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Staff Column

Fox Special Is Long On Emotions, But Short On Substance

By ALLEN POWELL II

I saw the worst example of irresponsible, unprofessional, and sensational journalism on Washington's Fox affiliate Thursday night at nine. The program was called *The Corruption of the American Child* and hosted by someone named Bill O'Reilly. It pointed the finger at everything from television to rap music for the actions of today's troubled youth. The host used loaded questions and cleverly spliced together scenes to prove that nearly every media medium in America will soon lead to the downfall of our country. What a crock of bull!

The first corrupter of American youth was the multi-million dollar rock industry according to O'Reilly. O'Reilly and his producers used interviews with comical rock stars, and video clips of violence laden concerts to condemn rock for its contribution to the problems in America. As he would throughout the show, O'Reilly circumvented the common "what about the parents argument" by bringing up the millions of children in America who do not have responsible parents. Apparently, sometime within the last ten years it became OK to blame everybody but parents for the actions of their kids. I personally never knew that television producers and musical artists were supposed to step in and raise your kids when you decided that you had more important things to do. I guess I mixed that book by Dr. Spock. Strangely, O'Reilly didn't mention that the majority of those individuals who commit acts of mass violence in schools, usually come from well-off homes where parent have no excuse for not getting involved. In fact, although he made the argument that parents have less time to get involved in the lives of their children today because they work longer hours, it is a well known fact that today's Americans have far more leisure time than their parents.

The second media medium to come under attack was rap music. The usual argument about the glorification of sex, violence and drug use was of course made by O'Reilly. He completely ignored any of the more positive rap groups and songs that positively affect children. Artists like Out-Kast and Common were pushed aside for clips from Jay-Z's "Big Pimpin'" and DMX's ode to hoers

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HUSA Policy Board Votes to Redo Elections

By COURTNEY K. WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon in an emergency meeting, the HUSA Policy Board concluded the standing results of the March 13th run-off election were skewed.

The Board unanimously decided that accepting the HUSA and Arts and Sciences run-off election results as status quo was unconstitutional.

The HUSA Policy Board's emergency meeting addressed the Legacy slate's appeal concerning the General Assembly's decision to accept the Election Committee's stance to uphold the results of the run-off election, which declared the Awakening slate the winner.

The appeal stemmed from discrepancy surrounding Oscar Jones, Associate Director of Student Activities, original recount that found only 11 questionable votes.

The Elections Committee found the number of disputable votes contradictory, on the second recount an additional 72 votes were questionable.

"We turned the recount over to Student Activities to ensure objectivity. It was felt that if the recount was conducted by an administrator, Oscar Jones, the results would be unbiased and accurate; however, when the Policy Board did a recount of Jones's recount, we came up with extremely different results," said Megan Moore co-chair of General Elections.

A recount conducted by the Policy Board, the candidates, and the election committee found that there were 1,436 votes highlighted; 1,519 votes cast; and 83 votes unaccounted for. In the race for the College of Arts and Sciences president and vice-presidential election, 24 votes were unaccounted for.

This is important since presidential candidate Jason Ravin of the Clear Choice slate, lost by an identical margin while Jacques Purvis, the vice presidential candidate lost by 22 votes.

Genia Wright, presidential candidate for the Legacy slate is pleased with the Board's decision. "We're very happy that we pursued the recount. Howard students deserve a fair election and now we have that opportunity," Wright said.

However, there were some who did not agree with Wright. Jarvis Houston, campaign manager for the Awakening slate, said the Board's decision was unfair and biased.

"Wright and other key supporters were asked by HUSA VP Alex Dixon to consider abstaining their vote, they still voted. There was clearly a conflict of interest," Houston said.

Some students have lost interest and faith in the

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File Photo
Candidates for the HUSA Presidential slot, Genia Wright (L) and Cornell Williamson (R), will square off once again due to a faulty election. HUSA Policy Board members voted for a new election in an emergency meeting on Saturday.

2nd Annual Black Face Awards Honors Alumna Debbie Allen Student Run Show Highlights the Arts, Career of Allen

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON and MAKEBRA ANDERSON
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Draped in a white fur coat, actress, director, choreographer, producer and University Board of Trustees member Debbie Allen entered a packed Cramton Auditorium Thursday to a standing ovation at the Second Annual Black Face Awards.

Footsteps to Fame: A tribute to Debbie Allen was a showcase of student talent, which served to recognize and highlight aspects of Allen's career.

The Howard University School of Communications and the Arts and Sciences division of Fine Arts collaborated on a production that was student produced, student directed, and student choreographed.

The Award is the brainchild of Treasurer-elect of the School of Communications Student council Nubia Henderson.

It was designed to honor blacks in the media who have made major contributions in the industry for the black race.

"The show was a tremendous success. One of the key purposes of the Black Face Award is to utilize the talent not only within the School of Communications, but throughout Howard University, this purpose was fully executed, the participants were from a cross-section of schools and departments," Henderson said.

Performing an original spoken word piece titled "D.E.B.B.I.E.," Olu Burrell opened the show. His dedication to Allen talked of her accomplishments and sacrifices while highlighting how important she is to Howard students.

"Olu's poem was so touching," junior Tiffany Drake said. "It was sincere and heartfelt and really showed how much one person can influence an entire generation."

There were performers from all sectors of the arts. One of those performers was Francell Davis who sang "Wind Beneath My Wings."

"I have been truly inspired by Debbie Allen. Despite the fact that she was denied in several schools for discriminatory

reasons, she was determined. I don't want to mirror Allen's career. I want to be uniquely successful and [in] 20 years receive a Black Face Award," Davis said.

The Show was a chronology of Allen's life that began with "Little Debbie," a choreographed piece performed by children that showed how Allen began her career at a young age.

Other scenes such as "HU Stomp" provided comic relief and showed how Allen's inspirations are not only limited to dance.

"The purpose of this skit [HU Stomp] was to show how Allen inspires the art's as a whole and not just dance," President of School of Communications and hostess, Genia Wright said. "She has been a trailblazer in her field and has led many African-American's towards dance and drama."

The show ended with a dance performed by the entire cast from the hit musical "Fame."

"The finale was spectacular," acting major Jonathan Bates said. "Students at Howard have so much talent that goes unrecognized and I'm glad they were finally able to show other students how hard they work."

Junior television production major, Ashley McFarlin was the producer and stage production manager of the show, and was pleased with the Debbie Allen production.

"It was incredible considering so many people and elements such as audio, video, acting, dancing, and public speaking were involved," McFarlin said. "We rehearsed approximately 2-3 hours a day, three days a week, and rehearsals became more intense as we approached the show date."

After the show, Henderson spoke with Allen about the need for a partnership between the University and the students.

"A partnership is necessary with Allen so that we can communicate our needs to her as students and she would therefore act as a liaison between us [students] and the School of Communication's board of trustees," Henderson said. "Thus facilitating the provision of additional resources, pro-

fessional training, conferences, as well as internship opportunities in the field."

In her acceptance speech, Allen thanked the School of Communications and expressed her love for Howard University.

"Here is where I learned what love is, what true friendship

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Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt
Howard Alumna and Hollywood star Debbie Allen accepts the 2nd Annual Black Face Award from SOC Vice-President Ashley McFarlin during Thursday's ceremony in Cramton Auditorium. Associate Producer Melanie Clark looks on.

It's That Time Of Year Again



Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt

YOU KNOW IT'S SPRING WHEN the Greeks begin their annual season of introducing their latest additions to the campus. Here, new members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta chapter make their first appearance on the Yard Friday.

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University's Mock Trial Team Takes Third in Competition

By TENIECE THURSTON
Contributing Writer

The University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Forensics Society Mock Trial Team competed in the National Intercollegiate Tournament over Spring Break, adding a bronze medal to the team's already vast collection of accomplishments.

Initially, the University's ten-member team finished in a three-way tie for first place with the University of Kansas and the University of Central Florida. However, judges in a vote to break the tie placed the University's team in third.

Though Howard University placed first and second in this competition in 1997 and took first place in 2000, the team feels really good about

their accomplishment.

The team went in with the expectation of winning, but the competition was fierce. The team presented a fictional court case, complete with defense and prosecution attorneys and witnesses, to a panel of judges.

The team had been preparing for the tournament since the start of the fall semester. The team has had formal practices twice a week and informal practices three to four times a week.

The tedious practices included scrimmages and brainstorming that caused team members to view cases from a variety of different angles. According to some team members the hours of preparation allowed students to hone their talents.

"The fact that we prepared well and we were

recognized for our talent, given all the time and energy put into the preparation, is a better feeling than winning," said second year team member, Shermela Williams.

Though the team didn't take home top honors, members like senior Nisha Brooks said the experience was still memorable.

"I thought our squad did an excellent job. The three-way tie didn't take away from the performance. I am very proud to say I'm a member of this team," said senior Nisha Brooks.

The team, one of two Historically Black College and Universities in the competition (the other being Florida A&M) not only placed, but had members take home individual honors.

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Lowery Delivers Easter Sunday Chapel Address in Cramton Auditorium

By **DARBY BAHAM**
Contributing Writer

On a normal Sunday morning Jendayi Trimble is like many chapel attendees—climb out of bed around 10:30 a.m. to arrive at Cramton Auditorium somewhere around 11:30 a.m.—half an hour late. However, on Easter Sunday, Trimble anticipated a large crowd and arrived early to reserve her seat.

Trimble, along with many others attendees had a correct assumption because by the time the service was in mid swing, the only seats available were in the very top rows of and a couple in the front.

"I got out of bed and rushed to Chapel in the rain at 11:00 to get a seat, because we all know how Easter Sunday is," Trimble said.

Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery began speaking to the congregation, and instead of reading the scriptures he would preach from, he began complementing the choir and said how soulful they were.

Lowery then began to deliver his sermon, which was full of anecdotes from his life. The title of his sermon, he recalls, he got while listening to Diana Washington's "What a Difference a Day Makes," which he drew a correlation to Resurrection day and how students can also make a difference.

Lowery's made comical remarks in order to relate Chapters 20 and 28 of Matthew to modern day life.

However, for those students that were from the south, it was like listening to their home preacher.

"He reminded me of home. I'm used to preachers saying things to relate to the youth back home. It was definitely refreshing," Renee Alsop from Atlanta, GA said.

"His sermon was definitely different from the usual. He started off by giving examples of how past people had made differences, such as Rosa Parks, but then he brought it home to us—to what we would do," said Paris Pickett also from Atlanta.

After giving examples of how others made differences, Lowery began another section of his sermon. "You are the brightest. You the man! You the woman! You stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before you, but what kind of shoulders are you planting for those behind you?"

Lowery then began to go into how many young people abuse the intimacy of sexual intercourse and disregard for life.

"I'm worried about boys who love death more than life, guns more than girls. I'm worried about kids taking sexuality, a great thing, and robbing it of its spirituality."



Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt

Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery delivered the Easter morning address in Chapel at Cramton on Sunday.

After Chapel, many students continued discussing how much they enjoyed Lowery's sermon.

"The reverend made a lot of good points as far as sexuality and people just coming to Chapel because of a fashion show," Robert Anderson from Maryland said. "I thought it was funny when he talked about suits being new today, but old tomorrow."

Robert Jones from New Jersey agreed.

"The sermon was comforting, particularly to Howard students, because he was an older man relating to the younger generation, but still getting his point across."

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with Sisqo. The main argument made by O'Reilly was that rap not only made violence seem like a good idea, it also did a disservice to poor youths by constantly talking about life in the ghetto.

O'Reilly said that rappers harping on the conditions in the ghetto made life seem harder to the people in the ghetto. I don't know about you, but I believe that poor people know just how bad their life is, and no rap song is going to make it seem any harder. In fact, just as Rocafella CEO Damon Dash told O'Reilly, rap is so popular because it tells the story of the streets the way people who live in those streets want to hear it. While I am not saying that rap doesn't influence people in negative ways, the same thing could be said about anything in America. Rap artists make the music they make because

it makes a profit, not because they want to influence the lives of young children.

The program also pointed the finger at television and music for corrupting America's children. O'Reilly showed clips of women in skimpy bikinis and crude movies like "American Pie." Once again, O'Reilly glossed over the fact that parents are responsible for controlling what movies their children watch, and what they view on television. Although he pointed out that movie producers market "R" rated movies to children, he didn't mention that it is the responsibility of movie theaters to make sure underage viewers don't watch these movies. O'Reilly used the same tactic when he blamed rap for glorifying drug use, but didn't point his finger at beer companies that make alcohol seem like the coolest thing in the world. He didn't question why alcohol commercials content seems to be

geared to younger audiences, apparently it slipped by him.

When I watched this program I was angered, dismayed, and disheartened. I could imagine middle-aged white Americans sitting in their living rooms shaking their heads and saying, "I knew that rap music was no good." I could see how the simple emotional clips O'Reilly used would easily influence their undereducated minds. Instead of having to look at themselves when their children mess up, they can now point their fingers at a host of other people. As America, excuse me, as white America struggles to come to grips with the violence that has crept in to their schools they are looking everywhere but in their own homes for the source of this problem. Americans are searching for an easy, one-step solution to a problem that is going to require nothing but hard work.

Mock Trial Team Takes Third Place

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Williams was awarded the All-American Witness Award while junior Mia Harmon received the All-American Attorney Award.

Two seniors, Christina Sears and Siobhan Boyd, were nominated for the All-American Witness and All-American Attorney Award respectively.

Some of the award winners were excited that their dedication to the mock trial team was rewarded.

"I feel honored to have received the All-American Attorney Award. Having previously won an All-

American Witness Award, it's just nice to be recognized for the hard work and dedication put into Mock Trial," Harmon said.

Coach and communications law professor Dr. Felicia Walker said she is proud of her team not only for placing, but for continuing the standard of previous University teams.

"They (the team) continue to uphold the caliber of excellence. They're setting standards that other people look up to," Walker said.

According to team member David Knight, the mock trial tour-

naments prepare the students for education after they graduate.

"These competitions serve as a building block by helping you get acquainted with the law. They also build confidence and prepare you for law school," said Knight.

With the national tournament behind them, the team has their sights for success at the National Championship Intercollegiate Tournament during the first weekend in April.

Black Face Awards Honors Debbie Allen

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is," Allen said. "This has truly been a matchless evening. It is always a blessing to be at Howard University. It was here I was decolonized and gained a sense of my self as a Black woman."

Allen was inspired by the perfor-

mances and spoke about how being a recipient was such an honor for her.

"Tonight has been truly an inspiration. It is rare that I stop and look back, because I have to keep moving ahead. When I go back to LA I have to make two phone calls, one

to Denzel and the other to Halle Berry to let them know they still have work to do," Allen said with her Black Face award in hand.

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NEWS

Afghanistan Earthquake Leaves Country in Shock, Disorder

BY AMYRE MAKUPSON
Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday in Afghanistan, aftershocks retarded rescue efforts for the thousands reported injured and some two thousand people killed during a series of earthquakes.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey in Colorado, the first shock hit northern Afghanistan at 7:26 pm local time on Monday, the twenty-fifth, and measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale. About 2:15 a.m. local time Tuesday, the earthquake struck again reaching 5.0 on the Richter scale. It was felt in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, and in Mazar-I-Sharif, which lies 120 miles northwest of the market town Nahrin.

Nahrin, a district capital of mud brick buildings and a population of about ten thousand near the epicenter in the Hindu Kush mountains, was devastated by the quakes as well as surrounding villages.

This was the second major earthquake to hit Afghanistan this month alone. On March 3, a landslide in a small village in the Samangan province buried more than one hundred people after Afghanistan experienced its first major earthquake of the year.

Afghanistan, already struggling with the impact of severe drought and the ongoing war between United States led forces and the former Taliban rulers, cannot cope with the disaster.

"It was a very heartrending catastrophe. The bodies of 1,800 have been pulled out of the rubble, but many more are still buried. More than 3,000 have been injured and 30,000 displaced. It is beyond the interim government to deal with this tragedy. We ask all international agencies and foreign countries to help us in this emergency situation," Interior Minister Yunus Qanuni told

Reuters.

The British International Security Assistance Force said the Afghanistan government is asking peacekeepers to send reconnaissance teams to the disaster areas to assess casualties and the extent of the damage.

The Pentagon is considering what it can do. About six thousand United States troops are already in Afghanistan searching for al Qaeda and Taliban fighters.

Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan told Reuters. "We're evaluating the situation and working closely with the interim government on what kind of help we can provide."

Yusuf Nouristani, Russian government spokesman, said that Russia planned to send a mobile clinic. The World Food Program has sent 158 tons of food in addition to the U.N. and ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) aid.

Traffic from Kabul to the devastated areas was unfortunately slowed, further hampering aid efforts after two trucks overturned in the Salang Tunnel last Tuesday. French peacekeepers of the International Security Assistance Force said it could take two days to clear the tunnel, which is at the world's high-



The map above shows where an earthquake hit Afghanistan. The United States is providing aid for the country.

est altitude of eleven thousand thirty-four feet.

For information on how to help or make donations, call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Trailing George W...

BY COURTNEY K. WADE
Hilltop Staff Writer

President George W. Bush continues to be on the move. This past week he has announced the two nominees for the Director of National Institute of Health and the Surgeon General, two significant positions in the medical field, signed the controversial Campaign Finance Reform Act, and called on world leaders to condemn terrorism.

On Tuesday, Bush nominated Dr. Elias Zerhounis for the position of Director of National Institute of Health or (NIH) and Richard Carmona for the position of Surgeon General.

Zerhounis is currently an administrator at John Hopkins University School of Medicine. His qualifications include: having a concentrated research background, possessing leadership utilizing modern medical technology, and experience maintaining a large medical research organization. If chosen, Zerhounis will have the responsibility of supervising high number of federal investment in biomedical research and ensuring that such research is conducted in an ethical manner.

Carmona, an Arizona trauma surgeon, has a reputation of being involved public service. He was an Army Green Beret in Vietnam, a police officer, and SWAT team member. Carmona is qualified for the position as well. He has experience in supervising public health organizations, displaying composure during emergencies, and upholding commitments to policies of prevention to advance public health. Fulfilling the Surgeon General position requires being a

spokesperson on public health and medicinal issues. Bush's outlined duties for this position include: directing prevention, healthy living, and fitness initiatives, speaking out on the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse, and making certain the nation is on alert for possible bioterrorism attacks.

Also, on Wednesday, Bush signed the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, which will attempt to reform the system of financing political campaigns in three main ways. First, it will discontinue unions and corporations from making unregulated, or "soft" monetary contributions. Secondly, the act will promote the role of the individual in the political process by increasing the limits on citizens donating to their chosen candidate. Lastly, the act calls for rapid communication concerning the actions of groups in the political process.

Bush continues to voice his views concerning homeland security by providing \$140 million to aid rural communities in protecting the heartland against terrorist attacks in his 2003 budget. These first responders require help organizing and conducting procedures that become necessary when the nation is under attack. This was the first time in history that the federal government has assisted the establishment of mutual aid agreements with federal resources.

Finally, on Saturday, Bush stated, "All the leaders in the world must stand up against terror, must do



President George W. Bush

everything in their power to cut off the funding to terrorist organizations, to prevent terrorist organizations from finding safe haven." He and his administration support the U. N Security Council solution that calls for a cease-fire to end the seemingly perpetual violence in the Middle East.

Just What the Doctor Ordered?

Report Shows Minorities Are Discriminated for Treatment

BY COREY CUNNINGHAM
Contributing Writer

According to a recently released report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM), African-Americans continue to receive poorer quality healthcare compared to that of their White counterparts.

The IOM is a medical science group that advises the federal government. The committee found that Whites are more likely to receive potentially life-saving treatment in comparison to Blacks—and to some extent Hispanics.

However, according to the report, minorities were more likely to receive treatments like limb amputation or removal of the testes in cases of prostate cancer.

"Disparities in the health care delivered to racial and ethnic minorities are real and are associated with worse outcomes in many cases which in many cases, which is unacceptable," Dr. Alan R. Nelson, former president of the American Medical Association and chair of the committee that produced the report, said.

Poorer access to doctors and healthcare facilities are factors in the lack of treatment, but according to the reports, racism on the part of doctors, nurses, and

other healthcare providers play are partly to blame.

The discrimination and prejudice that doctors displayed has much to do with their preconceived notions of Black and Hispanic's lifestyles, predisposition to illness, and ability to comply with treatment, according to the report.

In one of the studies of the report heart doctors presented with a range of patients "were significantly less likely" to recommend cardiac catheterization—an invasive test designed to spot blockages in the heart—for black female patients versus others. Another study found that male doctors prescribed twice the level of pain medications for white patients.

According to the IOM report, today's high-pressure healthcare environment may encourage racial stereotypes to enter into decisions about patient care. The report also notes that when doctors have only a few minutes in which to assess patients, subtle racial biases may play a role in a medical decision.

Access to healthcare facilities and medications for Blacks and Hispanics is considerably less compared to Whites. Blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be enrolled in public-funded health plans. These plans often place restrictions on the options.

Also those who seek care from neighborhood facilities are in jeopardy.

"They [HUSA] need to do a better job with accuracy. It does affect their credibility in a negative manner." However, he still plans to vote and more clearly realizes the importance of that responsibility.

Khalfani Walker, co-chair of the Election Committee maintains that the second run-off election must be held before the second Wednesday in April. The new run-off election will be funded by the HUSA and will cost approximately \$2100.

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election process. Robert Boone, a sophomore political science major, argues that the recounting process should be clearly outlined.

"In the end, it could go back and forth, due to claims of students voting more than once or discrepancies," Boone said.

Other students like freshman marketing major Damon Stubblefield said the reliability of the HUSA

World Briefs

RAMALLAH, West Bank - Backed by tanks and armored personnel carriers, Israeli soldiers stormed building after building yesterday around this fear-gripped city and rounded up hundreds of Palestinians, while doctors delivered food, water, and medicine to people trapped with Yasser Arafat in his besieged headquarters. Meanwhile, a Palestinian suicide bomber struck in an upscale district in Tel Aviv, a day after Israel's incursion into Ramallah, killing himself and wounding at least 30 Israelis. The blast, which occurred as families were coming to cafes and restaurants at the end of the Jewish Sabbath, carpeted the avenue with shards of glass from the windows of the small cafe. The bombing, the third in four days, was claimed by the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a group that pledges loyalty to Arafat's Fatah faction and had vowed on Friday to respond to Israel's offensive with attacks on soldiers and civilians. President Bush, in his first remarks since the Israeli offensive began on Friday, signaled his support for Israel's response to continued Palestinian suicide bombings, adding that Israel must keep in mind that whatever move it makes "must be an avenue toward a peaceful settlement. Arab and European countries, however, expressed concern that Israel's offensive would escalate the violence, and demanded that Israel obey a UN resolution, approved yesterday with support from the United States, that called on Israel to withdraw from Ramallah. A Palestinian doctor said Arafat was in high spirits. Meanwhile talks are still pending.

JAMMU, India - At least 10 people were killed and 20 others were injured Saturday when suspected Islamic militants armed with grenades and guns attacked the 150-year-old Hindu temple in Jammu, the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir state. The Islamic Front, a Pakistan-based Islamic group, later claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press office in Jammu. The Vishva Hindu Parishad, or World Hindu Council, and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, called the strike to protest the attacks. On Sunday, police deployed additional forces in Jammu to prevent violence, police said. Indian officials fear violence if the Hindu hard-liners try to block people from going to work or shopping on Monday, when shops and offices reopen after the weekend. Prayers in memory of the people killed in the attack were conducted in the temple Sunday after Hindu priests and volunteers washed away blood stains from the shootout.

LONDON, England - The jet carrying the Prince of Wales and Princes William and Harry has touched down at RAF Northolt as they make their way to Windsor after the death of the Queen Mother Saturday, March 30. The three Princes travelled to London together on the same BAE 146 aircraft with the special permission of the Queen. They left Klosters in Switzerland to fly home early from their skiing holiday. The three princes, travelling in the same blue Audi estate car, were all wearing dark suits. Charles said to be "completely devastated" by his grandmother's death - waved politely to hotel staff from the front passenger seat as they pulled on to the road. William and Harry sat in the back, while royal aides and bodyguards, and the luggage, were in two grey VW people carriers behind. Normally it is forbidden under royal protocol for the heir to the throne and his eldest son, William, 19, to fly on the same plane. They are now travelling straight on to Windsor Castle.

AFGHANISTAN - A grand council on Afghanistan's future will have at least 160 women among its more than 1,500 members. The organising commission says only six seats are guaranteed for Islamic scholars. The commission chairman says the country's former king, Mohammad Zaher Shah, will return from exile on April 16 to call the assembly into session. The organising commission for the loya jirga announced procedures for the indirect election or selection of members of the assembly, and the guaranteed allocation of some seats among special groups - including women, Afghan refugees and academic and other institutions. The loya jirga was envisioned under the agreement negotiated among Afghan factions in Bonn last December that established an interim government to succeed the Taliban. The six-month interim regime, under Hamid Karzai, is to give way to an 18-month transitional government appointed by the loya jirga. The loya jirga will then reconvene after 18 months to adopt a new Afghan constitution and procedures for electing a permanent government.

TAIPEI, Taiwan - A powerful earthquake rattled Taiwan on Sunday, starting fires, cracking walls and sending two high-rise construction cranes crashing to the ground, authorities said. Four people were killed and more than 200 others injured, most lightly. The 6.8 magnitude quake was centered near Hualien, 108 miles east of Taipei, and lasted for nearly a minute, the Central Weather Bureau said. In Taipei, buildings rocked back and forth, cracks appeared in walls and startled people ran from homes and churches. State radio reported several small fires. Four people were killed when two cranes fell from the 60th floor of a high-rise building under construction, police said. Police did not identify the four, but state radio said a crane operator and three other construction workers were killed. About 10 others were hurt by steel rods and other objects that rained down from the building site.

The Policy Board is considering forming a committee that would establish guidelines and assess what went wrong with this year's election to prevent a recurrence.

Staff Writer Kerry Ann Hamilton contributed to this article.

Compiled by Stephanie Crouch

Stanford Officials to Stand Trial

BY JANELLE STEILL
Contributing Writer

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Gregory Ward has reversed his own decision made in January, relieving Stanford University from an ex-student's lawsuit, claiming the university allegedly sabotaged her career following a sexual harassment complaint she had filed against one of the top cardiologists there.

According to the ruling, Stanford officials will have to stand trial in May because of "new and different facts," concerning defendant Barbara Zylbert's suit, claiming the university tarnished her reputation, therefore hampering her career as a medical professional.

In the original suit, Zylbert made five complaints against the university. However, Ward reinstated only one complaint, which claimed that she was not allowed to perform training rotation at Stanford University Medical Center while she served at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

Zylbert, who wants to become a surgeon specializing in organ transplants, now 39 and residing in Los Gatos, California says that she has been receiving impartial and adverse treatment everywhere she goes. She says the university had stymied her medical career. She claims that they leaked informa-

tion labeling her as a litigation risk.

"I've had difficulty finding a training program that will train me. The story out there is everywhere I go, I file lawsuits," says Zylbert.

After graduating from Stanford with honors in 1996, Zylbert attended residency programs at the University of California at San Francisco and the University of Minnesota, but finished neither. She did, however, complete her residency program at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

This story stems from the decade following her sexual harassment suit against a prominent cardiologist.

Zylbert's initial hesitance to report this matter has proved true over the past decade. Her 1991 sexual harassment claim against her former professor Mark Perloth haunts her until today.

She was at first reluctant to file for fear it would haunt her career, but according to Zylbert, Stanford falsely soothed her apprehension by promising to protect her from recrimination. Additionally, Perloth had threatened to block Zylbert's medical career from further succession if she did not comply with his demands for a sexual relationship.

Then-university president Donald Kennedy censured Perloth, who is still on the faculty at Stan-

ford. He was also required to publicly apologize to Zylbert and another colleague for accusations of similar behavior in the campus newspaper.

Zylbert's case has been adopted by the American Association of American Women, which also supported medical researcher Colleen Crangle, who two years ago won a federal case against Stanford with claims that she had been unfairly fired after making a sexual discrimination charge against the department she was working in.

Cases of this nature are not foreign to Stanford. Stanford general counsel Debra Zumwalt says, "there have been claims by women at Stanford that they haven't been treated fairly."

In court documents, lawyers for Stanford assert that Zylbert has stalled her own career by "professional failures," and "behavioral conflicts."

Zylbert denies these accusations and holds onto her stance that she deserves reprisal because of this case.

"I'm asking them to honor their promises from ten years ago and train me because I've suffered retaliation from my participation in the sexual harassment suit," says Zylbert.

The case is still pending in court.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19)
This is your time to relieve stress. Romantic relationships are destined to blossom and your popularity will increase. The 29th and 30th are your days to shine.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)
Your confidence level is high right now, despite your financial situation and a recent dispute with a family member.

Gemini (5/21-6/21)
You will have the opportunity to be in a new relationship but you feel that it's not a wise move. You feel as though a serious relationship is not meant to be right now. As far as meeting new people are concerned, now that's what you really want.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)
You want someone to comfort you right now. You've been through a lot the past couple of weeks. Expect to stay on the phone all night with a cutie. The two of you will discuss everything from relationships to politics.

Leo (7/23-8/22)
You feel as though you are receiving mixed signals from the person you've been crushing on. Trouble can occur in your relationship later this week. However, the 29th and 30th are good days for you.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)
The planet Saturn exerts qualities of hard work and discipline. Therefore, you will tend to be determined to accomplish certain goals. Expect a response to the job you applied for.

Libra (9/23-10/22)
A good friend is upset at you because you did not let them in on a secret. You come across as being nonchalant about the situation but deep down, you feel distressed.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)
Right now, it's hard for you to focus on what really is important. Your social life is taking priority over your responsibilities right now. Monday will be your lucky day.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)
You desire a new and meaningful relationship right now. Depression will bring down your spirits on Tuesday, so don't feel surprised if you feel under the weather.

Aquarius (11/20-2/18)
You crave attention right now. It's best to stick with your closest friends. A he-say-she-say situation is likely to occur in your life between Tuesday and Thursday. It's good to be social, but having too many associates can sometimes cause problems.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)
The planet Neptune is in your sign right now. As a result, you will daydream more than usual and will immerse yourself in the arts and anything that deals with creativity.

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We Used To...
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We Used to go out, just to enjoy each other's company
We Used to make plans for the future we said we'd share together

We Used to be honest, that our "friends" were just friends
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We Used to kiss when we'd leave each other
We Used to have something deeper than sex; we'd actually make love
We Used to make promises to avoid disappointment
We Used to be in Love.

By Keven Cotton

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MAKING SACRIFICES JUST FOR YOU
THINKING TO MYSELF
WILL I REMAIN TRUE
TO MYSELF
TO MY HEART
AND ALL THAT I BELIEVE
CAN I TRUST YOU ENOUGH
THAT YOU WILL NOT DECEIVE
MY MIND

MY BODY
AND MAINLY MY SOUL
WILL I REMAIN IN CONTROL
OF MY THOUGHTS
WHAT I DO
AND HOW MY LIFE IS LIVED
WILL I BE STRONG ENOUGH
OR WILL I GIVE IN
TO THE EVER PLAYED GAME
OF THE BLACK MAN
TRYING TO SCHEME ON WOMEN
MAKE US CHANGE OUR WAYS
THEN BE MAD
BECAUSE WE REMAIN THE SAME
AND YOU END UP BEING TRANSFORMED
TO A LOVER
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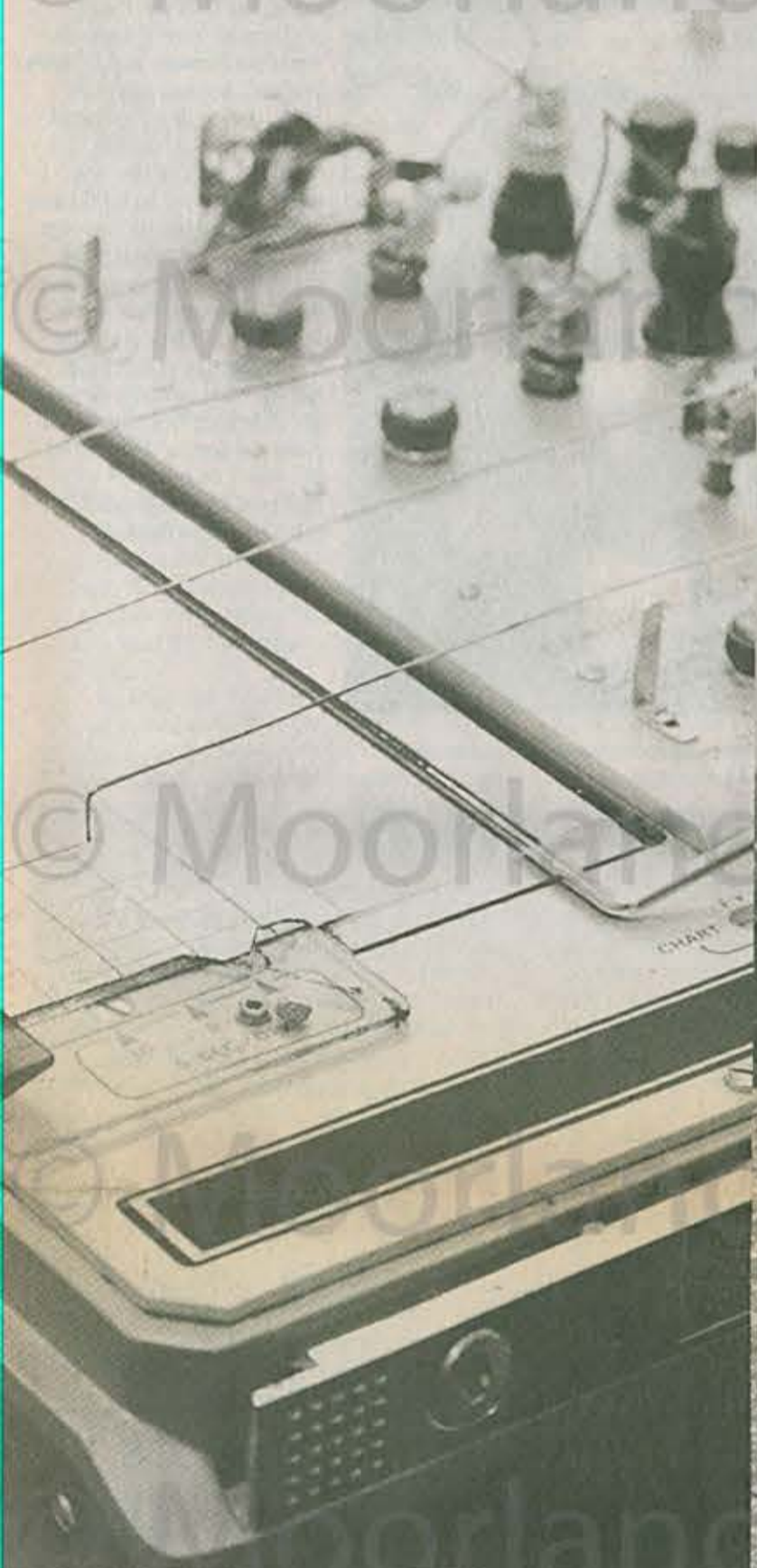
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Go Indiana!

By Les Flanagan

Indiana, one of the most racist states in America and the home of the Ku Klux Klan, now has its favorite college basketball in the national championship game for the first time since 1987. And believe it or not, I'm hoping Indiana is able to pull the upset over 7 and 1/2 favorite Maryland, whom most of the Metro area is rooting for. The black coach factor is my motivation once again with notable such as Tubby Smith and Kelvin Sampson already out the game. Now it's up to Indiana coach Mike Davis to hold it down. The fifth seed rolled to the final four with wins over Utah, NC Wilmington, Duke, and Kent State before ousting Oklahoma out of the final four and putting itself back on the map as a basketball powerhouse.

The Hoosiers have always been in the middle of controversy, mainly because of wacky ex-coach Bob Knight who they had to fire, because of his repeated infractions of University, NCAA, and moral rules. Enter Mike Davis, who was hired as an assistant by Knight in 1997, after spending the previous two years at Alabama. In September of 2000 Davis was named head coach, but assumed a lot of responsibility and pressure due to Knight's legacy and skin color. It would have been much easier to take over for an African-American coach that for the hot-headed, sometimes declared racist, Bobby Knight. And ever since Davis took over, the media has downplayed, what Davis and Indiana have accomplished just as they did with Tubby Smith after taking over for Rick Pitino in 1997. After leading his team to the final four in just his second year as coach Davis seemed to get no credit from basketball brains like Dickey V and Digger Phelps. Will ESPN make a movie about Davis in order to immortalize his stature, and please the rednecks in Indiana? I think not, but maybe if Davis wins Monday night versus Maryland, he'll be able to add the NBA to his resume, and see his legend grow in Indiana.

It's only right that Davis wins Monday after such a hard road to the top. Indiana started off the season 7-5 and many doubted if he would even make it to the tourney. Others were questioning if Davis would even make to the end of the season as head coach. But he bounced back, just as any strong black man would and won his way to a contract, nearly a year after he was officially named head coach, instead of interim. Sooner than the later, the NCAA along with the rest of sports will finally have to accept the fact that black coaches, fair better than most in almost every sport.

But if Indiana doesn't win Monday, be sure to tune in to ESPN to see how they try to question Davis' decision, slander his name, and declare Gary Williams a genius. Not that Williams doesn't deserve it, but the comparison between black coaches and that of their white counterparts are evident when it comes to how the media portrays them. And Davis will once again have to prove himself next year in order to keep the media vultures off his back.

So it's up to Davis, as the last black coach in the tournament to shock the world, and further the advancements we are trying to make in sports and society. He will be on the largest stage, in college basketball, and please believe those blue and green-eyed people will be watching. After all, we owe them one for what they did to Nolan. The next great black coach has arrived.

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Bison Football Team Takes First Steps In New Season with New Coach

By AISHA CHANEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

The 2002 Howard University football team kicked off their spring season on Saturday with a team scrimmage at Greene Stadium. According to head coach Rayford T. Petty, the scrimmage was like an exam for the coaches and they just wanted to see what the players could do.

"We're just working on our first down situations right now," said Petty. "We have the team divided into groups and we're trying to evaluate the talent that we have. In the next couple of days, we're going to start putting the guys on first and second units."

Overall, Petty was pleased with what he saw, but says that the players just need to work on their concentration and focus, so they can eliminate the mistakes they were making.

"We had some mental errors that we're going to correct, but as far as them picking up our overall scheme and understanding what we're trying to get done, I think we're way ahead of the game at this point," said Petty. "The effort is superb and that's what I'm looking for. All of the guys are playing hard and showing a lot of emotion and enthusiasm and we're trying to move forward with it."

The players have been lifting weights and conditioning since the week after Petty was named head coach, but they just started practicing a few weeks ago on March 11. This scrimmage was the first of the spring season, but they will continue to scrimmage every Saturday until the end of the semester.

According to Petty, the whole team is looking good and everyone is working hard, but there are some players who have stepped out in front in practice. "Tracy White is doing really well on the defensive side and Charles Woodall and Lawrence Joseph look very good on defense as well," said Petty. "And on the offensive line, Marcus Ogden and Mark Owens are playing real hard. The surprise though has probably been moving Michael Ajayi from the linebacker position to fullback position. He's looking real good out there."



The Bison will miss the contributions seniors like linebacker ObyArah (left) gave them, but the team will be expecting big things from some of its younger players like sophomore quarterback Marcus Moreno (right).



Some players who were injured last season still aren't completely better (Vontrae Long, Jay Colbert, Brian McDonald, Jamile Jackson, Jonathan Brewer, and Damien Walker), but according to Petty, they will be back and ready to play in the fall. "I think they'll all be fine, we're just trying to hold them out until they're 100 percent. We don't want to put them out there in a situation where they'll re-injure themselves," said Petty. "They probably could practice at this point, but we want to make sure we get clearance from the physicians... Most of them probably won't be out there this spring at all though, they'll just be back in the fall."

2002 Football Schedule

September 7
Howard vs Texas Southern
Washington, DC 12 noon

September 14
Howard at Hampton University
Hampton, VA

September 21
Howard vs University of Maine
Washington, DC Noon

September 28
Howard at Morris Brown College
Atlanta, GA

October 5
Open

October 12
Howard at Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, FL

October 19
Howard vs Morgan State
Washington, DC
Noon
** Homecoming

October 26
Howard vs North Carolina A&T
Washington, DC Noon

November 2
Howard vs Norfolk State
Washington, DC Noon

November 9
Howard at South Carolina State
Orangeburg, SC
1:30 p.m.

November 16
Howard at Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, FL

November 23
Howard vs Delaware State
Washington, DC Noon

MEAC Sports Briefs

Lady Bison Lacrosse Team Falls Short, But Improves

WASHINGTON, DC - The Howard University Lady Bison (0-8) showed signs of improvement, but could not get the job done as they fell to University of California Bears (7-2), 16-10.

The Bears jumped out to an early 3-1 lead in the first nine and the half minutes. The Lady Bison Chizoba Egbuonu scored the second and third goals for the team to pull them within one, 4-3. Julianne Wu and Halsey Monger scored the next two goals for the Bears to put them up by three, 6-3. The Lady Bison would not back down as they Eva Okereke scored two goals within the last two minutes to pull her team within one going into intermission, 6-5.

The Bears picked up their scoring attack early in the second half scoring four consecutive goals to pull ahead by five, 10-5. The Lady Bison would net their first goal of the second half, as Egbuonu scored the third of her fourth goal at the 23:48 mark. Laura Kado scored two of the Lady Bears next three goals to put them ahead by seven, 13-6. The Lady Bison scored three consecutive goals over the next eight minutes to pull within four, 13-9 (Melissa Bryant, Casey McDaniel, Egbuonu). The Bears closed the game out scoring the next three of four goals to defeat the Lady Bison by 6, 16-10.

FAMU And Hampton Are Battling For All-Sports Award

GREENSBORO, NC - The race for this year's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Sports Award is still up for grabs. At this point in the athletic school year Florida A&M University is tied with Hampton on the men's side and Hampton leads FAMU by five-tenths of a point on the women's side. The men's winner will receive the Talmadge Hill Award and a check for \$25,000, while the women's winner will receive the Mary McLeod Bethune Award and a check for the same amount.

On the men's side, Florida A&M leads the pack on the strength of its first-place finish in football and its third-place finish in Indoor Track & Field with a total of 33 points. Hampton remains in the hunt by virtue of its recent first-place finish in basketball and their second-place finish in football, they also have a total of 33 points. Norfolk State, last year's Hill Award winner, is tied with North Carolina



A&T State University and are running a close second with a total of 29 points each. South Carolina State University and Bethune-Cookman College have a total of 28 points each and are a close third.

On the women's side, the race for the Bethune Award is just as close as the men's race. Hampton has not won any women's titles this season, but have been steady throughout the year as a program. Their best finish was a second-placed finish in the sport of Indoor Track & Field as they total 41.5 points. FAMU has claimed titles in Cross Country and Volleyball to give them their total of 41 points. Morgan State and Delaware State are in the hunt with 36 and 32.5 points, while Maryland Eastern Shore, Howard and South Carolina State are in the running as well with a total of 31, 30.5 and 28.5 points, respectively. Rounding out the women's tally are Norfolk State with 27 points; Bethune-Cookman 25.5 points; North Carolina A&T 25.5 points and Coppin State 18 points. Florida A&M has claimed the Bethune Award nine consecutive years dating back to 1993.

N.C. A&T and N.C. Central Still Looking For a Home For Game

GREENSBORO — There's an element of uncertainty about this year's football game between N.C. A&T and N.C. Central.

School officials know the annual Aggie-Eagle Classic will be played Aug. 31. The only question is: Where will the

Baseball Team goes 12 Innings Before Falling 8-7

By ETHAN ZAGORE
Hilltop Staff Writer

After the up and down road trip over spring break, the Bison looked ahead at two challenging opponents in a road game versus the University of Maryland and a home contest against St. Bonaventure. Last Tuesday, the Bison headed over to College Park and quickly fell behind the Terrapins before the game was called due to rain in the second inning. Next up for the Bison was St. Bonaventure, who came into the game on a seven-game winning streak. St. Bonaventure and Howard went back and forth and the game was tied at the end of nine innings. However, St. Bonaventure scored a run in the top of the twelve and went on to win the game 8-7 in extra innings. With the loss, the Bison record dropped to 2-19 overall. Despite the losses, the Bison are just 1-1 in the conference and still have the majority of their conference schedule to play.

The Bison have golden opportunity to advance in the conference standings when they travel to Coppin State on Monday for a doubleheader. Wednesday the Bison face a challenging non-conference team when they face George Washington (away). Although the Bison do have tough games remaining against non-conference opponents such as GW and Georgetown, there are 15 conference games remaining of the schedule. That should leave plenty of time for the Bison to rebound before the conference tournament in May. "We have played good at times, but we can play much better," said freshman pitcher Thomas Savage. "Some of the games we lost were real close and those could have been wins for us. But we'll definitely play better as the tournament approaches." As of March 26th, senior catcher Charles Maclin leads the Bison in home runs with 4 and r.b.i.'s with 14. Also, junior Doug Remer has 2 home runs and senior Byron Espinaldes has 10 r.b.i.'s. As for pitching, senior Eric Causey and freshman Ernest Craddock each have one win for the Bison. Causey also leads the Bison in strikeouts with 29.

game be played?

For the past eight years, Raleigh has been the site of the classic, which has drawn an average of 41,573 fans at Carter-Finley Stadium, home of N.C. State. But because of escalating expenses associated with the game, and a desire on the part of the schools to expand their visibility in a larger market, it was decided to move the game to Charlotte, where both schools have a strong alumni base.

As of late Thursday though, no contract for the 2002 game had been signed. The schools apparently are not pleased with the contract proposals they received this week from 100 Black Men of Charlotte, the game's sponsor.

Kent State Coach To Head Up Basketball at U. of Arkansas

By Ben Beaumont
Arkansas Traveler (U. Arkansas)

(U-WIRE) FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — University of Arkansas Chancellor John A. White didn't have to say who the next Razorback head basketball coach would be at a Thursday press conference. All he had to do was hand out Heath candy bars to all in attendance.

Stan Heath, formerly of Kent State, was finally named head basketball coach Thursday afternoon after being "wined and dined" Tuesday by UA Athletic Director Frank Broyles and search committee chairman Tommy Boyer.

After an impressive interview, Boyer said the 14-member search committee voted unanimously for Heath.

"When we took a vote on our new basketball coach, I want you to know that vote was unanimous," Boyer said. "I want you to know, if you've ever worked on committees, that it's extremely difficult to get a unanimous vote out of 14 people." When Broyles officially announced the

Razorbacks' new coach, Heath was welcomed by a jubilant rendition of the Hog Call.

"I've got a lot to learn," Heath joked when the cheer was finished. Heath, 37, took the 10th-seeded Golden Flashes to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament this season. It was Heath's first season at Kent State after spending five seasons as an assistant at Michigan State under head coach Tom Izzo.

While at MSU, Heath helped the Spartans to three Final Fours and one national championship. In his only season at Kent State, Heath was named the 2002 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, setting a school record with 30 wins.

"This coach has been a part of this sport at the very highest level," Broyles said. "So we have a coach here that can continue the great traditions of Eddie Sutton and Nolan Richardson... We were going to interview about eight other people, but when we saw Stan — that was it."

Heath gave credit to Richardson for the work he had done at Arkansas.

"I'd also like to thank Coach Richardson because, no question, without him I wouldn't be sitting right here," Heath said. "He's a leader. He's a pioneer."

Heath said he talked to Richardson

after day, but I tell you what, I had a lot of options, a lot of opportunities, but right here, when I came here, I knew this was the place."

Heath said he was excited about the opportunity to coach at the UA, and he set four cornerstones for his program. He emphasized rebounding, defense, up-tempo play and executing down the stretch in ballgames.

One big question for Heath's new team is whether freshman forward J.J. Sullinger will be a part of it. Sullinger asked to be released from his scholarship earlier this week to "weigh his options" about his future. Heath said he talked to Sullinger already and wanted him to be a part of the team.

"J.J. and I have had conversations, and I know he's going through a difficult time," Heath said. "He's weighing options, and he needs to build a relationship and get to know me.

We're going to sit down later on and see if Arkansas is still in his future.

"We really want him here. We want him to be a part of this because it's special. I've known J.J. from the past because he's from Ohio, and I'd love to coach him."

Since Arkansas was a main subject on ESPN's Outside the Lines show entitled "Graduation Zero," fans and administrators questioned the graduation rates of the Razorback basketball team. Heath said he and his staff will place an emphasis on academics.

"Most importantly, I want you to know that the players that are in the program now and the players that we're going to have in the future, the emphasis on graduation is going to be essential," Heath said. "I want my guys to graduate, and they can do both. They can excel in basketball, and they can graduate."

Heath said he was still evaluating the situation with his new staff and doesn't know whether he'll bring any of his Kent State staffers with him. But he said he does plan to hire one or two new assistants who have

experience in the Southwest and nationally.

Although Heath has only one year of head coaching experience, Broyles said he knew Heath was the man for the job. Heath, though he's young for his profession, said he relishes the challenge of moving to a larger program.

"Age, color, all those things, I don't think they matter," Heath said. "I think the most important things are: Are you qualified for the job, do you have the respect of your players and can you coach and recruit? Those are the essential pieces, and if you have those, you're going to be successful."

Heath has a lot to live up to following Richardson. While Richardson's style was known as 40 Minutes of Hell, Heath was asked what his style would be.

"40 Minutes of Excitement," he said.

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before taking the job but wouldn't disclose the nature of their conversation.

Heath also visited with West Virginia about its head coaching vacancy Wednesday, but he said Arkansas was his top choice.

"It's been a whirlwind," Heath said. "After going to the Elite Eight, I thought I'd take a couple of days off and relax a little bit. It seemed like I was flying around the country day

Sports Briefs...A Look at the Sports World

Wizards Stay Close But Can't Stop Nash
WASHINGTON — Steve Nash answered a charge from Michael Jordan with back-to-back long jumpers and a three-point play in the final three minutes as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Washington Wizards 110-103 Sunday.

Nash scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half and had 10 of the Mavericks last 14 points. His 3-pointer with 2:19 to go put Dallas ahead for good at 99-96 after the teams were tied at 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94 and 96.

Jordan started 0-for-7 and didn't score until he made a couple of free throws in the final minute of the third quarter. But he made three straight Wizards baskets, the last one tying the game at 96, then he missed his last two shots in the game's final two minutes.

Jordan, once again playing as a reserve, finished 4-for-14 with 10 points and five assists. The Wizards were competitive because of solid games from all five starters, with Richard Hamilton leading the way with 23 points and five assists.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 23 points

and 12 rebounds. Nash had 12 assists. Nick Van Exel scored 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting, and Adrian Griffin and Michael Finley each had 15.

After the loss, Jordan said that he would have liked to have played the point more during the game to control the game tempo.

The victory kept the Mavericks 2 1/2 games behind first-place Sacramento in the Western Conference. The Wizards dropped 2 1/2 behind eighth-place Indiana in the West.

Webber Denies Accepting Money From Booster

Kings forward Chris Webber denied publicly allegations that he took \$280,000 from a former University of Michigan booster. Webber made the denial Saturday on ESPN Classic's "College Basketball Championship Road Show."

"There's no way in the world that I took \$280,000 from someone," said Webber, who was in Atlanta for the Kings' game today against the Hawks. "I've said this a million times. We had to actually go to court to tes-

tify about it, so if the judge, if the lawyers, if everyone else respected it, I thought it would get out to the media outlets as well. So, no, I didn't take anything.

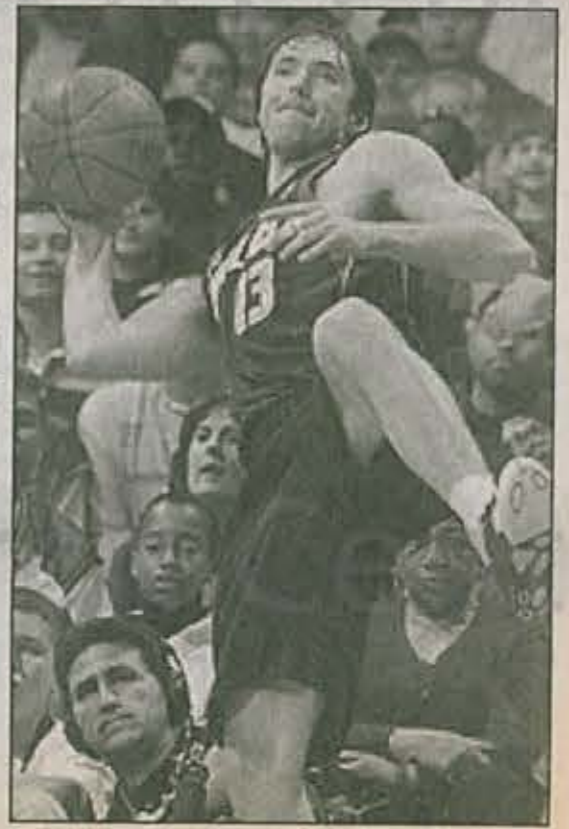
"And in no way do I want to mess up the name of college basketball, especially my university, the University of Michigan, which is the greatest university ever in the world... (And) I don't want to put a bad mark on my family's name, so as I said before, no, I did not accept the money. And how can you take the word of a criminal anyway?"

Asked if this matter continues to bother him, Webber replied: "You just have to stay yourself, and the truth will come out. If I'm sitting up here lying to you, the truth is going to come out. If I'm sitting up here telling the truth, it's going to come out. So, really, for me, it's just being patient, staying focused on winning a championship this year. And hopefully, everyone will see the truth, which will come out."

Previously, Webber said he didn't have to comment on a released federal indictment that accused Ed Martin, a retired Ford Motor

Co. electrician and Michigan booster, of making loans to Webber, Robert "Tractor" Traylor, Maurice Taylor and Louis Bullock totaling more than \$600,000.

"That's something people have been fishing and trying to get quotes on for 10 years," Webber told the newspaper after not speaking about the matter. "It's 10 years ago, you know what I mean? I've said too much by even having a quote on it. It's nothing."



Dallas Mavericks Guard Steve Nash

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Despite the announcement at the Bison Ball where the candidates of the Awakening slate were declared the official winners of the HUSA elections, the General Assembly's Policy Board has ruled that there will be a recount after Genia Wright, of the Legacy slate, submitted a grievance that the elections were tainted. Last week, the General Assembly voted against a recount, however new evidence shows that it is in fact necessary to hold the HUSA elections once again, while the College of Arts and Sciences is still being debated.

The initial margin of error was of 11 votes according to Mr. Oscar Jones, Associate Director of Student Activities. However, after retallying the votes, it was discovered that the margin of error was that of 83 votes oppose to 11, which provides definite cause for a recount in a race in which Awakening defeated Legacy by only three 31 votes.

This election will undoubtedly go down in the books having provided Student Government leaders with more issues they need to address in respects to General Elections. Although many may want to place the blame solely on the General Elections Committee it extends further than them. In fact, although the General Elections Committee's integrity is being called into question by some, the Committee genuinely feels as though the margin of error may be chalked up to poor planning and limited resources

Our View
When it comes to the General Elections, the blame can spread across the board.

more so than anything else.

For future references, the General Elections Committee needs to be conscious of the possibility of run-offs when submitting their budgets to the General Assembly, and the Assembly ought to be understanding of their need to have adequate resources in case of run-offs. Had they had more funds, the General Elections Committee could recruit more trust-worthy and diligent volunteers and security could have been tighter. In addition, the General Assembly's apathy about the event did not help either, although they were not asked to volunteer, they were aloof about the entire process, with many even failing to vote according to the General Elections Committee, who also claim that the General Assembly lacked even providing a grievance system initially. Furthermore, there were no concrete guidelines for the process in the Constitution which is an issue HUSA needs to address.

To make matters worse, the fraudulent acts of students in combination with Jones's erroneous calculation of the margin of error proves that the run-off elections were flawed from the top to the bottom and everywhere in between. Faculty, voters, and student leaders all need to take this as a lesson learned and make sure they do everything in their power to ensure General Elections have integrity in the future.

So Unfriendly

When a San Jose, Calif. Judge ruled that a white teenager was not guilty of a hate crime after he used the friendly version of the word nigga, he set a bad precedent in courts around the country with this terrible ruling.

The white teenager, upset that his friend was suspended from school, wrote "Thanks Nigga" on school property with an arrow pointing to the teachers name who was black. The student's attorney produced a witness that argued that there was a difference between nigga and nigger and the judge agreed and let the student go. This is some bull-sh!&.

The teacher should appeal and the student should be charged with a hate crime. If this ruling stands, white people in this country will be using the word nigga at will, using the excuse that it is the friendly version.

Our View:
The California judges ruling that freed a white boy of a hate crime because his use of the word "nigga" was used in a friendly way should be overturned.

The two words are the same. Black people use the word and sometimes they leave the ending off of it, but it still means the same. Although some black Americans use the word as a term of endearment, it carries a different meaning when a white person uses it. There is too much history behind the word to excuse white people for calling African Americans "niggas" or "niggers".

How does a word that had incited race riots and fights get to be called friendly? How could the student have possibly been using the word in a friendly fashion when he was obviously upset? How could the judge who rendered this ruling be so ignorant and take the use of the word against blacks as a joke? That ruling is a red flag behind what could become the new sentiment for using the word nigg, and to make sure the verdict doesn't stand, black people in this country should have

much to say about this subject.

Let them Vote

The Maryland State Senate made the right decision on March 29 when it approved legislation that granted voting rights to non-violent criminal offenders in the state upon their release from prison. With its decision, Maryland removed itself from the ranks of 13 states, including Virginia, that deny all felons their right to vote.

The bill's passing came despite staunch opposition from conservative Republicans and Democrats. Maryland made the right decision because ultimately the right to vote is one thing that all Americans deserve.

Once a convict has served his/her time, they deserve to be given a chance to change their lives and become contributing members of society. In addition, because of the disproportionate amount of African Americans and Latinos that are

Our View:
Voters in prison should be able to vote like anyone else.

imprisoned annually, denying ex-convicts the right to vote also greatly reduces the ability of these minority groups to improve their communities. A recent article in the Washington Post quoted an expert who estimated that 13 percent of all African American men cannot vote. That's right, 13 percent. That is a significant chunk of the black male community that has no input in national and local policy. This lack of input can undoubtedly be tied to the apathy displayed by ex-convicts towards political issues. With its decision to extend voting rights to ex-convicts, the Maryland Senate acknowledged these facts and made the correct decision in working towards eliminating the problem. I hope that its actions and the actions of dozens of other state senates will provoke some sort of national legislation.

Bush in the Middle

From his ranch in Crawford, Texas, President Bush cast blame on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (who is currently surrounded by Israeli troops in a compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah), for not doing more to prevent Palestinian terrorist from attacking Israelis.

The ongoing conflict between Palestinians and Israelis has continued to be an important issue on American's Foreign Policy agenda. The Clinton administration aggressively encouraged the two leaders, Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to work together on peace initiatives, even providing Camp David as a place of dialogue. However, with the election of President Bush, it is apparent that the U.S. appears to be of little or no help at all in resolving this conflict that we are supposedly playing a diplomatic role in. Since Bush was nominated into office, he has refused to shake Arafat's hand, and despite the U.S.'s backing at the U.N.'s Security Council meeting in which they affirmed that Israel withdraw its forces, Bush has continued to support Israel's presence on Palestinian grounds with comments like, "I fully understand Israel's need to defend herself."

The Israelis are currently retaliating against Palestinian terrorist in response to last Wednesday's attack in which a suicide bombing killed 22 and injured approximately 30 at a restaurant in Tel Aviv, a city occupied by Israelis. There retaliation has manifested itself in holding Arafat hostage in a compound, hijacking Palestinian medical ambulances, and taking hostage innocent civilians. Israel is demanding that Arafat turn over Palestinian militants.

Our View:
The U.S. appears to be of little or no help at all in resolving this conflict that we are supposedly playing a diplomatic role in.

The parallels between the U.S. and Israel are striking. Both are combating terrorism in foreign lands by taking the lives of innocent civilians. Perhaps this explains Bush's support of Israel.

Bush is failing to serve as peacemaker by taking sides, and refusing to act cordial towards Arafat. Casting blame on Arafat causes more problems than it solves, and once again Bush is making more enemies than friend for America when it comes to Foreign Policy. Bush ought to stay neutral in this affair if he wants serve as a diplomat, and needs to learn to bite his tongue.

Illustration By Antjuan Jackson



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Perspectives

Marcus Bird

Bird's Eye View

SEMESTER NUMBER 2 IS NOW OVER

Ah yes, Howardites, the term is coming to a close; we are tired of school; our eyes are weary of late nights, doing 20 page papers due the next day! Yes, my friends and enemies let us look at these last 3 months, and see what we've achieved. Young men, have your conquests been fulfilled? Is that shy, fawning girl, who so innocently came into your life a few weeks ago, now a raging sexual beast; uninhibited and daring? Ladies, is that young man whom you were hot for but refused to speak to, laying in your arms on Friday nights, knocking your calculus book off your bed to perform the Sacred College rites on you? If these things and more are happening, then your term was successful!

Sure, you might have failed a course or two, dropped a few more, and are on the verge of academic probation, but as long as we are physically fulfilled who cares about college? I mean, the average student does barely enough to just stay in school. The real fun

comes in the parties, chilling with friends, the late night trips from Meridian to Slowe (yes, perseverance is a laudable attribute), not to mention the frat parties, with drinking, debauchery, and of course the eventual late night orgy in the back room.

Man, I tell you, this life we live is so interesting, so intricate in its connotations, and profound in its inclinations. Yes ladies, and gents, how were your courses? Are those seemingly demonic teachers on the verge of re-entering Hades for 3 months, sparing you the bi or tri weekly prodding of their academic pitch forks? Or is your lackluster attitude making summer school seem like more of a reality than a previously distant thought? (bye bye Ibiza, Spain!)

Well on a lighter note, the summer is approaching, and those of us who haven't yet entered the gym to chisel our fragile bodies into shape for the summer, should do so now! I have been trying to step in the gym occasionally, if only to grunt and smile at the

nubile young females who periodically enter that room full of pungent, sweaty young men. For us guys who suffer from *Chickenus Calfus Maximus*, jeans and absolutely no shorts should be worn all summer. Ladies, short skirts are a must, but if walking around in bikini bottoms is allowed in your state, then do so!

At this time of year, the leaves fill the trees, the sky loses its gray coating, and slowly but surely reveals the azure coat we all love to gaze at while fondling our loved one at a private picnic in an equally private area. It is a time to enjoy ourselves, go to the beach, catch up on some reading, watch movies, parade around without a shirt, etc. At this time, prepare to see girls tanning on the yard, games of soccer spontaneously occur in the oddest places, and the general mood of the school's populous will seem to lift. The heat will force the young women out of their rooms, and right onto the yard. Upon realizing this action of nature, we men must proceed to the yard, decked out in our best attire,

regardless of the heat, and engage our biological partners with layman catcalls, creative whistling, and names such as "honey, mama, blue jeans" and of course "hey short skirt!" Yes, I am waiting eagerly for the sun to come out, the people to leave their rooms, and true college fun to begin yet again! So for now, I'll bid thee adieu, and go to the gym. I have a date with some two hundred pound weights for the fifth time this week. 'Till next time, adios!

Quote of the week: "my crew, my dogs, set rules, set laws, we represent for the lords of yards, a gyal alone a feel up wi b*lls!" - TOK
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Michael B. Bakeley

Sharecropping Wages at Howard University

Here we are in the 21st century, and even at the hands of the Black bourgeoisie at Howard University many of those working here have found themselves being exploited by our own so-called Black people. I am particularly referring to the systemic pay neglect the maintenance workers receive here at Howard University. Actually, the same claim can be made for the majority of the positions here ranging from department secretaries to professors, and from security personnel to library support staff, etc.

I am responding to a recent editorial compiled by the Hilltop Editors regarding the pay wages for the maintenance workers here at Howard University. The Hilltop Editors have somehow convinced themselves that the current salaries the maintenance workers receive are sufficient and that they should not complain simply because they selected to work such jobs. This may be true, regarding selecting to work such jobs, but it does not include wanting to have the same pay rate for several years. I make this comment because I have personally talked with maintenance workers and they mention how such practices do exist.

How can any decision maker at Howard University (President, Provost, Vice-Provost, Deans, Board of Trustees, etc.) allow themselves to sit in the Mecca towers everyday, knowing that they have employees working 40 hours per week and have a sharecropping

pay range from \$12,000-\$20,000 per year? In fact, if one receives welfare in many states across the country, he or she would receive more money than maintenance workers employed by Howard University. Please do not say this is due to the university budget either.

For those who may dissent, do you think because you have some formal education (BA, BS, MS, JD, MBA, PhD) or because you're a member of a so-called Black organizations (Boule, fraternity, sorority, links, etc.) that those who may not have a comparable education or are not one of your bed-buddies that they are not entitled to earn a livable wage? How do you expect one who earns between a meager \$12,000-\$20,000 (this equates around \$5.77-\$9.62 per hour) to adequately provide the bare necessities for his or her family? This is the equivalent of exploiting one's people for self-aggrandizement and interests.

I am quite sure many of the administrators will even have the audacity to claim that if one includes the overall benefit package that Howard University offers to its employees, such as being able to enroll in some classes for free, that it would exceed the amount I am focusing on. If this is the case, what is the participation level of many of the maintenance workers here at Howard University? How can those in decision-making positions at Howard University expect for university employees to take full advantage of such opportunities when one's emphasis will be on providing the bare

necessities for their families on a sharecropping salary. Again, please do not say it is primarily due to the budgetary constraints either. If this is the case, is there ever a budgetary constraint when it comes to your exorbitant salaries?

Imagine if you had to provide for your family with such a salary? Many probably would go crazy if placed in similar economic situations. I guess many of the University administrators may have forgotten that the cost of living in the District of Columbia is rather expensive. I guess the majority of you never even consider such thoughts due to the exorbitant salaries you currently receive ranging from \$100,000-\$405,000 per year. If one does an analysis of the work that is not being done from an administrative perspective, many of you would receive major pay cuts for systemic dereliction of duty. This includes not providing sufficient housing for Howard's students, allowing inadequate computer technology and insufficient university security (due to security not being a priority until after something happens), just to name a few.

Now, let us make an analysis of the janitors here at Howard University and the high level of work they perform everyday, in the rain, sun, sleet, or snow. When many of the University administrators leave their suburban homes (in PG County, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, and Northern Virginia), they report to work to a clean building (bathrooms,

floors, hallways, offices) everyday. I guess some of the administrators assume this just happened by mere happenstance. In case you did not know it, this happens on a continual basis from a professional cadre of maintenance workers here at Howard University. Do you think you would come into a dirty building to do your daily work?

My recommendations to remedy such issues are the following: 1) the university administrators (those who determine the pay scale) should make concrete efforts to offer a livable salary to its maintenance workers (if this includes contract renegotiations, then make it happen) 2) there should be a change in budget priorities and ideology concerning the pay rate for the maintenance workers; and 3) those entities that supposedly represent the workers (union leaders) should be replaced with those who are concerned about negotiating contracts that will offer a livable wage.

Michael B. Bakeley
1st yr PhD Political Science

Calendar

What's Going On This Week?

Tuesday April 2nd 2002

Real Life Amistad

Where:
Southwest Waterfront
Water Street SW
Washington, DC

When: All Day starting @ 9 am
Information: 202/547-1250

Remebering the Sonnet

Where:
Folger Theatre
201 East Capitol St. SE
Washington, DC

When: 7:30 pm Tuesday, Apr. 2

Madea's Family Reunion

Where:
Warner Theatre
1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, April 2-6 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7 3 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6
Price: \$32.50 and \$37.50
Information: 202/432-7328

Wednesday April 3rd 2002

Salome

Where: The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts 2700 F St. NW Washington, DC

Jimmy Breslin

*The columnist who pulls no punches discusses his latest tome.

Where:
Olsson's Books & Records - Metro Center
1200 F St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3
Price: Free

Information: 202/347-3686

Corpus Christi on Stage

Where:
Source Theatre Company
1835 14th St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 8 p.m. Sun.-Wed., March 18-April 10

Price: \$20, \$17.50 students and seniors
Information: 202/462-1073

Thursday April 4th 2002

Boney James Where:

Constitution Hall
1776 D St. NW
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When: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4

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When: March 25-April 14

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The Real Truth on the R. Kelly Scandal

By JONATHAN C. SIMS
Life & Style Editor

Something is definitely missing. If you have noticed one thing in Life & Style on the entertainment front, we have yet to do a story on the recent R Kelly sex scandal. There were reasons behind my decision but now I really feel enough is enough. Life and Style has been silenced for so long but it really needs to be said.

On my way to get breakfast yesterday morning, I was listening to a particular radio station and they were talking about the VIBE article where the singer is on the cover and they chronicle the alleged incident with the young women he made the tape with. I thought of it before but had no reason to talk about it even after seeing pictures and viewing a portion of the tape.

The article graphically depicts the events on the tape for those who have not seen it. Well in pure journalistic fashion, VIBE tells the story, but now it is time for me to uphold my part of the bargain. What do I mean by this? I did not hold the camera, but I did watch it. I consider myself a moral person but I did watch it. I still however chose not to talk about it. R Kelly or someone who looks damn near like him made a sex tape with a young girl who singer Sparkle confirmed was her niece. Ok the girl was under age, but she did some pretty adult things. The
Please See R. Kelly, B3

Student Labor Day of Action Protests Against Big Businesses

By Jamie Meltzer
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Students, laborers, immigrant rights and community organizations gathered across the country last week for the third annual National Student Labor Day of Action to show their opposition to "corporate greed," according to a statement released by a coalition of groups known as Student Labor Action Process. "There's a dynamic where workers wages are going down," said Treston Faulkner, coordinator of the student labor action project. "Workers are being stripped of their rights to have a living wage, to have health care, retirement — things we used to have. This has spread to college campuses." The day of action was held in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was killed on that date 34 years ago while supporting the rights of sanitation workers. According to Faulkner, the widening of labor problems within universities is especially troublesome because they are "supposed to be the bastions of democracy." He said this classification was evident because that is where the next generation of Americans is taught. "As students at colleges we pay the bills," said Faulkner. "We bring the prestige to our alma maters, we are the consumers and products of these institutions." As such, Faulkner continued, the students should
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General Assembly to Debate 4th Election

Campus Continues to Wait for New HUSA Leaders, Legacy Garners Most Votes

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Genia-Wright and Alexis Casillas of the Legacy Slate won the majority of the votes in yesterday's elections over Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merrit of the Awakening slate. The margin was a slim 5 votes in the hotly contested race for HUSA president and vice president.

Last Wednesday, the General Assembly approved a third election for both the HUSA President and Vice President and Executive President and Vice President of the College of Arts and Sciences. There were discrepancies in the number of votes cast in the run-off election on March 13th.

The winner needs 51 percent of the vote to be declared winner of an election according to the Howard University Student Association's Constitution.

In yesterday's election, the Legacy slate received 617 votes, which gave them a marginal victory of 50.5 percent. The Awakening slate received 49.9 percent of the vote.

"The HUSA Policy Board met last Thursday [and] with a majority vote ruling we decided that in order for a winner to be declared the slate must receive 51 percent of the vote to be duly elected. If candidates based on the results did not receive 51 percent, there will be a re-election," Russell Drake, Chair of the HUSA Policy Board said.

The Legacy slate remains confident despite the prospect of

a fourth election.

"We feel excited about the results. Once again, the student body has elected us to represent them. We are looking forward to serving as HUSA president and vice president, if it takes another election so be it. We are tired, but not burnt out," Wright said.

Merrit and Williamson are determined to continue on the campaign trail until a winner is elected.

"We are more motivated than ever before, it is obvious that this position will not come easy. In order to truly appreciate something, you must put in a considerable amount of work and we are prepared to do what it takes," Williamson said.

In this special election, there appears to be no discrepancies with the voting procedures. "Students had to show a Howard ID, they were required to sign in, tables were placed in front of the booths and non-registered voters were not allowed beyond that point. The procedures were strictly executed," Erica Hubbard, LIVE 2002 Speak Out Coordinator said.

In the Arts and Sciences race, candidates Jacques Purvis and Jason Ravin were elected for Executive President and Executive Vice President. Purvis defeated Brian Woodward with 274

Please See Elections, B3



Photo By Melanie C. Nesbitt
Legacy slate members, Genia Wright and Alexis Casillas are pictured with a student voter on the Yard Monday while campaigning.

Miss USA Shauntay Hinton Returns to Campus University Sponsored Reception Honors Senior

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Dreams do come true for those who dare to dream. Take Shauntay Hinton. In a span of a few months, the senior broadcast journalism major went from competing in her first beauty pageant to being crowned

Miss USA.

Returning to campus for the first time since beginning her reign, Hinton was honored at a University sponsored reception in the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library on Thursday.

"It is so good to be home, I am from the South as well, so I'll say thank y'all. Thanks to my Howard family and friends. I never met real friends until I got here," Hinton said.

President H. Patrick Swygert, served as the Master of Ceremonies, welcoming Hinton home as a daughter of Howard.

"Shauntay is an exemplar. We are very excited not only as administrators, but so are her classmates. After her victory, the campus was pumped," Swygert said in his opening address.

The Hinton family including her mother, Ella Hinton, aunts, uncle, and brother were in attendance. They were joined by Trustee Emeritus Wayman F. Smith, III, Esq., the Coordinator of the Miss DC pageant Althea Smith, faculty, students, and staff.

The senior, who will return to complete her studies once her reign is over, credits the relationships she established while at Howard as incentives for her success.

"My influences at Howard have been multifold. Professor Roberts of radio production, Professor Davis who taught me I can do work and have a great time as well, V.P. Franklin Chambers, and so many of my classmates who have gone on to do great things, have all in some way help to motivate me while at Howard," Hinton said.

Ella Hinton said the title is a victory for her daughter and spoke with tearful eyes of her daughter's accomplishment.

"It is like a dream. I remember seeing the crown on her head. It was like a dreamland experience. I feel one day I will wake up and say what a great dream," she said.

John Decker, a professor of journalism, taught Hinton and admits while he will not take credit for her success, he hopes his lessons had an impact.

"Shauntay is a great student. I have no doubt that she will be successful in the field of entertainment journalism and will one day host Entertainment Weekly or Access Hollywood. I am very proud of her," Decker said.

In attendance were some of Hinton's longtime friends including former freshman roommate Nicole Smith. Smith reminisced about her time she shared a room with the current Miss USA.

"I am from Connecticut and she is from Mississippi so I was used to a cooler climate. I wanted to always keep the window open and the ceiling fan on [and] she would be cold. We learned to compromise. Shauntay and I have had a lasting friendship since," Smith, a senior nursing major said.

Some administrators, like Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs Raymond Archer, said Hinton is just one example of the University's ability to train young leaders.

"Her achievement justifies the time and work we put in for our young people. She was involved in extracurricular activities, [so] this is a natural progression. Truly, leadership for America and the



Photo By Shala Wilson
Miss USA and University Senior, Shauntay Hinton is shown with University President H. Patrick Swygert and Board of Trustees Emeritus Wayman F. Smith, III, Esq. during a ceremony for Hinton at the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library.

global community," Archer said.

Hinton agrees and credits the University for helping her determine her road in life.

"Howard has molded me into the woman I am today. I was always competing with the best and the brightest, and one of the greatest lessons I have learned here is patience especially enduring registration," she said.

Despite all of the attention Shauntay has received, Ella Hinton has no doubt that their mother-daughter relationship will remain strong. "We have a special bond. I will always have her. She is God's little ambassador. She was chosen for a reason," Hinton said.

Hinton said she missed the University and her friends, but does not miss the work of a student such as doing term papers.

As a student, one of the extracurricular activities Hinton participated in was as a Bison cheerleader. Hinton will return to campus for Homecoming 2002 clad in her old Bison cheer gear to perform with the cheerleading squad.

A Blue & White Tradition



The Coming of the Blue....Phi Beta Sigma presented their new members of their organization on the Yard Friday. Seven members participated in chants, calls and other things respective to their organization. They were the second Greek organization to make their debut.



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CAMPUS

Hot Ad Leaves Students Steamed

HUSA Ad Sparks Controversy and Suspense

BY MEAGAN D. FORD
Contributing Writer

Walking through Blackburn, students may pass large flyers with the image of a woman in a white bikini, pulling on her string bottom and standing behind her is a muscular man. This is not a raunchy advertisement for a lewd publication, but a promotional poster for the Howard University Student Association's (HUSA) "Auction to Remember."

The University's chief student government body has worked relentlessly to keep what sets this particular auction apart from the others the campus has seen in recent weeks. However, the unveiling of the advertisement to promote tomorrow's auction has left some students up in arms.

"It's a gross manipulation of the purpose of the auction [and] it's exploitive," said junior radio production major Geoffrey Johnson.

Other students, like Shyla Bostick, agree with Johnson.

"It's just tasteless. We see naked women on just about every flyer. I wouldn't have expected HUSA to follow the trend," said Bostick, a sophomore sociology major.

Some students have expressed their concern over the images on HUSA's advertisements. Students said the credibility of HUSA has been put into question by the ads.

While some students have been shocked by the promotional advertisements, others have been yearning for a bit more. Some women said there was not enough of the male exposed in the advertisement.

HUSA is very aware of the controversy surrounding the auction flyers and have opted to remain closed-mouthed about the project to build anticipation. HUSA staff member Jeff Williams vaguely divulged some information about the event.

"Students will have to come to the auction, and they're going to see things they've never seen before. There will be very beautiful men and women," Williams said.

According to Williams, the event has recently booked WHBC's DJ Rocco to be the master of ceremony for the event.

"He [DJ Rocco] is steadily becoming a campus favorite, and promises to bring heat to the seemingly steamy auction," Williams said. "We found a way to make this auction stand out from the rest. The intelligent and strong minded people on HUSA's staff guarantee a great auction."

While HUSA offered no further details, some students believe the advertising technique is working. Several plan on attending to determine for themselves if the auction is going to live up to its pre-show hype.

Junior radio production major Johnny Jones, said the advertisement has been an effective marketing ploy.

"The image of the half-naked woman may be unnecessary and sexist, however it has served its purpose," Jones said. "It caught everyone's attention, and more people will come because of the sensual flyer."

A large turnout is expected in the Blackburn Ballroom for tomorrow's auction due to the buzz the promotion has generated. The show is set to begin at 7 p.m.

Cold Temperatures, No Vendors, Vibe Yardfest Draws Few

BY ALEXEA DAVIS
Contributing Writer

With Saturday's frigid temperatures hovering just above 50 degrees and no vendors set up on the University's main quadrangle, the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Assembly (UGSA) 2002 Spring Black Arts Festival Yardfest drew a modest crowd of about 200 people.

Typically, an event that attracts a multitude of people, including students and community members, many students anticipated a similar experience with this year's headliner the Vibe Black College Tour, but were disappointed the festivities did not have venues to purchase food or play games.

According to event coordinator Larry Brown Jr., from the time UGSA was contacted by Vibe and the date of the Yardfest did not allow the University to acquire the contracts necessary to have vendors on campus for the Saturday. Brown said students did receive compensation for the lack of vendors however.

"There were no vendors at the Yardfest because there was no permit to sell anything on the yard. To make up for it we had a ton of giveaways on the yard," said Brown, Jr.

Giveaways included products from African Pride and Tampax, calling cards from 1-800 Call ATT, notepads, key chains, information about several scholarships offered by McDonalds and free subscriptions to Vibe Magazine.

Although there was a lack of people and booths Brown still felt the event was very successful.

"Considering the weather enough people showed up and we ended up breaking even."

Although attendees were given free items, many still yearned for activities have made past Yardfests a memorable experience.

One student, sophomore Raymond Rollian said he was not satisfied with the festivities.



The yardfest featured several rap and R&B groups this year. It was the final event for Spring Black Arts Festival for 2002.

Photos by Melanie Nesbitt



"It was cold, nothing was set up, there were no games, and I was disappointed that it was not what I expected," said Rollian, a sophomore political science major.

Junior film major Prentess Burney also expressed his views of this year's yardfest.

"With the vendors not being here it makes the yard look empty and very unorganized," said Burney.

Aside from being no vendors, the cold temperatures affected not only the numbers of people that showed up, but what they wore. Unlike last semester's University Homecoming, the Yardfest did not have attendees adorned in the latest fashionable ensembles.

"I dressed up for Homecoming. But because of the cold weather and by the way the weeks events went, you knew it wasn't going to be as hyped as Homecoming," said freshman biology major Raven Elosiebo.

One of the companies that received a lot of attention during the Yardfest was MAGIX. This company produces software for music and video production for your PC. The software offers a 16-track production studio with real-time effects and editing features.

According to marketing assistant Bo Sibley, Vibe contracted this company because they felt it was very important to market to the college crowd since this software gives people an opportunity to produce their own music for under \$50.

"It is very important to bring this software to this market because college aged student are the next producers of music," Sibley said.

Sibley also was also presently surprised with the amount of student that either own or have seen this product. "There have been a fair number of students that have heard or seen our products."

The University Police Department was present during the Yardfest. According to Brown, Jr. they did not have to take the same security measures like they did during homecoming because of the smaller crowd.

Parents' Weekend, Enriching Experience for All

BY VANESSA J. WILSON
Contributing Writer

The School of Business, in collaboration with the Special Programs Department, concluded its annual celebration, Parents' Weekend, on Sunday. The event, designed to inform parents of the students' daily routine, projects, and curriculum throughout the school year, had various programs to entertain the parents.

Faculty members of the School of Business said the program, which began on Thursday, is also a great opportunity to allow parents to be included into the University way of life.

"The purpose of the weekend is to help retention. We want to encourage parents to network into the system and feel a part of the Howard family, so that Howard can become a legacy in the family," said Dr. Debby Lindsey, Associate Professor in finance.

Lindsey said the program is several years old and

used to attract meager numbers in when it was held in the cafeteria.

"It used to be just freshmen who would invite their parents down, but now all students in the school are participating during the weekend of events and I think that's great," Lindsey said.

Students like team leader Robert McCray agreed with Lindsey and said parents weekend is a time where students can see how hard their children work. "It is an excellent opportunity for parents to be exposed to our business lives here at Howard knowing that we waste no time and we work hard while we are here. It's also an opportunity for them to familiarize themselves with the various corporate companies that students are involved with," said team leader, Robert McCray. "It's a time for them to step into our shoes."

During the weekend, team leaders and their teams presented how they solved various problems through business theories using statistics, economics, finance, and accounting. Students came up with business plans, working with companies to come up with solutions to

problems.

The students along with their parents participate in these various events throughout the weekend including seminars, a luncheon, a talent show, and an awards ceremony. Many students like sophomore business management major Dana Stith, said they anticipated some parts of the weekend over others.

"This is my first year in the School of Business and I look forward to the presentations and talent show. Students have worked on these presentations since last fall and teams are split. Half do presentations, which is completing a project for a company and the other half participate in a skit for the talent show."

Some of the skits in the program focused on moral issues that many students are faced with while attending college.

"I had no idea what to expect when I brought my child here to Howard. I'm so pleased with the tremendous amount of time and energy they have put into this program for us," said one freshman's mother.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

April 3rd

Meridian Hill Hall
Sick Transport

Meridian Hill Hall
Hazardous Elevator

Meridian Hill Hall
Unlawful Entry

Administration Building
Theft II

Burr Gym
Theft II

Bethune Annex
Sick Transport

HPT
Sick Transport

Blackburn Center
Lost Property

April 4th

Cook Hall
Theft II

Douglass Hall
Disorderly Conduct

HUH Lot
Hit and Run

April 5th

CB Powell Building
Disruptive Conduct

Student Health Center
Sick Transport

April 6th
Slowe Hall
Sick Transport

CB Powell Building

Sick Transport

Slowe Hall
False Fire Alarm

Student Health Center
Lost Property

Banneker Parking Lot
Stolen Auto

HUH
Gun Shot Wound

April 7th

Cook Hall
Unlawful Entry

Cook Hall
Injured Person

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NEWS

Scientist Claim First Human Cloning Pregnancy

BY COREY CUNNINGHAM
Contributing Writer

A London woman is eight weeks pregnant after taking part in a human cloning program, according to New Scientist magazine's web site.

Reproductive cloning has been in the works for many years. The process attempts to implant women with a cloned embryo, and let that embryo develop into a fetus. This pregnancy, if true, will be the first human cloning pregnancy.

The magazine, which aspires to make science popular with average readers, quoted fertility expert Severino Antinori, one of the scientist spearheading the program, as saying, "One woman among thousands of infertile couples in the program is eight weeks pregnant."

Antinori's office in Rome, however, declined to confirm or deny the report, according to the magazine.

A colleague of Antinori, Panos Zavos, previously stated that he and Antinori were planning to clone a baby by the end of 2001. Zavos is a member of the Andrology Institute of America in Lexington, Kentucky.

New Scientist stated that the information released was based on an article in the Gulf News newspaper. In the article Antinori is said to have released the information at a meeting of the United Arab Emirates. However, according to the Gulf News, he did not disclose the nationality, location, or race of the woman in question.

If the pregnancy is confirmed it will definitely cause uproar in both the scientific and political arenas, the New Scientist said.

Richard Gardner, an expert on embryo development, told the magazine that such a pregnancy would be "grossly irresponsible, given the current state of knowledge, even aside from ethic issues."

Gardner formerly chaired of the United Kingdom Royal Society's working group on therapeutic cloning. He agrees with the many countries that have placed bans on reproductive cloning. He, along with other scientists, state that there are high risks of severe birth defects and miscarriages.

Antinori, however, claims to be able to screen embryos and reduce the risk of abnormalities.

In response to Antinori's claims, Gardner said, "There's no way you can do it—you could only spot gross changes in chromosomes, or in the number of chromosomes."

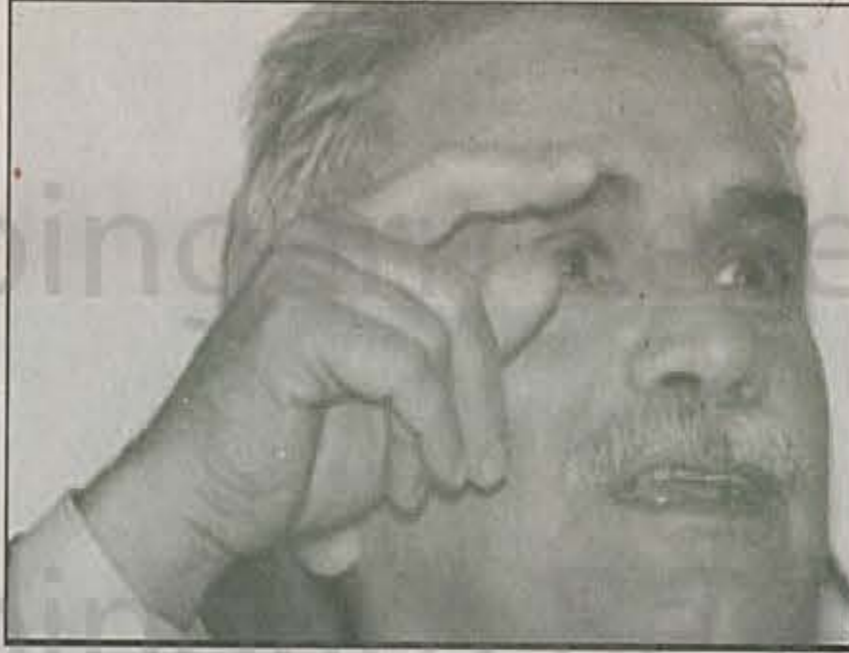
There can be single gene defects and problems with imprinting which can lead to cancer as well as malformations, he added.

In other mammals, such as sheep, cows and pigs, studies had limited success. But according to these studies there were very high rates of embryo loss and premature death.

Many scientists feel that reproductive cloning is not only an unsafe scientific practice, but an unethical one as well. Most cite the lack of knowledge, technology, and ultimately divine right as reasons for not pursuing the practice.

The New Scientist interviewed one such scientist, UK-based Bulletin of Medical Ethics editor, Richard Nicholson.

"The news of the pregnancy strengthens the need for international legislation to ban reproductive



Severino Antinori, Italian fertility specialist

Cloning story: photo courtesy of Reuters.

cloning," Nicholson said, "We need an international law to prevent mavericks like Antinori (from) doing something that the vast majority of the public and responsible scientist say they do not want to have done."

Reproductive cloning is banned in some countries, like the United Kingdom, but other countries still have not banned the process. The United States is one of those countries that has not banned the process, however the Senate is currently in deliberation on the issue.

As Reparation Suits Begin, is Duke a Possible Target?

By Dave Ingram
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — On October 15, 1855, Washington Duke walked into a Hillsborough slave sale and paid \$601 for a slave named "Caroline."

It would be, according to known records, his only purchase of a slave, but it is just one of several possible links between slavery and the university that his son would one day endow.

As an institution, Duke is not alone in those links, which has prompted a lawsuit filed last week in New York asking for reparations from three companies that may have directly benefited from slavery. Filed on behalf of the descendants of slaves, the lawsuit is part of a growing national movement for slavery reparations. Much of the attention has focused on corporations, but leaders of the reparations movement have mentioned universities — including Harvard, Yale and Brown universities — as potential defendants, leaving the question of whether Duke could also be a target.

Charles Ogletree, a Harvard law professor, is co-chairing the Reparations Coordinating Committee, one of the groups preparing reparations lawsuits. The lawsuits are intended to show, Ogletree has said, how the effects of slavery in America continue to the present.

"A full and deep conversation on slavery and its legacy has never taken place in America," Ogletree wrote this week in a New York Times column.

"Reparations litigation will show what slavery meant, how it was profitable and how it has continued to affect the opportunities of millions of black Americans."

Whether the University profited from slavery is unclear, and John Burness, senior vice president for public affairs and government relations, said he did not know of any investigation into the question. The 1860 U.S. Census does not show Washington Duke owning a slave, suggesting he had sold or freed Caroline. In fact, the tobacco farmer made most of his money after the Civil War, when he started W. Duke,

Sons & Co., later to become the American Tobacco Company.

Those companies may have bought tobacco from plantations that grew out of slavery, but such an indirect link may not be enough for a suit, said Donald Beskind, a senior lecturer at Duke's School of Law and a litigation expert.

"Any claim against Duke would have to be considered completely speculative without factual information that supports it," Beskind said. "You only have liability for conduct, and you need to find proof of conduct."

Such proof might be hard to come by for a university like Duke, founded in 1924, but could more likely be found in an older institution, such as Harvard, founded in 1636, or Trinity College, Duke's predecessor that was founded in 1839.

Braxton Craven, the second Trinity president, owned two slaves. However, most of the school and its supporters, which included many abolitionist Quakers and Methodists, seem not to have profited from slaves, according to materials in the University Archives.

"Most of the people in the vicinity of Trinity owned no slaves; and those who did for the most part possessed as few as Craven. Large slaveholders were a widely scattered minority in the counties of Randolph, Guilford and Davidson," writes Nora Chaffin, who wrote Trinity College 1839-1892: The Beginnings of Duke University.

Ogletree's mention of the three universities cites "grants and endowments traced back to slavery," and Duke may have benefited in a similar manner. The Campaign for Duke has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from seven companies mentioned as potential defendants, said Peter Vaughn, director of communications and donor relations for university development.

Even if direct benefits from slavery can be proved, a lawsuit faces other obstacles, Beskind said. First, claims of wrongdoing usually are subject to a statute of limitations that prevents lawsuits on decades-old crimes. Second, slavery was legal before the Civil

UCLA Student Must Decide if he Will Stay in Israel

By Christina Jenkins
Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Less than two weeks after he arrived in Israel last August, a Sbarro pizza restaurant was rocked by a suicide bombing and since then, he said, Jerusalem has been a target.

Robbie Hurwitz, a third-year political science student at the University of California-Los Angeles taking courses at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said he will decide after speaking with University of California officials in the next few days whether to remain in Israel for the remainder of the academic year.

On Tuesday, the UC recommended that all of its Education Abroad Program students in Israel return home because of intensified threats to student safety.

"I've heard suicide gunmen through my window. Students have seen blood and limbs lying on the sidewalks. You can just imagine the psychological trauma," Hurwitz said.

Nevertheless, he said that what we see on television is different from reality.

"Most people in Jerusalem are very cautious, very depressed," he said. "They do their best to maintain a daily routine. People still go to work, people still go to school, people still do their shopping."

Rhonda Hurwitz, Robbie's mother, said the UC doesn't want EAP students to go where there are

large crowds.

"They don't want them in clubs, discos, cafes, restaurants or other high-profile areas," she said. These venues have historically been targeted by suicide bombers.

EAP in Israel will be suspended as of April 11, and the fall program is on hold pending a re-evaluation of

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security.

"If we are still in the country at the stroke of midnight (of April 11), we will automatically be withdrawn (from the UC)," Hurwitz said.

UC officials told him that by a university-wide policy, students can withdraw from the UC for one quarter and still be guaranteed readmission to their home campus the following quarter.

If he decides to stay in Israel, Hurwitz said he would enroll as a private student at Hebrew University. However, he cannot speak with Hebrew University officials in Israel until April 7 because the school has been in recess the past two weeks to observe

World Briefs

MANAMA, Bahrain

A protester who was hit by a rubber bullet during a demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain last week died Sunday, hospital officials said. Mohammed Juma Ahmed Ali, 24, was one of two people admitted to Sulmaniyah Hospital in Manama with critical injuries after Friday's protest by about 10,000 people over U.S. support for Israel. Ali, who worked at the hospital as a cleaner, died of injuries he suffered during the demonstration, a hospital official said on condition of anonymity. He did not specify the cause of death. The protest was called to oppose Israel's offensive in the Palestinian territories and what is seen as America's blind support for Israel. One group of protesters held a banner demanding that U.S. forces leave Bahrain, a tiny island state in the Persian Gulf that is home to the base of the U.S. 5th Fleet.

BETHLEHEM, West Bank

The Palestinian governor of Bethlehem vowed on Saturday that neither he nor any of the other Palestinians inside the Church of the Nativity would leave until Israeli troops ended their five-day siege. "We have no choice whatsoever," said Muhammad Madani, the governor, in a telephone interview. "The main reason we came to the church is so we would not get shot. Israelis must go." Israeli tanks and other armored vehicles surround the ancient church, marking what is said to be Jesus' birthplace. Inside are about 200 people — roughly 150 Palestinians, including gunmen, and 40 priests and other church employees. Food was running low, said Father Parthenos, a Greek Orthodox priest who was inside.

UNITED NATIONS

Delegates from 182 countries are gathering in The Hague for a UN-sponsored conference on how to protect the world's plants and animals. Among the issues being discussed during the two-week forum on biodiversity is how to encourage governments to halt the destruction of forests around the world. Delegates are also expected to decide how the world should share in the profits offered by genes found in different plants which are used as the basis for new drugs and other products. This is especially important for countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa, where there are thousands of species with the potential to yield new drugs or materials, but where the resources to exploit those species is lacking.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

Former Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo, once hailed as a financial miracle worker before being driven from office in December, was detained yesterday in a \$100 million arms-trafficking case. Cavallo's detention came at the end of an hour long court session in which Judge Julio Speroni questioned him about the arms deals that sent ammunition, gunpowder, mortars and other weapons from 1991 to 1995 to Croatia and Ecuador, both then under an international arms embargo. The arrest was only the latest in a series of judicial actions against top officials in the administration of former President Fernando de la Rúa, who resigned Dec. 20 in the face of extensive street protests over the country's shattered economy.

MADAGASCAR, Africa

Two prisoners remained at large today after scores of inmates tried to break out of the main prison in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo, setting fire to the facility. Police brought the fire under control within an hour and between 100 and 200 prisoners were under armed guard on the prison grounds. Eleven of 13 inmates who initially escaped were caught, police said. As the fire broke out earlier in the day, shots were fired around the facility and thick smoke began to billow from the prison buildings. "I think that the escapees are the ones who set fire to the prison," an inspector said.



Reparations story: photo courtesy of www.harvard.edu.

Charles Ogletree, Harvard law professor and co-chair of the Reparations Coordinating Committee

War.

"Money can usually only be reclaimed for illegal activity," Beskind said.

However, the lawsuit could still succeed in another way, said James Coleman, professor of the practice of law. As is the case with many lawsuits, he said, reparations suits are intended as much to draw attention to an overlooked issue as they are to result in monetary awards.

"I don't read that article as saying that the goal of this effort is to obtain damages from the defendants," Coleman said of Ogletree's column. "I think the goal appears to be something different: to force a discussion of the issues and to get the country to look at the legacy of slavery... by targeting institutions that may have benefited from slavery."

Passover.

"My parents are worried about my safety, but they still believe that I'm an adult and that I should make my own decisions," Hurwitz said.

Rhonda agrees. "We will respect his decisions, and we trust his ability to be safe," she said.

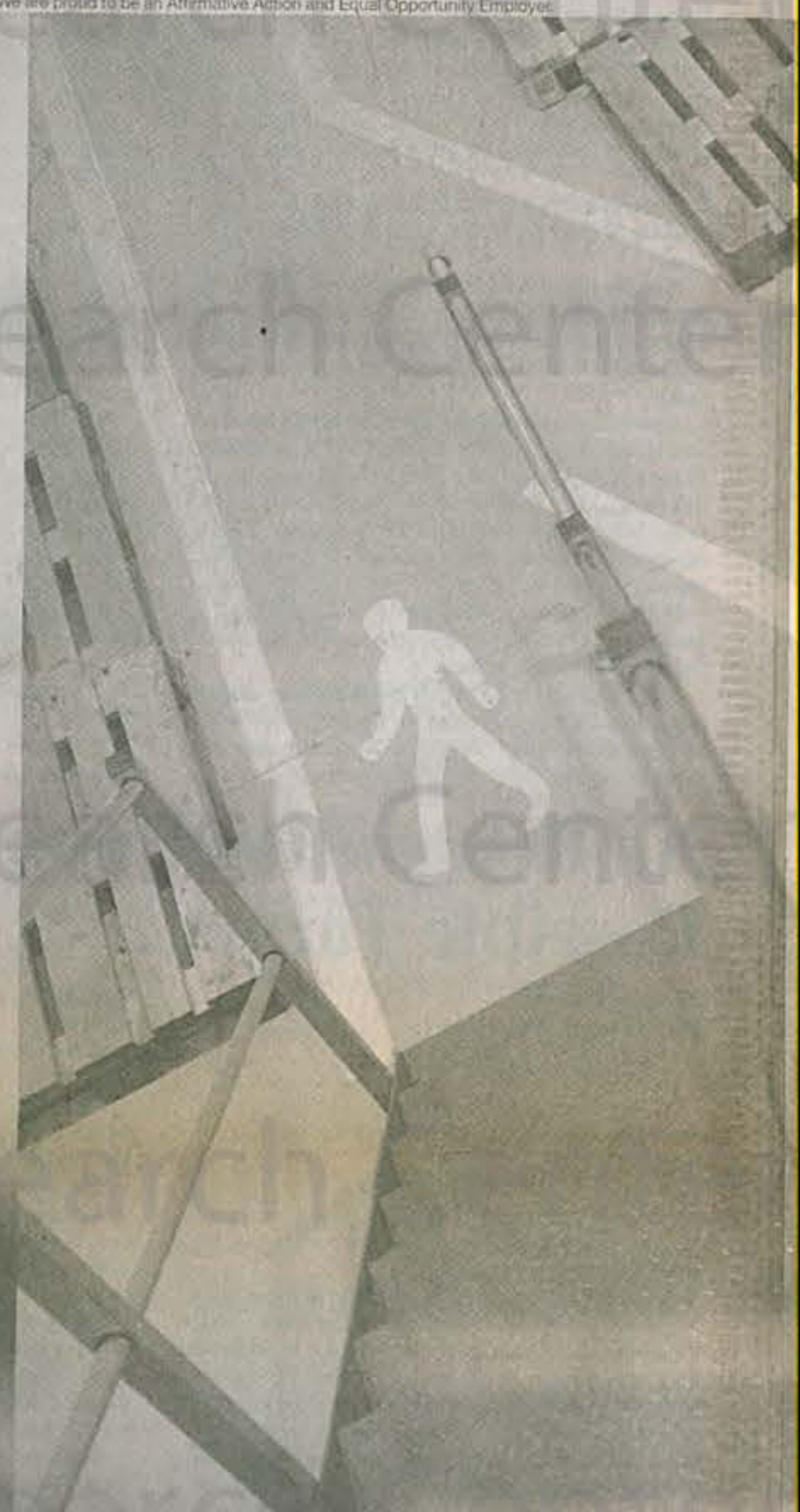
"For the most part, his purpose there is mostly to study, and that's why he's upset at having to come back," she added.

One question that remains unanswered by UC officials is whether grades Hurwitz will earn in Jerusalem can be transferred when he returns to UCLA.

A second UCLA student in Israel has decided to stay in the country until the end of the academic year.

Jennifer Dekel, a third-year communications student, has been studying in Israel since July. "I have decided to remain in Israel, and I am deeply disappointed in EAP's decision to (suspend) its programs. I do not believe that it is anyone else's position to decide for me whether or not I feel safe living here," Dekel said in an e-mail to The Bruin.

Dekel echoed Hurwitz's sentiments that "while people are not in the best of spirits... they still continue on with their daily lives."



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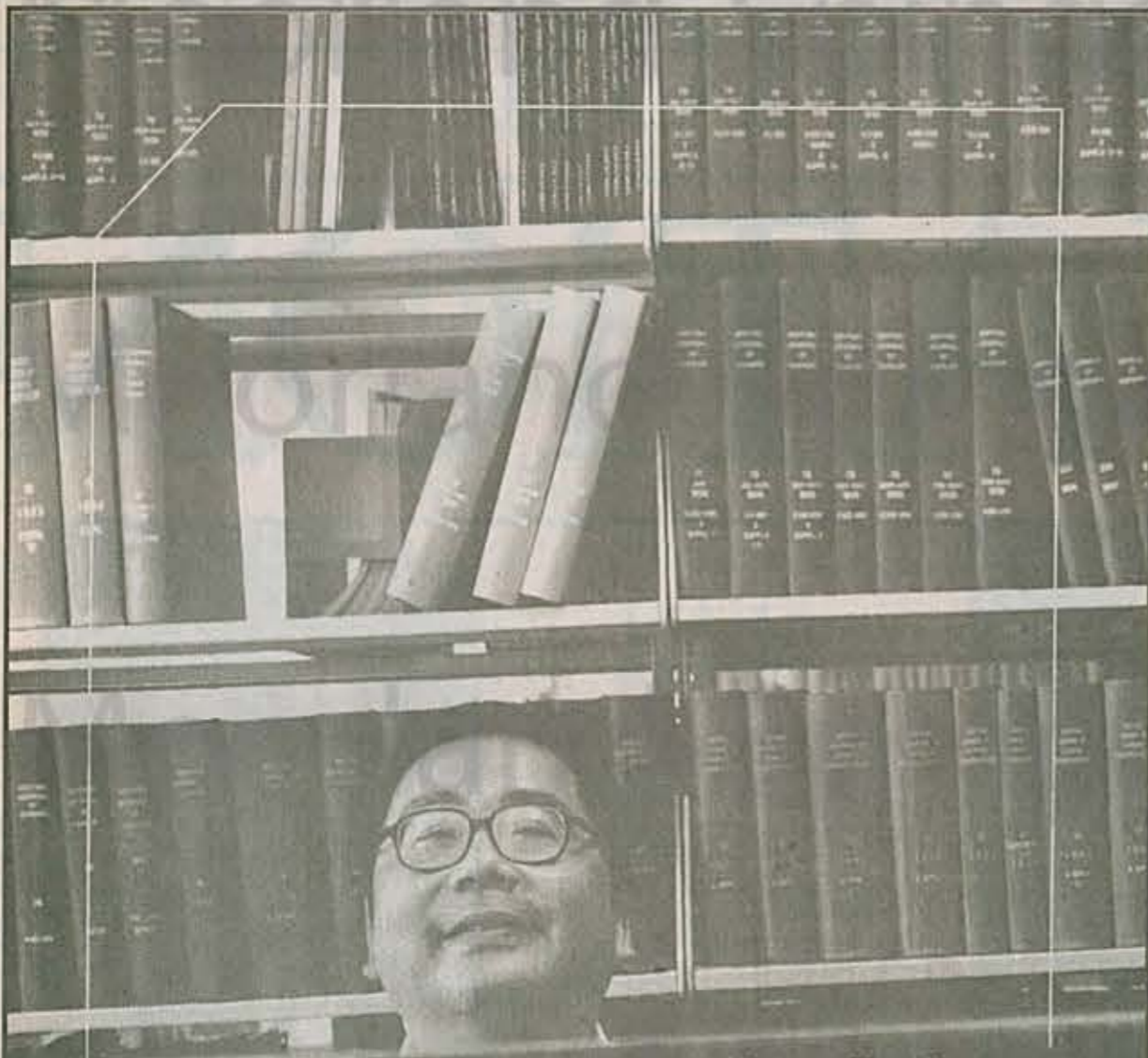
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Student Labor Day of Action Protests Against Big Businesses

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have a say in how the university spends its money. Demonstrations for workers' rights were held at campuses nationwide last week, including Stanford University, Morehouse College, Michigan State University, Duke University, Case Western Reserve University and University of Pittsburg. Students in Washington, D.C., Providence, Philadelphia and Louisville also participated in the events.

In the first year of the National Student-Labor Day of Action, members of the Student Action Labor Project could be found on 40 college campuses. In 2001, the number doubled. This year, Faulkner said "his last count" showed that 113 colleges and universities had organized for the April 4 day of action. Rashad Taylor is the head of the Morehouse Student Labor Alliance, at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Over 200 people gathered with him on April 4 to demand a "living wage" for the school's sanitation workers. Under the current system, janitors earn \$6 an hour and have little job security because they are offered no sick or emergency leave. If they are ill, they risk losing their jobs, Taylor said. The sanitation workers have less than 40 hours a week, which denies their entitlement of the benefits of a full-time employee, such as health insurance.

After last week's demonstration, Taylor reported that sanitation worker's salaries had been increased by \$1. He was happy to learn that there wages would be a "little higher," but said that this could be taken away at any time without union protection. Taylor said that even though the Student Labor Day of Action was a successful event, he does not intend to stop with his fight. He intends to keep putting pressure on the company "to do right" and eventually he hopes to unionize the sanitation workers. This type of organization is beneficial, Taylor said, because the union will bargain for and protect the workers. "This was a silencing move by the company to end our movement," Taylor said. "But it won't, we will press on." The day of action is a joint project between the United States Student Association and Jobs With Justice, a workers' rights organization. The two groups, amongst others, joined forces in 1999 to show students working on labor rights that there were others in the country like themselves, Faulkner said.

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NBA Playoff Picture clearing Up as Regular Season Ends

By Ethan Zagore
Contributing Writer

As the grueling 82 game NBA regular season concludes, two different approaches are used by all of the 29 NBA teams. Teams in playoff contention are battling it out in these final games in an attempt to improve their playoff seeding and hopes of gain home-court advantage, or hoping to avoid a potential first round match-up with an opponent such as the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Then there are the Memphis Grizzlies of the league who know it's basically a wrap for their season. Instead of focusing on playoff position, they give their young players more time on the floor resulting in loss after loss, which isn't so bad if you can improve your chance of a high draft pick.

Well, so much for the losers who won't see playoff action. Unfortunately, when speaking of losers this season one must include our own Washington Wizards. Although the Washington Wizards have improved their record drastically, when the regular season concludes the Wizards won't be playoff bound. When Michael Jordan announced he would return in August, the Wizards had realistic hopes of making the playoffs. However, when Michael Jordan went down with an injury a few weeks ago he took the Wizards playoff hopes right down with him.

"It's really a sad way for the season to end," said Lauren Harris, a sophomore occupational therapy major. "I was looking forward to seeing Jordan do his thing for the Wizards, but I guess it won't happen."

As for the 16 teams who will be in the playoffs, both conference races tell a different story. In the West the Sacramento Kings appear to have the 1 seed locked up as Dallas is four games behind them with the 2 seed. Either the Dallas Mavericks or San Antonio Spurs will win the Midwest Division and gain the 2 seed. Currently the Spurs are 7 game behind the Mavs. The Lakers and Spurs hold the 3 and 4 seeds, but



While Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers battle the Raptors for a playoff berth, "The Diesel" and company are just waiting for their date with destiny.



offs the New Jersey Nets, behind MVP favorite Jason Kidd hold the number 1 seed. The Detroit Pistons (2) and Boston Celtics (3) have some room and look to hold their spots while seeds 4-9 are up in the air. Currently the Orlando Magic (4), Charlotte Hornets (5), Philadelphia 76ers (6), Milwaukee Bucks (7), Toronto Raptors (8) and Indiana Pacers (9) are all within 4 games of each other. It looks as if the Pacers and Raptors will battle it out until the last day of regular season for that 8th and final playoff spot. As for the Wizards, they are 3 games out of the 8th spot, a huge deficit with only a few games remaining.

"Don't sleep on the Pistons, they play good team defense and that's important when the playoffs come around," said junior biology major Greg Catchings. "Ben Wallace is a beast and the rest of the East better watch out."

As far as a favorite in the East, there are none. With

the Bucks sliding downhill and Allen Iverson and Vince Carter injured, the East is up in the air. However, Allen Iverson has said he will be back for the playoffs. If Iverson is healthy, look for the Sixers to return to the Finals. However, Tracy McGrady and Ray Allen are capable of getting hot and taking over a series.

The 2002 playoffs will be thrilling and in the East, superstars' individual performances might be the boost any team needs to make the Finals. But don't at all get it twisted, its clear who has the x-factor. His name is Shaq and no one can stop him. The dynasty will officially begin when Shaq, Kobe and Phil hoist their third consecutive NBA championship trophy in June.

that could change depending on the outcome of the Midwest Division race.

The Minnesota Timberwolves (5), Portland Trailblazers (6), Seattle SuperSonics (7) and Utah Jazz (8) hold the remaining spots. It looking like the young and exciting Los Angeles Clippers will come up short this year as they have fallen five games behind Utah for the 8 seed.

In the end the Western Conference crown will no doubt go to one of the top four seeds. Look for intriguing second round match-ups in the West. If the Kings can make it to the conference finals, they will have home-court advantage. With a healthy Shaq, the Kings home court advantage might be the only obstacle standing between the Lakers and third consecutive trip to the Finals.

In the East the picture is very unclear as teams are battling for seeding while some are still battling to even make the play-

Despite Bad Weather Track Team Makes Good

By JOSEF SAWYER
Hilltop staff writer

The Men's and Women's Track and Field team competed this weekend at the Maryland Invitational at the University of Maryland College Park but the weather caused the Bison team to only run a few events due to the cancellation of the meet. The men's team turned in strong performances this weekend taking first place two times, second place three times, and third place once.

Top performances were turned in by the Men's 4x100m-relay team, which was made up of sophomore Andrew Murphy, freshman Dennis Washington, junior Tariq Mix, and junior Arren Dodson. They ran a time of 41.99 in the relay. Murphy also recorded a second place finish in the 100m dash while Dodson finished fourth in the 100m dash and Mix placed fifth.

"I feel that the time was a good one due to the poor weather conditions," Murphy said. The 4x100m relay is currently ranked in the top 5 in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference.

Sophomore David Oliver turned in a top performance in the 110m hurdles. Oliver won the 110m hurdles in a time of 14.04, which currently

places him number one in the eastern region. Coming off of an injury that he suffered at the indoor championships, Oliver is looking to defend his MEAC championship title in the hurdles.

"I was very satisfied with my time, I am now looking forward to qualifying for nationals," Oliver said.

Sophomore Lance Gross in the long jump, freshman Michael Sampson in the triple jump taking second place honors, recorded other top men's finishes. Garnishing third place was junior Taj Alvaranga in the 400m dash. A fourth place finish was recorded by freshman Nick Wright in the 110 hurdles.

On the women's side, they were paced with a second place finish in the 4x100m dash. That team consisted of Leonie Prao, Sherita Rodgers, Erica Day and Amanda Franklin. Their time was 47.85 and were barely edged out by the University of Maryland.

Top five finishes were turned in by freshman Lakeshia Richmond who took third in the triple jump, and freshman Onyi Atanmo who took fifth in the discus throw. Both the Men and Women's team will be back in action this weekend as they travel to the University of Virginia for the UVA Invitational.



David Oliver leaps his way to a first place finish in 110 hurdles.

Home Runs Hang Bison Out To Dry Against Colonials

By ELENA BERGERON
Contributing Writer

Bison pitchers combined to yield five home runs over six innings, suffocating their resurgent offense in Wednesday's 17-6 loss to neighboring George Washington at Barcroft Field in Arlington, Va. last week.

The Bison posted two runs in their half of the first inning to jump out to a 2-0 lead on 3B David Durand's (.275) knocked down by the shortstop that scored RF Keith Sneed and 2B Byron Espinales. The lead would not last, however, as the Colonials notched nine runs in the first two innings and each of the three freshman Bison pitchers gave up homers. "They've got to get experience some way," said Coach Jimmy Williams of the young starters.

The Colonials buried Howard early on, after the first three batters reached on a hit by pitch, a single and a walk. Colonial RF Mike Bassett (.323) cleared the bases with the first homer of the day, a grand slam off LHP Ernest Craddock (10.17 ERA, 1-4). George Washington batted around in both of the first two innings, with Craddock donating two homers, the second a two-run shot to 3B Ryan Roberson (.241), over 1 1/3 inning of work. Craddock's shortest outing of the season.

In the top of the 5th inning, the Bison took advantage of the Colonial's defensive miscues to eke out two runs. After LF Damian Ellison and Espinales reached on a pair of singles, Colonial RHP Glen Skutnick (7.85 ERA, 1-1) launched a pickoff

attempt wide of second base allowing both runners to advance. SS Nick Iovacchini then bobbled Durand's skipping grounder, allowing the 3B to beat out the throw and Ellison to score. C Charles Maclin (.315) then laced a booming 2 RBI double to right center to pick up Espinales and Durand. RHP Gerard Mills (21.60 ERA, 0-0) took over for RHP Josh Wagner (16.88 ERA, 0-1) in the bottom of the inning and like both of his predecessors issued a walk his first batter, SS Nick Iovacchini. Mills hit the next batter, gave up a single to 1B Brad Powell to drive in Iovacchini, then gave up a two-run jack to CF Tony Dokoupil (.232) to make the score 17-6.

Over the past four games, the Bison have out-hit their counterparts 45-36, but are 1-3 over the same period due largely to lackluster performances from an inexperienced pitching staff. Freshman pitchers have an average 18.79 ERA that the team hopes will drop as the team heads into conference play.

"Seeing hitters in games like these will show younger pitchers how to make pitches and not just throw," said Durand, a three-year veteran of the team. "We're going to hit but pitching and defense will have to come around. If starters like [Erik] Causey (7.38 ERA, 2-6) lead off conference series, then I trust young guys like [Anthony] 'Hawk' McCoy (5.93 ERA, 0-0) and Thomas Savage (21.75 ERA, 0-0) to take over."

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A Few Thoughts About the Homestretch Of the NBA Season and the Howard Semester

Allen Powell II

Well it's getting to be crunch time in the NBA and here at Howard. For NBA players that means the playoffs, and for those of us here at Howard that means finals and hopefully graduation for all of you seniors. As I sat in my room contemplating the end of my college career and the end of the NBA season, I realized that both, although they appear vastly different, are very similar. Like the perennial stalwarts of the 82-game basketball season, the most successful college students usually understand the benefits of perseverance, preparation, and playfulness. That's why I decided to dedicate this week's column to the NBA and Howard, two things I've enjoyed for years and will always appreciate.

In every NBA season and every college career, there are several teams and students whose lights shine bright for short periods, but then flame out. I like to call these teams and individuals "The Shooting Stars." At Howard, these shooting stars were those individuals who always had a party in their room in the Quad or Drew, whether they were had friends over or not. They were never burdened down on the Yard by Philistine objects like books and pens. Never were they stressed over midterms, finals and deficiencies. In fact, you often found yourself wondering how they managed to stay aloft here at Howard. Then, as sophomore year rolled around and you peered through the crowds in the Café and on the Yard, you could never find their light-hearted smile.

This year's shooting stars in the NBA are the Los Angeles Clippers and Washington Wizards. Both teams shed well-worn ponchos of losing this season, streaking to respectability. Each maintained high hopes coming into the All-Star break, yet as the season passed its halfway point it became clear that neither team was going to reach the sophomore year of the NBA season, the playoffs.

For the Wizards it was the complete breakdown of Michael Jordan, the engine that made this ragtag bunch of role players hum. For the Clippers, it was their ineptitude on the road and the incredible talent of the Western Conference that prevented them from matriculating. However, for both of these teams hope still remains for next year. The Great One himself has promised a repeat performance here in the district, health permitting, while the Clippers can expect to get their best all-around player Lamar Odom back from his extended stay on the injured list. If Jordan can remain injury free, and Odom can keep his ashtray clean, both teams could continue their education after a semester off.

Each individual here at Howard, and every team in the NBA, has a different approach to their college career and regular season. Nevertheless, the most common themes among successful teams and students is the ability to roll with the punches, never become too excited or dismayed, and always know what is important. Students who have these characteristics understand that sometimes you're going to fail a test, sometimes you're going to get a perfect score. They realize that some teachers inspire, while others infuriate. They understand that there are highs and lows in a school year, and that maintaining your composure through each is the only way to be successful.

There are four teams in the NBA who also understand this; the Los Angeles Lakers, San Antonio Spurs, Detroit Pistons and Philadelphia 76ers. While most people would agree with

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Sports

The Search is Over: West Virginia Hires Dakich as Basketball Coach

By Colby McCarren
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.)

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — After a tedious search conducted in front of a national audience, West Virginia filled the head basketball coaching vacancy Thursday, hiring Dan Dakich to replace the retired Gale Catlett. Dakich has been the head coach at Bowling Green the past five seasons. He is the 20th head coach in Mountaineer basketball history. Fans and media outlets from across the region turned out to hear the newly-hired coach speak along with WVU Athletic Director Ed Pastilong and WVU President David Hardesty. The press conference was held on the main floor of the Coliseum.

"It is a great honor and a great thrill to be the head basketball coach here," said Dakich. "Obviously, as a basketball coach this is a job of great tradition. This is a school of great tradition. This is a school that I have followed for a long time in a great league... I would be remiss if I did not mention Coach Catlett. Coach Catlett has been one of the greatest basketball coaches in the history of college basketball. Following Coach Catlett is certainly a daunting task. I think if you're going to go to a very historically good basketball program you're going to have to follow a great coach, and following Coach Catlett, although daunting, is something I'm looking forward to doing."

The search for a new head coach had been an on-going process since Gale Catlett announced his intentions to retire in mid-February. WVU's first choice, Bob Huggins, turned down a lucrative contract offer from WVU, choosing to stay at Cincinnati where he and his family have lived for 13 years. After numerous interviews, Pastilong and Hardesty decided on Dakich.

"I think we have a wonderful coach to head our men's basketball team. I also think he will not only be a winner, but he will be a very student-centered person, which I believe is increasingly becoming the hallmark of West Virginia University... He comes to us with a very strong background, a very experienced background. We were able to offer a package that I believe was fair and competitive and incentive-based. This has been a very public process. It is one that, in the long run, has benefited the athletic department greatly. I think there is a determination at the University and across the state to support the department and that has been one of the byproducts of this search process," said Hardesty. Dakich, 39, was previously an assistant under Bob Knight at Indiana for 12 years before becoming the head

coach at Bowling Green. In his five seasons at Bowling Green, Dakich posted an 89-57 record and had four consecutive winning seasons, averaging 19 wins per season over that span. "At Indiana I felt like you represented not only Indiana University, but the state of Indiana," said Dakich. "I felt like the basketball team, as a basketball player and as an assistant coach, was a reflection of those things, and I took great pride in that. At Bowling Green, I felt like the basketball program there represented a great institution and a great town. This being the basketball program in the state of West Virginia it has an obligation to represent, not only this great University, but this state in every way, shape and form, whether it is on the basketball floor, whether it is in the academic community."

The current WVU basketball staff will not be retained as Dakich will bring with him his staff from Bowling Green. The assistants that will be joining Dakich are Keith Noftz, Artie Pelelea and Sean Bledsoe. "It is a very close staff, and my guys all know how to coach. All are very family-oriented guys, all are very community-oriented guys and all are very student-oriented guys," said Dakich. "One of the things we are going to do is get the students involved. I want the students to take ownership of their basketball program. I want our students to understand that the guys that are playing on the court are students as well. They are guys you're going to see in class, they're guys you're going to see in the Mountainlair."

Dakich inherits a team that lost a school-record 20 games last season and finished just 1-15 in the Big East. The team's leading scorer and rebounder, Chris Moss, will be lost to graduation along with guard Lionel Armstead and center John Oliver. However, point guard Tim Lyles will return from a knee injury that forced him to miss the entire 2001-02 season.

"I, as a basketball coach, cannot play slow. I cannot stand playing slow and I cannot stand being around dead people. As a basketball program, we will play very, very fast," said Dakich. "Defensively we will play man-to-man defense and whoever is going to be on the court is going to be on the court because they play defense and because they run. "If they do not play defense and they do not run, they will not play. There's a perception when you come from Indiana with coach Knight that you play slow, and that's certainly not the case. My personality, I enjoy having a good time. I enjoy laughing and joking around, and part of a good time, occasionally, is yelling and screaming on the sidelines at the refs, but that is part of life as a coach."

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The first three teams I listed, there might be a bit of doubt about the last one. After all the Sixers are fighting for playoff position at the bottom of the Eastern Conference, and have never displayed the dominance they exuded last season. However, anybody that has watched the Sixers play this season can see that they have retained the confidence that made them such a feared team in the East last season. Whether it was Iverson's comments downplaying the success of the New Jersey Nets before hitting them with a 46-point outburst, or the even keel the team has maintained despite the removal of their fiery star, the Sixers are still considered the team to beat in the East because of their confidence and ability to win. The Lakers, Spurs, and Pistons all have this swagger and confidence, and each team is primed for their playoff run, like a student preparing for finals.

The final group of teams and students are the ones that everybody loves to hate. Teams like the Mavericks, Kings, Nets and Celtics. Teams whose free-wheeling styles are fun to watch, but ultimately just won't be able to take them the distance.

We all know students like this. They're the ones who stumble around the Towers on the weekends infused with their drug of choice, yet somehow manage to stumble into class fifteen minutes late on test day. They are the ones who always organize study sessions the day before the test, and then show up with an empty notebook ready to take notes and formulate a cheating strategy. These students and teams are the ones we always suspect won't succeed, but would never want to bet against. All four of these NBA teams are among the leaders in their respective divisions, yet nobody seems to think they have a chance to make it to the Finals. I'm not sure if any of them can do it, but it should be one hell of a ride.

Former Michigan Star Webber Focused On Winning, Not Indictment

By Steve Jackson
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Former Michigan basketball star Chris Webber said he has never run away from an issue before. But that didn't stop him from delaying his comments on the Ed Martin scandal Wednesday.

"I came to play a game today. My focus is on winning a championship," Webber said before his Sacramento Kings beat the Detroit Pistons 107-86 Wednesday night. "So I'm not going to entertain all the negative things that I've been hearing and seeing in the paper." According to a federal indictment, Martin, a former Michigan basketball booster, loaned \$280,000 to Webber before the former Michigan star became a professional. The loans were allegedly used as a means for Martin to launder money from his illegal gambling ring in Detroit-area auto plants.

"I'm trying to win a championship, not an election. This isn't a popularity contest," Webber said. "I'm not going to address this or try to make anybody like me. I'm not going to let this become a distraction." Martin and his wife were arrested on March 21 on charges of money laundering, running an illegal gambling ring and conspiracy. They pleaded innocent and were released on bail. Webber acknowledged the significance of the allegations, but nonetheless referred to the situation and the media attention as "funny." "It doesn't hurt," Webber said of the scandal. "Because I talk to the real people in the streets, and they don't care about this stuff."



Although Chris Webber and Jalen Rose have come a long way from their days as high school rivals, it seems like Webber hasn't come far enough to avoid allegations of recruiting impropriety.

Despite his unwillingness to discuss the situation last night, Webber said he would tell his side of the story at another time.

"What we're going to do is, at a designated time when we aren't in the middle of a championship run or a long road trip, I will sit down and discuss most of these issues," Webber said.

His attorney, Fallasha Erwin, said an exclusive interview with the Sacramento Bee is in the works "so that Chris can answer all the questions that people have about this issue." On ESPN Classic this past weekend, Webber said "I didn't take anything" from Martin. But last night, Webber admitted to being caught

off guard by the question. "Sometimes you allow yourself to be naïve," Webber said. "You allow yourself to believe the fact that people say that this issue won't be discussed."

Erwin has also had his share of problems with the media. In yesterday's edition of the Ann Arbor News, Erwin was quoted as saying that Webber did, in fact, take gifts and money from Martin.

Erwin said the words were either misquoted or taken out of context.

"Can I say definitively that Chris didn't take anything from Ed Martin? No, there is a possibility," Erwin said. "Do I have any personal knowledge of this situation? No, I don't. I don't speak for Chris. But I can tell you that I saw no indication that he received \$280,000." Erwin, who has represented Webber since the Martin saga began in 1996, went on to say that Webber fully complied with Michigan's investigations.

"The outside law firm gave us some questions, and all those questions were answered," Erwin said. "There were other players that didn't cooperate at all."

University General Counsel Marvin Krislov questioned these claims. According to Krislov, Webber repeatedly "declined to comment" to the University.

"Neither Webber nor anyone who spoke for Webber ever said anything about him getting any funds," Krislov said.

Baseball vs. UMES

By ELENA BERGERON
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SS Doug Remer's 5th inning grand slam capped off the first game of an offense laden double header against University of Maryland at Eastern Shore (2-25, 2-10 MEAC) Sunday, and the Bison (6-24, 6-4 MEAC) ran away with both games 16-2 and 13-8 by posting more runs than they have in their past five games.

With one out and the bases loaded on three walks, Remer (.231, 3 HR) blasted Hawks RHP Edward Harris' fastball over the left centerfield wall to end the game after UMES' half of the frame due to the 12-run mercy rule. The game marked the first time the rule has been invoked this season on behalf of the Bison, though umpires have called two other games due to opposing teams' offense.

The timely homer breaks up the shortstop's woes at the plate. "Truthfully, I just needed to hit," said Remer, who had hit .300 through the first nine games of the season but has seen his average steadily decline. "In my slump it felt good to get that hit, but I still don't feel comfortable with my swing yet."

Holding on to a 3-2 lead, Howard bats came alive in 3rd inning with 1B David Durand's

(.298) leadoff double to left field sparking the offense. After C Charles Maclin and CF Walter Wilson walked to load the bases, LHP Ernest Craddock helped his own cause, driving in two runs with a single to right. Remer's sacrifice fly and 3B David Powell's double each drove in a run to put the Bison up 7-2.

Craddock (8.80 ERA, 2-4) shook off a shaky outing at George Washington last Wednesday, to post a five inning gem over the Hawks. The freshman allowed two runs in the first off a pair of doubles, but held UMES scoreless over the next four innings with a seven strikeout performance.

In the second game, LHP Omar Raheem was touched early on as the Hawks scored three 1st inning runs off five walks and sloppy defense. After Raheem issued 2 two-out walks, 2B Robert Shaw scored from third on C David Durand's passed ball and SS Charles Pickard scored on a wild pitch. DH Edward Harris drew the fifth walk of the inning and later scored as 1B Benjamin Mills' pop up fell in shallow right field between three Bison fielders.

Howard answered the runs with a four-run 3rd inning, ignited by 1B Alex Bean's leadoff triple to the right field wall, who was later brought in by 3B Brad Burris' sacrifice fly to center. CF Keith Sneed singled then stole second and third

en route to five stolen bases on the day. Then it was the Hawks' untimely fielding that yielded runs a hit batter. UMES SS Charles Pickard launched 2B Byron Espinales' routine grounder past the first baseman, allowing two more runs to score and Espinales to advance to third. Espinales later scored on Hawks' C Nathan Hays' passed ball to make the score 5-4.

The Bison did not put the game away until the bottom of a chaotic 6th inning. With runners on first and second, Burris' single to left drove in a run but Hawks' LF Bryan Barnes misplay of the ball sent in the second run. A booted ball by 3B Mills sent Burris home and put Sneed on first, extending the inning for a pair of singles by Espinales and Derek Brown. C Charles Maclin picked up the runs with a double off the left center wall. Hawks' 3B Robert Benak airmailed 1B Alex Bean's grounder past first base but nailed incoming RF Walter Wilson at home to end the inning with the Bison up 13-4.

UMES would not fade away quietly, however in the top of the final inning. Reliever Thomas Savage walked two batters and loaded the bases when a ground ball tipped off 3B Brad Burris' glove rolled past the bag. Hawks' 3B Benak atoned for his error with a two-out double that scored all three runners. Savage ended the threat and the game inducing Greg Kitchen's grounder to short.

Sports Briefs

Jeffries ready to declare for NBA draft

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana forward Jared Jeffries will announce Monday his intention to enter the NBA draft, a source told ESPN's Dick Vitale Jeffries, who just finished his sophomore season, was held in single figures in both the national championship and semifinals games. The Big Ten's player of the year is expected to be drafted — possibly as a lottery pick — but some have expressed concerns about his strength. Earlier last week, Jeffries said he would make his announcement one way or the other on Monday, adding at the time: "I'm not leaning either way right now. I'll talk to the NBA people, I'll talk to people who I trust. We'll have to get an idea of a couple of things."

The 6-foot-10 Jeffries has demonstrated he can post up like a big man and handle the ball like a guard. He also considered entering the NBA draft last season. If Jeffries does leave, he would become the second Hoosier in two years to declare early for the NBA draft. Kirk Haston left last year after his junior season and was chosen 16th by the Charlotte Hornets.

Goosen rides BellSouth momentum to Augusta



DULUTH, Ga. — Retief Goosen knows how to bounce back from disappointment, which he showed again Sunday in the BellSouth Classic. Goosen won for the second time in an American tournament, overcoming a dismal start to put away Phil Mickelson and claim a four-stroke victory over Jesper Parnevik. Goosen closed with a 2-under 70 in difficult conditions on the TPC at Sugarloaf, finishing at 16-under 272. Parnevik, who posted 65 early in the day for a 276, wasn't even around when the winner finished. Mickelson appeared to be

Goosen's main challenger, starting the final round two strokes back. The left-hander briefly claimed the lead, only to fade to a 73 and wind up five shots behind. OPhil did not play as well as he would have liked," Goosen said. "I was just trying to hang in there."

Malone mulling run for governor in Arkansas, Utah

LITTLE ROCK — NBA star Karl Malone is considering running for Arkansas governor when he retires from basketball. His agent, Dwight Manley, confirmed Friday that Malone is thinking about such a race, though he has no immediate plans to retire. He also has said he's pondering a run for governor of Utah, where he now plays for the Utah Jazz. Manley said Malone is a "natural leader," and that he's looking at politics because he "wants to help Arkansas prosper through population growth and development." Malone, 38, was born in Louisiana

and has a ranch in the El Dorado area. Malone has another season beyond this one, worth about \$20 million in salary, remaining on his current contract with the Jazz. The filing period for Arkansas' November election has closed, so the next time anyone could run for the office is in 2006. Current Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Republican, is seeking a second term. If he wins, he would be barred by term limits from running again in four years.

Snyder teaming up with BET executive

Redskins owner Daniel Snyder told The Washington Post that he's teaming up with Black Entertainment Television founder and chief executive Robert L. Johnson in the hope of purchasing a major league team and bringing it to Washington. "We're a force that knows sports, marketing and television," Snyder told the newspaper Friday. "We can be a powerful force in the effort to get a baseball team here and make it successful. I think we're a good fit." Snyder, 37, bought the Redskins and the team's stadium from the estate of the late Jack Kent Cooke for an NFL-record \$800 million in 1999. Johnson, 55, one of the most successful black businessmen in the country, founded BET in 1982. He sold the company in November 2000 to Viacom for \$3 billion, walking away with \$1.5 billion in Viacom stock and a five-year contract to continue as BET's chief executive. "If Dan and I get hold of a baseball team, it will be very interesting, with my background in cable and his in marketing and advertising," Johnson told The Post. "We could put together a heck of an operation. Dan is a smart guy with lots of ideas. "This is something we're definitely going to explore."

Sunday at Chapel



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

Bishop John Bryant Presiding Prelate, 5th Episcopal District A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, CA gave a sermon on people who want to achieve success, but don't want to do the work to get there in Cramton's Chapel Service Sunday.

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to 259 votes and Ravin edged out Rey Castillo 267 to 259 votes. Daniel Goodwin, Acting Assistant Dean in the Office of the Dean of Student Activities oversaw the counting of the votes and validated them as accurate. "The votes were counted twice to ensure votes were correct, the highlighted sheets, the sign in cards and the number of votes cast all matched up. The numbers are accurate to our knowledge," Goodwin said. Khalfani Walker, who served as co-chair of the General Elections Committee declared that he no longer serves in that capacity after

yesterday's election. "I am no longer the Election's Co-Chair. I am a graduating senior. I have academic and other priorities to meet before I graduate on May 11th," Walker said. According to the HUSA Constitution, General Elections are to be held and finalized before the second Wednesday in April. Walker feels that a special fall election is the only practical choice for electing the 2002-2003 HUSA President and Vice-President. "In order for a new election [to be held], the General Assembly will have to approve the funds, the booths and machines will have to be acquired, the venues will have to be booked. An election by

Wednesday is not feasible. A special fall election will have to be the other option," Walker said. Stefanie Brown, current HUSA president, agrees that the prospect of a spring election by the deadline is slim to none. "I would have to call an emergency General Assembly meeting to approve the budget, the representatives need at least two days notice. A special fall election has to be held. There is no transition [for the two staffs]. This puts student government back," Brown said. The current HUSA administration's term ends on May 11.

Faculty Member Retires After 32 Years of Service

BY KERRY ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Eula M. Jackson after hearing a radio advertisement for cafeteria workers at Howard University, she decided to apply, she was hired and served the university from 1969 until her retirement in January.

Jackson was honored at her retirement celebration held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center over the spring break. Deborah Bruce, housekeeping supervisor at Slowe and Carver Halls, was one of the organizers a sentimental evening of farewell, which commemorated Jackson's contributions to her department, Environment and Management, Office of Residence life, and the university as a whole. Bruce characterized her former supervisor as stern, but fair.

"Ms. Jackson has been my supervisor for 12 years. She is a woman of great integrity and respect for her job. I felt that it was important that her retirement was recognized after 32 years of dedicated service," Bruce said.

Jackson said she was moved by the retirement celebrations. "I was speechless, the function made me feel very good. I thank Miss Mary Long and Deborah Bruce for making the program such a success," Jackson said. The diligent retiree found learning the in and outs of the Capstone card dormitory access system one the most challenging aspects of her tenure as Operations Manager. "I remember when Mr. Keene would take me to the meetings in the A-Building. I had not yet received any formal training; it was a challenge for me. I later mastered it and was able to train others," Jackson said. Ann Brahler, Assistant Director of Environmental Management describes Jackson as an industrious worker. "Workers like Mrs. Jackson are hard to find. It will certainly be challenging to find a successor with simi-



Eula M. Jackson

lar years of experience. There has been a loss in the quality of workers today. Many are not dedicated to a career of employment they just move from job to job. I will miss her, she was a co-worker and friend," Brahler said.

Reverend James Coleman, PhD, Assistant Dean of Residence Life expresses a similar sentiment. "Mrs. Jackson made invaluable contributions to Howard University, she was reliable and did work beyond the call of duty," Coleman said. Jackson left an indelible mark on work study student Drake Washington. "Mrs. Jackson was very understanding of my needs as a student. When I went to her for a job after other departments gave me the run around she told me what I needed to do, because of her I am working her today," said Washington, a junior psychology major. Jackson said she misses the University, but she remains occupied. She is now involved with her grandchild's school and is also involved with the Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation where she served as the Past Matron Gethsemanine Chapter III.

From R. Kelly A1

set up of the tape is like this. R Kelly (or someone who looks like him) has sex with this girl while she calls him "daddy", and he moans. He also urinates on her, and masturbates in front of her eventually ejaculating on her. While in the background you hear music from back in the day. Kelly denies these charges, but I still don't know how he could. It might not be him but the close ups are too convincing. If this is a set up, I will take my hat off, shirt, hell everything to the culprits. I think celebrities need to start taking this pill called responsibility. And I think a dose of this medicine is long overdue. I am not holier than thou myself, but if this is true, and R Kelly urinated on someone to get off, then I

am just disgusted. I mean, I know people may have weird sexual fantasies but if you get off on that then you are sick. She surely didn't as she kneeled their petrified and then just took it. Ok if this is true, then that was someone's daughter, and Sparkle's niece. Where were these people when this was going down? I mean I believe it had to be known, how could you not know about these escapades? I mean I work in the industry and have seen some bizarre stuff. I have heard the stories of people receiving special favors but I can't excuse it. As I give props for people doing their thing, I will never condone something like this to get a record deal. I mean why not go on fear factor? If you want it that bad to get signed then you have just signed your life away.

The shoe lies on three feet: the parents, the girl, and R Kelly (if this is him). I still remember driving to get breakfast and one caller saying he is so wrong. Yes he may be sick in the head, but yet this girl new what she was doing, and she really knew what she was doing when she took what looked like some crumpled money thanking him. I mean, whether she was an adult or not she should have taken responsibility for her actions since her parents didn't. For those however who chastise her in this compromising situation, don't let me take you back to high school. Yes, you were a junior in high school and some guy in college wanted your number and you gave it to him. And you two went out on a date and back to his place. Well money may not have been involved but it's the same thing. You may not have been urinated on

but it's still the same thing. You were underage, and you knew what you were doing. Does this mean I condone this? No, but I think it is a major problem when like one of the callers called in saying that America should make an example of R Kelly. Now though I am totally disgusted with what I saw, I must say to fry the man would be unfair compared to the other sex offenders who are out running our streets. My theory is this, if this is true, these girls were pissed, (literally) when they saw they weren't getting a record deal, and tried to get even. This goes to show you that compromising yourself, will only get you pissed on so don't be pissed off.

Congratulations!



CHAUNDRA "NIKKI" YOUNG

Bison Yearbook Editor-in-Chief 2001-2002

As the Editor-in-Chief of the Bison Yearbook for the past two years, Nikki Young has made it her goal to preserve a year in the life of the Howard University student. After being the Managing Editor of the Bison Yearbook in 1999 and 2000, she set her sites on being the Editor-in-Chief for the 2000-01 and then the 2001-02 school year. With "Chapter 01: Innovation" under her belt, the Office of Student Activities would like to recognize Nikki for her hardwork and dedication on the 2002 Bison "Two Sides to Every Story". Congratulations on a job well done.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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Office of Student Activities:
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Applications for the following positions will be available:

- Managing Editor**
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- Office Assistants**
- Writers**
- Photographers**

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Polk County, Hurston's Hidden Treasure Shines on The Arena Stage

By KERRY-ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Zora Neale Hurston's Polk County is absolutely scintillating. The energetic musical had the audience snapping their fingers and tapping their feet to the soulful southern blues.

Polk County is said to be hidden in the mossy woods of South Central Florida, the itinerant sawmill camp is a cradle for the working blues. Days may be owned by the quarters boss, but nights belong to the singer, guitar pickers, and piano players.

The play highlights key aspects of the African American culture. Polk County was an unpublished literary gem by Anthropologist, novelist, folklorist, and playwright Hurston and Dorothy Waring, this gem was shined, adapted and directed by Kyle Donnelly.

The characters endure love, passion, disappointment, and the ranges of emotion. The characters spend their leisure time delving into the blues as a means of comfort and solace to help them through all their ups and downs.

The band sitting the corner of the stage was the source of beautiful traditional music which enriched each scene. The humorous dialogue gave the audience bundle of laughs especially between Gin Hammond (Leafy Lee) and Perri Gaffney who played Dicey Long. "I am in the B class, I will be here while you are here and be here while you are gone," Lee said to Long.

The struggles and tension comes to the fore as Leafy Lee comes to Polk County, a white lady originally from the South visits Polk County from New York with the home of learning how sing the blues and also confides in Harriett Foy, *Big Sweet*, that she was also in search of her father.

"Polk County" comes from the Harlem Renaissance that bloomed between the two world wars. It went to the library in 1944. Researchers found it in 1997 with nine other Hurston plays among 450,000 typescripts regis-



Zora Neale Hurston

tered as unpublished during most of the 20th century.

In conjunction with the critically acclaimed media opening of Zora Neale Hurston's Polk County on April 5th, Arena Stage, Howard University, the Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Museum and the Center for African American History presented

a two day celebration of Hurston and her dramatic work.

Hurston entered Howard University in 1920 and studied on and off for the next four years while working as a manicurist to support herself. Her first published story appeared in Howard University's literary magazine in 1921. Hurston went on to publish what is considered her greatest novel, *Their Eyes were Watching God*.

I recommend Polk County as a must see; showing at the Arena Stage/ Fichandler through May 12, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2:30pm and 8pm, Sunday at 2pm and 7:30pm, Tuesday-Wednesday at 7:30pm, Thursday at 8pm. 1101 Sixth St. SW. 202/488-3300

Play Review

Once on This Island

COMPILED BY STAFF REPORTS

Colorful costumes, vibrant singing and a time-honored storyline helped the director transform a production of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty's Tony Award-Winning "Once on This Island" into a masterful musical at Howard's Ira Aldridge Theater. The production is part of the 3rd Annual Memorial Production dedicated to play director Beverly Gail Barnes Kelch, a Howard alumnus. Once on This Island is a fairy tale, loosely based on the Disney classic "A Little Mermaid," with a bit of meat on its bones. Like the best fables, it doesn't exactly wind up on a happily-ever-after note.

The island in question is divided along racial lines, with a ruling upper class of Francophiles and a peasant class "black as coal, and low as dirt." Mike Malone directs and choreographs a strong cast led by Folami Ankoanda-Thompson as Ti Moune, an orphan found stranded in a tree after a flood by an elderly couple, Mama Euralie (Ameerah Muhammad) and Tonton Julian (Nicholas R. Grant). Ti Moune, played as a child by Cheryl Blair, grows into a winsome young woman with her eye on a better life. When a wealthy young man, Daniel (LC Harden), is injured in a car accident, she sees her chance and nurses him faithfully. But when she follows him back to his side of the island, she finds that she can never aspire to be more than his mistress. It's a bittersweet old story, even in this relatively upbeat version. There are lots of references to



"The Gods," who both answer prayers and shatter hopes. They're all played by fine actors: Will Pailen as Papa Ge, god of death; Leroi Simmons as Agwe, god of water; McKenzie Frye as Asaka, earth goddess; and Tryphena Wade as Erzulie, goddess of love, who gives one of the best tunes, "The Human Heart," a inspiring interpretation.

Thompson is winning as Ti Moune, and sports a blazing costume fit for an island peasant. Most of the production is so well designed. The set by Michael C. Stepowany turned the auditorium into the tropics, giving the play an authentic Caribbean atmosphere. Anthony Booker's musical direction and Malone's exciting choreography are all solid. This tuneful score lingers in the mind long after the "Once On This Island" touches have faded.

W e e k l y



Aries (3/21-4/19)

The beginning of the week has you feeling edgy. Expect Friday to be more relaxing. Saturday will call for you to handle errands and other personal business.



Taurus (4/20-5/20)

People will test your patience on Wednesday. Be prepared to have to tell someone off. For all you single Tauruses, be prepared to meet someone new on Saturday. You will come across as being domineering but that's why the individual will be attracted to you.



Gemini (5/21-6/21)

Playing mind games is something you enjoy doing-although you won't admit it. You have a lot on your mind right now and you are second-guessing a possible relationship in the making.



Cancer (6/22-7/22)

Your lucky day this week is Wednesday. Expect a lot of good news and compliments. Friday finds you moping around the house and Saturday finds you going on a crowded outing you regret going to. You absolutely cannot stand large crowds.



Leo (7/23-8/22)

Your jealous nature will cause you to experience slight embarrassment later on this week. People who you think are your friends will discuss you behind your back.



Virgo (8/23-9/22)

You finally decide to take on the other job offer that you really wanted. Old friends invite you on a trip but you reject their offer. You've outgrown them and wish to move on to better things.



Libra (9/23-10/22)

For all you single Libras-love is in the air. A friend introduces you to their friend who's been checking you out for awhile. Be prepared to go out and have fun. Don't be surprised if you wake up late for work/class the next morning.



Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

A friend from out of state will come and visit. Make plans to go to a club you've never been to. Your taste for the finer things in life causes you to spend what you don't have this week. Thursday will be a social day for you.



Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

The person you've had a crush on seems to have disappeared from the face of the earth. Friday will be the day that the both of you will see and actually spend some time together.



Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

You will go through a lot of self-discovery this week. Be prepared to be the center of attention. You will receive an authoritative position in whatever job you are seeking.



Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

You and your sweetie will cook a romantic meal together. Don't be surprised if the two of you plan or end up going on a weekend trip together.



Pisces (2/19-3/20)

A good friend does you a favor that will come in handy. You will find yourself immersed in a lot of leisure reading. This upcoming Sunday will be a relaxing day for you.

Compiled by Leesa Davis, Hilltop Staff Writer.

H o r o s c o p e' s

Poetry Corner

Flunkies

I see you employ flunkies,
Now that I'm not,
Tucked away in your nice, little
havent
Coming out only when the help gets
things wrong
Never getting your hands dirty,
Don't expect any accolades or hon-
ors,
Because you and I both know you
don't do what you say,
Or say what you do,
Or just do

But, who am I to criticize your fancy
title,
And big staff
And all those other people who
flock to you
I'm just a student
A struggling poet
Who's not a flunkie
—Sunday Black

Love in the Drive-Thru

You welcomed me to the drive-thru
and asked for my order,
With that voice of yours of course
you can,
Now, this is what I want,
I'll take a big, black man,
One who's smart and caring,
Not to mention handsome,
Oh yeah, make him tall and strong,
With a sense of community,
Loves and cherishes his mother,
Has a good relationship with his
father,
And no kids,

Put that on the side though if you
forget,
Or is that an extra special order that
I can't have my way?
You know what, just don't worry
about it,
Just give me a cheeseburger with a
coke.

—Yolanda Douglas

Words of Thunder

Be careful now for my words no
longer asunder.
Bang! Here comes my poetic thun-
der
The words like lightning will
astound
Those close minds have bound
I'm just a pen in God's hand
To make you understand
That He demands
No.....commands
Your attention
Like heavy clouds, your mind will

be filled with this revelation
Of what has come to be
Of what He wants you to see
But read these words with care
There are many who will fear
For the words you are about see
May be a mirror image of thee
So I suggest you find something
strong to hide under
Bang! Here comes my poetic thun-
der

By Nadine Bascombe, School of
Allied Health

Calendar

Tuesday, April 9th 2002

MTV2 Brings Apex Theory, Lost Prophets and More for DC Showcase

Where: Black Cat
1811 14th St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 8:30 p.m.
Price: \$10.00
Information: 202/432-7328 or 800/551-7328

Israel comes to Blues Alley, Bob Israel that is!

Where: Blues Alley
1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Washington, DC

When: 8 and 10 p.m.
Information: 202/337-4141

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

Price: Free



Wednesday April 10th, 2002

Kids in the Hall
Where: Constitution Hall
1776 D St. NW
Washington, DC
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10
Price: \$39.00
Information: 202/432-7328 or 800/551-7328

Washington Wizards Vs Philadelphia 76er's
Where: MCI Center
601 F St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 7:00 pm Wednesday, Apr. 10
Price: \$10.00 - \$375.00

A New World Trade Center: Building Proposals
Where: National Building Proposal
Leading world architects, artists and designers envision how the World Trade Center's 16-acre site in lower Manhattan might be redeveloped. Proposals — 58 in all — are presented in a variety of media including drawings, photographs, models, video and sound installation. Featured architects include Hans Hollein, Daniel Libeskind, Frei Otto and Michael Graves

Thursday April 11th, 2002

Jagged Edge in concert
Where: Nation
1015 Half St. SE
Washington, DC
When: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11

Price: \$0.00
Information: 202/432-7328 or 800/551-7328

Check out an old-school soul harmonies meet roughneck hip-hop production.

29th annual Capital Classic
Where: MCI Center
601 F St. NW
Washington, DC

When: 6:30 pm Thursday, Apr. 11

Price: \$12.50 - \$30.00
Information: 202/432-7328

The 29th annual basketball classic takes over the MCI Center

Take a Look at Works from Corot to Picasso
Where: Phillips Collection
1600 21st St. NW
Washington, DC
When: Feb. 16-May 12
Price: \$7.00 - \$10.00
Information: 202/432-7328

Stolen Treasures: Howard Women Speak Out On their Lives After Being Raped

By ALYSHA COBB
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine getting a root canal without the numbing aid of Novocain. This still could not live up to the eternal pain of women who live with the scars of rape. The trauma is far from temporary — the scars last forever and the still waters under the seemingly normal surface run deep. Most women who are survivors of rape will note it as one of the most horrific experiences of their lives.

Despite the amount of time that has passed since the rape occurred, the memories of the event continue to haunt its victims. The survivor's way of life is not the only thing affected — so is their self worth, the way they view and interact with men, and they often feel guilty about becoming a victim of such a heinous crime.

According to the National Black Women's Health Project and the DC Rape Crisis Center one woman is raped every two minutes, and attempt at rape occurs every three minutes, black women are more prone to being victims of sexual assault — approximately 40% of black women have had a coercive sexual experience before the age of 18. The saddest part of these situations is that 80 percent of rape victims and survivors are assaulted by people they have come to know and love — husbands, boyfriends, fathers, stepfathers, and more often than not the live in boyfriends of the mothers.

According to the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center 12.1 million women have been raped, at a rate of 700,000 a year. Moreover, college students are definitely not left out of the loop — 1 in every 4 of these victims is a college student. Last October, Ella McQueen*, a Howard University student in the School of Business, felt like a piece of her soul was ripped from her chest.

She was returning from a date with a platonic friend when he tried to persuade her to have sex with him. She protested, but her drunken mate refused to take "no" for an answer. He proceeded to rape McQueen as her cries for help went unheard. "I felt like I was screaming so loud that the windows were going to break," said a misty eyed McQueen in a recent interview. After trying to fight off such a brutal attack, she just began to sob uncontrollably.

When she finally broke away all she could do was run — as fast as possible, all the way home. "I must have just sat in the shower for at least two hours, just crying and scrubbing — I just wanted to get his smell off of my skin." According to the DC Rape Crisis Center, this is one of the crucial moments of recovery. Victims do not need to be left alone — this may result in feelings of guilt or embar-

rassment.

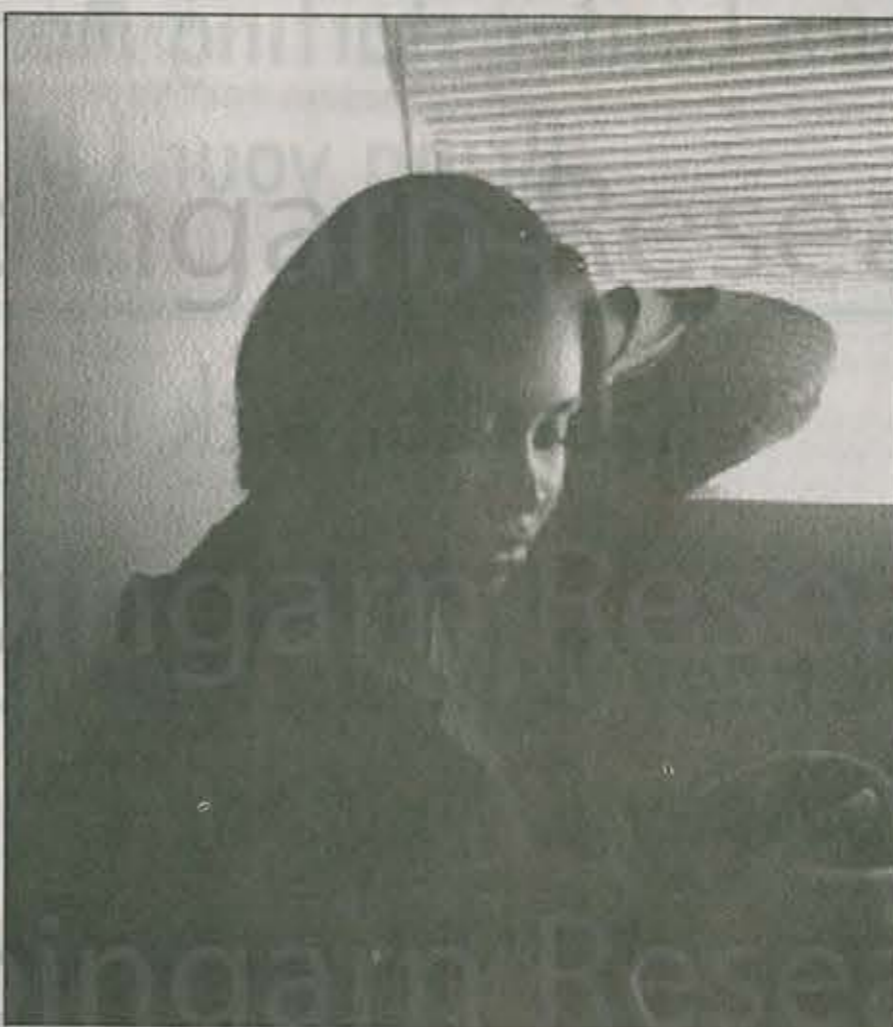
They need to report the crime to the police or, at the very least, a friend. When another student in the shower crying she lied and stated she had just lost a family member discovered McQueen. "It took me a while before I finally hit my ground zero and could not take it any more," said McQueen.

"I finally called my sister at Georgetown, and just broke down and told her everything. My sister became my strength." However, life became an uphill battle from that point on. Feelings of guilt began to set in and McQueen had a hard time blaming anyone but herself. "I did not want to have him arrested," McQueen stated adamantly. "I was so afraid about what people would think about me."

The justice system did nothing to ease her mind. Her assaulter received a sentence of just 15 years with a possibility of parole after seven. "I was repulsed even more when I was told he would not receive more than the standard sentence. I felt there should have been more — there just had to be," said McQueen. "I have to live with this feeling the rest of my life. He only has to feel guilty for seven years — if he even feels guilty at all."

In order to assist rape survivors, society must come face to face with the fact that rape is a violent crime — it is not committed out of passion or love, just hate. Through penetration, sexual assault, or sodomy the rapist is after control. Family support is vital to recovery.

Essentially, it is the key to breaking the silence that has cursed this crime. If you are a survivor, do not hold back or be fooled into thinking you are strong enough to endure alone. Seek help at a counseling service, a church, a family member, or a friend. It is the only way to become a survivor and break free.



*names changed for protection of interviewees

Note: The Hilltop is running this story again because the authors name was omitted the last time. We apologize for the confusion.

Haiku #85

The morning sun
sounds
Bright rays busting
through the blinds
Let me sleep 'til 9

—Sonji

My shout outs never end. Jon you get one even though you didn't include me in yours last week. Engage looks real good Jezy. You held it down(The son of sam is still looking for you). Kerry Ann was staff writer of the week. Scott thanks for the extra work man. Alysha, I apologize about your name being cut off of the story. Check it out today though. Leesa thanks for coming through. Brak, Bones, Apple and everybody else thanks a bunch. If I forgot anybody I get two more chances.

The E.I.C.

Penn State Students Strive for College Cash Flow

By Thomas Bassinger
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — After Pennsylvania State University President Graham Spanier warned of a tuition increase "higher than what we would like to see" in February, more and more Penn State students are faced with the question of how to meet the extra costs.

Undergraduate tuition per semester can cost as much as \$7,752 for in-state students and \$15,886 for the 23 percent of students who come from out of state, and is likely to increase by at least 10 percent, according to Spanier. Students are expressing concerns about the hike.

Robin Rak (sophomore-crime, law and justice), whose parents have helped pay for her education, understands how difficult it is for her parents to come up with the additional funds.

"It's kind of frustrating because it's hard for my parents to pay tuition now, because I

don't get that much in loans," she said.

Though she does not get as much aid as some other students, Rak is one of the 74 percent of Penn State students who receive some form of financial aid, according to the 2000-01 Annual Report of the Office of Student Aid.

The report also stated that federal aid for the 2000-01 academic year totaled more than \$289 million.

Robert Snyder, assistant director of financial aid, said the Office of Student Aid is one of the first offices families go to when they come to Penn State.

"Often, families have no concept of how much college costs, and when they're told it costs \$15,000 to \$20,000, they're like, 'Oh my God, I can't afford that,'" he said.

Average tuition and fees for four-year public universities increased at a rate almost three times that of inflation during the 2001-02 academic year, according to the College Board.

Because tuition rates are steadily increasing and aid is limited, many students work

during summer breaks and/or during the semester to pay their way through school.

Michael Desmond, co-owner of the Hotel State College and Company, 100 W. College Ave., which includes the Corner Room and the Allen Street Grill, said his restaurants receive 1,000 applications during the first three days of the Fall Semester. The vast majority of his employees are students, and getting hired there is competitive, Desmond said.

Desmond said his student employees work an average of 15 to 20 hours a week.

"In my book, they're superstars," he said. "Most of us here (at the Hotel State College and Company) were former students and realize how hard it is to do well in school and be excellent at a job."

Nick Leiser (junior-biobehavioral health) recently applied to the Allen Street Grill. He said he applied because he was looking for a way to chip away at the debt he has accumulated through school loans.

"I have to make the money to pay off the loans I've taken out for school," he said.

When he graduates, Leiser will not be alone. In May 2001, the median loan debt for baccalaureate student aid borrowers at Penn State was \$17,453, according to the Office of Student Aid report. Of the 6,661 students who graduated, 66 percent received financial aid.

Katie Bradley (sophomore-journalism), an out-of-state student, is also concerned about how she is going to pay for her tuition.

"I work constantly through the summer to pay for fall and spring, and then I'm broke by the following summer, and I have to do it all over again," she said.

Mark Demyanovich (sophomore-premedicine), also an out-of-state student, works at area hotels during the semester for spending money. In previous summers, he has worked as a research assistant for his father's consulting firm.

Demyanovich said he is on his own for the most part, but his father helps all he can.

"He just wants me to see how it is and ease me into the harsh, harsh world," he said.

State College Area High School graduate

Chris Chelko (junior-photojournalism) meets educational expenses differently than most other students. His mother works for the University Park Allocation Committee, so he receives a 75 percent discount on tuition.

In addition to the discount, Chelko said that while he was growing up his father started an education fund and deposited money into the fund every year.

"Had we not had the discount, I wouldn't have been able to pay for more than one year of college," Chelko said.

When students' bank accounts begin to dwindle, looking downtown for a job is often the first thing they do.

Toni D'Agostino, cashier manager of McLanahan's Downtown Market, 116 S. Allen St., said 90 percent of the store's employees are students.

Though students work an average of 12 to 15 hours a week, the store experiences a phenomenal student turnover near the end of the semester.

"They just found that having a job was too much," she said.

No U. Maryland Students Charged in Rte. 1 Riots

By Tom LoBianco
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Officers were assaulted, students were tear-gassed and a store was looted Monday night, but no charges have been filed against any students at the University of Maryland.

Sixteen people, two of whom were students, were arrested on or near the campus after the men's basketball team won the NCAA championship Monday night. The charges against the two students, however, have been

dropped.

About 10,000 fans flooded Route 1 and Fraternity Row on Monday night, starting small bonfires and not dispersing until early Tuesday morning.

Prince George's County Police arrested seven people and filed charges against five, none of whom were students.

At a press conference Tuesday, Prince George's County Police Chief Gerald Wilson told reporters county police arrested nine people in connection with Monday night's postgame riot and that three were students. Prince George's County Police spokesman Cpl. Robert Clark said it's possible Wilson was speaking about a collection of arrests by

different agencies, but Clark could not explain why the two students were arrested but not charged.

College Park Bicycles was hit hardest, as looters smashed two plate-glass windows and assaulted store manager Chad Kayser. Looters stole 30 bikes and damaged about two dozen in the store, causing about \$50,000 in damage.

University Police arrested eight people Monday night and filed charges against all eight, none of whom were students. University Police arrested two juveniles for disorderly conduct, one from Walkersville, Md., and another from Frederick. The other six arrested came from different areas of Maryland and

are all between 18 and 23 years old, said University Police spokesman Paul Dillon.

Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Clement said she heard reports of people strolling through downtown College Park while the game was happening and knew most students were watching the game.

"I think there were people who came to College Park with mayhem in mind," Clement said.

Despite the number of arrests, Clement said she was pleased with the collaboration between the law enforcement agencies Monday.

"I think it's remarkable, the spirit was really wonderful," Clement said. "I think every-

body feels really good about the collaboration that went on."

Officers from the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland State Police Department, Greenbelt Police Department and University Police protected the campus, while the Prince George's County Police Department and the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office coordinated coverage of downtown College Park, said University Police spokeswoman Maj. Cathy Atwell.

Maryland State Police arrested one person, who was not a student, for hitting a state trooper in the face with a two-by-four.

Recent Suicides at U. Penn Not Part of a Trend, Experts Say

By Madlen Read
Daily Pennsylvanian (U. Pennsylvania)

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — This week's news of the death of Wharton senior Electra Bynoe brought about feelings of shock, sadness and loss among members of the University of Pennsylvania community.

But Bynoe's death, although the second death on campus in less than six months to be ruled a suicide, is not an indicator of an increasing trend in student suicide rates at

Penn or nationwide, according to experts.

Counseling and Psychological Services Director Ilene Rosenstein noted that while two cases of suicide within one academic year is certainly unusual and distressing, it does not necessarily show an emerging pattern.

"We haven't seen an increase [in student suicides], per se," Rosenstein said. "But of course, it's always shocking to the community when someone kills himself."

Rosenstein also said that, despite the trag-

ic national and global events of this year, there have been no national trends describing a rise in suicides among college students.

"At this time, no one is reporting that," she said.

Psychology Professor Robert DeRubeis agreed that the recent suicides are worrisome but do not signal a surge.

"Two doesn't make a trend," DeRubeis said. "But what we should be concerned about is factors that lead students to commit

suicide, and whether there's a trend in that."

Suicide is currently the second leading cause of death for college students in the United States, but the rate of suicide on college campuses is nevertheless below the national average.

"And our campus is even lower than many," Rosenstein said. "But any suicide is unacceptable."

So while two suicides in one academic year may seem like a lot, the cases must be considered individually, according to Rosen-

stein.

"The reasons why people kill themselves are more psychological, more interpersonal," Rosenstein said, citing feelings of isolation, the desire to gain control over one's life and the need to be heard as frequent explanations for suicide.

She added that in the 20-24 year-old age group, common reasons are "to avoid a painful realization about one's self and to join a loved one who has passed away."

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