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# THE HILLTOP

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## Candidates Make Last Minute Preparations For Run-off Elections

Blackburn, Engineering, Law, Divinity Schools Selected as Voting Sites

By AMIE MCLAIN  
Contributing Writer

The yard will be sprinkled with large campaign posters, loud music and elaborate booths as candidates urge students to return to the polls and cast their vote for the HUSA president and vice-president and the College of Arts and Sciences

participation in tomorrow's election is as vital as in the initial election. "We have a new design to advertise for this election along with fliers, handbills, and posters. The run-off election determines a lot for the future of student leadership," Walker said.

**Elections 2002**  
Cast your vote in the HUSA president and vice-president election race.  
**Vote March 13**

The Blackburn Center, School of Engineering, School of Law,

and the School of Divinity will be the sites for voting. Other items for students to vote on include an amendment to the College of Arts and Sciences Constitution, School of Engineering Junior Vice President, and School of Law Graduate Student Assembly Representative. Candidates for executive positions in HUSA continue to adjust their campaign strategies while



The yard served as a forum for campaign speeches and platform literature last week during election day.

attempting to rouse students through dorm sweeps. Genia Wright and Alexis Castillas, are seeking to ensure that students understand the Legacy platform

and the role that HUSA plays within student government. "We're continuing to make one-on-one contact with students  
Please See Run Off, A3

## Student Press Law Center, College Newspapers Condemn Administrative Presence on University Policy Boards

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Recent murmurs from student leaders questioning the effectiveness of the governing boards for several University activities, including The Hilltop, could have substantial merit, according to the Virginia-based Student Press Law Center.

Despite the boards' "favorable" structure, conflicts of interests with members could damage the board's credibility, according to Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the non-profit SPLC.

"The policy board governing the Hilltop probably has one of the most favorable make-ups because there are student representatives on the board," Hiestand said. "However, that does not mean that because there is student representation there are not possible conflicts of interest and other unconstitutionality that violate the first amendment."

The Hilltop Policy board is one of three governing boards under review by student leaders. The practices of the Bison Yearbook and Homecoming are also being

reviewed.

"I am proposing that the other boards be more like the Hilltop's because of the amount of student representation on the board, said HUSA Policy Board Chairman Russell Drake. "Some of the boards have student members, but they do not have the power to vote on decisions."

The Student Press Law Center works to increase greater awareness and understanding of student press law, student rights and responsibilities. Hiestand warns that although the board is demographically diverse in maintaining student and faculty members, it doesn't automatically equal a fair decision.

According to Hiestand, decisions based on the content, favorable or unfavorable might hinder students rights.

"Any attempt to control, manipulate content because the type of journalism is not "liked," constitutionally violates protected rights afforded by the first amendment."

Hiestand said. "If this policy board and the administration have attempted to find a "leader" who  
Please See Policy Board, B3

## Rare Malcolm X Collection To be Sold On Ebay

By AKEYA S. DICKSON  
News Editor



Malcolm X

The family of slain civil rights activist Malcolm X is angered that a newly discovered collection of his journals, notes, speeches and personal Koran will be auctioned March 20 in San Francisco.

Butterfields auction house, owned by the online auction company Ebay, displayed the largest collection of his writings to date last Thursday. The family of the assassinated leader plans to take the auction house to court to stop the sales.

The family is upset because Butterfields plans to sell the materials in 21 separate lots instead of as a single unit, making it more difficult to keep track of for researchers. If the six daughters of Malcolm X cannot get a court injunction before the auction date, the items will be sold simultaneously on the Internet and at Butterfields' San Francisco offices.

The documents and journals include letters, photographs, four spiral notebooks, diaries, handwritten drafts of speeches—including one read at Howard University. Combined, the papers cover a 20-year span of Malcolm X's life, as well as his evolution of thought, from his beliefs of black separatism to his push for unity amongst the races.

Scholars across the country say that the collection has tremendous historical value and they worry about the documents disappearing into a private collection and what the auctioning of these materials implies. "The whole notion of putting a significant portion of our history up for auction implies that our history is marketable and can be profited from," said Dr. Diane Miles, professor of 20<sup>th</sup> Century African American Literature at Morehouse College. "There should be a boycott of the auction. I think an analogy can be drawn between the auctioning of these documents and the auctioning of slave bodies. It places them both on a level of commodity."

The materials are being sold anonymously after being purchased from a Florida storage locker. How the materials got to the storage locker is still unknown. The information included span from the 1940's to 1964 shortly before Malcolm X was killed on February 21, 1965.

Altogether, the collection is estimated to be sold between \$300,000 and \$500,000.  
Please See Auction, B3

## Alert Bulletin Issued For Towers Robbery Suspect

By JOSEF SAWYER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Campus police released an alert bulletin describing two black males between the ages of 21-25 as suspects in the robbery of a Howard Plaza West Towers resident last week.

One suspect is believed to be between 6'-6"2" medium build and complexion, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark jeans. The other assailant is said to be 5'8"-5'9", athletic build, dark complexion, and last seen wearing a blue or black hooded sweatshirt and dark colored jeans.

University Campus Police have collaborated with Detective Samuel McGee from the 3rd District Metropolitan Police Department to aid them in their search, according to Campus Police Investigator Jonathan Rich.

"We usually inform the students about campus crime through e-mail, but the problem is students don't check their Howard account," Rich said.

Freshman political science major Robert Lee Anderson II is confident the suspects will be apprehended. Anderson II also said based on past experiences, he checks his Howard e-mail frequently to be updated on University happenings like the alert bulletin.

"I learned that campus police sends alert bulletins to every Howard student after my friend was robbed, and now I make an effort to check my account more."

Anderson said he has witnessed the campus police's job duties first hand.

"Truthfully Campus Police are not as bad as most people say, Sgt. Quarles and Officer Melvin Anderson were very helpful in my friends case," Anderson said.

But students like sophomore radio-television-film major Marissa Clarke said the University should do more to ensure students' safety.

"I try not to travel too far away from campus by myself. I go out on weekends to the movies, or to the club, [but] I go with at least one friend just to be safe," Clarke said.

Students are aware of the dangers that are present in any major metropolitan area and many are taking the necessary safety precautions.

"Students getting robbed in their own rooms is not anything new on this campus. Last year in Drew (Hall) several students got robbed either inside or on the way to their rooms," said sophomore marketing major David Oliver.

According to Oliver, students can only do so much since no one is ever totally out of harms way. Oliver said it seems to be the nature of the University's campus.

Although many students said the University's location plays a role in the amount of crime on campus, some students still said the lack of  
Please See Robbery, A2

## Students Consider Alternatives in the Midst Of Housing Crunch

By STEPHANIE CROUCH  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Freshman Jacqueline Arnold entered a crowded Bethune Annex seminar room to learn how the University would implement the Room Selection and Verification Procedure.

But as she listened, Arnold found her worries escalating as Bethune Annex dorm director indicated her current dorm would be mostly reserved for freshmen.

Arnold's reaction is similar to that of many students. With the University's limited space and the recent housing deposit increase, students across campus are forced to look for housing alternatives.

"Honestly, if I am unable to obtain on-campus housing at Howard, I'll most likely need to transfer to a school closer to where I'm from or take a semester off," Arnold said. "I don't have a car, and in my opinion they're aren't many feasible options for affordable housing within walking distance."

Current students are urged to consider alternatives next semester.

because campus housing can only accommodate 3,882 students and a large freshmen class is expected.

In an attempt to make this process easier, the Office of Residence Life is assisting students in locating off-campus housing. Residence Life is providing students with a list of off-campus housing both on the Office of Residence Life web page and in the office. The lists indicate the price of rent, the number of bedrooms available, distance from campus among other amenities.

Although residence life displays a list of off campus housing, they will not place students in housing. "Since we don't actively recruit for off-campus housing, we don't screen the property holders," Residence Life Webmaster Joseph Emanuel said. "We simply provide the service."

Emanuel said the Office of Residence Life is only attempting to put students in contact with property holders who wish to rent to students. Resident Life officials are leaving the responsibility of

Please See Housing A3

### Moving Off Campus?

To view the off-campus housing list visit Residence Life's off-campus page at:  
<http://www.howard.edu/howardlife/residence>.  
You can also contact off campus housing at [Off\\_Campus\\_Housing@hotmail.com](mailto:Off_Campus_Housing@hotmail.com).

**Inside The Hilltop**

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## Raines: Homeownership Key to Ethnic Wealth Gap

By COURTNEY K. WADE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Franklin D. Raines, CEO of Fannie Mae, spoke of breaking the chain of denial in his speech, "Mending the Broken Promise of '40 Acres and a Mule,'" at the Charter Day Convocation Friday.

Raines was the keynote speaker selected to commemorate the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Howard University. As chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae, a New York Stock Exchange company, he leads the largest non-bank financial service company in the world.

He also holds many achievements and accolades including being a member of former President Clinton's Cabinet, which assisted in balancing the federal budget, graduating *magna cum laude* from Harvard College, and being a Rhodes Scholar.

In his speech, Raines said that homeownership is absolutely critical to closing the wealth gap. This wealth gap between African Americans and whites is estimated at \$1 trillion. The principle cause of this is racial inequality, which is sought but never found. However, if it were obtained, according to Raines, African Americans would have two million more high school degrees, two million more college degrees, and nearly \$200 billion in income.

Another major cause of the wealth gap as cited by Raines has been the legacy of slavery and its continued ripple effect. After the Civil War, the empty promise of 40 acres and a mule to those slaves who fought in the war was never realized because of former President Andrew Johnson's repositioning on the matter. Former slaves who wished to continue to reside in the South were obligated to work for former slaveholders under a system known as sharecropping.

"Owning a home is the only investment—and the only leveraged investment—available to most Americans," said Raines. He continued, "It is a powerful way to transmit wealth from generation to generation."

Please See Raines, B5



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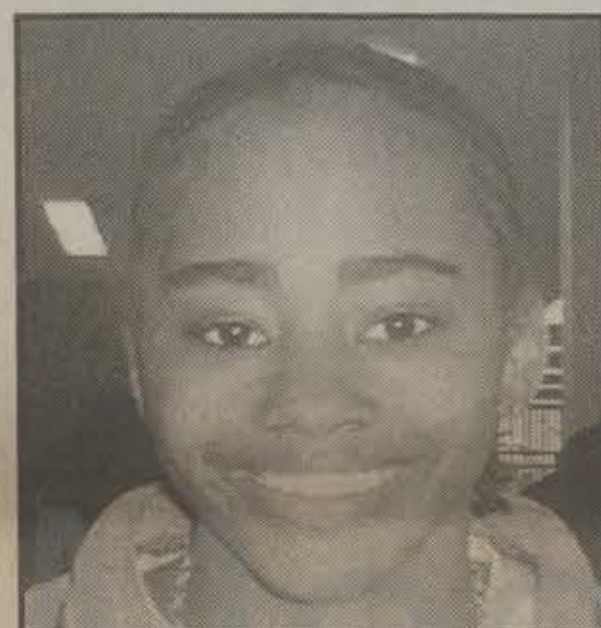
## Voices & Views

How long have you been planning your Spring Break?



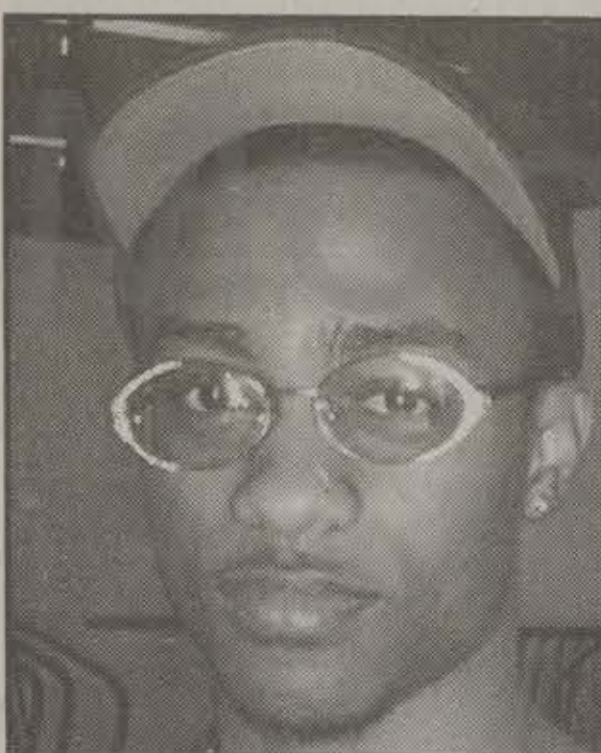
"Since I came back from Christmas break."

Anton Hackett  
Freshman  
Biology/ Pre-Med



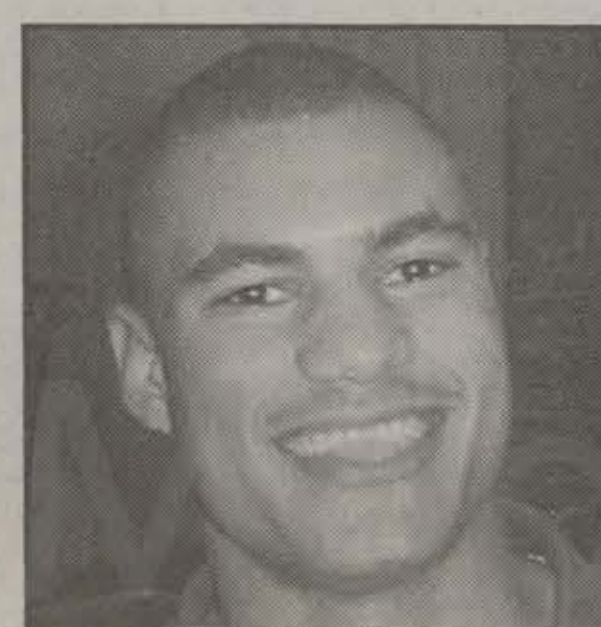
"My friends and I have been planning our Spring Break for about a month."

Lauren Turner  
Freshman  
Undecided



"When I left the cafeteria."

Michael Morris  
Sophomore  
Management



"All my life."

Brandon Roberto Carter  
Sophomore  
Advanced Marketing



"Today."

Hugh Robinson  
Sophomore  
Film

—Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt

## Sleeping The Day Away

Students rather snooze for Charter Day

By SHAWNTEL HEBERT  
Contributing Writer

With Friday temperatures at nearly seventy degrees, the main yard on campus was a social escapade between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the same time that classes were suspended in observance of the University's Charter Day.

Charter Day is held to commemorate the day President Andrew Johnson subsequently approved the University's charter, designating Howard University as "a University for the education of youth in the liberal arts and sciences." However, many students took the cancelled classes as an opportunity to do other activities, rather than attend the ceremony or view the telecast.

"I was chillin' in my room [during Charter Day]," said Richard Owens, a senior information systems major from California. Owens said there was no point in his attending the convocation because it is uninteresting. "Charter Day is a little too [boring] for me. I'm not a freshman, [and] it gets repetitive," Owens explained.

Freshman Nieisha Deed, an undeclared major from Boston, Massachusetts, admitted she did not know the actual reason for the Charter Day ceremony. Deed also divulged that she took advantage of the suspension of classes by resting. "I slept in, and I woke up at twelve," said Deed.

Deed said she wasn't alone in the way she chose to spend her Charter Day. Deed explained what others were doing during the ceremony as well.

"Sleeping, enjoying the weather, [or] just chillin' because they (students) did not have classes."

Willard Hill, sophomore music major from New Orleans, LA, said he that he was tired, so he slept straight through the convocation. He continued that he doubted many other students attended.

"Most students just see today as a reason

not to go to class," Hill said.

Senior Matthew Goines, who attended the Charter Day Convocation, gave a different perspective on the day. Goines, a marketing major from Detroit, Michigan expressed a sense of appreciation for his final undergrad convocation.

"I had a nostalgic feeling because I love Howard, both the negatives and the positives."

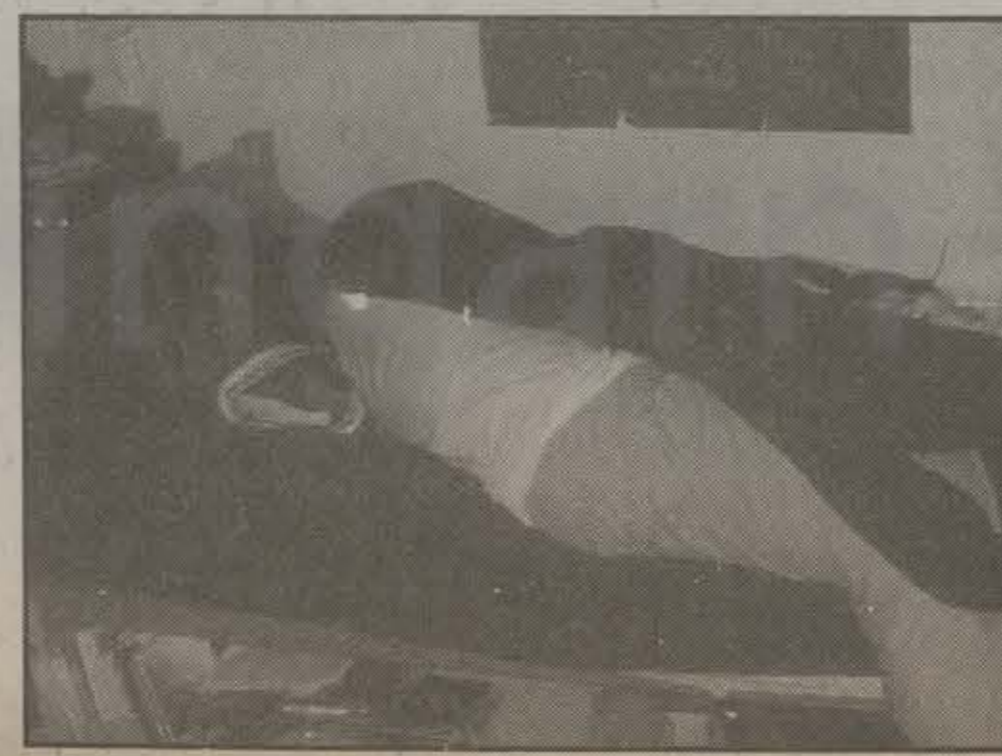
Goines went on to give his reasoning behind other students not attending Charter Day.

"The students are indifferent and treat it like a holiday."

Not all students chose to sleep in during the University's celebration. Students like Krystle Ferbos, regret not being able to attend. She utilized her time to take care of personal business.

"I obtained recommendations for summer programs I'm interested in. If I did not have any business to take care of, I would have gone. It is a good experience while one is here at Howard."

Additionally, Jonathan Howard, a sophomore physical therapy major from Alabama, said that while he did not attend the observance, he did attempt to view it via television. "I was in my room watching the Charter ceremony, or at least the T.V. was on that station. I tried to listen to the speech," Howard said.



## Skipping Out Early

Some to begin Spring Break on Thursday

By COREY MCQUEEN  
Contributing Writer

With the annual spring break holiday set to start this weekend, many students plan to begin their vacations to destinations like South Florida, New York or returning home on Thursday, two days early than the Universities official date.

The University's nine-day spring break is scheduled to begin on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>.

According to Yahoo, Earthlink and other online search engines, Florida like last year, is still the number one get away for college students. Panama City, Daytona Beach, Orlando and Miami are the three best hot spots because of the beaches, nightlife, and recreational activities.

Some students are planning to make the spring break into a road trip as they drive the 900-mile trip to the Sunshine state.

"I'm just driving home to Florida Thursday to be with the family and see my friends in Daytona Beach," said sophomore Mike Hill. Since he is driving, he looks to spend about \$350 on his trip home.

Another student, junior architect major Anthony Norman, is also taking a couple of extra days when he leaves for South Florida on Thursday night.

"My friend and I are driving down to Florida to relax in his family's time share,"

said Norman.

Some students have planed their spring break months in advance, yet are still working on finalizing some of the arrangements for the vacation.

"I have been looking forward to spending Spring break in Los Angeles, California since last semester," said Alice Harris, a sophomore piano performance major and native of Queens, New York.

However, Harris has yet to purchase a ticket and does not want to spend any more than \$500 for her trip including airfare and spending money. Harris said she is waiting to purchase the ticket today.

Some students, unlike Harris, have not procrastinated in funding their spring break. Sophomore print journalism major Cotilya Brown is taking a trip to Detroit to visit her friend.

"I purchased my ticket in January to avoid the last minute outrageous prices," said Brown who plans on spending no more than \$500 for her vacation.

For most students living off campus in apartments getting away on vacation may not happen this year.

"Since I have an apartment and bills to pay the only thing I will be doing is putting in extra hours at work. I probably will take a couple of weeks off in the summer to chill," said Keisha Austin, a junior legal communications major.

## Towers Issues Robbery Warning

From A1  
safety on campus is because the people hired to protect the students are unreliable. "I don't like how Campus Police operates they are very inconsistent, and would be much more effective if they made a few

simple changes in their diet, for example most of the officers are overweight and out of shape but are trusted with our lives," Oliver said.

## HUSA's 'Auction to Remember' Virtually Unknown

Event postponed due to lack of PR, wants better turnout

By METANOYA WEBB  
Contributing Writer

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) auction "An Auction to Remember," originally scheduled for late Feb. has been postponed for five weeks due to the lack of advertising.

According to HUSA President and auction coordinator Stephanie Brown, the decision to postpone the event was reached due to the project not having a public relations director and the auction never formally publicized. The next available date for the Blackburn Ballroom was not until April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Although the event was not widely publicized Brown said there is still a fair amount buzz expectation circulating around the auction.

"Students are still anxious and eager for an auction and continue to show enthusiasm towards the event," Brown said.

Brown said she wanted the HUSA auction to be a success and felt that because it was not promoted the turn out would not be as plentiful as she knew it could be.

Not wanting to divulge too much about the on-goings of the auction, Brown said that no major changes are being made from the auction the auction scheduled in February and the one in April.

"It will be the same show. No real changes, no real special surprises. The whole show is special in itself," Brown said. "It's going to be a regular auction. It's going to be 15 guys and girls total."

Brown said she does not believe the rescheduling of the event is an

inconvenience for students since most never really expected the auction.

"The day came and left, no one really knew there would be an auction, all the participants are cool with the later date so it's really not a big problem," Brown said.

HUSA staff and volunteers alike continue to work hard ensure the auctions success.

Some students that were aware of the HUSA event, however, don't agree with Brown. Sophomore piano performance major Alice Harris said she was looking forward to the auction and is a little upset that it was postponed.

"I found out about the event through a friend and was looking forward to attending. I still plan on going on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but the show better be tight since they pushed it

back a whole 6 weeks," Harris said.

The auction is a regular auction and will follow a basic auction format where audience members bid on a man or woman and the highest bidder walks away with their selection.

There is an advantage to this event though. According to Brown there will be no cover charge, instead HUSA is encouraging students to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to enter this event. These goods and proceeds from the function will be donated to nearby shelters in the DC Metropolitan area.

Auction volunteer Darryl Kett, a freshman finance major, said though he was not aware of the reason for the auction's delay he was willing to donate his time because the event is for a good

cause. "The rescheduling of this function was in best interest of not only the auction, but also HU's student body. I was never really given a detailed explanation as to why this decision was made but I still want to participate in the auction."

Sophomore advertising major Cieja Springer, agrees with HUSA's decision in postponing the affair.

"If they (HUSA) want people to come to their auction they have to advertise. Because the proceeds are going to be donated to charity, HUSA definitely needs a good turnout."

Brown said posters will be put up after spring break and the event will be properly and thoroughly publicized. Brown said she expects a large turnout for the event.

## Campus Digest

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002

Come to the Universal Records Listening Party for Star Kitty's Revenge from 12-2 PM in the Punchout, featuring DJ Odyssey. Enter to win an "I Know I Am Beautiful Gift Pack!"

Get up close and personal with the poets of Poutre as they present "Between the Sheets" in the Reading Lounge of Blackburn Center at 7:30 PM. As always there will be an open mic, so respond accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

General Elections run-off between HUSA platforms Legacy and The Awakening. The College of Arts and Sciences will have a run-off between presidential candidates Brian Woodard and Jacques Purvis and vice-presidential candidates Rey Castillo and Jason Ravin.

The Health Awareness Coalition at Howard University (HACHU) is sponsoring the Spring Health Festival in Reading Lounge of Blackburn Center from 10 AM to 3 PM. There will be a spring fashion show, opportunities for free blood pressure screenings, free HIV testing and counseling, giveaways, refresh-

ments, and much more.

The Howard University Pre-Pharmacy Club invites all students interested in pharmacy to attend a meeting. There will be speakers and information concerning the filed and upcoming event and activities. Refreshments will be served and it will be in the School Pharmacy's Dispensing Lab, Room G-17.

Join the Sterling Allen Brown English Club in a Reading and Discussion of "The Flowers," a short story written by Alice Walker in Locke Hall, Room 100 at 5:30 PM. Refreshments will be served and the short text of the story will be distributed during the time period.

Amnesty International Howard University Muslim Student Association and the Peace and Justice Foundation present a panel discussion on Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, from a Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspective. It will be held in the Reading Lounge of Blackburn Center from 7-10 PM. Food and refreshments will be served.

Compiled By Courtney Wade Hilltop Staff Writer

## Star Gazing





# Campus

## The Mecca Gives First Exposure to Black Greek Life for West Coast Students



Many University students from the West Coast were not exposed to black Greek life until they stepped on Howard's campus.

BY CHAUNA BRYANT  
Contributing Writer

Before attending college, many of the University's west coast students were virtually not unaware of the existence of black fraternities and sororities.

With many west coast colleges and uni-

versities not having a large population of black students, many people, white or black, are not exposed to the deep history and legacy of black Greek life.

"Before I came to Howard I hardly knew about Greek life. The most exposure I got was watching the Bayou Classics and seeing the Greeks in their letters," said Northern California native Aisha Chaney.

Another student like Baionne Williams said she only knew about black Greek life through stories she heard from siblings.

"In high school we only had junior fraternities and sororities. I only knew about Greek life because my older brothers and sisters," said Williams, a Seattle native.

At the University of Southern California (USC) the largest black sorority on campus is Delta Sigma Theta Inc., which has seven members. Currently, at Howard, there are 19 Deltas present on campus and an excess of 200 ladies attended rush,

which was held last month.

The largest black fraternity on USC's campus is Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., which has eight members on campus. In contrast to USC, Howard currently has 21 members on campus.

In California, Oregon, and Washington state the average fraternity or sorority membership on campus usually ranges from 1-7 people. On the East coast it's not uncommon for fraternities and sororities to cross a line with over thirty people.

At USC black students make up only five percent of the University's 28,000 students. At Howard, where blacks make up nearly 90 percent of the University's 10,248 students, black clubs fraternities, and sororities will have greater influence on the daily lifestyles of the students and therefore more popular.

Only a handful of west coast natives were vaguely acquainted to Greek life through annual events such as the annual December party the Kappa Christmas. Other students were introduced to Greek life through the shows held by Step Correct, for which it is not uncommon for two or three schools to combine together in order to form a 12-person team.

Some said the reason black Greek organizations are concentrated on the Eastern seaboard and in the ex-confederate states

is because of the heavy concentration of blacks at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) like Lincoln in Pennsylvania, Morehouse College in Georgia and Morgan State in Maryland.

"The schools are clustered where the largest black population existed and hence the presence of the sororities and the fraternities in these places," said Chairman of African American studies department, Dr Russel Adams. "Once you go west of the Mississippi except for Langston University and some places in Texas, they have their fraternities and sororities, but they are few in number compared to what's here (the east coast)," Adams said.

Adams pointed to the fact that within about thirty minutes of D.C. there are about five historically black colleges. In Texas, there are long distances between locations for one to have the same exposure. Adams said the farther West traveled the exposure to black Greek life decreases.

The first black fraternities started in 1906, sororities began 1908. Since their findings, the organizations have had and

tremendous impact on the community.

"Greek life is important because it brings members of the African-American community together, and collectively, as a



An African-American Studies professor said the large population of black Greek organization are mainly found on the Eastern Seaboard and Southern regions of the U.S.

force to attack issues that effect the African-American community," said Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Beta Chapter President Cornell Williamson.

### Local Schools Election Results

#### School of Education

President  
Quiana Shepard 9

Vice-President  
Spencer Henier 8

#### School of Communications

President  
Ashley McFarlin 204

Vice-President  
Jamaal Brown 203

#### School of Business

President  
Xavier Carter 166  
Quinton Moses 126

Vice President  
Tenesha Willis 151  
Brandon Jones 139

#### School of Divinity

President  
Ranyne Herbert 0  
Lennell Quarles 55  
Peter Talyor 77

Vice President  
Carole James 123

#### School of Nursing and Allied Health

President  
Daphanee Duret 24  
Solitare Newton 20

Vice-President  
Adrian West 43

CEACS  
President  
Rashadd Hines 163

Vice-President  
Tiana Dodson 159

#### School of Law

President  
Diara Andrews 85  
Jana Jones 67

Vice-President  
Jamal Williams 83  
CT Wilson 76

## University Celebrates Life of Councilman, Alumnus After Fatal Car Crash

BY KERRY-ANN HAMILTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University community is mourning the loss of a noted alumni and esteemed member of the Washington Metropolitan community, Councilman Isaac Gour-dine (D) who served District 8 constituents in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

After serving two years in Vietnam War the James Island, South Carolina native moved to Washington DC. In 1974 Gour-dine received his undergraduate degree from the University and in 1977 received his juris doctorate degree from the University's Law School. Professor at the Howard School of Law, Spencer H. Boyer, is deeply saddened by the sudden death of his former student.

"Gour-dine after graduation did not go on to work with Wall Street firms, he was determined to return to Prince Georges County to effect change there. At that time there were no African-Americans in leadership positions in the county and he along with others like State Attorney Jack Johnson went on to transform that community," Boyer said. "His death is most untimely because Gour-dine was preparing himself to serve in other leadership capacities in the County in the near future."

Boyer, who has trained over 3,000 attorneys in his 35-year career, said the University has a long tradition of training leaders in the area of social advocacy and

continues in that tradition.

"It is imperative that we continue to train other stars to brighten the universe so when one of our stars falls there are others stars to keep our professional and academic universe bright," Boyer says.

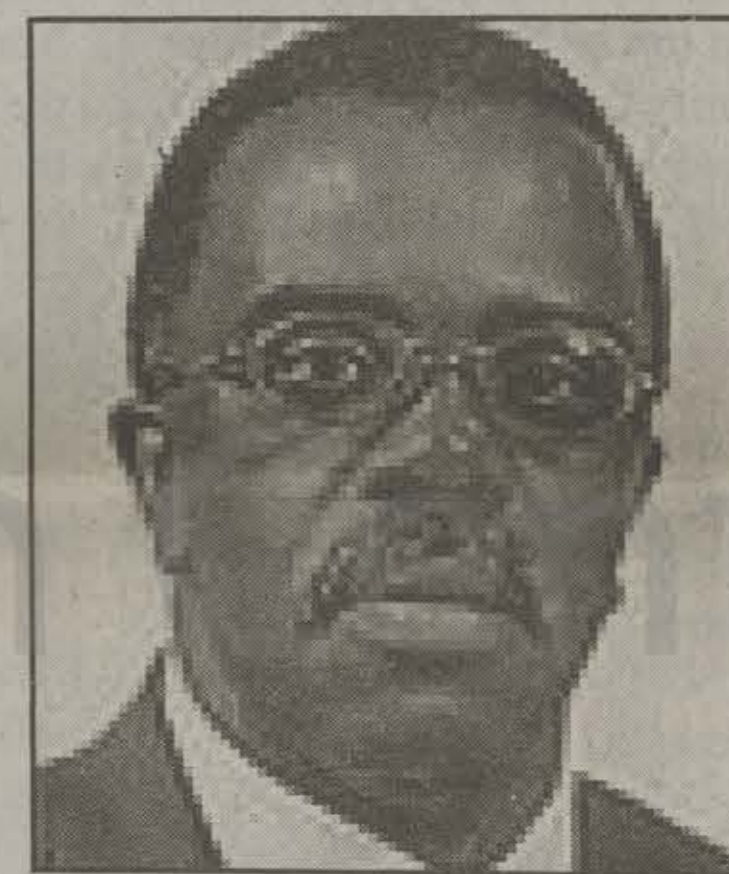
Howard University Student Association (HUSA) President Stephanie Brown agrees with Professor Boyer.

"It is indeed regrettable that we have lost such an integral contributor to our community. Representative Gour-dine exemplified our motto leadership for America and the global community," Brown said.

Brown further urged students to continue the tradition of service to our community. "Howard students have a mandate while we came here to gain an education we should follow the steps of Gour-dine and give back to our community. Organizations such as the NAACP not only makes students aware of the problems of the African-American Community, we also equip them with the tools necessary to create solutions," Brown said.

Gour-dine, 56, was killed in an automobile accident on the Capital Beltway. He was on his way to a meeting between county officials and Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. During his life he made significant contributions in the area of education.

Gour-dine was elected to the council in 1994 and was serving in



The University still mourns the loss of Maryland District 8 Councilman and Howard Alumnus Isaac Gour-dine who died in a car in a car accident recently.

his second term representing citizens of Fort Washington, Temple Hills, Oxon Hill, Forest Heights, Clinton and Camp Springs, Maryland.

Councilman Gour-dine practiced civil and criminal law for approximately 22 years. He was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Coalition of Concerned Black Christian Men, the National Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, and the Washington Bar Association among other organizations. He was also a provided pro bono legal service for the elderly citizens.

Gour-dine is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Monica; and son, Lamar.

## Students Consider Alternatives in Midst of Housing Crunch

From A1  
researching the property to the students.

"We feel that since the students are going to live on the property it should be their responsibly to determine rather they're putting themselves into a good situation on not," Emanuel said.

Emanuel also said he is comfortable about the property on the list thus far.

"The properties are less expenses and close to campus," Emanuel said. "On average the furthest property is a 10 minute walk from campus, which will make commuting a lot easier for the students."

Since the off-campus housing selection process is random, the Office of Residence Life has established a personal disclaimer. According to the website, "Howard University nor the Office of Residence Life is responsible for any problems or circumstances that may arise when renting properties located in the referral listening."

Also, the property holders do not have to adhere to any University regulations or standards. The holders just simply come to the Office of Residence Life and fill out a form with contact information, the type of housing, utilities, and any amenities included with the facility.

Understanding the University is in the midst of a housing crunch, some students have already started the search for alternative living arrangements.

"I don't want to deal with the housing at all so I plan on getting an apartment," junior broadcast journalism major Aisha Summers said. "I know I'm not going to get housing as a senior so why bother."

Even though most students plan to participate in RSVP, DoubleTree Hotel resident William Covington has learned from past experience. He seems unworried about the situation. "I'm just going to play the situation by ear," he said.

## Candidates Make Last Minute Preparations For Run-off Elections

From A1  
ensuring that they return to the voting booths informed about the Legacy campaign and aware of HUSA's function on campus," Wright said.

Cornell Williamson and Nicole Merritt, Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates with the Awakening slate are also seeking for interpersonal contact with the student body. Williamson was unavailable for comment, however the Campaign Manager of the Awakening, Jarvis Houston, said establishing personal relationships with students is essential.

"Our winning strategy is to have personal relationships with students. To complete this goal, we compiled a survey for students to assess the problems they face on campus. As well, we want to make sure stu-

dents vote in the run-off, in general," Houston said.

Many people said the voter turnout in last week's election was low with approximately 1,400 counted ballots, but Walker was happy with the number of people who participated and hopes a similar amount of students vote tomorrow.

"I was really pleased with the turnout. I don't consider the voter turnout low. We only missed last years number of voters by about 100," Walker said.

The General Assembly Elections Committee said they would like to apologize for leaving Senior Class Secretary candidate, Jocelyn Fisher, off of the ballot. She ran unopposed. As well, the six amendments up for vote all passed.

## CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

March 7	Meridian Hill Hall	Law School	Lost Property
	Sick Transport	Unlocked Door	
Meridian Hill Hall	HPT	<b>March 9</b>	HUH
Theft II	False Fire Alarm		Damaged Property
2nd Street NW	HPT	HPT	HPT
Hit & Run	Theft II	Theft II	Theft from Auto
Student Health Center	2400 Blk. 4th St.	Bethune Annex	i-Lab
Sick Transport	Armed Car Jacking	Theft from Auto	Stalking
Service Center	HPT	HPT	Off-Campus
Damaged Property	Theft II	Damaged Property	Sexual Abuse
Howard Center	<b>March 8</b>	HPT	This report appears courtesy of Howard University Campus Police. The report was compiled by Campus Editor Brakhton Booker.
Damaged Property	HUH	False Fire Alarm	
Bethune Annex	Disorderly Conduct	<b>March 10</b>	
Theft II		Physics Building	
Locke Hall	HUH	Unlocked Doors	
Threats to Bodily Harm	Damaged Property	Chemistry Building	
Student Health Center	2700 Blk. 5th St.	Unlocked Doors	
Sick Transport	Domestic Assault	Engineering Building	
HPT	HUH	Security Breach	
Harassment	Theft II	Scout 02	



# NEWS

## National Briefs

**LOS ANGELES, California** — A jury awarded Janis Adams, a high school teacher and former actress, \$4.35 million after she claimed that the Los Angeles Unified School District allowed her to be sexually harassed by students at Palisades Charter High School. The students published an underground newspaper, including an article saying that Adams was a former porn star. District officials are appealing the decision, saying that they "took extensive measures to try to shut down the publication."

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** — Cleveland Police are still looking for a stolen ATM. It took two masked men 30 seconds to hacksaw the money machine out of Shaker Square on Friday, according to the store clerk. The clerk watched behind bulletproof glass as the men sawed the machine out and threw it into a pickup truck.

**CHICAGO, Illinois** — Three people were fatally crushed after a piece of scaffolding fell away from the side of the John Hancock Center on Saturday. Some speculate that the 50 mph winds were to blame, but authorities say that it is too soon to tell. The scaffolding is believed to have fallen 500 feet. At least six others were injured.

**NEWARK, New Jersey** — A car landed on top of New Jersey Transit Authority train tracks early Friday, delaying up to 17,000 commuters. NJ Transit had to shut electricity off shortly after 3 am that Friday, so that the driver and the car could be "extracted from the 30-foot ravine through which the tracks run," according to North Jersey News. No trains on the Morris and Essex lines ran until 6:30 am, said NJ Transit spokeswoman, Anna Farneski.

**HOUSTON, Texas** — Gas prices across Texas have been raised as a result of shrinking supplies and a strong demand. Over the past weekend, pump prices ranged from \$1.029 to a high of \$1.189 for self-serve regular, according to a spot check done by the Houston Chronicle. Until recently, 99-cent gas was common in Houston, said the Chronicle.

## Oregon State U. student dies Six days after Fall at Fraternity House

By Sarah Linn  
OSU Daily Barometer (Oregon State U.)

(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State University student Spencer M. Haugh, who fell from a fraternity house fire escape last Friday, died early Thursday afternoon.

Haugh, 20, was taken off life support Wednesday, having remained in critical condition at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland since his fall, which caused extensive brain damage.

The junior art major from Gresham suffered severe head and spinal injuries after he fell from a second-floor fire escape at Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Haugh is survived by his mother, Kathryn; his father, Michael; his brother, Brandon; and his step-brother, James Russell. Brandon is studying for a master's degree in nuclear engineering at Oregon State. Russell is a sophomore at the University of Oregon.

Kathryn Haugh first heard of the incident early Saturday morning, when she received a call at her Gresham home.

"My first thought — and every parent's first thought, really — was that it was an automobile accident," she said. As neighbors gathered around, all she could say was, "It can't be true."

## Zimbabweans go to the Polls in Large Numbers

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Throng of Zimbabweans went to the polls over the weekend to elect their new president. However, several international and domestic groups are pressing the government to extend the voting beyond Sunday because of voting delays.

The candidates are the current president Robert Mugabe, representing the Zanu PF, and Morgan Tsvangirai, the presidential candidate for the Movement for Democratic Change. There was no declared winner at the time of print.

Initially, voting was supposed to take place only on Saturday. Because of the voting delays, Tsvangirai called for an extension that was backed by a statement from the United States Embassy in Harare, the capital. Tens of thousands of Zimbabweans, who waited for hours at polling stations in and outside Harare on Saturday, were unable to cast their vote by the 7pm closing time on day one.

Most of the areas affected by voting delays were loyal to Tsvangirai, who expects a 60 percent majority of the votes. He asserts that this is a deliberate attempt on the part of the government to rig the elections. The United States urged the government of President Robert Mugabe to act urgently and to "immediately take the necessary remedial measures."

"If the Zimbabwean government authorities do not take immediate steps to rectify these problems, they are likely to result in a massive disenfranchisement of urban voters," the embassy statement said.

In the months leading up to elections, international watchdogs that promote free and fair elections deemed the Zimbabwe election as one with the potential for fraud and violence because of the ongoing unrest, which created an atmosphere of fear and anxiety preceding the elections.

Last month Pierre Schori, the Swedish head of the EU election monitoring team, was expelled as Mugabe classified his behavior as "dishonest". This was followed by other European Union election observers leaving Zimbabwe as President Robert Mugabe and his ruling elites allegedly refused to let them do their job. Zimbabwean journalist Basildon Peta told the British



Robert Mugabe, current president, representing the Zanu and PF Morgan Tsvangirai, presidential candidate for the MDC.



Broadcasting Corporation reporters that the observers would have made little difference in the election even if they had been allowed to remain.

The election over the weekend was nothing less than was predicted. Reports of clashes between police and angry voters, frustrated by the slow pace of polling, filtered through from the western township of Kuwadzana Harare on Saturday afternoon.

Witnesses told reporters representing www.allafrica.com, an African news source, that security forces fired teargas and rubber bullets. Witnesses also stated that whips were used to subdue a group whose patience was running thin as they attempted to force their way into the polling station to demand explanations. Approx-

mately 12 people were reported injured.

Political violence has been at its peak, according to a Political Violence study conducted by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, from February 1-16. The results showed that political violence included sexual torture, severe pain and suffering mentally as well as physically. The report stated that the cruel and degrading treatments were inflicted intentionally and were done by a state official or others acting with the acquiescence of the State.

Opposition leader Tsvangirai was a victim of State sponsored violence. Police shot at his convoy while he was on his way to a campaign rally, two days after opinion polls showed that he has a serious chance of beating Mugabe. A mob of some 200 Mugabe supporters armed with stones and iron bars attacked MDC offices in Kwekwe. During the study's two-week period the torture and violence led to the death of eight persons.

Zimbabwe, formerly southern Rhodesia, is located in Southern Africa, bordered by Zambia, Botswana, South Africa and Mozambique. Zimbabwe gained its independence from the British in 1980. Robert Mugabe was the nation's first prime minister in 1987 has been the country's only ruler (as president since 1987) and has dominated the country's political scene since independence.

The result of this election may be the dawn of a new era for Zimbabweans.

If Tsvangirai's wins, it will draw the curtains on Mugabe's 22-year monopoly of power. The crisis in Zimbabwe is said to predate the elections or the run up to elections. Political experts like Bob Matts of Daily Mail & Guardian, a South African based newspaper, argue that the changing of the leaders will not be a panacea to the political turmoil, however, corrupt free institutions and a government which lack public trust will be inherited by the incoming leader.

## Trailing W.....

By COURTNEY K. WADE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

This past week President Bush continued his efforts to encourage corporate responsibility in regards to investing, settling on a tariff for steel imports, and introducing a new idea that would allow welfare recipients to work for below minimum wages.

According to the White House's Website, Bush has outlined a ten-point plan to develop corporate accountability and assist American shareholders. The core principles promote these three goals: providing better information to investors, making corporate officers more accountable, and developing a stronger audit system.

Last Monday, Bush decided to impose tariffs of up to 30 percent on most imported steel. This is in effort to assist our nation's distressed steel industry. Bush met with advisors and concluded that steel imported from Canada, Mexico, and other developing countries would not be affected, but steel from other countries like Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, and Brazil would be affected. According to the Washington Post, steel industry

executives said that the exemptions of the countries could apply to more steel imports that calculated and decrease the predicted effectiveness of the tariff. U. S. steel producers have been afflicted by falling prices and rising imports. Of these 31 have filed for bankruptcy protection and only a few are left making reasonable profits.

Bush and his Administration have decided that minimum-wage laws should not protect workers who are working off their own benefits. If approved, this notion could reverse a five-year federal policy. The proposed change in welfare policy is part of Bush's plan to renew the 1996 law that transformed welfare. It replaced federal aid checks with programs of assistance that that offered limited aid before requiring recipients to obtain a job. Opponents of this change say that it could make it more difficult for low-wage workers on welfare to get a job because businesses and corporations would have an incentive to hire workfare participants at a fraction of the cost it would typically take to hire a regular worker.

### President's Ten-Point Plan:

1. Each investor should have quarterly access to the information needed to judge a firm's financial performance, condition, and risks.
2. Each investor should have prompt access to critical information.
3. CEOs should personally vouch for the veracity, timeliness, and fairness of their companies' public disclosures, including their financial statements.
4. CEOs or other officers should not be allowed to profit from erroneous financial statements.
5. CEOs or other officers who clearly abuse their power should lose their right to serve in any corporate leadership positions.
6. Corporate leaders should be required to tell the public promptly whenever they buy or sell company stock for personal gain.
7. Investors should have complete confidence in the independence and integrity of companies' auditors.
8. An independent regulatory board should ensure that the accounting profession is held to the highest ethical standards.
9. The authors of accounting standards must be responsive to the needs of investors.
10. Firms' accounting systems should be compared with best practices, not simply against minimum standards.

## New Video Game Promotes Racism

By COURTNEY K. WADE  
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A new video game is causing quite a stir in the minority community. Why? Because the name of the game is *Ethnic Cleansing*, and the goal is to kill Blacks, Latinos, and Jews.

Resistance Records, a racist distributor of music, released the game on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year. The advertisement read, "Celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a virtual Race War!" According to the Anti-Defamation League, "Resistance Records is owned by the National Alliance, which is the largest and most-active neo-Nazi organization in the United States."

The game, which is modeled after other typical popular mainstream video games like *Quake* and *Doom*, is supposed to provide entertainment to its supporters. Racists and anti-Semites are attempting to extend their message of hate to a younger, wider, hi-tech audience and simultaneously make a profit in the process.

The setting of the game is similar to urban New York and the player, who chooses between KKK robes or Skinhead attire, must kill the "sub-humans"—Blacks and Latinos—and their

"masters," Jews. These are the targets of violence because they embody evil in the world and must be destroyed. The subterranean "Lair of the Beast" is where the Jews lurk with their leader, the "end boss."

"...The place is full of jews. I shoot one of the foul pigs and it said, "Oy Vey!" I continued to shoot them. They seem a lot harder to kill than niggers...."

—Bob H.

The details of the game are offensive in many ways. The subway advertisements boast of world domination plans, a map of specified problem areas, and a sign that says, "Diversity, It's Good for Jews." During the game primate sounds are heard when Blacks are killed and Latinos dressed in ponchos say, "Oy vey!" and

even Jews shout out, "Ay caramba!" The game also shows off various National Alliance symbols and posters, while racist rock music blasts over the soundtrack.

At the conclusion of the game, the player faces, the "end boss," a rocket launcher-throwing Ariel Sharon who taunts by saying, "We have destroyed your culture! We silenced Henry Ford!" When the end boss is defeated the insult regards the ruin of thousands of years of planning.

*Ethnic Cleansing* is the first in a series of games created by Resistance Records. The next game is entitled, *Turner Diaries: The Game* and is stems from *The Turner Diaries* by William Pierce, the leader of the National Alliance.

When Howard students were questioned about their opinion regarding the new video game, the response was generally of disgust. Rashad Hines, a senior System and Computer Science major, said, "It's just a cheap way for narrow-minded cowards to spark the flames of controversy and hatred." He predicted that the new game would not sell. Others were enraged that the game was even allowed to hit the market while complying with the rules of video games that are in effect.

## World Briefs

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil** — Over 50,000 volunteers were in the streets Saturday trying to rid the city of the mosquitoes that are responsible for the ever-increasing dengue fever epidemic. "D-day against Dengue" was to get rid of any bodies of standing water where the mosquito can lay its eggs and to educate people about letting water accumulate. Over 72,000 people have been diagnosed across the state and 28 have died, said Rio State Health authorities.

**Italy** — The Italian Embassy has temporarily suspended the sales of medication from Abbot Laboratories after two people died from taking their medication. Italian officials said that the Abbot has received over 50 complaints about the obesity drug, sibutramine which is sold under the brand name of Reductil in Italy and several other overseas countries. "The deaths were apparently related to cardiovascular-related causes," said FDA spokeswoman Laura Bradbard.

**HAVANA, Cuba** — Cuban researchers from Havana's Center of Immunology reported notable success with a drug that attacks cancer of the head and neck regions. In beginning tests, the drug called Theracim h-R3, "enhanced conventional radiation therapy to radically shrink and even completely eradicate tumors," according to an NBC news report. To date, patients given the one-two punch from radiation and Theracim h-R3 have remained tumor-free for as many as 28 months, added the Center's Normando Iznaga-Escobar.

**LAKE CHALLA, Kenya** — Police are still searching for the 18-year-old British girl who disappeared while swimming in a lake in Kenya on Friday. Amy Nicholls, believed to be from Hertfordshire, was in Kenya with 16 other people volunteering for four-and-a-half months on a trip run by Africa and Asia Venture, Ltd.

**TOKYO, Japan** — Sales of Microsoft's X-box consoles have now resumed after being suspended over the weekend. Bic Camera, the retailers of X-box, stopped sales because of glitches that came from scratched disks. Other Japanese electronic retailers such as Laox and Sato Musen had to temporarily halt sales for the same reason.

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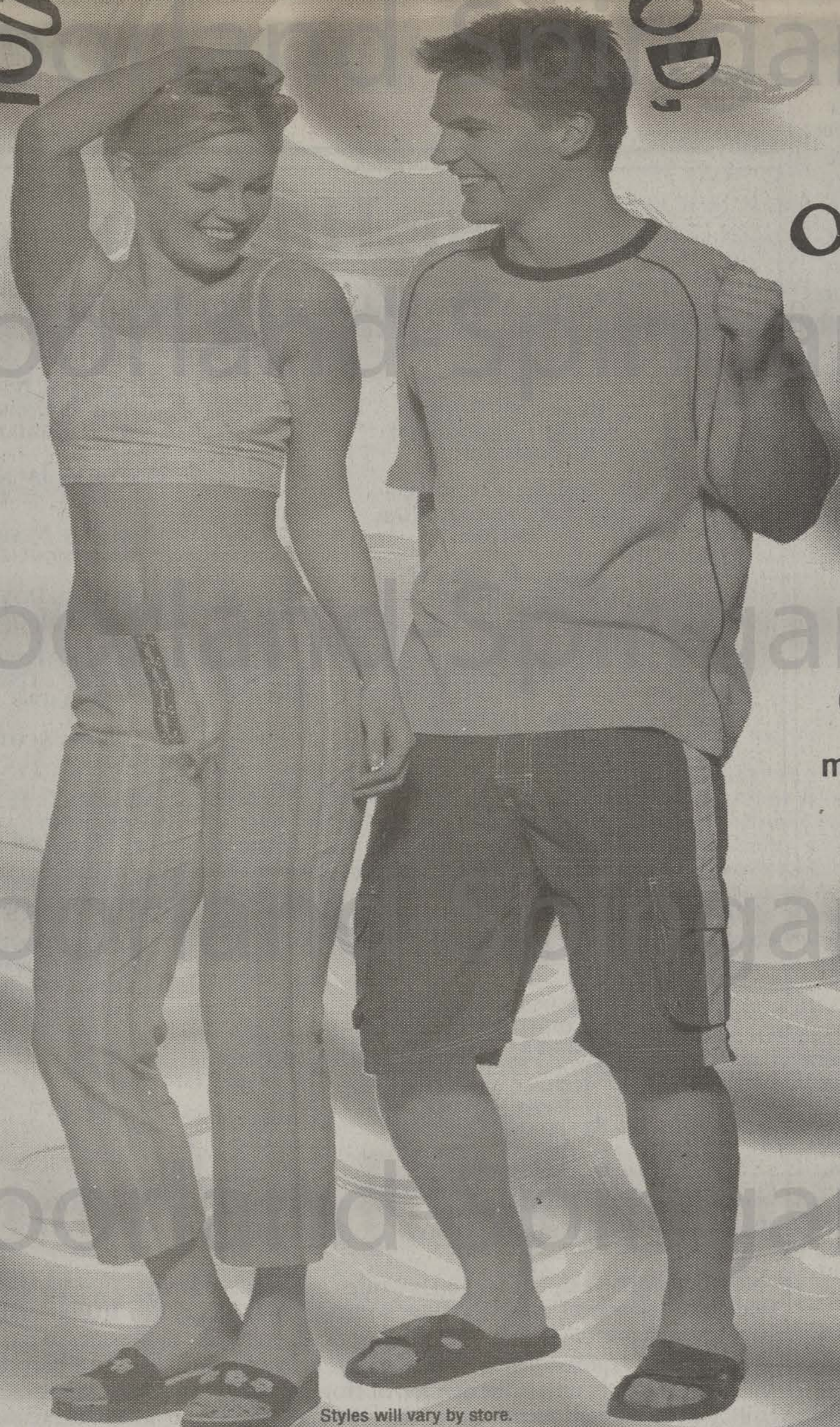
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## On the Good Foot

The success of this year's charter day dinner was a good first step for the capital campaign that President Swygert has planned for his Strategic Framework for Action II. It was a positive sign that the University will definitely meet its goal of raising \$250 million and then some.

When you have alumni donating and Board of Trustee members pledging all the money they have that adds up.

The Board of Trustees is made up of very influential people such as Richard Parsons, Frank Savage, Debbie Allen and others that have the power to influence companies and individuals to donate money to Howard. Saturday's dinner was a good indicator that they all will go beyond what is asked of them for raising money. The Howard community should stand behind them.

We should stand behind Swygert because, from the successful completion of the first Strategic Framework for Action, he has proven

that he meets the University's goals. In the SFA II he has plans for a new athletic facility, engineering building, a new school of communications and at least three other physical facilities that will be added to the campus.

Students often complain about existing buildings and programs that the University offers. They often complain about how much things cost here, but how often do they look at the fact that all the amenities they fault Howard for not having cost money? A successful capital campaign defers the cost from being included in a tuition increase. The positive steps that University has taken and the results so far indicate that the students should be confident that Howard is pro-

gressing. Of course, it is not perfect and there is still the issue of the day-to-day operation, but for the long run, we look good.

### Our View:

Charter Day was an indication that the University will be very successful raising \$250 million

## The Janitors' Problem

We've all seen them all around the University. Whether they are calmly picking up trash, or sweeping and vacuuming the floors in the Towers, janitors are all over Howard University. Now, these behind the scenes workers are seeking to move to the forefront of students consciousness with their recent plea to student leaders to support the janitors' proposal for pay increases.

Howard janitors have a salary cap of around \$20,000 a year no matter how long they have worked at the University, which many of them think is unfair. In addition, their starting salary is only around \$12,000 a year. However, Howard janitors make more than any other custodians in the District, despite Howard having one of the lowest

tuitions in the area.

Although the janitors' salary is low, they did sign on to the job with an understanding of how much money they could make. Their salaries are comparable to other people in their field, which is how just about everybody in America's salary is calculated. Besides that, students

should question whether the University should arbitrarily reward longevity, or should qualifications and quality of work be the deciding factors.

Students and student leaders do not need to rally behind the janitors and their demands, rather janitors should take the steps available to them through their union and contracts and handle their own concerns. Students must realize that an increase in the janitor's salary will likely mean an increase somewhere for students.

### Our View:

The present salary of Howard University janitors is what they signed up for, and if they want to make a change they should use their union and not the students to do it.

## Malcolm in the Middle

It's unclear where the material has surfaced from, but a "bind-boggling" quantity of Malcolm X's writings and personal items can be found in San Francisco, where they were to be auctioned off simultaneously on e-bay and at the e-bay owned Butterfields Auction house. March 20 was the date of the event, but the family of X halted the event, raising questions about the rights of ownership. Since then, it has been discovered that illegally obtained material was discovered amongst the archives. In 1999, Butterfields attempted to sell a blood-stained, bullet-riddled address book that had been in Malcolm X's pocket when he was shot. These personal belongings of X are argumentatively invaluable, despite the fact that e-bay is putting a \$300,000 to \$500,000 price tag on them. Amongst them are four spiral notebooks, which collectively is the complete journal of X's trek to the Mecca, that was a year before his death. During this time, "he had forgotten about skin color for the first time in his life." Upon returning to the states, he had completely changed his ideology and envisioned racial solidarity realizing that racism was not in accordance with the Koran. X's family is not the only people concerned with

the auctioning, for scholars are as well. Although they have the right to challenge the auctioning of the archives, what is most important is that they will be put in a place where they will preserve and be examined well. The family should not be given these items, which they have already stated they cannot afford to purchase from e-bay, just to turn around and sell them to a museum. Currently, the archives are supposedly the property of e-bay, who supposedly purchased them from their rightful, mystery owner. Nevertheless, a lot of dangers may arise if they are sold over e-bay. They could be dispersed in various places, where they have the potential to be lost. People

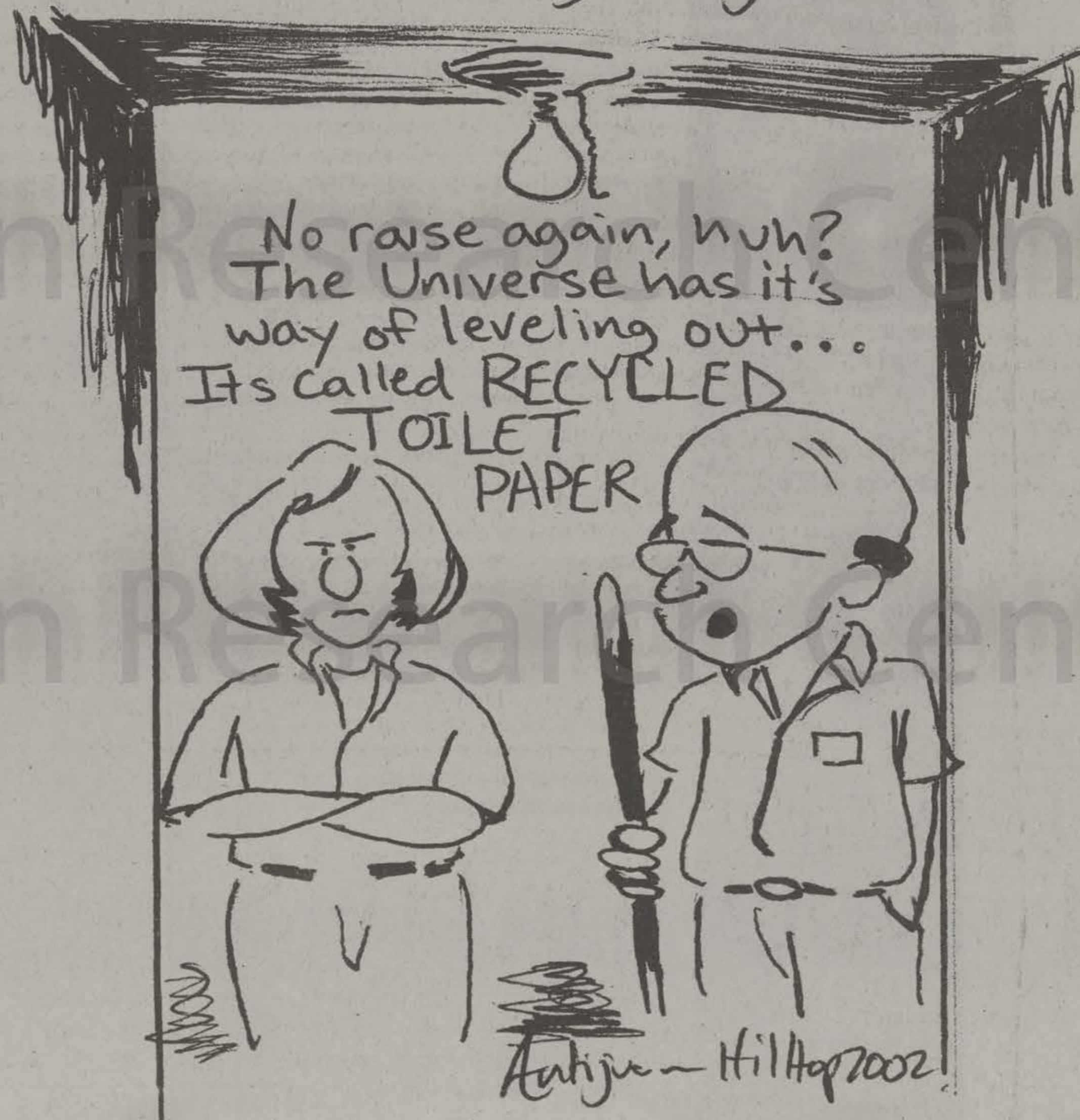
could feasibly use them as conversational pieces in their home, where the general public and scholars will not be capable of appreciating their value. And worst-case scenario, white supremacists could purchase and intentionally destroy them. X's archives belong in institutions like Mooreland Springer or the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Their vitality should not be jeopardized being sold over e-bay, nor should they be given to the family to unrightfully make a profit off of.

### Our View:

Malcolm X's belongings Should be donated to a museum.

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson

And the last laughs goes to...



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## Why \$250 Million?

On Saturday, Howard kicked off its capital campaign to raise 250 million for the University endowment. Notables such as Dr. Dorothy Height, Trustee Debbie Allen-Nixon, Councilmen Kevin Chavous and Adrian Fenty—to name a few—were all in attendance, along with award-winning singer Yolanda Adams, who performed for the dinner guests.

Absent from the event were the people who needed to be most included: the current students and future alumni of Howard University. There were in fact several tables of Howard students on hand, dressed impeccably and enjoying the festivities. So, I mention the absence not in criticism, but rather in observation of a much larger problem.

Every year, as students we return to a University that has changed—in minor ways usually, but occasionally in major, major ways. This year we returned from Winter break to cable and high speed-internet in the dormitories. In the fall, we returned to two new libraries on the West and lower Main campuses. Yet we too often do not understand from where these changes come. Coupled with tuition increases (with the exception of our hard work to keep the freeze this year), and the visible presence of corporate sponsorship, we assume that

we bear the brunt of the cost of these changes.

In reality we do not—not in the least. The tuition of every student in all the colleges combined—including graduate and professional schools—does not even completely reduce the cost of teacher salaries. The University is able to run and make changes due in large part to annual congressional appropriation that this year (due to the hard work of President Swygert and Dr. Hassan Minor) will top 230 million dollars. But sadly, unlike many other Class I Research institutions, we do not have a substantial endowment upon which to draw interest for outside costs. We chiefly depend on our yearly federal appropriation.

Conceptually, the University is run on a paycheck, and continues to operate on a paycheck-to-paycheck basis. I say conceptually, because this is a rather crude analogy, but an important one that we can no longer ignore. In times of fiscal crisis, Howard could receive far less of an appropriation—making it more difficult to undertake University projects, and general advancement. Making the changes so desperately needed in many cases close to impossible. Moreover, our almost total reliance on federal appropriation makes spot changes, such as the poor athletic facilities that are dire need of renovation and upgrade, very difficult to effect. Funds are allotted and approved for very specific pur-

poses in most cases, and there simply is not always enough to go around.

Here is where we, the students and future alumni, become so vitally important. Annually a paltry 12% of Howard alumni give back to their institution. 12%! The reasons I have heard vary from not having enough disposable income to give a large gift, to feeling frustrated with Howard and not in the least bit positively nostalgic. And yet what every argument I have heard against giving fails to take into account is that by giving back you can make the necessary changes to your alma mater. What every argument ignores is that every little bit counts. What every person making these arguments fails to realize is that your diploma is only as worthy as the state of the institution from which it came. Our future success is inextricably linked to the future success of Howard University as an institution.

The purpose of the capital campaign is to increase Howard's endowment by 250 million dollars to allow for more institutional flexibility in advancing University improvements. The campaign is well structured, well planned, and incorporates several different avenues for the raising of these much-needed funds. What must be further incorporated are students, for we are the potential future lifeline—not only for monetary support but also for other immeasurable values such as

volunteering, mentoring, and even returning to the professorate to teach. We must begin to alter the culture at Howard that does not support alma mater. In turn, Howard must strive harder to reach out to and incorporate its future lifeline into the process of University advancement while we are still here. The effort must be two-fold, and it must be an equal partnership.

Why 250 million dollars? This is merely a beginning to increasing the endowment fund, and Saturday's dinner, was a successful gala to get the ball rolling. But the ultimate success of what the 250 million dollar campaign hopes to accomplish will be the involvement and participation of all of Howard's alumni to maintain and develop the endowment in perpetuity—for ourselves, by ourselves.

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*Ashley McFarlin*

## My Vote for HUSA

I have been a student leader as far back as my freshman year in high school, and I have learned a lot about how, when, and why it is important to lobby and lead for my fellow students. Fortunately, since I have become a student of Howard University, I have had the pleasure of encountering a nice, strong handful of other students with this same perspective.

Ms. Genia Wright is without question one of these students. Both she and I have remained active within the School of Communication Student Council for the past three years, assessing the needs of the students and tackling them this year as President and Vice-President, respectively. I have personally witnessed my school move from an apathetic, silent body of students, forgotten at the bottom of the hill, to a vibrant, contributing asset to the University. I have seen the

administrators recognize that the School of Communications no longer holds students who don't care and don't know, but now houses students who do care and do know how

important their role in change is. With the announcement of a new building initiative for the School of Communications, for example, Ms. Wright has made sure that the students have had the opportunity to contribute to its development. Additionally, Ms. Wright and her e-board have worked tirelessly all year to take a leading role in acquiring new and up-to-date equipment for the Radio, Television, and Film department students.

Also, the School of Communications, this year, has become more visible through its magnificent well-produced programming, and it has developed a stronger voice within the University's general assembly.

Therefore, I shall let it be known today that this facilitator for the School of Communications has occurred, by no coincidence, under the inspiring leadership of Ms. Genia Wright. Furthermore, the types of changes that have occurred in the mood and setting within the School of "C" is exactly what HUSA needs. HUSA needs ambition; HUSA needs selfless dedication; and most importantly HUSA needs the experience in student leadership (and most notably Howard student leadership) that Ms. Wright provides. She knows the in-and-outs of Howard's complicated bureaucracy; she understands how desperately disappointed many Howard students have become with what

Howard offers them; and she is reliable enough to do what it takes to accomplish a "Reviving of the Vision."

With the support of her running-mate, Alexis Casillas, one of the most outspoken and diligent sophomores I know, there is no telling where *Legacy* will go once we as students cast our votes of confidence and support on March 13, 2002. The two have endless connections with some of the most prominent student leaders on campus, and with all of them working together under the vision of Wright and Cassius, we might see HUSA live up to its full potential.

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*Jaha Howard*

## Howard Speaks

It brings me great pleasure to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to those who supported the F.O.C.U.S. campaign. Many of you have a lot of confidence in my ability to serve you as Undergraduate Trustee and that confidence is truly appreciated. I believe that too often our students leaders forget to acknowledge those you placed them into office. Even though the majority of the student body may get a bad wrap about how more than 85% of us did not vote, let us not forget about the 15% students that may have gone far out of their way to ensure that their voices were heard. Just a week ago we would go to their dorms with smiles, firm handshakes, and intelligent conversation up until Election Day. Then what? The majority of the elected student leaders seem to disappear and then pop up every now and then when convenient. Fortunately, a smart man told me that once you

take on certain responsibilities, CONVICIENCE is no longer in play; it no longer exists.

I'll tell you this, "Now it is high time" to bring student leadership back to the students. Let's go back to the basics of actually representing the students by speaking with them and finding out what they want. Let's educate and inform our student body so that we can eliminate voters with misinformed and misguided opinions about campus issues and even about our can-

*"Let's go back to the basics of actually representing the students by speaking with them and finding out what they want."*

didates. Sometimes student leaders get so caught up in the amount of experience that they have that they may forget whom it is that they are leading. We are not in these positions to pat our own backs and impress other student leaders on power hall. Let's try impressing the student body first and then worrying about our personal gains and goals.

As you already know, some significant positions in our student government are still up for grabs. I challenge each of you to think carefully and intelligently about the decisions that you will make tomorrow (Wednesday). Since I

believe that it is equally important for the student body to know my view on issues as it is for me to know their view, I will take this time to say that we should all **F.O.C.U.S. on THE AWAKENING**. Many candidates in this current election support Cornell Williamson and Nicole Merritt and I do as well. Luckily, I've had the privilege to know these individuals personally and I know their capabilities and I know their work ethics. In short, I cannot think of another HUSA slate that I would feel more comfortable in working with next school year than THE AWAKENING. Again, thank you for your time and patience.

*Jaha Howard  
Arts and Sciences Vice President  
Undergraduate Trustee Elect*

*Enobong H. Alexander*

## All Eyes on You

To all of the candidates who remain in the election you have my regards, but I must ask you the question that was asked of me as I prepared to run and as I ran. Prior to running for the office, which you seek to be elected to, how did you prepare yourself for the position? When no one was looking you were driven by what you expected of yourself and whatever you expected of yourself in the past is indicative of what will become. Prior to entering the public eye through this election how have you prepared yourself? Beyond the eloquence of your speech, the dapperness of your dress, and the quality of your campaign material, how have you exemplified the servant "student" leader? What issue when no one was looking did you take a position on and how did you address it? Who did you speak to to address your issue and why was it important?

If prior to this election you have not actively addressed any issues of importance, or served in a role that effected real change. If you lack an in-depth understanding of the office for which you seek election, which can only come through day-to-day experience, I must question your preparation. It is indis-

criminate to think that a person can assume the vital role of the President or Vice-President of the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) or any organization for that matter without first serving in some capacity directly related to the function of that office. EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

*"I fully support the LEGACY campaign featuring Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas as the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for HUSA. They possess a wealth of knowledge related to the function of student government and can affectively fulfill their role due to this knowledge."*

While past president's may be cited who have lacked experience, they will be the first to admit to you that if they had possessed related experience to their office prior to assuming their position they would have been able to more

effectively fulfill their role.

It would be ludicrous to us {the student body} for an individual who has just received their learners' permit to drive a tractor-trailer cross-country and it should be just as ludicrous for us to elect individuals who have not formally served a role in student government prior to running for the office of HUSA president and Vice-President. It is on that premise that I fully support the LEGACY campaign featuring Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas as the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for HUSA. They possess a wealth of knowledge related to the function of student government and can affectively fulfill their role due to this knowledge. The Hilltop endorses their campaign, I endorse their campaign, but most importantly you, the student body, by 42% of your vote on March 6<sup>th</sup> endorsed their campaign. On March 13<sup>th</sup> lets do more than endorse them, lets make it official.

*Enobong H. Alexander is the current president of the School of Arts and Sciences Student Council*

*Arabella F. Littlepage*

## Envisioning the Awakening

First, I would like to thank the students of Howard University for coming out and participating in the election process. We appreciate the fact that many of you thought Karim and I would be the right individuals for the job.

Our responsibility as Howard students is not over. It is high time to take the spirit of love for our university and make a vote for the individuals that will take hold of our issues and use them as a guiding force in the next Howard University Student Association. I have reexamined the platforms and work ethics of both slates and have found that one slate has a genuine interest in effecting change on our campus for the benefit of the students of Howard University.

It is imperative that the students of Howard University look past color flyers and flashy presentation and cast their vote for candidates who show that they are committed to accomplishing change within the Howard University Student Association. Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt should be your choice for President and Vice President of the Howard University Student Association. During my participation in this election cycle, on numerous occasions Cornell, Nicole, and I have discussed our vision for the Howard University Student Association and what changes are necessary for this association to be a vehicle for change.

Cornell and Nicole possess the same experience level that the current HUSA administration had when they ran for office, nevertheless they are still

recruiting individuals that can give them a better assessment of what is needed to be effective vehicles of change. It is important for all students to really take the time to examine your HUSA slates and see which slates have developed a plan of action for the Howard University Student Association. I believe that Cornell and Nicole have developed a living document that serves as a driving force as to the areas that they are going to change. During this campaign I have made it a point to visit and speak with as many graduate students as possible. During my travels I discovered that Cornell and Nicole are the only other slate to share the same value for all the graduate programs as I. We both see the importance of the Howard University Student Association representing all students.

When going to the polls on Wednesday March 13, 2002 I implore you to ask yourself this question. "Am I satisfied with the current state of student government?" If your answer is no, as I suspect it will be, you have only one choice—CHANGE. This year that change comes in the form of Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt. As W. L. Bateman says, "If you keep on doing what you've always done, you'll keep on getting what you've always got." Similarly, if you continue to elect the same type of student government leaders you will continue to get the same type of results. It is high time that we ENVISION the AWAKENING of Howard University with Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt.

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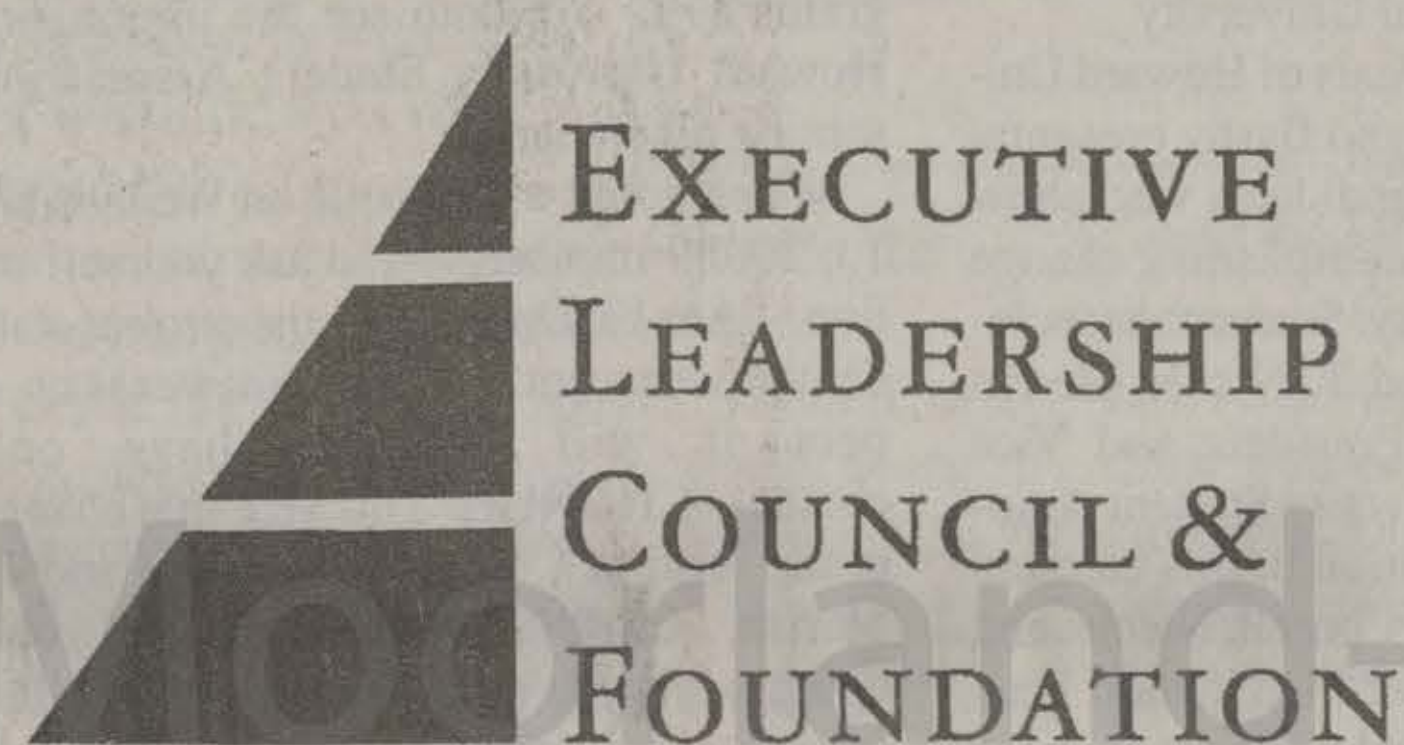
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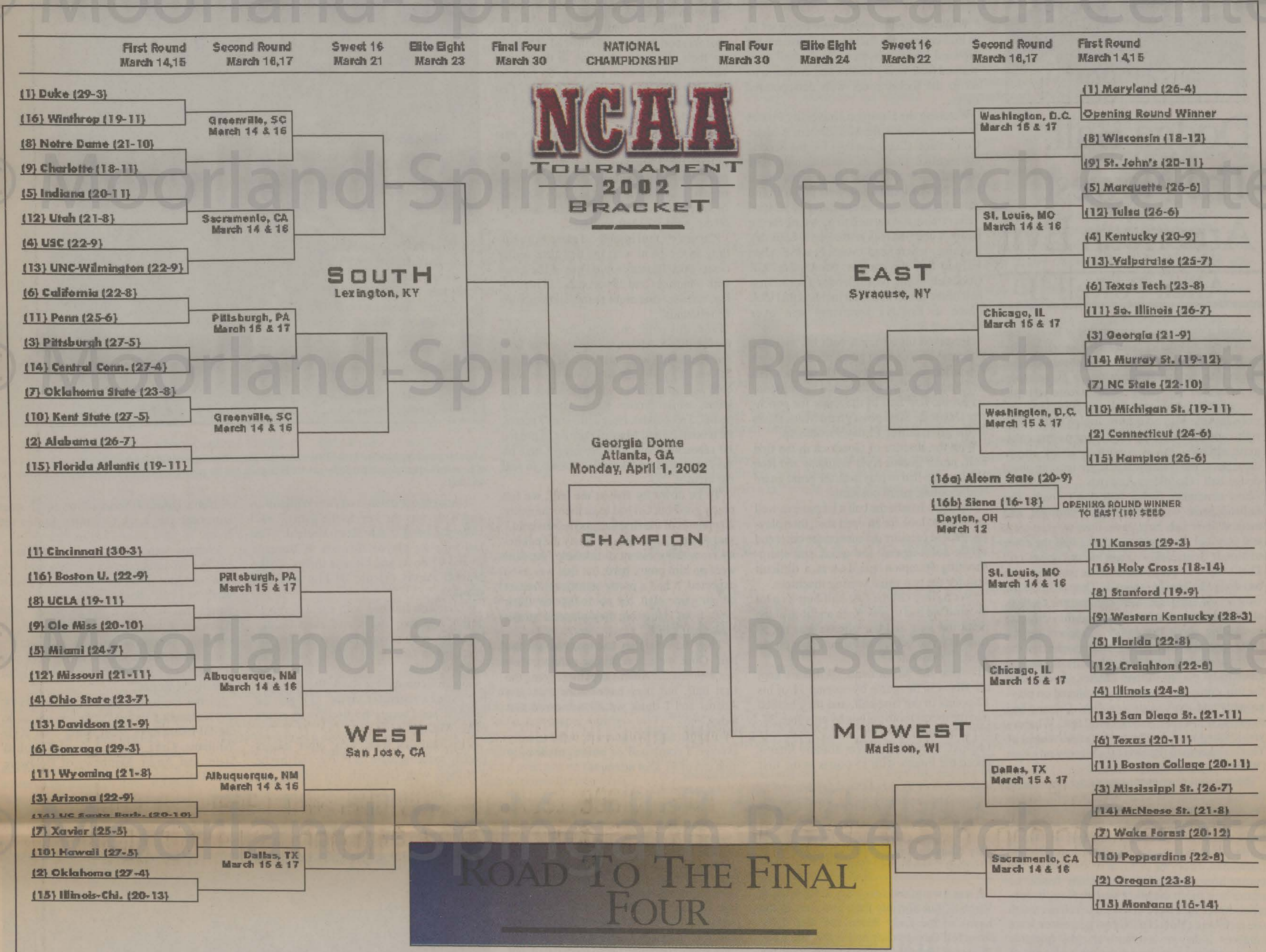


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## Dancing, Dancing, Dancing, The NCAA Teams Are Some Dancing Machines

By ALLEN POWELL II  
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It's on the horizon. That time of year when you can find millions of overweight, overworked office workers crowded around a tiny office television set, or hunched over their computers, sweating and cursing as they toss crumpled sheets of paper filled with crushed dreams into wastebaskets.

Across the nation, 65 basketball teams are preparing for what could be their final game of the year as Sunday's announcement of the NCAA men's basketball tournament's contestants kicked off one of the wildest periods in all of sports. That's right folks, it's time for March Madness.

In office building and dormitories

all over America, "basketball experts" are filling out their brackets, counting their sick days, and getting out their rosaries in preparation for one of the biggest sporting, and gambling, events in the world. CBS announced the winners and losers in the NCAA's Selection Sunday lottery this weekend, and here they are for you.

**BIG WINNERS: Maryland, Duke, Cincinnati, and Kansas.**

All four of these had outstanding regular seasons, with Kansas, Maryland and Duke spending most of the year ranked in the top three in the nation. Each team is balanced defensively as well as offensively and deserved the number one seed the received from the selection committee. The foursome dominated regular season competition, although Maryland and Kansas did slip up in

their conference tournaments. This quartet features some of the best players in the country, with Maryland's Juan Dixon, Duke's Jason Williams, Cincy's Steve Logan, and Kansas's Drew Gooden, all legitimate candidates for the John Wooden Award, which goes to the best college player in the country. In the entire history of the tournament, four number one seeds have never made it to the final four, but these four have as good a chance as any.

**BIG LOSERS: Oklahoma, Gonzaga, Butler.**

All three of these teams got the proverbial "shaft" from the selection committee in varying ways. Oklahoma was a top ten team for most of the season with wins over national powers like Maryland under its belt. The Sooners ran through the Big 12 tournament, eventually topping the

number one team in the country Kansas in the tournament final. Yet when it came time to award number one seeds, Oklahoma was snubbed by the committee with the seed going to Cincinnati, which plays in Conference USA. Gonzaga also got the cold shoulder from the selection committee at seeding time. The Zags made it to at least the Sweet 16 the last three years, yet only got a six seed from the committee this year despite spending considerable time ranked in the top ten in the nation. Gonzaga fell victim to its own mid-major status, as the committee wasn't impressed with the team's RPI or strength of schedule. Butler was another victim of the mid-major curse. The Bulldogs tallied 25 wins this season, but because of an early loss in their conference tournament were left off of the NCAA's dance

card. Now they're regulated to the role of wallflower.

**ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: Virginia, Georgetown, Tennessee**

These three teams were preseason favorites to really make some noise this year. All three had decent regular seasons last year, although Virginia and Tennessee stumbled in the Big Dance. However, for one reason or another all of these teams just couldn't make the cut. Whether it was bad home losses, poor strength of schedule, or just plain bad play, all three of these teams had disappointing seasons, and found themselves stuck at home listening to Barry Manilow when Dance time rolled around.

**I'M JUST HAPPY YOU CALLED: Missouri, Boston Col-**

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Thanks to stretches of bad play, and early conference tournament flame-outs, both of these teams were desperately waiting by the phone on Selection Sunday. However, both teams weathered the storm and received the at-large bids they so desperately desired. Now they have to prove they deserve to be dancing, since their rickety records resulted in poor seeding.

For the next couple of days, men and women of all ages will be glued to their boob tubes, as unparalleled drama unfolds in 40 minutes. Buzzer beaters will be made, and last gasp rallies stopped, and in the end, one team will stand atop the world, as the only survivor of THE MADNESS.

## Vince Carter Officially Inks New Deal With Nike

By Bernard Murray  
Hilltop Contributing Writer

After a successful season last year, that carried the Toronto Raptors within one shot of the Eastern Conference Finals, Vince Carter received a contract extension in last August that committed him to the Toronto Raptors through the 2007-2008 seasons for "superstar" dollars. However, it is a more recent contract signing that has truly marked the arrival of Carter as a true superstar of the NBA.

On March 2, Carter signed a \$15.5 million multi-year deal with multi-billion dollar sports mogul Nike to become the company's newest franchise athlete. Carter will join Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, as one of the few athletes to be given his own signature logo and shoe. Nevertheless, critics question whether or not Carter is the caliber athlete that

Nike needs to be promoting. The recent floundering by the Raptors, has led many critics to question Carter's desire and toughness. Nike, however, remains confident in their new franchise athlete.

"We're using Vince more than any other Nike basketball player that has had their own shoe, with the exception of Michael Jordan. Not only does he demand a signature shoe, but we're ready to build a franchise around him."

Since his days at the University of North Carolina, Vince Carter has dropped the jaws of spectators with his amazing dunking ability. Yet, many naysayers believed the fact that Carter's Raptors were a Canadian team would severely limit his marketability. However, Carter ranks among the top five for endorsement income among NBA players, according to ESPN.com. He has also been the top vote getter in the All Star game for the last three

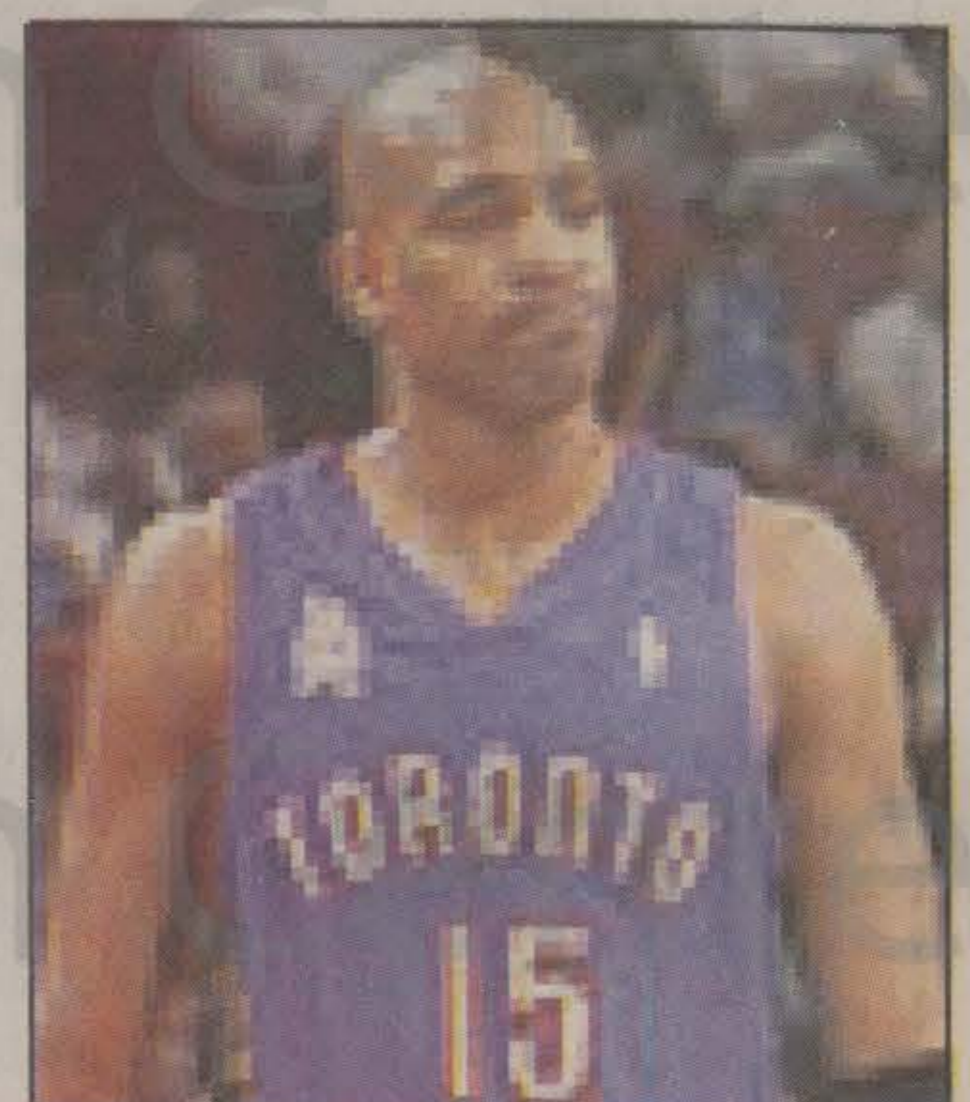
years. Nike basketball Spokes man Eric Oberman said that when the company conducted research among kids about what they wanted to see next from the company, "Ninety-eight percent of them wanted to know what was next with Vince."

This is not Carter's first major shoe deal. During his rookie year, he began his shoe contract journey with Puma but complained that the shoes aggravated his feet, and opted out of the contract. Puma took legal action and responded with a lawsuit for roughly \$13 million for a breach of his Puma endorsing contract. In 1999, Nike settled out of court with Puma for \$13.5 million, buying out their contract with Carter.

Using the same technology as the first Shox campaign, Nike's Carter campaign will see more production of the Nike Shox VC than any other basketball shoe this year. The Nike Shox VC will sell for \$160 and include

a first time forefoot comprised of 15 smaller Shox. As seen in the Nike Shox R4 Plus and Air Zoom GPIII, the Nike Shox VC will have a mesh skin that can zip to cover the laces; the Vince Carter signature will be on the sole and the Velcro tongue. The shoe's sole and tongue will feature Carter's new logo, which will be found on dozens of different kinds of Nike products in the near future.

In conjunction with their shoe campaign, Nike will air a series of commercials taking basketball back to Rucker Park in the 1970s. Vince Carter stars as Dr. Funk, the savior of his team, who is rocking 2002 gear with the new Nike Shox VC. Vince steps in, crosses over, and pops a trey as the defender lies on the ground. The next play he pins an opposing shot to the backboard (just as Jordan did against Ron Mercer earlier this year) and finishes the break with a sick windmill oop.



Vince Carter wasn't able to stop cousin Tracy's magic on Sunday, but Nike still wants him to be their franchise player.





# Bison Fall Short to Hampton, 80-62, in Championship Game

By Aisha Chaney  
Hilltop Staff Writer

While the trophy tables were being set up at mid-court of the Richmond Coliseum, the Howard University men's basketball team walked their weary bodies and broken spirits to the locker room with disappointed faces.

Watching the Hampton University Pirates celebrate winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship for the second consecutive year was the last thing they wanted to see after their hopes of making it to the NCAA tournament were put to an end Saturday evening in an upsetting 80-62 loss.

Everything just seemed to go wrong for the Bison. Their bad luck started early Saturday morning, when head coach Frankie Allen learned that his starting point guard Gil Goodrich would be suspended for the first half of the game, due to an incident that took place in Fridays semifinal win over Delaware State.

He stayed up all night with his assistant coaches devising two game plans, one with Goodrich and one without. He was notified at 11 am that Goodrich would be suspended for the first half of the game for punching Delaware State point guard Miles Davis in the groin during Friday's match-up.

With the absence of Goodrich in the first half, junior guards Kyle Williams and Ron Williamson had to play both the point guard and shooting guard positions.

Having to handle the ball a lot more as well as trying to look for an open shot, then playing intense pressure defense on the other end of the court against the quick and sharp-shooting Hampton guards was a difficult task for the two usual scoring machines.

"Not having Gil the first half hurt us a lot because we had to play Kyle and Ron at the point too long and our offense was not as fluid as it had been, since their better on the wings," said Allen.

Despite the adjustments, Williams kept the Bison in the game by scoring 11 of his 12 points in the first half, and they headed into the locker room trailing by only five, 37-32, at halftime.

MEAC Player of the Year Tommy Adams paced the Pirates with 15 points in the first

half on 5 of 11 shooting, including four three pointers, but was held to only four points in the second half.

The defending champs have more than one weapon however, so instead of relying on their perimeter shooting in the second half, the Pirates went inside to 68 forward Dwayne McNeal who scored 12 of their first 15 points to open up a commanding 53-36 lead with 13:27 remaining in the game.

After scoring only three points in the first half, Williamson responded by hitting back to back three-pointers and despite the boos from the 8,240 fans in attendance every time he touched the ball, Goodrich hit a pair of three pointers himself to cut the deficit to 60-53, with 8:22 left to play.

Plagued by foul trouble all game from battling in the paint with the big men, senior center Aki Thomas fouled out of the game with 8 minutes and 35 seconds still remaining, after scoring eight points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

From this point on, things just got worse for the Bison. After a lay-up by senior Darren Kennedy (who later fouled out at the 5:33 mark) with 7:25 to go, the Bison went cold and missed their last nine shots of the game, while Pirates Barry Hairston (12 points, 5 rebounds), Issac Jefferson (7 points, 12 rebounds) and Mackel Purvis (15 points, 10 rebounds) took full advantage and hit their shots and sank key free throws, to seal the victory.

"To be down by five at the half, we felt pretty good but Gil had to sit there the entire 20 minutes of the first half and he was cold," said Allen. "And then obviously the publicity from the incident didn't help, the fans were on him pretty hard, but that was to be expected. It had a pretty significant impact on our game plan, but not to take anything away from Hampton, they played a stellar basketball game."

"They did what they had to do the second half. Once we extended our defense, they just went inside. Adams kept them going the first half, but they have more than just Adams and I think we all witnessed that today."

Williams and Williamson, who usually average a combined 34 points, made only nine out of 41 shot attempts.



Photo By Mark Coleman  
After his punching incident in the Delaware State game, Bison guard Gil Goodrich had to miss the first half of Howard's championship match-up with Hampton, but the point guard still managed 11 points in the second half.

"I thought our defense on Ron Williamson and Kyle was the key to the game," said Hampton head coach Steve Merfeld. "The last time we played Howard, Williamson scored 41 on us and hit nine threes. Today Mackel Purvis defense on him was outstanding."

Williamson finished with a team-high 14 points and two steals and even though Goodrich only played 15 minutes, he still managed to rack up 11 points, five assists and two steals.

Goodrich chose not to speak after the game but issued a statement saying, "I regret the incident, and I accept the disciplinary action of the MEAC."

Allen said that there were other factors leading to the incident on Friday and that he will meet with Goodrich, his family, and

Athletic Director Sondra Norrell-Thomas sometime this week to further discuss the issue.

"Nobody wants to just rush to judgment, but he did commit the act that they said. We don't condone it, but we will all sit down this week and talk about some issues or some things that may have led up to it," said Allen. "If it was a retaliatory type thing, it still doesn't exonerate anybody, but there are some things that we need to discuss and well sit down and talk more in depth about what actually happened."

Adams was named the Tournament MVP and teammate Mackel Purvis was named to the all-tournament team along with Kyle Williams, Greg Gray of South Carolina State, and Andre Matthews of Delaware State University.

## Dodge Ball: The Newest American Evil

Allen Powell II

About a week ago, I was watching "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" and I saw something that truly astonished me. There is a debate sweeping the nation that has implications in every aspect of American life. What is this debate you ask? It is a debate about one of the most storied traditions in American education: dodge ball. That's right, not athletic impropriety, not paying collegiate athletes, no in American living rooms throughout the country people are arguing about dodge ball. God Bless America.

You remember dodge ball don't you? The sadistic game where the bigger, stronger, and more athletic kids hunt down their weaker peers and pummel them with an elastic ball the color of blood. Sounds down right vicious doesn't it? That's the way proponents of the movement to ban dodge ball make it sound. They criticize the violence of the game, they criticize the feelings of ostracization that it causes, and they criticize everything about the game. Teachers on the HBO special even went so far as to question the qualifications of individuals who still allowed the game to be played in their classes. It was as if the fun, competitive game that I played on playgrounds and gymnasiums in New Orleans had morphed into a violent, deadly kill fest. What are you kidding me? Dodge ball teaches violence? That's sicker than the new DJ Odyssey mix tape (What's up Wade-o).

This new movement is just another example of the wimpification of Americans. American children are becoming fat, lazy and soft, because their parents don't want them to experience any of the harsh realities of life. It just sickens me. America has always been a country that personified the Darwinian theory of survival of the fittest. No matter how many trials Americans faced, no matter how much racism or sexism they encountered, Americans have managed to remain tough and persevere. How can the next generation learn toughness if they are constantly shielded from losing, constantly protected from the harshness of life, and just plain turned into punks. Dodge ball is a lot like life; some people are stronger, some people are quicker, and people do lose. Kids just need to learn how to bob and weave.

On another note, one of our fellow Howard University students is now a star. In case any of you missed Sportscenter this weekend, Howard men's basketball guard Gil Goodrich is now the poster boy for bad sportsmanship. Goodrich was caught on tape punching a Delaware State player in the testicles in a MEAC tournament game. Now I learned from some of my sources that Delaware State had been involved in some dirty play of their own before the Goodrich incident and that Gil was just responding. You know what, I don't care. Gil baby, if somebody elbows you, you elbow them back. As one of my favorite TV cartoon characters Hank Hill said, "You never hit below the belt." As a male, you know how much that hurts, you know the agony a nut cruncher causes. That was just wrong, wrong, wrong.

Finally, both the women's and men's basketball teams deserve to be commended for outstanding seasons this year. Both teams played great during the regular season, but fell a little short in the MEAC tournament. Thanks for a great season, and good luck next year. Also, for any other team that had a great season, you get a shout out too.

## Lady Bison Fall to Marauding Lady Pirates

By Chauna Bryant  
Hilltop Contributing Writer

It was a warm and sunny day in Richmond, Virginia, but horribly dark and cold in the hearts of the Lady Bison and their fans. They fell short to their archrivals, the Lady Pirates of Hampton University, 66-60, in the semi-final round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament at the Richmond Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Pirates (17-13) advanced to the Championship game (and lost to Norfolk State) while the Lady Bison's (19-10) season ended.

"We felt that we had to be an aggressive team," said Lady Pirate head coach Patricia Cage Bibbs. "Being an aggressive team means that you go in and you don't look afraid, even if a team has beat you twice. We felt that this one belonged to us and that we had to do a lot of things right."

Sophomore guard Halisi Johnson scored a game high 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Johnson shot 6-9 from the field and 12-13 from the free throw line.

"I think it gives you a little extra determination when you play a team that you have already lost to twice," said Johnson, who was also named to the all-tournament team. "They say it is hard to beat a team three times. It was more of a rivalry vindication game that helped us win the game."

The first half was a brawl, with a total of eight lead changes and five ties, with neither team leading by more than five throughout the half.

Johnson led the way for the Lady Pirates

and got help from All-MEAC point guard LaShondra Dixon, but junior guard Asia Petty kept Howard in the game by scoring 16 of her team-high 21 points in the first half, and the Lady Bison went into the locker room trailing by only one, 33-32, at the half.

The battle continued in the second half, but Hampton was in control the entire way, as the Lady Bison could never cut the deficit down to within more than three.

In addition, Hampton's smothering defense forced 22 turnovers, which they converted into 20 points.

"I think Hampton's defense caused for some confusion at times in terms of us being able to flow in our offense," said Parson. "At times, we were a little confused as to what we were supposed to do. Everyone wasn't on the same page. It was just that kind of game."

Another key factor in the Lady Pirates victory was the fact that coming into this game, senior center Andrea Gardner was averaging 22 points and 15 rebounds in her career against Hampton. However, she was held to just 10 points and 14 rebounds in this match-up.

"I thought Halisi did a good job on Gardner," said Bibbs. "She is very strong, and she and Nicole Braithwaite and Marci Blanding were the keys to us containing her."

Gardner felt as though her performance or lack of performance was due to other factors. "I didn't feel like it was hard for me to get the ball," said Gardner. "At times I was just rushing my shot."

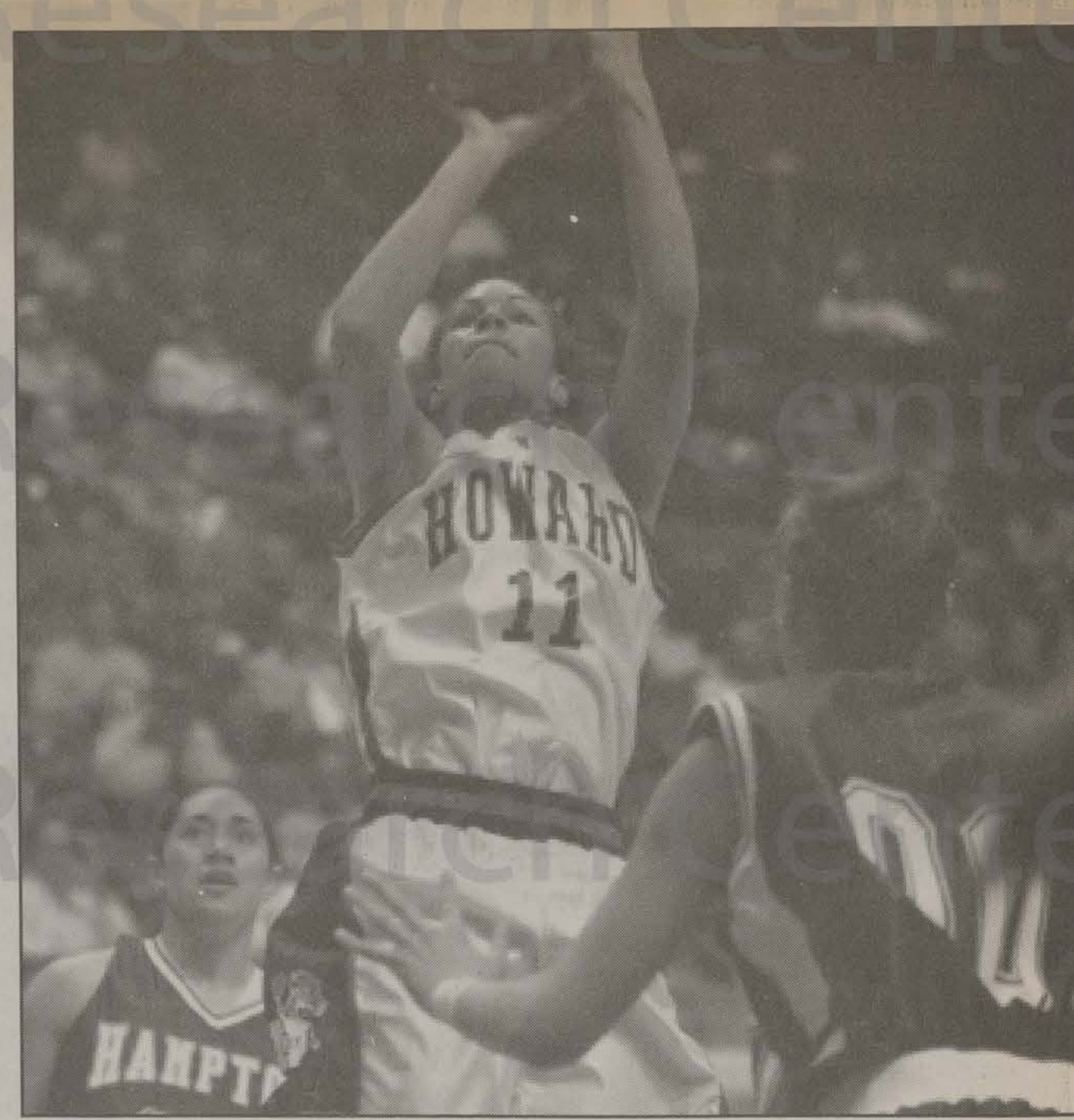


Photo By Mark Coleman  
Lady Bison guard Asia Petty poured in 16 first half points, but it just wasn't enough, as the Howard women's team fell in the end to the Lady Pirates of Hampton.

## Stage set for Penn-Yale clash for Ivy League's NCAA bid

By Amy Potter  
Daily Pennsylvanian (U. Pennsylvania)

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — It has long been a criticism in the Ivy League that for basketball, there is no season-ending, NCAA bid-deciding conference tournament.

But with Yale, Princeton and Penn finishing in a three-way tie after Penn's Tuesday night victory over the Tigers, the Ivy League was forced to prepare for its first ever three-team, pseudo-conference tournament in the league's history.

Now the Quakers are in a position similar to that of the best teams across the nation. They must win their league on Saturday night in order to make it to the Big Dance automatically. The possibility of an at-large bid for the Quakers is slight, even though they have been listed as a "bubble-team" throughout the week.

If Penn hopes to be a part of March Madness, a victory against Yale on Saturday night is imperative. The two teams face off at 7:30 p.m. at Kirby Sports Center at Lafayette College.

The Quakers and the Elis have split games so far this season. Both contests were highly charged, intense games that came down to the last minute.

"Penn is a very good basketball team," Yale coach James Jones said last night after the Elis 76-60 win over Princeton. "They do a very good job of going inside to Ugonna and all the guys on the perimeter are like 90 percent from the arch. We have our hands full."

On Feb. 23, the Red and Blue trailed Yale for a majority of play, but was able to make a comeback in the last 10 minutes, eventually beating the Elis, 72-63.

Less than a month before, the Quakers unsuccessfully attempted to stage a similar coup, but their efforts weren't enough as

they lost to the Elis, 83-78.

"I don't know that much changed [between games] except for a couple of plays here and there," Penn coach Fran Dunphy said after last night's Yale-Princeton match-up. "Both games were very hard fought, closely contested games. The game is just going to turn on single possessions really."

This weekend, with everything on the line, the Red and Blue can be sure that an easy victory is far out of sight.

"I think that they're going to be pretty pumped up to come out and play us, I mean it's a championship," Penn forward Koko Archibong said. "It's been a long time since there's been a play off like this. It's going to be a big game. We have to come out and match their intensity and play our game."

Perhaps the most daunting aspect to the

Yale squad is its balanced attack and unmatched depth. The Elis, who often substitute five at a time, rely heavily on their bench players.

Against Princeton, Yale guard Edwin Draughan grabbed 20 points and 7 rebounds, center T.J. McHugh had 21 points and eight rebounds and forward Ime Archibong finished the night with 10 points, 4 assists and four rebounds.

"I think they're so balanced," Dunphy said. "That's their great strength, they're so balanced on the inside and out and they go pretty deep. I think that's the big challenge for us."

Although the Quakers are aware of the caliber of team that they will be playing this weekend, the squad enters the matchup with confidence.

"We're on a nine-game winning streak and we're playing pretty well," Penn guard Andrew Toole said. "I think we'll be ready there's so much on the line. And we know

Yale's going to be ready and we're just going to have to match it."

The Quakers, who are anxiously awaiting Saturday's matchup, were also impressed with the fan turnout to yesterday's game and hope that those loyal to the Red and Blue will be there to see the squad's most important game of the year on Saturday.

"We were sitting in their watching film and all of a sudden we heard 'Let's go Quakers!' and everyone was like, 'What's going on out here?'" Toole said. "They do a great job for us. On this winning streak, they've been a crucial part in helping to motivate us and give us energy."



## New Football Coach Discusses His Plan for The Bison

By Paul Crewe  
Hilltop Contributing Writer

Late last January, Howard University named Rayford T. Petty, as it's new head football coach, replacing Steve Wilson with whom, he served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator from 1992-1999. The coaching move came shortly after Wilson closed out his third consecutive losing season, with a 2-9 overall record, and going just 1-7 in the MEAC during his final season with the University.

Petty comes to Howard after serving the last two years as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Norfolk State University. Petty led the Spartans' defense to a second place finish in the MEAC in 2001. "It feels great to be back, there are many seniors here that I already know." At the January 25th press conference earlier this year, announcing the hiring of Petty, he also told reporters, "I have waited a long time for this opportunity. There's a good nucleus of quality players returning to this program and that makes it even more exciting." "I'm not just coming here to have a program. I am looking to take it to the level where it was during the 1990s."

During the years, Petty coached along side of Wilson, the team won two Black National championships in 1993 and 1996. Despite the often encountered shift in coaching and player personnel that most new coaches face, Petty will have a luxury that coaches who take jobs at other schools rarely have. Since Petty was last here in 1999, he actually had a chance then to coach and develop that year's freshmen, who will be seniors on next year's squad.

"We have a large group of talented seniors who have made a commitment to hard work and to the program. With that attitude and talent combined, I expect to win

some games this year. This is a great opportunity to come back and work with people I am already familiar with," said Petty.

Before Petty's first stay at Howard, he was head coach at nearby Forestville High School in Maryland from 1990-92. Before that, he was an assistant at Southern University from 1988-90, but not before a stay at North Carolina A&T from 1982-88 as a linebackers coach.

Petty says he can already see a change in attitude in many of his players who started spring practice yesterday. The team will practice today and tomorrow and resume practice after students return from spring break. According to Petty, the team has already been working on conditioning and weight training.

Petty, who is head coaching on the collegiate level for the first time, has been an assistant head coach both here and at Norfolk State. He admits that despite those experiences, head coaching is ten times the amount of work and has presented the most challenges. "You have to deal with everyone from the administrators all the way down to the players on the team." In an effort to get the players more focused both on the field and in the classroom, Petty wants to place special emphasis on each of his athletes' progress and establish more disciplinary action for those who don't do what they are supposed to do." Petty explained that the academic standards here at Howard University have risen since his departure nearly three years ago and that it takes more to be a student athlete in this era.

Next season, more emphasis is to be placed on controlling the football on offense and special teams so that the defense has more opportunities to rest and make adjustments. Coach Petty expects to be a little thin in the defensive line this spring, but he feels the talent level of returning players should balance things out.

## Bison Advance to Championship with 65-56 Win Over Hornets

By Aisha Chaney  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Kyle Williams scored all of his game-high 18 points in the second half to lead the Bison to a 65-56 victory over the Delaware State Hornets in the semi-final round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament on Friday at the Richmond Coliseum.

With the win, the third-seeded Bison improve to 18-12 overall and advance to the Championship for the first time in 10 years, while the second-seeded Hornets end their season with a 17-13 record.

After shooting 0-4 in the first half, Williams got his first points of the game on a dunk with 15:17 left to play and then proceeded to score 14 more in the next 9:39 to give the Bison a 52-46 lead that they were able to maintain and then pull away.

"I don't know what happened, I just caught fire. After my first basket, I just felt good from there. I tried to go to the basket more and make the defense react to some misdirection moves," said Williams, who shot 6-10 from the field in the second half, including 5 of 6 free throws. "I think Ron Williamson held us together in the first half and I just wanted to come out and contribute in the second half."

Williamson finished the game with 17 points, keeping the Bison in the game with 11 in the first half and senior center Aki Thomas contributed 11 points and snatched 10 rebounds, for his ninth double-double of the year.

Another key player in the Bison's victory was junior guard Jonathan Stokes, who added eight points off the bench, including five in a row at a crucial point, late in the game.

"Jonathan really played some inspired, hard-nosed basketball," said Bison Head Coach Frankie Allen. "He gave us the inspiration that we needed, he took the ball to the basket and was diving on the floor after loose balls."

Stokes played on the Howard team that finished 1-27 two years ago and talks about the improvement Howard has made and how much a win like this means to him and to the team.

"In the past few years, Howard has really taken some big steps," said Stokes. "It feels good from being 1-27 two years ago, to actually going to the finals in the MEAC tournament."

Howard's intense defense proved to be a huge factor in the game as well. In their March 2 match-up this season, the Hornets were nearly unstoppable from beyond the arc, hitting 12 three pointers. In this game however, they made only three and shot a poor 16 percent for the game (from three-point range). The Bison also forced 19 turnovers.

"Our kids played extremely hard, but we just came up short," said Hornets head coach Greg Jackson. "Good basketball players rise to the occasion, and Williams was the difference in the ball game. He stepped his game up, wanted the ball and made some big shots for them."

Andre Matthews led the way for the Hornets with 15 points and Miles Davis and James Bowen each added 10.

"I'm really proud of our team. They made us play hard and we had to earn a victory and we definitely earned this victory tonight," said Allen. "We went head to head with a worthy opponent. We made our free throws down the stretch and made some big plays and now by the grace of God, we're in the championship."

## SPLC, College Newspapers Condemn Administrative Presence on University Policy Boards

From A1

will tow the University line, then they are not only doing a major disservice to the University and its students, but that is not journalism."

Policies at several area college newspapers have been constructed to prevent such problems.

According to Brett Zonker, Editor-in-Chief of The American Eagle of American University, current staffers are placed on the board to give input on the newspaper.

At the Eagle, the editor-in-chief and business manager are chosen by a board comprised of three students from the school of communications, one member of the student confederation, members of the current staff, one alumni representative and a non-voting faculty member,

Zonker said.

"This system has been good for students as we control and maintain the editorial content by having students select the leadership of the newspaper."

Zonker said the makeup of the Hilltop board could limit the newspapers' voice. "If our newspaper was run that way it would restrict the content," he said.

At Georgetown University, editors praise the school's democratic policies toward the newspaper.

"Our system is run completely by students. Although we are affiliated with the University the faculty and administrators do not select the leadership," said Christopher Trott, Managing Editor of Georgetown Voice, student paper, which oper-

ates under the school's student affairs office.

The staff of the newspaper makes up a board to select the editor-in-chief and managing editor positions. "The way that we operate the Voice is modeled much after our own American Democracy," Trott said.

Trott said most activities are student ran at Georgetown, from the yearbook, to the newspaper among other things.

Trott disagrees with having an administrative presence on the board which oversees the newspaper.

Hilltop Policy Board Secretary, Terrance Samuels refused the Hilltop's request for an interview.

## Rare Malcolm X Collection To be Sold On Ebay

From A1

Some students believe that the amount is an insult. "It's a disgrace to our culture. You can't put a price on our history," said Yodit Kidane, junior international business major.

Many students empathize with the family as well. "I think ultimately that it is the family's decision," said senior sociology major William Ashbourne Brawner.

"They should have the final say." Museums such as the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York has also expressed their interest in the collection. Howard Dodson, the direc-

tor of the center, has notified Butterfields about the center's interest in purchasing the materials and are gathering funds to do so, according to a New York Times article.

"Schomburg will seek to acquire the collection by any means necessary," said Dodson.

Other students believe that if the family wants the documents, they have to go through the proper legal procedures to obtain them.

"If they [the family] feels that it belongs to them, they can go to court and get an injunction. Chances are they'll get it," said Chris Isaacs, senior legal communications major.

Joseph Fleming, a lawyer who represents some of Malcolm X's daughters, said to an online source that the family did not even know that the papers existed. According to Fleming, "This is something they own that is suddenly being taken away from them without their knowledge or consent." Fleming will be seeking an injunction in the California courts to block the auction and void the first sales at the Florida storage facility.

The information contained in the collection as well as the way in which this issue will be resolved is another example of our ever-evolving history.

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## SEX And The Chocolate City Is the Choice really "Clear"?

FTiffany D. Jackson  
Staff Writer

Last week, I was passing by one of those campaign signs hanging outside one of my classrooms and saw these three eye-catching men standing in front of Founders. They were in their best suit and tie, campaigning for the spot for Arts and Sciences Student Council, and right under their picture is the slogan "The Choice is Clear". Now, I'm not in Arts and Sciences, but shoot, I'd vote for them, and I don't even know their platform. But of course, I saw this poster two days after the election so it didn't really matter anyway. How fitting that I see gorgeous men on posters around campus but not in real life. So it made me ask the poster and myself "where have you been"?

But these findings are nothing new. I once went to a fraternity function and realized that there were at least ten beautiful men in the room that I've never seen before but definitely attend Howard. I go to other club meetings and find good-looking men there holding down e-board positions. What about the men on sport teams? All those practices and away games, you would never see them if it wasn't for home games. And you probably wouldn't be able to talk to them at home games.

And let's not even talk about finals! I swear, let there be some type of chemistry or math final and cuties start flooding the library. When I finally asked myself where have these men been all year, I realized that these individuals have been hiding in the most un-obvious places ever. These are the ones who are dedicated to their studying and activism on campus. You wouldn't find them at a basketball game, a club, or on the yard chilling cause they have more important matters to tend to. Plus, they probably have their own job, which inhibits them from much of a social life. Basically, they are handling their business and because of this they are not out on the market as others are. This puts them out of the action so even if they did see a pretty girl they wouldn't know how to approach her.

So, how is the choice really "clear" for women when the choices are out of sight? Are great eligible women only destined to see the men of their dreams on the bulletin boards in Blackburn or in the campus newspaper? And if so, how do we capture these men for ourselves? I wish there was an easy answer but their really isn't.

These men are *real* men who are handling their responsibilities, not like little boys. And you can't treat men the way you are use to treating little boys. You can't send your friend to the HUSA office and find out if that guy likes you or not. And you can't ask him for his number at 2k9 because he probably won't be there. Time is of the essence; you must be willing to be a mature woman in order to get a mature man. You must know what you want in life the same way they do. You must honor your responsibilities and realize everyone makes mistakes sometime. You must not sweat the small stuff, because there are bigger problems to tend to. I'm not saying join the next campaign trail, but I am suggesting that you be more aware of your surroundings. Many of these clubs are for a reason that you, as a mature woman, should be aware of. Mind games won't work with real men, because they will spot it from afar. And last but not least is patience. You must be willing to wait for a good thing to come around.

I stared at that poster, still wondering how I could have missed those men. I mean I'm pretty involved on campus. I'm in at least six organizations and clubs, I go to most of the on campus events, and I even go to some of those boring forums. Where did I miss a step? As I turned to walk to my next class I saw one of the candidates from the poster walk across the yard. His face was stern as if he was concentrating and not aware of his beautiful surroundings; i.e. me. Just kidding. But then I realized, sometimes things are just not meant to be. I might have overlooked the fact that he might have a girlfriend or might not be into girls at all, or the fact that he just might not ever be into me. All you can do is accept this and move on. But who knows, there's still two left on the poster. But hey don't listen to me. I just live life and write about it!

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## W e e k l y

## H o r o s c o p e' s



### Aries (3/21-4/19)

This is a hectic week for you. You have personal issues, as well as, business issues to take care of. You begin to panic because you haven't even started to pack for the trip you're supposed to be going on.



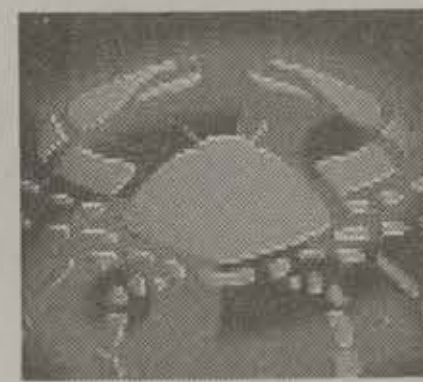
### Taurus (4/20-5/20)

This week, you will resolve a problem that you had with a good friend. Try to be more open-minded in situations and start saving up some money- a shopping spree is in the making.



### Gemini (5/21-6/21)

Try not to make any major decisions that are binding. You change your mind as often as Mary J. Blige changes her weaves, and you may risk the chance of making a final decision that cannot be undone.



### Cancer (6/22-7/22)

Good news- your finances are in good shape right now. Expect a lot of attention from members of the opposite sex- you are absolutely irresistible this week.



### Leo (7/23-8/22)

Right now you are able to pursue your goals in full-force. You are determined not to procrastinate with any projects. Be careful with how you handle your finances this week.



### Virgo (8/23-9/22)

You have a nonchalant "I don't care anymore" type of attitude this week. You are frustrated with your life right now and will appear to be stand-offish by those that surround you. Don't worry, this type of mentality will wear off by Saturday.



### Libra (9/23-10/22)

This week finds you feeling lazy and accomplishing nothing. You're on cloud nine and have no intentions of facing reality right now.



### Scorpio (10/23- 11/21)

Expect an increased work load in work or school the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> this week. You will definitely complete all assignments, although it won't be easy.



### Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

People born under this sign are usually good at research. Put your research skills to use and inquire about the job that you've been wondering about.



### Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Bear in mind that you can work on whatever tasks you have in the day and still maintain a social life at night. Be prepared to travel this weekend.



### Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Use this time to seek adventures and do things that you've always wanted to do. Be careful of how you say things and to whom- a misunderstanding will occur this week.



### Pisces (2/20-3/20)

A lot of social interaction will come your way this weekend so accept invitations. Celebrate your birthday at a high-class restaurant and enjoy the company of family and friends you haven't seen in awhile.

## Bird's Eye View

### JAMAICAN ON CAMPUS!!!

Marcus Bird  
Contributing Writer

It's spring break baby! Time to get down to some place hot, find a half-drunk college chick from a Boston university, who likes dark skinned black men with thick accents, and do unmentionables to her in your 20 dollar per day hotel room!

I was thinking recently, that I'm in a black university, and I'm black, but I'm Jamaican. Which makes America a highly different and interesting place.

First of all, either you are a Jamaican "bad ass", or you are a sap. If you are in between, you'll just be the average "Jamaican" dude. The first assumption I get from people is that I'm extremely smart because I'm in engineering. Either that, or I'm as dumb as Ox in the movie *Belly*. (I still can't believe there were subtitles in that movie). Do we Jamaicans spontaneously burst into imitated gunfire noise upon hearing something funny? Not always, but mostly! It's also very funny hearing Jamaicans speak on this campus to Americans. A JA person can tell when another JA person is switching accents, showing that "thug" knowledge. But to the American, it probably just sounds like a Jamaican guy talking funny!

It's been said that women are attracted to Jamaican men because we have myths surrounding our origins. Anyways, I don't believe it. When girls find out I'm from Jamaica, I get pestered for months about arbitrary Jamaica questions. Such as, "Are there stop lights in Jamaica?", "Do you all have more than one airport?", "Do you smoke weed?". This becomes annoying after a while, because it's nigh impossible to chill with people when you get hit with these questions. Sigh, I may weep openly. However the last question is interesting. Even though it seems all Jamaicans smoke, there are a lot who don't, like me. Since 99.9% of this University smokes, I guess it puts me in a minority, in a minority school, talk about messed up.

Also, I hate the fact that lots of American girls assume guys from the Caribbean are a bunch of sappy romantics with cute accents. The world has French guys for such things. It seems being nice isn't appreciated anymore. If we call a girl "empress", "beautiful" or "lovely" she becomes offended and extremely wary, and demands to be called a bitch, ho, or Negro-woman immediately or else she will go into shock. I think it's interesting that the very thing that makes our culture gain worldwide appreciation, our fellowship and warmth to one another is the very thing that affects some of our relationships with the Americans ladies, who are more on their Ps & Qs generally.

One thing about being Jamaican is the taboos that come with the culture: Homophobia and anti oral sex. These taboos define us!

Regardless, being Jamaican is very hype. You hail from one of the most popular and beautiful locations in the world, albeit the violence, sketchy laws, and a caste system that has lighter skinned Jamaicans shunning their darker-skinned colleagues, but you gots ta love it! I think it would be hard being an unattractive Jamaican on campus. Girls would really have no reason to like you, because there are so many Jamaicans on campus, you have to stand out. (sorry Ox, time to transfer). You will always know who the Jamaicans are at American parties, they are the ones who go "BAP! BAP! BAP!" when they start playing that "Heads High..." song! It's usually just one or two guys, but hey, we represent!

Till next time, may your Spring break be filled with sleep, inebriation, or random hookups at 2 a.m!

**Quote of the week:** "I'm the toughest rasscl\*\*t Jamaican in the world. I kill for nothin'. I make my money and deal with the business, so don't f\*\*k wit me. Ox, *Belly*

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## Poetry Corner

### Whisperers

We've seen them around with smiles on their faces.  
But when we turn our backs its another case.  
They talk about us because they're jealous.  
Because they want to be just like us.

The thought of being their friend makes me queasy.  
And just talking to them without having horrible thoughts is definitely not easy.

I pity those who find their happiness in my demise.  
But to overcome my trials and tribulations, to them it will be a surprise.

So many names for them: backstabbers, hypocrites, parasites & pretenders.  
But I shall just call them whisperers.  
Because that is all they do, smile and talk with me.  
Then they turn around and whisper because of their envy.

-Mystique

### Schizophrenic

Excuse me!  
Why are you all not standing?!  
And why are your heads not bowed?!

Why are you still sitting?!  
Don't you understand?!

More powerful than man!

Why are you staring at me!  
What do you expect me to say?  
I didn't take that money,  
So please don't take me away.  
It wasn't me.  
I didn't commit the crime.  
Look in my pockets!  
I have not a dime!

It was those men!  
Look at them run!  
Go catch them!

You can use my gun!

Why are you staring at me?  
I've done nothing wrong,  
And I'm no one famous  
No one to acclaim.

I'm just Lorraine...

I think.

-Kelay



## What to Watch...

### Tonight, March 12

**True Lies, FX (32):** The 1994 box-office success is spiced with clever plot twists and exciting set pieces, including a chase through a hotel on horseback and motorcycle, and a spectacular finale involving a Harrier Jumpjet. **Time: 7:00 PM**

**Scarface, A&E (10):** Al Pacino stars in one of the all-time greatest gangster flicks ever made. Al Pacino plays Tony Montana, a Cuban immigrant who works his way up in the Miami drug scene, and pretty soon becomes one of the most powerful drug lords in the game. **Time: 9:00 PM**

**WWF Flashback: Best of Wrestlemania, TNN (37):** Wrestling fans will get a chance to relive some of the greatest moments of professional wrestling's biggest event. Top moments from the annual extravaganza are revisited. This year's event takes place at Skydome in Toronto. **Time: 9:00 PM**

### Wednesday, March 13

**Survivor: Marquesas, CBS (29):** The trendsetter for all reality shows has come back for its third installment. Watch to see whom the third person will be to get voted off the island. **Time: 8:00 PM**

**Celebrity Boxing, FOX (25):** You think you've seen it all but here is something totally different. Celebrities of pop culture strap on the gloves and take their best shot at one another, bouts include Todd Bridges v. Vanilla Ice and Tonya Harding v. Paula Jones. **Time: 9:00 PM**

**Diary, MTV (21):** This week *Diary* takes us into the life of R&B starlet Alicia Keys. Take a half-hour to see what it's like to be a brand new artist fresh off a successful trip to the Grammy's. You think you know but you have no idea. **Time: 10:30 PM**

### Thursday, March 14

**The Mask, TBS (35):** Revisit one of Jim Carrey's earliest roles on the silver screen. Jim Carrey plays a Milquetoast-like bank clerk whose magical mask transforms him into a green-faced crime fighter in this 1994 comedy. **Time: 8:00 PM**

**Behind the Music, VH1 (22):** Remember what music sounded like in 1992? If not *Behind the Music* takes a trip back to those days when Rap was still only something we danced to. **Time: 8:00 PM**

**Beyond Bizarre, Discovery Channel (11):** People who handle snakes and drink poison unharmed; rocks in Death Valley that are alleged to have moved spontaneously. Also: modern mummification practices. **Time: 10:00 PM**

Compiled by Jozen Cummings

## Raines: Homeownership Key to Ethnic Wealth Gap

From A1

In order to achieve this, Raines emphasized the promotion of "asset-building" strategies like public policies that promote homeownership in order to defeat the "mystery of capital" and develop wealth security. As a result, Fannie Mae has made this fulfillment their goal. By providing over \$400 billion in housing capital to serve three million minority Americans, Raines and Fannie Mae plan to bring affordable and adaptable capital to families and communities that have been negatively affected by typical practices.

In addition to Raines', remarks concerning the wealth gap, President Swinger spoke of his primary agenda to combine civil and human rights with Howard's motto of "Leadership for America and the Global Community". He introduced the new Capital Campaign fundraising effort that directly correlates to *Strategic Framework for Action II*. The plan is to raise at least \$250 million to develop more scholarships and fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students alike and to break ground on new buildings that are necessary to Howard's future. Swygert also highlighted the advancements that have been made recently as well such as: the completion of the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library, the rehabilitation of LeDroit Park, and the success of Technology at Your Pillow effort. The Alumni Award Recipients

were also introduced to the Howard Community on Friday. They are six distinct intervals with exceptional achievements in each of their fields. They are: C. Sylvia Brown (Business), Eddie C. Brown (Business), Paula H. J. Cholmondeley (Business), John E. Jacob (Corporate and Public Services), Stacey Mobley (Law), and James Silcott (Architecture and Public Service).

Franklin Raines also was honored with a Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa, degree from Howard University. He accepted it and remarked in his speech, that he was pleased to be a Howard degree-holder.

Members of the Howard community responded to Raines' remarks by giving him a standing ovation at the finish of his speech. In reference to Raines' speech, Dr. Barbara Griffin of the English Department said, "It was particularly valuable because of the factual and present information relative to the context of the historical framework and its relevance to the African Americans in the 20<sup>th</sup> century." Many students agreed. Dan Blakemore, freshman Political Science major, said, "Dr. Raines brought his professional vision and applied it to HU," he continued, "And it was much appreciated by our community." However, a small portion of the student body took the attitude that once you've heard one convocation speech, you've heard them all.

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**FALL 2002**

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**NEW DATES ARE**

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This communication was sent via email from Dr. Carmen Cannon, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management on February 6, 2002.



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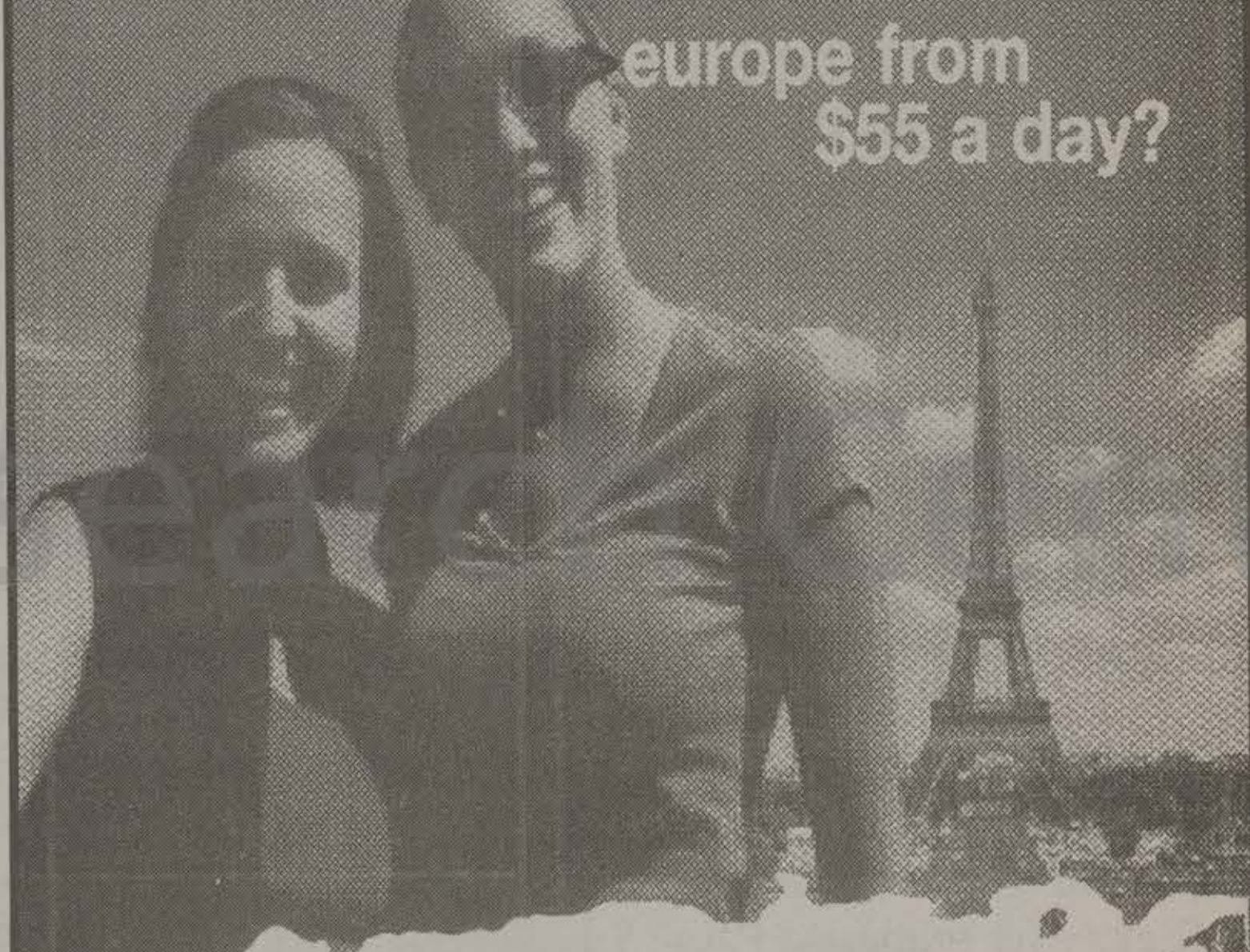
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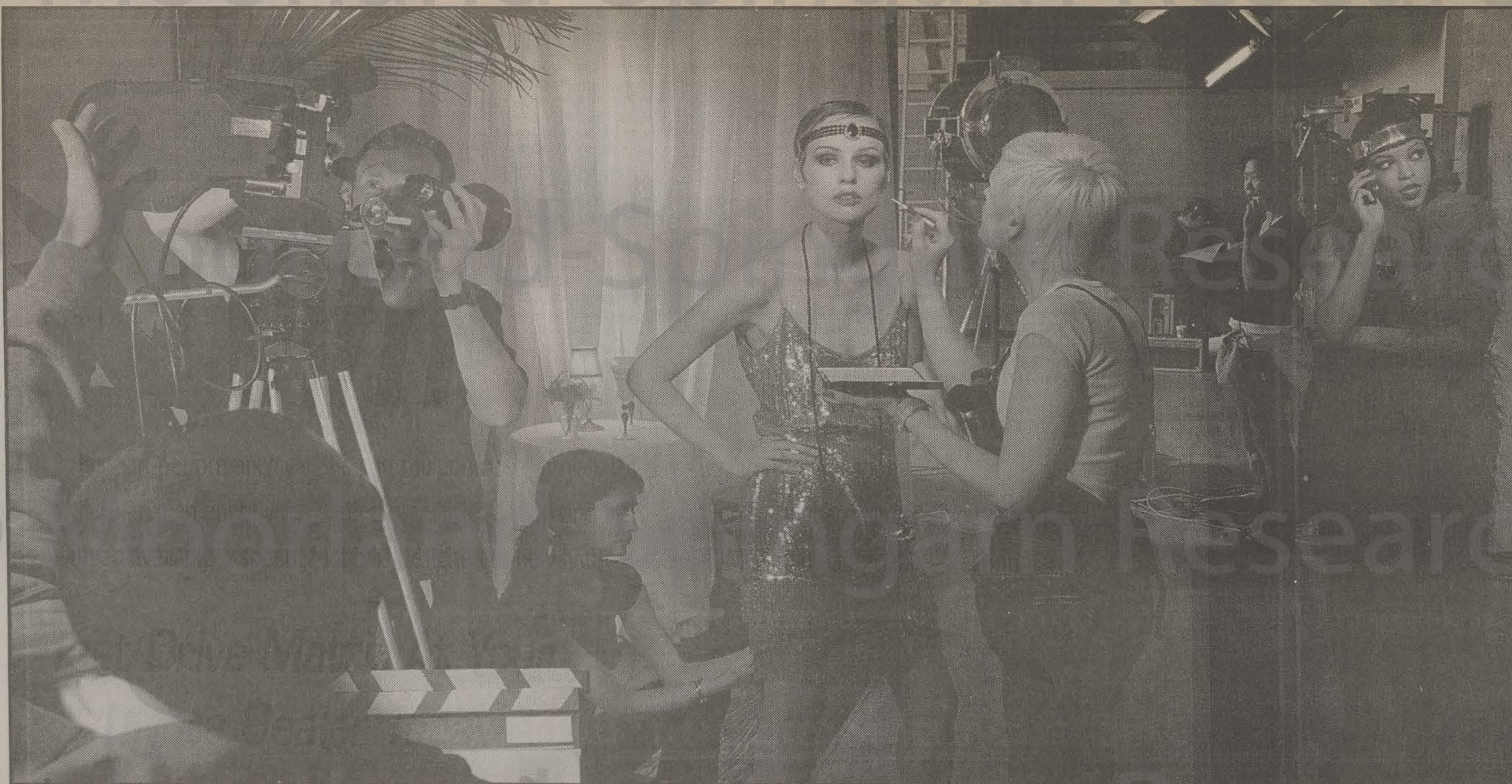
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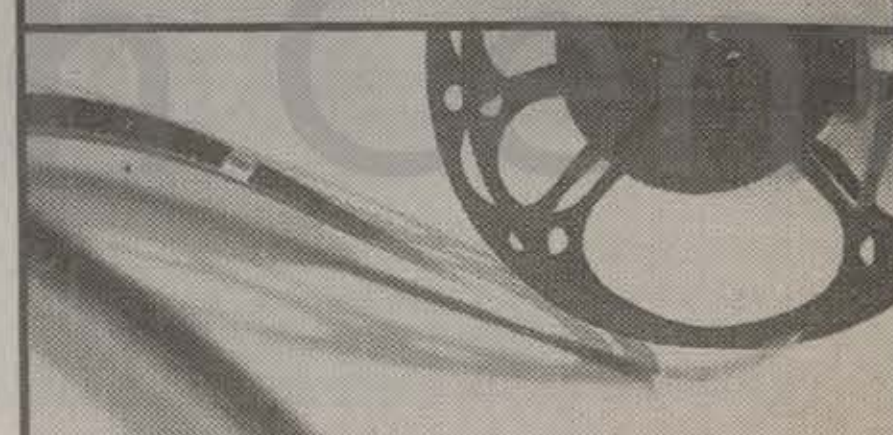
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