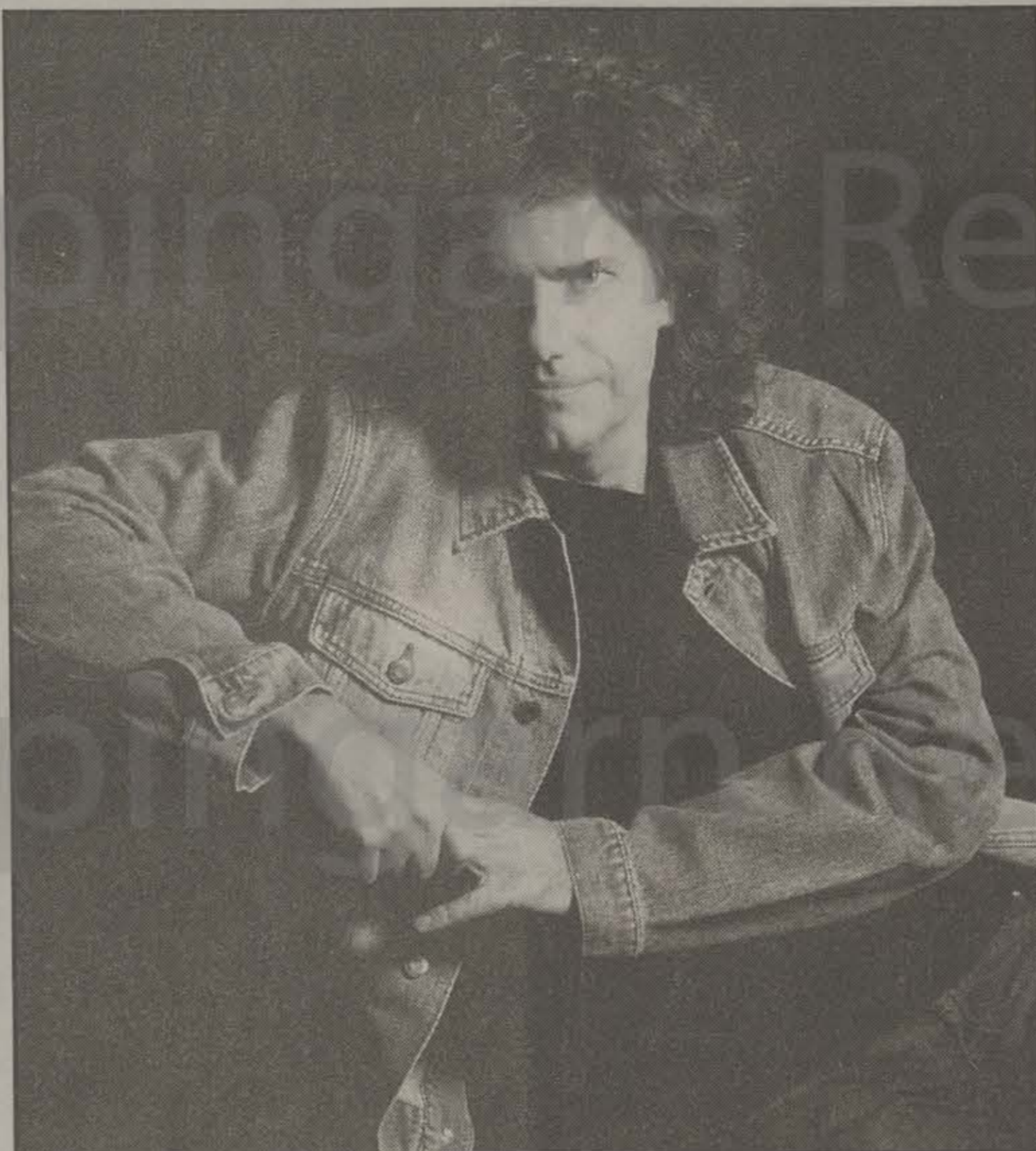
The creativity that comes from average jazz ballads leaves not a feeling of indifference once "Another Life" gets its rotation in the CD player. With nice tones that are evident of another life, this number causes you to leave your mental state into a life of exploration that Metheny's music usually calls you to do. With beautiful and Brazilian filled sounds of the acoustic guitar, Cuong Vu and Richard Bona lays down some

beautiful vocals that accent this ballad format into a harmonic number. Once the fingers of the pianist plunges into the keyboard, the song eclectically completes its transition into vibrancy. Each musician takes their time with each note making this number a perfect balance of relaxation.

Also featured on this album are songs that stray into utter happiness and pleasures of colorful notions of life. Tracks such as "The Gathering Sky" and "On Her Way" emanate the catchy theme music that you would be accustomed to hearing on elevators or on the themes of late television dramas. But all in all, these songs still possess the same heights of elevation as produced in previous tracks.

On "You", there is a mixture of all the entire album's elements. This number is of an up-tempo standard, where each guitar, trumpet, and piano solo is melodious in its own right. The song produces a humongous build up where each vocalist and musician intelligently builds up a strong climax and relieves this build with a smooth ending laid out by the higher tones of the piano, and straying sound of the cymbals.

This album is an album that portrays the



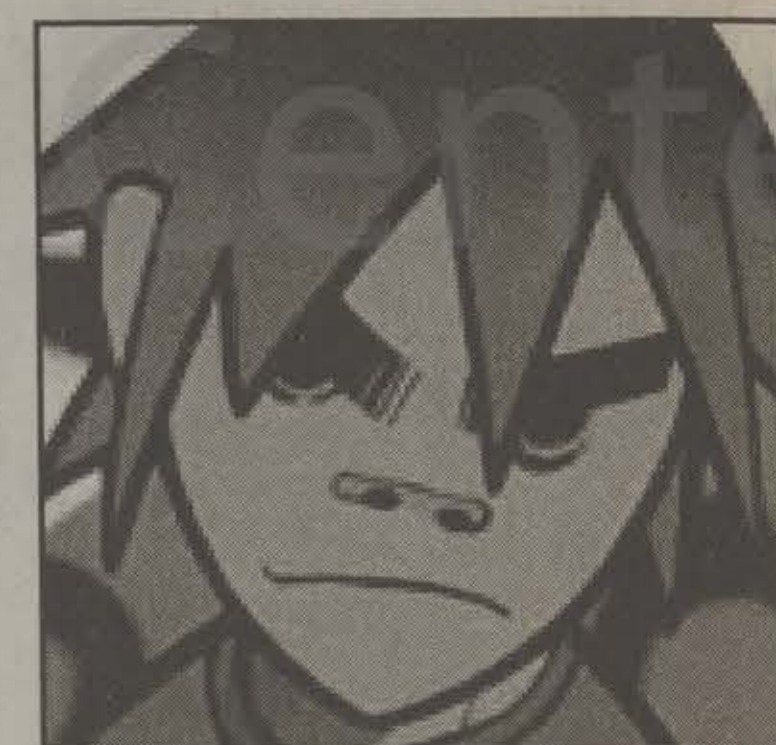
essence of what contemporary jazz should entail. With its Brazilian influences, and strong guitar skill as illustrated by the legendary Pat Metheny, this album is a must have for fans of this genre.

Performance Review

Getting Live With The Gorillaz

By TARIQ ABDAL-HAQQ
Hilltop Staff Writer

After waiting for two and a half hours, paying \$30 for a shirt that probably cost \$5 to manufacture and spending time and effort to ensure a good spot to see the stage, the show begins. It's "M1-A1!" For around a minute you hear 2-D screaming "Hello, is Anyone There?" Then you see the band members' images rotating in a small rectangle on a huge video screen mounted above the stage. Then Russell comes in with the drums and you know that you have quite a night ahead of you.



If you are unfamiliar with Russel, 2-D, Noodle and Murdoc, collectively the Gorillaz, then it is hard to explain why this show was so unique. The Gorillaz are a pop-rock group made up entirely of animated members. Not animated in that Iggy Pop sort of way but animated more along the lines of Josie and The Pussy Cats. So you can see how transferring these cartoon characters into an actual, physically tangible rock band is such an impressive feat. Despite the difficulties presented before them the Gorillaz gave a worthy effort at DC's 9:30 club on February 26th.

The Gorillaz do put on quite a light show. The stage set-up is split into two large video screens that manage to cover the front of the stage. On the top screen the crowd gets to see animation, graphics and pictures of the band members that are either highly rare or previously unreleased to the masses. If it sounds like I am describing a night of Cartoon Network it is because that was the basic plot of the show. Although there is a live band present behind the lower video screen, the main attraction is the smoke and mirrors provided by the several video projectors located in the back of the club.

As far as the musical aspects of the show, there was room for improvement. At times I felt like I was at a presentation of *Disney on Ice*. The songs were obviously rehearsed and sounded pretty much like I was listening to the CD, just on a really good sound system. The biggest insult was the encore: just a re-hash (no pun intended) of "Clint Eastwood" and "Tomorrow Comes Today" performances. Perhaps I am just totally lost on the "campiness" that was trying to be stated by the Gorillaz by that move, but that was pretty insulting. There was very little non-scripted dialog, and if there was it came from underground MC Last Emperor who played as surrogate rapper on "Clint Eastwood" and "Rock The House" because Del The Funky Homosapien was not traveling with the group at the time.

Despite my gripes with the lack of musical ingenuity when it came to bulk of their show the Gorillaz did provide some standout performances. "Star Shine" featuring Damon Albarn... I mean 2-D striking the "fist in the air" post under a series of optical illusions. Both "Clint Eastwood" and "Rock The House" were preformed well even without Del. "Punk" the show's closer, minus the lack luster encore, was a high-charged performance that feature very little animation or visual distraction from the performance. It was possibly the best performance of the night. The show also featured "Gorillaz Bytes." Short animated cartoons that feature the Gorillaz in a zany situation like Noodle dressing up as Bruce Lee and fighting Russel or 2-D mounting a tricycle and trying the jump the mammoth stomach of a passed out Russel.

Overall the show was good for what it was. That is, being that the Gorillaz are the ultimate pop conception it seems only fitting that their show be much like the shows of pop-icton's past: visually astounding and musically adequate. If that sounds like an insult, then you do not understand that the Gorillaz have accomplished what they set out to do. They exposed music aficionados and pre-teens all over the globe for the pop-fans they are and rocked all the way to the animated bank - says the man with the \$30 t-shirt.

Just for One Night

Just for one night let me come inside;
let me feel my way from the bottom of your heart,
to the intellectual part of your mind.
Do not play any of your liar's games;
for my cat-like wit is way too advance to put up with that sh*t.
Keep me satisfied,
begging,
wanting.
Let me be your puppet, you be my master,
and the play we could perform that in,
private.
Pretend as if I'm your student trying to learn Lover's Latin.
Let my body be the board
and your presumptuous lips be the eraser,
with me delivering all the wrong,
answers.
Lust?
-Oh yes it one of the deadly sins.
But for one night,
oh just one night,
let me enjoy being wrong,
and tomorrow I'll think about being
right.

-Shelia L. Hill

Candidates Prepare for Elections

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

With hours left before the election of 2002-2003 HUSA president, vice president, and undergraduate trustee the candidates are all in the starting blocks and are ready to go at the sound of the voting bell tomorrow at 9am.

In the hours left all the slates are using every possible moment to take their platform to the student body. The L.E.G.A.C.Y slate will not do anything differently says presidential candidate, Genia Wright. "We will keep on talking with students and organizations about L.E.G.A.C.Y, so that students can make informed decisions on Election day," says Wright, junior public relations major.

The Awakening slate comprising of Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole

Merritt will also perform business as usual in last hours before the election. "We will revisit dorms and meet with the students, hear their views and promote The Awakening slate as a fresh perspective to the problems they face," said Merritt, a junior advertising major.

The ENVISION slate lead by Arabella F. Littlepage and Karim M. Shabbazz will also continue their strategy of the pass five and half weeks. "We have consistently reached out to all students not just on the main campus, but also to the graduate students, we will employ these same strategies in the hours leading up to the election," says Littlepage, junior political science major.

Each year Howard students elect student leaders, some students maintain that each year it is more of the

Poetry Corner

Set the Captive Free

When we are into dungeons cast
When all the world is dismal night
Look to the simple butterfly
Tiny and frail but strong of heart
Let not oppression still your song
Let not the menace of midnight
Silence the melody within
Let it not extinguish your light
I know its hard the tears the pain
Feeling an ache no balm will heal
Lost in a dismal loveless world
Sing and your voice all realms will heal
Blessed is the morn and sure to come
Loosen the tangles round your heart
To your dungeon Jesus is key
Endless love perfect mastery
When you have hurt when you've done wrong
Do not despair but sing His song
Come to the morning and the light
End of enslavement end of night
- Uzoma P. Lane

Candidates Prepare for Elections

From Column 1

tain that each year it is more of the same. However, the candidates in the 2002 elections have a contrary view. The L.E.G.A.C.Y slate speaks of it experience in the Student government business and thus see themselves as the team that will best lead Howard University.

"I have had a successful term as president of the School of Communications student council and I have also sat on the policy board. My running mate Alexis also has enormous experience at his former school and has volunteered with HUSA since he came to Howard. We are not mere outsiders looking in we are aware of the problems, why these problems exist and how best to fix them," Wright said.

The Awakening slate asserts that they offer a new type of leadership. "We need change at Howard University and we cannot elect the same people in the system and expect change. If you are a shooting guard on a problematic basketball team, it is equally your responsibility to try to be a part of the solution. We don't buy into the notion that one has to gain captaincy to effect change, why did you not effect change while you were a part of the system?" Williamson said.

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What's Going On This Week?

March 5th 2002

Strap on Your tu tu's! The American Ballet company takes the stage for the performance of a lifetime.

Where: The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St. NW, Washington, DC
When: 8:00 p.m. Tues.-Sat., Mar. 5-9 2:00 p.m. Sat-Sun, Mar. 5-9
Price: \$27-\$75
For More Information Call: 202/467-4600

Nas come alive tonight at 9:30 club. The 7:30 show is sold out but there are still some more tickets available for the 10:30 pm show.

Where: 9:30 club • 815 V St. NW • Washington, DC
When: 7:30 p.m. & 10:30 pm Tuesday, March 5
Price: \$35
For More Information To Get Your Tickets Call: 202/432-7328

See what books and sex have in common! The latest in the museum's annual exhibition of book arts focuses on food, sex, money, power and other temptations. Featured artists include Beatrice Coron, Susan Rotolo, Judith Rothchild, Betty Sweren and Ann Zahn.

Where: National Museum of Women in the Arts • 1250 New York Ave. NW • Washington, DC
When: Tuesday, March 5-Sunday, Jan. 5
For More Information, call 202/783-5000.

March 7th 2002

Storm's Urban Showcase will strike DC.

Where: Metro Cafe
1522 14th St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28
Price: \$10

For More Information, call 202/588-9118.

Go walking in the woods! In the park, after dark, lets just give back to nature! Join a Park Ranger after school and explore the natural world. Each week a different theme and activity, such as a hike in the forest, meet a live animal or building crafts, will be featured.

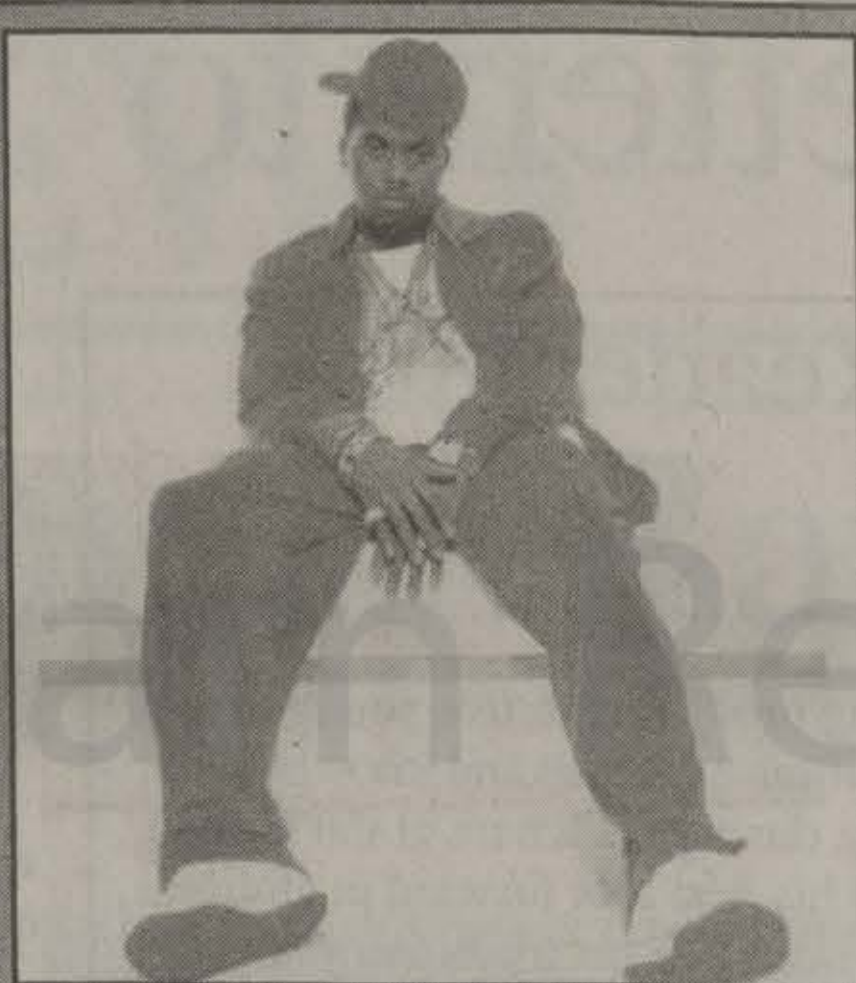
Where: Rock Creek Nature Center
5200 Glover Rd. NW

Washington, DC
When: 4pm
Price: Free

Check out the real herbal essence. New plants that address health, environmental, agricultural and industrial concerns. Visit the Plant Exploration house in the Conservatory to learn more about the genetically engineered plants of the new millennium.

Where: U.S. Botanic Garden
245 First Street. SW
Washington, DC

When: Jan. 12-Nov. 25
Price: Free
For More Information, call 202/226-8038



Nas

Wednesday March 6th

Survivor has nothing on this!! Go see once in this island! This play on campus is an adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Little Mermaid" with a Caribbean twist.

Where: Ira Aldridge Theater - Howard University
2445 Sixth St. NW
Washington, DC
When: 7:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat., March 6-9
7:30 p.m. Wed-Sat., March 13-16 2:30 p.m. Saurday, March 9 & 16
Price: \$8 - \$15
For More Information, call 202/806-7700.

Check out some diamonds in the rough! An exhibition of gifts from Marc and Lily Sarosi includes a 65.35 carat aquamarine from Mozambique and a 21.86 carat orange spessartine from Zambia.

Where: National Museum of Natural History - Smithsonian Institution
10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC
When: Feb. 5-Dec. 31
Price: Free

Get your Green Card! Green Party leader Ralph Nader discusses his book, "Crashing the Party: How to Tell the Truth and Still Run for President," which describes the story behind his 2000 presidential campaign.

Where: Politics & Prose Bookstore
5015 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC
When: 7:00 pm Wednesday, Mar. 6
Price: Free
For More Information, call 202/347-3686.

The War Report

From A1 60 U.S. advisers involved in the battle," said a CNN report.

Three Afghans and one U.S. soldier died in Saturday's fighting. Raza Khan, an Afghan fighter, told The Associated Press that the American soldier was hit after riding in a truck that was hit by a mortar shell. His identity has not yet been revealed.

Six injured Americans were airlifted out of the area by helicopter, said a doctor at Gardez hospital, Najibullah. NBC News received information that about three dozen U.S. soldiers were injured in the fighting south of Gardez, and that most of those injuries were considered superficial and not life-threatening, but this could not be confirmed.

The ground assault appeared to have made little headway against the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, who are entrenched in caves and bunkers built in the 1980s by mujahideen fighting occupying forces from the former Soviet Union. The Taliban

and al-Qaida troops battled back with artillery, mortars and heavy machine guns, Afghan officials said to CNN.

Sunday's assault involved numerous bombing runs over the Shah-e-Kot mountain range to the west in Logar province.

"They have been dropping very heavy bombs all night, this morning, yesterday," said Rehmattullah, a schoolteacher to CNN, as he sat on the cement steps of his newly built school in Surmad.

Afghan soldiers have said they believe they are facing 3,000 to 5,000 heavily-armed, diehard fighters while Pentagon officials estimate the numbers to be in the hundreds.

During the ground lull, more Afghan government forces arrived from surrounding provinces, including on four U.S. military helicopter transports, Matin said.

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Letters to The Editor

Accountable Leadership for the Readership

By: Fareeda J. Shabazz

As an avid reader of the University's semi-weekly publication, The Hilltop, I was appalled to learn of the inequity in the selection of next year's Editor-in-Chief. In the past month students have been bombarded with platforms and promises from students eager to fulfill the various positions in student government. With all this talk about what is required of a leader, I would assume that these guidelines extend beyond Power Hall but should also be exemplified by the individuals whose ingenuity and tirelessness reflect the student population.

Mr. Russell Drake pointed out in his eye-opening perspective that, "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" (The Hilltop, Feb. 12, 2002).

It is apparent that both individuals who submitted applications for the 2002-2003 Editor-In-Chief position are both leaders in their own right. Both Ms. Anderson and Mr. Windham have worked for the Hilltop in the past and they have both received rewards and accolades from others in their field. The question that we must address as readers is in fact Ms. Anderson's integrity, accountability, and work ethic. Ms. Anderson's services were discontinued as City editor after failing to adhere to deadlines. In my observation of the Hilltop I have found that the City section is only one page. Is it possible that an individual that could hardly meet the constraints of a one-page section can actually adhere to the deadlines of an entire publication that is printed twice weekly?

In examining the candidates I would suggest that Mr. Windham is indeed the most qualified person for the position. Mr. Windham has held various internships and positions of leadership at the Hilltop. The mere fact that representatives from the Wall Street

Journal saw something promising in this young man is justification enough of his expertise and knowledge in the field. Additionally, during his tenure at the Hilltop, Mr. Windham has put his best foot forward at all times, demonstrating excellence from his freshman year as a recipient of the Perry Newbie Freshman Sensation Award.

Ms. Anderson's ability to manage the Hilltop is questionable. A position as Editor-In-Chief of a student newspaper is more than just a resume builder, it is a full time job with a commitment to the students to provide unbiased and newsworthy information. In selecting the candidates for any leadership position, experience and quality are substantial elements. In evaluating the candidates for the Editor-In-Chief position it is apparent that one candidate clearly has more expertise than the other.

Apparently, the writers and staffers at the Hilltop can relate with me, otherwise they would have not gone through great lengths to print such a story. In reading the article, I understand that the current and former staffers have had the opportunity to work with both Mr. Windham and Ms. Anderson. It is obvious that their choice for Editor-In-Chief is clear.

In essence, the Hilltop is the voice of Howard University. From the Campus Section to Life and Style the paper reflects the interests and concerns of an ever-changing student body. This year in particular has been very turbulent one in our nation as well as on the University's campus. Without fail the Hilltop has been instrumental in producing and disseminating valid and accurate information to the students and faculty of this prestigious University. I would like to applaud the writers, editors and contributors of the Hilltop for a job well done. Not only have you done an excellent job in producing a phenomenal publication but you have also stood up for what you believe in.

Dear Editor

I am writing this letter in response to a story that ran about me

(Lauren B. Anderson, Editor-in-Chief of The Hilltop for the upcoming school year) on page one in the Friday, March 1, 2001 issue of The Hilltop [Controversy Surrounds Selection of New Hilltop Editor in Chief].

I was disturbed to read what I consider to be a biased and factually incorrect story that used unethical means of obtaining sources.

In addition, the reporters who contacted me for the story lied about why they were interviewing me and never allowed me to answer the charges levied against me.

The story quotes past Editor-in-Chief, Jason T. Smith as saying, "...during the course of the year she disappointed me and the staff through missed deadlines and her poor relationship with the staff."

I was terminated in fall of 2000, however I was told by Smith the reason for my termination was "not following the proper chain of command when filing grievances." This occurred after I went over his head when complaining that my pay was cut without notice. In addition, during the time I worked for The Hilltop as City Editor, my section was considered late only once, when I mistakenly saved my work in the wrong place and the staff was not able to find it.

As the article gets more "in-depth" it states, "Anderson has a history of being terminated," and a quote was taken out of context from my former supervisor at Teach For America, Esther Hahm.

In actuality, I resigned from Teach For America in July of 2001 so that I could work full time on the new publication, the District Chronicles, which I was helping to get off the ground. I have worked at the District Chronicles as Managing Editor since.

The article implies that I lied about my employment status at Teach

For America by saying I still worked there. In actuality the dates in question on my resume were a simple typo. No one called me to verify the dates.

In addition, after reading the article, I spoke with Esther Hahm who said The Hilltop reporters who contacted her lied by saying they were human resources employees calling to check my employment dates because I was being considered for a position, which seriously violates almost every journalistic ethic The Hilltop should be trying to uphold. Hahm said, "I never

said [Lauren] was not suitable."

The story goes on to mention Department of Journalism Chair, Albert

Fitzpatrick, Professor, Lawrence Kaggwa and Arts and Sciences representative, Khalfani Walker, implying that they were biased members of The Hilltop Policy Board because they all play a part in the District

Chronicles. In response to the accusations that Kaggwa and Walker are biased members of the board: Kaggwa has served as a member of the board for quite a number of years, even when he was the advisor to the now-defunct Community News (which was also considered at times to be a rival of The

Hilltop). Kaggwa has served as a mentor not only to myself, but to members of The Hilltop, including Ira Porter and Christopher Windham at times. Walker does work as a copy editor for the District Chronicles, but also worked as the Editorial Page Editor at The Hilltop for the better part of the fall semester 2001.

I'd like to know why none of the board members were given a chance to speak (with the exception of Vice President, Raymond Archer). Three were accused of being biased. They, along with the more than 17 other members of the board, were not even contacted for quotes.

A possible reason for my appointment is given as being politically motivated. But could the real reason be that Windham has consistently defended an error-ridden newspaper and all of its wrongdoings?

Perhaps I was just a better candidate.

It may be hard for Hilltop staffers to come to grips with the idea that they have a new leader. But, making up sources, using unethical means of garnering sources and printing incorrect information are not the answer.

The bottom line is: I received the majority vote of Hilltop Policy

Board members. That means I am the new Editor-in-Chief of The Hilltop for the 2002/2003 school year.

So, I urge the members of The Hilltop to stop being sore losers. And leave it up to the Howard University community to be the judge. Next year when I am leading The Hilltop, it will be easy to see that the board made the right decision.

Best,

Lauren B. Anderson

Editor-in-Chief, The Hilltop 2002/2003

The Female Superbowl

From A1

to oversee policy boards. That would lead to an increased review of content in the case of University-wide publications, The Hilltop and Bison Yearbook."

Drake also suggests that ambiguity in the policy boards' provisions leaves procedural rules open for interpretation.

"The provisions of all of the boards are vague and could be more clear," he said.

Students questioning the boards' validity and qualifications claim the vagueness of the provisions governing the students should be clarified.

"There is so much jargon and politics in organizations

here at Howard.

Everything has a chain of command," said sophomore history major Raya Foster. "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine, but its all politics and it ends up hurting students more than the administration can 'strategically' deal with."

Others students favor an increased separation between the students and the University.

"There has to be a point when the administration and the student body are separate, meaning that the administration no longer tries to force-feed its agenda down the throats of students through the student leaders they decide on" said senior political science major Heather Donavon.

The Merit of Endorsements

From A2

measure the candidates. And, when there is a conflict of interest, that person is excused from the editorial board and does not take part in discussions concerning that race.

Currently, newspapers across the country print editorial endorsements of presidential, Congressional and local government candidates. Endorse-

ments are not centered on picking winners. In fact, newspapers have been off target hundreds of times. The newspaper is simply picking the person we feel is best for the job. However, the endorsements are well-researched, unbiased and fair opinions and should be considered as a viable guidepost for voters.

Provost's Monthly Student Roundtable

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Blackburn Center Café

TOPIC:

Search for the Vice Provost for Student Affairs

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Provost's March 6 Student Roundtable

Search for New Vice Provost for Student Affairs

Students can share their ideas about the prospective Vice Provost for Student Affairs at Provost A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert's next Student Roundtable. Right now, Howard seeks a new Vice Provost for Student Affairs who will supervise Student Life and Activities, Special Student Services, Counseling and Career Services, Residence Life, and Intercollegiate Athletics. This new vice provost will report directly to Dr. Caldwell-Colbert, and will oversee and coordinate programs that encourage students' academic, personal, and leadership success. In collaboration with the other provosts, deans, and professors, the Vice Provost for Student Affairs will help the University enhance campus life and community experience.

We need to hear from you, your voice counts. The Provost wants your input. On **Wednesday, March 6 in the Blackburn Center Café at 12:30 p.m.**, Provost Caldwell-Colbert will host her second monthly Student Roundtable. All students are invited to bring ideas about the qualities they would like to see in the new Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

Dr. Caldwell-Colbert is committed to finding out HU students' concerns and sharing students' insights as part of the decision-making process for choosing this vital administrator. This vice provost, perhaps more than the others, will have continuous contact with student life. Above all, the Provost wants to bring to Howard a qualified candidate whom students have helped select. The upcoming roundtable is an excellent opportunity to voice your concerns and share your recommendations.

The HU Vice Provost for Student Affairs must have earned a doctorate in psychology, counseling, student development, or a related academic discipline. He or she must have demonstrated proficiency in responding to concerns and challenges faced by students in day-to-day campus life. The candidate should also have a demonstrated track record of leadership and ability to bring innovation in student services and campus life. Eight years of professional experience is preferred. HU administrators will review applications beginning April 8. For more information attend the March 6 Roundtable or visit the Provost's Web page at www.provost.howard.edu.

NEWS

Gary Condit Faces Primary Battle

By JAMAL H. ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

Prior to September 11th, the nation was enthralled with the biggest political scandal since a man named Bill (Clinton), met a woman named Monica (Lewinsky). Yet the new scandal had a twist that involved a missing woman, congressional intern Chandra Levy, and a Congressman Gary Condit. Now, nine months after the story first saturated national headlines, Representative Condit faces re-election in his home district, once dubbed "Condit Country."

Today's Democratic Primary pits Condit against a man whom he once considered family: Dennis Cardoza. Cardoza, served as Condit's chief of staff when he was in the California State Legislature. However, times change and so do political alliances. Now a state legislator, Dennis Cardoza has raised \$337,000 to Condit's \$105,000, and leads Condit in the polls by double-digits. Yet, Central Valley experts and political scientists believe that Condit has a chance for victory. "I think he's going to win," said a Howard political science professor who asked not to be identified. "There is rising anger against the press for the way they treated him; as if he was the walking devil."

The political reaction to the "Condit Controversy" was swift and pungent from both sides of the political spectrum. Republicans, anxious to once again label the Democratic Party as "morally base," called on Gary Condit to resign. Democrats, though not going quite as far, bashed Condit, calling into question his integrity and reasons for remaining in Congress. They asserted that he "stained the Democratic reputation." Surprisingly, Democratic lawmakers who were reluctant to rebuke President Clinton's infidelity were quick to ostracize their fellow Democratic Congressman.

To date, the investigation into Chandra Levy's disappearance remains a "missing persons" investigation. No criminal charges have been filed against Gary Condit and the DC police department insists that he has never been a suspect. Therefore, Gary Condit is arguably only guilty of one thing: adultery.

This places him in the company of many other well-known politicians: former President Bill Clinton, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and former Presidential candidate Jessie Jackson.

Bill Clinton was re-elected President despite past sexual misconduct; Newt Gingrich has faced little criticism for having an affair with a former aide while leading the charge for Clinton's impeachment; and Jessie Jackson is still a thriving force in the struggle for civil rights. Why then should Gary Condit be any different, simply because a woman is missing?

Condit, the son of a southern Baptist preacher, is a 30-year veteran of politics. Fresh out of college at the age of 24, Condit began his political career as a city council member. He progressed to the California State Assembly and finally to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 12 years, representing one of the most agricultural districts in the country, Condit has been an effective advocate for his constituents, and a popular one at that. In fact, in each election since first becoming a congressman, Condit has received upwards of 85% of his districts vote.

In 1995, Gary Condit turned his burgeoning popularity as a conservative Democrat into political power, forming a coalition of moderate-to-conservative legislators known as the "Blue Dogs." His ability to negotiate the treacherous political terrain of Washington politics led MSNBC in 2000 to label Condit as one of "Washington DC's new power brokers, one of eight Democratic law makers who can 'make or break Bush's legislative agenda.'" But now, the man once seen as a political "rising star" faces the hardest political battle of his career.

Several Howard University students agreed that Condit has a shot. "He'll win," said one student from Dallas, Texas, "I wouldn't make a vote for or against him based on him having an affair. While adultery is morally objectionable, it's not relative to good public service." But an International Business major from California disagreed saying that Condit's behavior "says something about his integrity; I wouldn't vote for him."

Whatever the outcome, the debate surrounding the



Congressman Gary Condit. Condit was the subject of heavy criticism for the disappearance of his intern Chandra Levy.

private life of public officials is sure to continue long into the future. Senator Joe Lieberman stated in his book "In Praise for Public Life" that privacy is one of the first things a politician has to do without. For that reason, he argues, "Many young people are shying away from elected service."

Who says that this trend has to be the 'norm'? Who says that politicians who make mistakes cannot serve the public? Is it the voters, or the media? Regardless, our generation will have to combat this problem head on and being that our schools motto is "Truth, Leadership, and Service," we must do a better job than those who have preceded us. In the meantime, Gary Condit might be given a second chance.

Trailing W...

By COURTNEY K. WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Since we left, President George W. Bush, he has continued his campaign promoting retirement security and welfare reform, and the institution of the new controversial Shadow Government.

According to the White House Press Release from last week, Bush summarized the key steps for his ultimate goal of creating easier ways to save and tougher protection measures for those savings. Bush plans to establish a society where "a life of wages become a retirement of independence," by granting employees the ability to control their pension advantages, establishing equal opportunities for all employees to manage their own pension funds, and making sound professional investment advice more available to workers.

Also, since the attacks of September 11, Bush has charged 100 officials with the task of living and working secretly outside of Washington, activating, "plans to ensure the survival of federal rule after catastrophic attack on the nation's capital," according to a front page article in the *Washington Post* on Friday. This mandate is a result from the increased anxiety that the Al Qaeda terrorist network might acquire a portable nuclear weapon. According to reports, since Sept. 11, these high-ranking government officials also known as COG (continuity of government) had begun work in one of two undisclosed locations along the East Coast. These specially deployed personnel, live and work underground 24 hours a day, and are numbered to be any where from 70 to 150 depending on the status of the situations at hand. Also a designated duty of this task force would be to contain any possible disruptions of the nation's food and water supplies, energy and telecommunication networks, transportation links, and public health and civil order.

Welfare reform continues to be a well-discussed topic between the President and the nation. Bush's goal to strengthen families and help more people work towards self-reliance and independence is seen in action in the new acts created. His new provisions encourage protection of children, innovation by States to further help welfare recipients achieve independence and even provide assistance for legal immigrants in need. The Child Care and Development Block Grant of \$4.8 billion per year, introduces high levels of government support of childcare programs. Through the Broad New Waiver Authority to Encourage State Program Innovation, waiver power will be created to allow states to integrate programs to improve their effectiveness particularly that of service delivery. Lastly, a new Presidential proposal will give legal immigrants food stamps for up to five years after their arrival in the United States to promote adequate nutrition of the children within such families.

The Redistricting Plan

By BRANDON MILLER
Contributing Writer

Closing arguments were heard in what could be a precedent-setting court case concerning the way states handle redistricting Tuesday in the U.S. District Court.

Counsel representing the Justice Department, the state of Georgia and four African-American voters of Georgia presented the cases before federal court about last year's redistricting by the Democrat-controlled General Assembly. The General Assembly redraws political lines every 10 years to account for population changes that occur as a result of the U.S. Census.

The new maps widened the boundaries around some of the states' majority-minority districts because those areas were not growing. Republicans oppose these plans, arguing that the General Assembly is using redistricting to reduce the number of black voters in Democratic districts and place them in Republican districts to help Democratic candidates defeat their Republican counterparts.

Lawyer David Becker represented the Justice

Department and said they are concerned in particular about three state Senate districts—in Macon, Savannah and Albany. Becker said under the proposed maps, "minority voters are not going to be able to enjoy the fruits of their voting strength."

Ann Lewis argued in favor of the four voters of Georgia, who oppose all three plans—state House, congressional and state Senate. The four voters who have intervened are Patrick Jones of Atlanta, Roielle Tyra of Columbus, and Della Steele and Georgia Benton of Chatham County. Two of the voters are Democrats and two are Republicans.

According to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Georgia and other states with a history of discrimination against minority voters must submit their redistricting maps for approval, either by the Justice Department or a federal court.

Georgia is the first state to seek pre-clearance on its redistricting map from a federal court. States usually allow the Justice Department to review their maps first and go to court only if the Justice Department has a problem. The case could set a precedent for how

other states handle potential problems with redistricting.

Redistricting wasn't the only problem during Tuesday's closing arguments. David Walbert, the chief lawyer for the state of Georgia, encountered miscommunication with Judge Sullivan and his colleagues. Walbert had trouble clearly explaining his theory and the state of Georgia's position on the subject, often retracting his statements only seconds after saying them. This behavior prompted a verbal jousting between Walbert, Sullivan and Judge Harry Edwards in which the two judges often cited Walbert's brief to note contradictions in his closing argument. Judge Edwards noted, "I don't think I've ever had a counsel who didn't say anything."

A ruling is expected in early March from the three-judge panel. The ruling will determine the maps used for the November general election.

Georgia Grapples with Grotesque Crematory Scandal

By KEITH LAING
Contributing Writer

The sleepy town of Noble, GA, located in the rural mountains near the Tennessee state border, has been rocked awake by the ongoing crematory scandal involving the Tri-State Crematory and 28 year old owner/operator Ray Brent Marsh.

According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the drama began unfolding on February 15 when an anonymous call to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) office in Atlanta alerted authorities of the presence of a skull. Hours later, investigators discovered some 36 corpses.

The following day Georgia Governor Roy Barnes declared a state of emergency in Walker County, which houses Noble, and Marsh was taken into custody. He was charged with five counts of theft by deception, since Georgia state law contained no provisions for the mishandling of corpses.

By February 19, the body count had reached 149 and a search of Marsh's home led to the discovery of more bodies in his backyard. The following day, officials planned to drain a nearby lake after remains were located on the shore and crews discovered vaults containing decaying bodies stacked atop each other. Investigators also found unopened caskets in the woods behind Marsh's property, pushing the body count past 240.

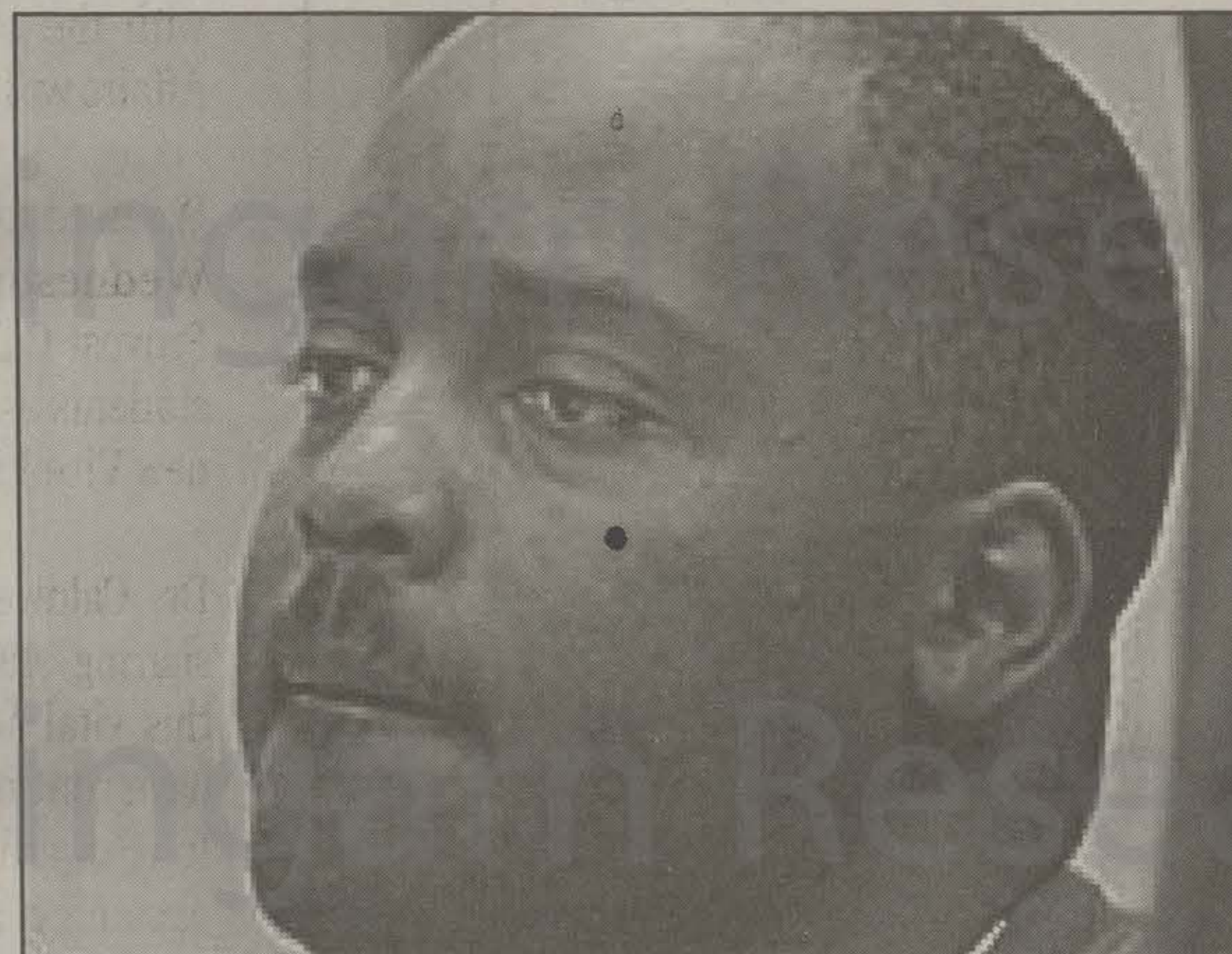
On February 26, Marsh was granted \$100,000 bond as work continued at his home. He never saw the light of day, however, because as the body count rose so did the charges levied against him. By the 27th, the body count soared to 339, and Marsh faced 118 counts. Additionally, the Georgia House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill making mishandling corpses a felony.

Families of victims have offered blood, hoping to

speed along the identification process. At press time, only 74 bodies could be positively identified. Officials speculate that some of these bodies could be over 20 years old, while others are but a few days removed from death, still dressed in funeral attire. Marsh reportedly passed wood chips and dirt off to the grieving families as the remains of the deceased because his incinerator malfunctioned. It is believed the recovery effort could last a long as eight months.

Though at 600 miles away the tragedy may seem foreign to Howard students, many were deeply disturbed by what has transpired. "Being from Georgia, I was probably even more shocked than most," freshman Kim Cleveland, a biology major from Atlanta, GA, stated. "That is probably the quietest part of the state. Nothing major ever happens there."

"I think its appalling," sophomore Kanna Page, a health management major from Decatur, GA. This man has taken advantage of hundreds of people, accepting money for services he could not perform. I definitely feel for the family involved. For them, it's probably like having your loved one die all over again. Even students not from Georgia are troubled by the incident. "That is the sickest thing I've ever heard," freshman Andrea Brown, a print journalism major from Norfolk, VA, remarked. "I hope he is punished to the full extent of the law and the families are prop-



Ray Brent Marsh

erly compensated for all they've been through."

The story grows more bizarre as time passes, and certain has the attention of the nation. The tiny town of Noble, GA has been turned upside down by a scandal the likes of which was previously unimaginable. Ray Brent Marsh and the Tri-State Crematorium has re-written the way people look at funeral and burial proceedings.

Clinton to Lead New Mission for Africa

By STEPHANIE CROUCH
Hilltop Staff Writer

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton is reemerging on the political scene. 11 leaders from the communiqué announced Saturday that Clinton will lead a mission seeking solutions to Africa's problems.

"We commit ourselves to work together to promote economic growth, education and health and the development challenges in Africa, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria," a group of center-left government leaders said.

Clinton, the first US president to visit six African nations, plans to identify the course of action needed by the world community and African government in order to tackle these challenges.

In a progressive summit held on Saturday, Africa seemed to be the main topic. Although the meetings were set up by Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Clinton was not present.

This series of meetings was meant to bring together leaders who felt that a capitalistic market economy with a strong role for government in social welfare should exist. Also at this meeting, the leaders called for a fight against poverty to ensure all people prospered from globalization and stressed that terrorism could not just be fought by military means.

South African President Thabo Mbeki was also present at the summit. Mbeki has officially devoted himself to deepening democracy, nurturing the development of a globalize economy and improving the government.

The leaders expanded this idea to other countries as well. On Friday, the leaders, hosted by Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, sent an appeal to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat calling for an end to the spiral of violence in the Middle East. The leaders are also pressing for a fight against terrorism and its causes. Besides asking for better monetary inspections, the leaders want to change the protocols.

"We will work to carry out the Kyoto climate change protocol the United States rejected and urge for better financial inspections to counter money laundering and tax evasions," they said.

The summit also included French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres and Polish President Aleksandr Kwasniewski; Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso; Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien; Chilean President Ricardo Lagos; and New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark.

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Alcoholism Among Underage Drinkers a National Epidemic

By ALLISON GENTRY
Contributing Writer

A report released last Tuesday by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) states that more than five million high school students binge drink at least once a month.

The 145-page report, *Teen Tipplers: America's Underage Drinking Epidemic*, was a result of two years of research and analysis by the center at Columbia University.

"By any public health standard, America has an epidemic of underage drinking that germinates in elementary and middle schools with children nine to 13-years old and erupts on college campuses where 44 percent of students binge drink and alcohol is the number one substance of abuse—implicated in date rape, sexual harassment, racial disturbances, drop outs, overdose deaths from alcohol poisoning and suicides." Said Joseph A. Califano Jr., chairman and president of CASA.

"Drinking is teen America's fatal attraction. Beer and other alcohol are implicated in the three top causes of teen deaths: accidents (including traffic fatalities and drowning), homicide and suicide," Califano said in a statement on the release of the study. "This report makes clear: the time and place to deal with binge drinking in college is in elementary and high school."

In college, there are students of the legal drinking age and students are away from parental controls. Binge drinking does not stop at high school, and may even be more prevalent on

college campuses.

Though alcohol is the number one substance among young people, what is just as staggering is the long term effects of drinking at an early age. Besides health problems drinking early on often leads to drinking in one's adult life.

The report stated that 87 percent of adults who drink had their first alcoholic beverage before the age of 21. Individuals who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to become alcohol dependent than those who begin drinking at age 21. No other substance threatens as many of the nation's children. Compared to 80 percent of high school students who have tried alcohol, 70 percent have smoked cigarettes and 47 percent have used marijuana and 29 percent of high school seniors have used some other illegal drug such as Ecstasy.

"Alcohol is far and away the top drug of abuse for American kids" says Susan Foster, CASA vice-president and director of Policy Research and Analysis. "The college binge drinking problem starts with children and teens, and that's where our prevention and education efforts must be focused."

Underage drinking accounts for \$53 billion dollars in accidents, drowning, burns, crime, suicide attempts and health costs. Not only does underage drinking cost a lot, but the alcohol industry profits greatly from underage drinking.

According to the survey, 86.7 percent of adults who drink had their first drink of alcohol before age 21.

Underage drinkers consume 25 percent of the alcohol—most often beer—sold in this country. In 1998, they accounted for up to \$27 billion of the \$108 billion spent on alcohol, including as much as \$15 billion on beer.

According to Califano, because of a push from alcohol lobbyists, alcohol is not included in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's media campaign. While alcohol is more widely accepted than other substances, Califano and others believe that the problem has become an epidemic and deserves the attention of the American public.

"The prevention message is more difficult to convey with regard to alcohol. For smoking and illegal drug use, the message is, "No!" for children and adults," Califano said. "For alcohol, the message is "No!" for children under 21 (except for certain family and cultural occasions), but for most adults (those who are not alcoholics or alcohol abusers) the message is moderation, not prohibition."

Samuel Foster, the Executive Director and founder of Concerned Citizen on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in D.C. has had a personal experience with alcohol addiction. His story only goes to support that most people start drinking at a young age.

"I started when I was 13," Foster said. "It seemed like I had control over it because I could still function and go to school."

According to Foster, as the abuse goes along, it progresses. "Before you know it, you have a bad habit and don't want to admit to it."

Howard Student Wins Miss USA Pageant

From AI expectations that have been placed on her," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, Hinton is poised when she needs to be, but down to earth. She knows how to carry herself in any situation, and is the type of person who won't forget where she came from.

"The black women in this year's pageant were beautiful," said junior James Nathaniel. "I only watched for a little while, but I was very impressed with what I saw."

New to this year's pageant was the

structure of the question and answer period. In past pageants, the judges designed the questions, but this year questions came from the contestants fellow delegates.

Many contestants, including Hinton, stumbled when asked the final question "what is the most mind-boggling thing about the opposite sex?"

The questions during this year's show were unusual for a MISS USA pageant according to some spectators.

"I was very surprised at the final question," senior Rachel Worthington

said. "I think it was very unusual, but it did a very good job of determining the contestants' ability to think on their feet."

Fifty-one delegates competed for the coveted MISS USA title, but Hinton's friends were confident that she would win.

"When the judges narrowed the competition down to 12 contestants, I knew Shauntay was up against stiff competition," Johnson said, "but when they narrowed it down to the top five, I knew she had it."

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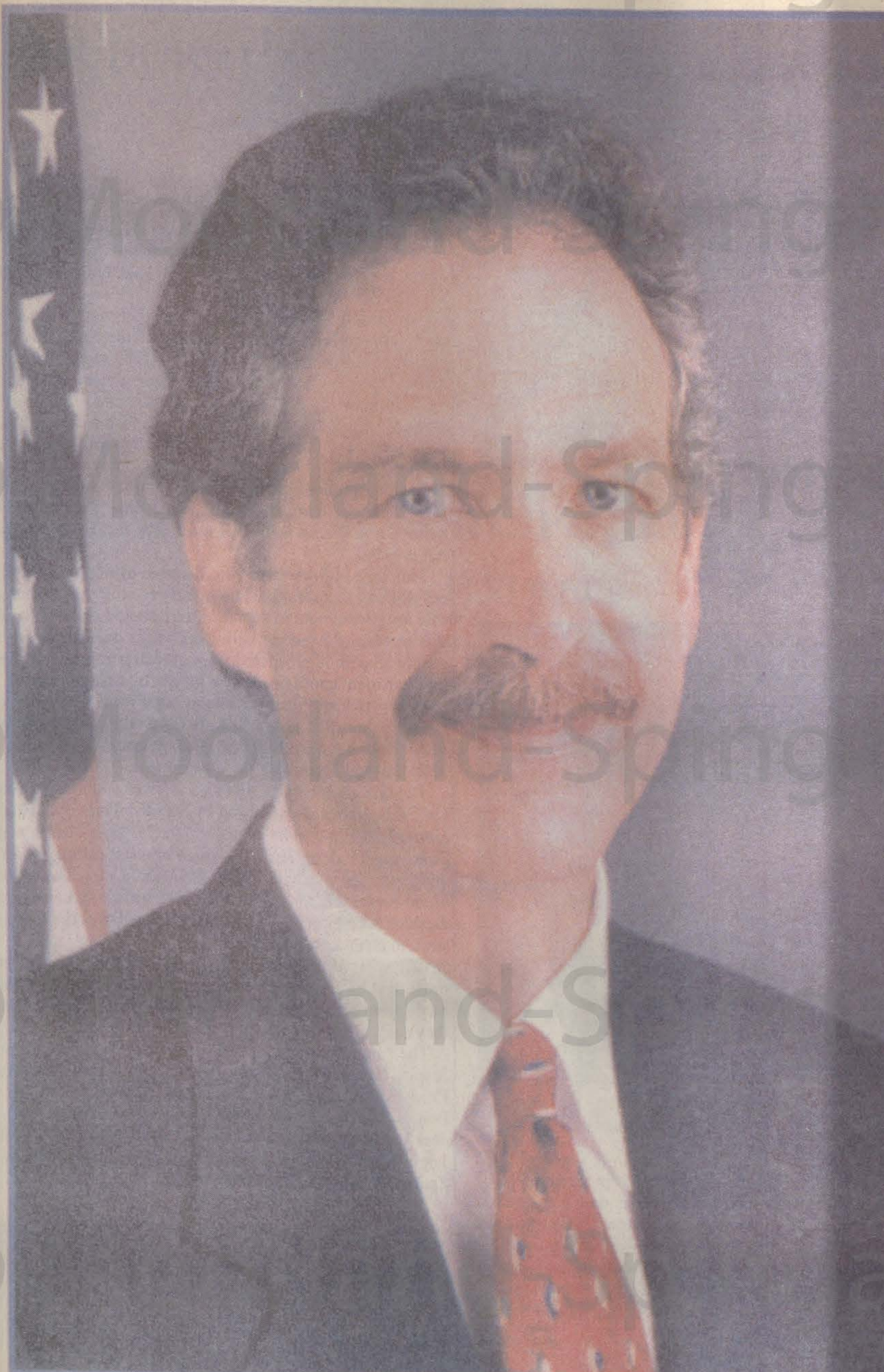
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