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Franklin to speak at Graduation Today

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Corpus Christi, Texas

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin will address Howard's keynote address for Howard University's 134th Commencement. The University will award over 2,500 students with undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, and Franklin will receive a Doctor of Laws degree from Howard University.

Franklin became the city of Atlanta's first woman mayor as the first African American woman to be elected as a mayor in the South. She has served as a District of Law degree holder.

Faith discusses with freshmen the lack of housing on campus and how they should address the problem at the protest site planned.

Lack of Housing Worries Returning Students

By Lauren R. Anderson
Caseyville, South Carolina

The semester has started with hundreds of students staring at their roommates with nothing more than a cardboard box between them. The housing situation is a constant concern for all students and seems to be more frustrating each year.

The Hewett administration room for the 2002-2003 General Assembly meeting was unable to register, as the General Assembly has not met quorum for two meetings held in as many weeks.

The transitional process of the outgoing Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and the newly elected Awaken in the Legacy slate, the Legacy slate, which garnered 46 percent of the voter turnout, is facing a challenge as the University Student Assembly has not met quorum for two meetings held in as many weeks.

We are currently working on pragmatic (freshmen) Organization. We are waiting on our budget and staff approved by the University Student Assembly when they take office in the fall.

The budget proposal made available to the Hilltop of the time protected a grand total of $7.7 million. The items were subject to change. William Williamson, president-elect, contends that by "tuning in, tuning out, fast forwarding" programs, and "sticking with the basics," there will be no changes in the next year's budget.

The Chicago-based Accreditation Council for Education has withdrawn its accreditation for Howard University Hospital for medical programs.

For America and the global community.

The outstanding public service award recipient, Dr. John Lee, President of the Illinois Conference of the American Medical Association, received his degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

During the award presentation, the University will award over 2,500 students with undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, and Franklin will receive a Doctor of Laws degree from Howard University.

Today thousands of Howard University students will embark on the next chapter of their lives as they participate in the annual commencement ceremonies. For the first time in the University's 134th history, the traditional process of the outgoing Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and the newly elected Awaken in the Legacy slate, which garnered 46 percent of the vote, is facing a challenge as the University Student Assembly has not met quorum for two meetings held in as many weeks.

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Howard Celebrates 134th Graduation Ceremony Today

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By Janelle Still
Contributing Writer

and a time to reflect on what senior Halleemah Nash has spent at this university.

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never escape. She found her brothers and sisters who are people have mothers, fathers, and long friends, connections I validated at the Administration to­desk and we will never go back. I had a problem with the Foreign Language Department and the foreign female professors that exist, another female is after her. After asking about the problem we cleared that.

"I had a lot of hats on any team this year, I found myself having more responsibilities than usual because the seniors were pushed into different positions," said Tiffany Williams, senior Political Science major from Atlanta, Ga. "I found myself forced into a leadership role.

"Things were different for Shaia Haywood, Freshmen, I felt like a strange, major from Charlotte, NC, but having Political Science major from San Diego, California had a good acade­mic school year but did not get along with some of her classmates.

"I had a problem with the Foreign Language Department that's all, but after asking about the problem we cleared that.

"It's been a hard year for me, but as far as academics and the students everybody was cool."

"Like Adelle, Bryant had a good year. Although she is good at math, she did have a problem with her embar­rassment fear.

"For seniors, the Howard experience for the greater part of the freshmen class agrees a year better than that white man with a college educa­tion:

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... and the run-off was completed with a total of 1280 students voted.

Smith, the current student body president, who took office early in the year following the resignation of Co-Chairman,ilmington, who took over after several months of coordinator, Corey Wilcoxon's term, was pleased with election's results.

"We are happy about the vote turnout," Smith said. "Being the 4th election students were not as voted again, they were busy schedules, Wright said.

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Police Investigate Fire Chief For Dishonest Conduct

By Thelma A. Woods

Almost a month after the Washington Post reported the existence of DC Fire Chief Few's academic resume, details of the investigation into his academic credentials have come to light. The Post has obtained a detailed report that outlines the findings of the investigation, including the specific actions that led to the investigation and the potential implications for Few's future in the role.

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The District's Fire Chief Ron Few is under investiga-

"On the record Few has sta-

"He said he should be fired; no one should have done that unless they were fully aware of this," said Lisa Bass, fire department spokesperson.

The Anacostia Museum is one of the only places in the city that is dedicated to showcasing the history and culture of African Americans.

The museum offers a selection of his carved and intricate pieces.

The program pays the difference of $2,500 to qualified students who are also eligible for federal financial aid. The program will be available for the next school year following passage of amendments to the original College Access Act.

By Beatrice Oyewu

The Office of Congressional Liaison (OCL) at the University of Maryland, College Park, in conjunction with the National Federation of the UNESCO Alliance of Black Students, and the Black College College Access Act, has announced that students who graduated prior to the 2003 budget.

The Denver Broncos average temperature during the regular season at their stadium is a high of 51°F and a low of 37°F, with an average precipitation of a half-inch. The Super Bowl has a much colder and colder is on probation or something about the issues surrounding him.

Who's Eligible for District Cash?

- Graduated from high school before July 1, 1998, and are enrolled in college in the spring of 2002. Some students have decided they want to defer college and get some working experience before going to college.

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Economical Boost DC, Bid for Super Bowl to Assist Recovery Efforts

Super Bowl XXXVIII will be the third Super Bowl hosted here in the state of Maryland, following Super Bowl XL in Detroit, Mich., in 2006, and Super Bowl XL in New Orleans, La., in 2003. The NFL league plans on spreading its wealth by showcasing the playing of some of the top teams and the best venues to assist communities in recovery efforts.

On the previous act, students who graduated prior to the 2007 original College Access Act were eligible for college tuition assistance. The program included $10,000 a year and a lifetime benefit—a result never achieved by any other student aid program.

The Denver Broncos averaged $2.5 million in revenue from the sale of tickets at the stadium in the 2001 season, and the team's average attendance was 65,427.

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Surge in College Funding Likely for District Residents Norton's Bill Will Pay Up to $2,500 in Tuition to Any HBCU

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Howard Plaza Towers
A Home Away From Home

The management and staff of Howard Plaza Towers would like to extend a big CONGRATULATIONS, to all Howard University May 2002 Graduates, especially those leaving our nest.

We have made every effort to make each resident as comfortable as possible. Residents have received dedicated and quality customer service from our Front Desk Attendants, the main focus of "respond and assist" the residents on their respective floors, of which many have gone beyond the call of duty.

Howard Plaza Towers is the most sought after on Campus housing dormitory. Not only are we just minutes away from campus but our customers, Howard University Students, have the privilege of having their own room equipped with a kitchenette and bathrooms. Our staff is made up of naturally AC/BC trained, well trained maintenance and porter staff and 24 hour front desk coverage.

Our slogan "A Home Away From Home" has been the driving force of our services to this powerful academic village. Under the guidance of our Program Special Events Coordinator, Robyn A. Douglas, Howard Plaza Towers has over the past year created numerous developmental programs geared to target specific issues, interests and importance.

After the September 11 tragedy, HPT worked hand in hand with the Howard University Counseling Services and the Howard University eighty-six transcript of purpose and student volunteers, to aid our students in their time of need.

As we prepare to return, there are a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

International Exhibitions

HPT Annual Cook Out

As in previous years we will be providing informational sessions on Airbnb. Programs such as HIV Testing conducted with "Helping Hands" on the Maryland/Howard University campus and Howard University Student Health Center.

HPT Volunteers

In order to carry out our programs, such as International Exhibitions, a cultural program featuring the arts and craft created by our residents and members of the surrounding community. Black History Month Celebrations; Games Nights; Aerobics classes; Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) - A Self Defense course conducted by HU Campus Police;

Internation Exhibitions

To improve on security we have implemented 24hr digital surveillance cameras and cameras are constantly monitored to maintain a safe and secure environment for our Security Check Points.

As we say goodbye in the residents who have made Howard Plaza Towers their home, we are ready and willing to welcome any HU scholar and provide them a supportive environment to the highest possible level.

BY LAUREN B. ANDERSON
Editor-in-Chief

Despite alleged incidents occurring on the school’s campus and around the city, the District’s head of St. Augustine Principals May Vie For Ward One Seat

A Home Away From Home

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The museum’s small art collection contains mostly paintings and prints. James Wells, John Robinson, Nelson Denson, and Len Swall are represented.

The museum’s important place to educate and comfort our children in our histories,” said John Smith, who attended the merchants with her sons.

The museum housed at 2500 Florida Ave. N.W. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

GRADS from Page A10

We have always been proud. We have not become more selective. We choose quality over quantity.” Stothers said.

And Epstein Walter, a senior accounting major, is one who is thinking seriously in postgraduate school. “I plan to complete my degree in June and then look into the possibility of returning here. I want to work in a field that I care about that pays well.”

Walker is up for, Howard’s MFA program for the fall. Camille Franklin, a senior at Howard University’s arts program, says student’s procrastination with the job market in mind is probably the reason for this.

Throughout the the fall, this has made the job search process more difficult. Students are usually very demanding. They want to be in a field that they really want to do.”

Franklin says that students need to talk to their parents about what they really want to do. “I think it’s important for students to talk to people in the field to find out what they really want to do. “I’m good at what I do. I’ve been here for so long. I think I’m good at this. So, I think I’m good at it.”

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WHAT KIND DOES IT BRING A B BACK
Drought Causes Problems Nationwide

By Amber Mobility

Nation's Water

Despite the recent rains, according to the Department of Environmental Protection, the drought is not over. As a result, the nation's water is still in jeopardy.

The heat was caused by a hot air mass that began moving south from the Midwest while cold air moved north. As a result, the nation's water supply is still threatened.

The best way to conserve water is to use less water when possible. This can be done by reducing the amount of water used for outdoor activities and by using water-saving appliances.

In addition, the nation's water supply is still at risk. The drought continues to affect many areas of the country, and the nation's water supply is still threatened.

Contact Amber Mobility, Nation's Water, for more information.

Airport Security Remains Major Concern

Nearly 100 Airport Workers Arrested last month

By Amber Mobility

New York City

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Crisis in Colombia Continues After Years

By Derrick K. Night

Colin Powell Serves Us All

The day Colin Powell was appointed to the U.S. Secretary of State, he addressed the nation and the world from the East Room of the White House, saying, "This was to be our day. And I said, 'We have to make sure that we don't let this go by without us doing something to help."

Nearly four years after Colombian president Andres Pastrana took over, the peace negotiations between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) continue to falter. Peace talks, related drug traffic, and kidnapping of government officials and foreign nationals have stalled. Since 1999, the United States has grown Colombia more than $2 billion in military aid. However, the FARC has committed over 500 attacks in the last month alone.

The group has been a prime target for the Colombian government, particularly in the wake of the peace talks. The U.S. aims to take a strong stance against the FARC, but lacks the points necessary to effectively combat the group. Since Powell took office, the FARC has retained its hold on the political landscape, despite the government's efforts to dismantle it.

Violence is quickly becoming a way of life in Colombia. Violence accounts for two-thirds of all deaths among young Colombians according to Powell. The president of the United States' armed forces is under pressure to take decisive action against the FARC. Powell has promised to make a strong statement against the group, but the outcome is uncertain.

In the past, Powell has stated that he would not consider the use of military force as a solution to the problem. However, the FARC has shown no signs of retreating from its militant tactics. Powell's response will be closely watched as the conflict continues to escalate.

While Powell has faced criticism for his handling of the situation, the United States remains committed to working with Colombia to find a peaceful resolution.

Promiscuity Raises Concern About HIV in Africa

By Tiffany D. Jackson

Deep in the vast region of Kenya live a small village where a very promiscuous woman walks along the AIDS virus route quite openly. Not only does she have the AIDS virus, but several men in the village have also been infected by the virus.

Twenty-year-old Beatrice Akolo, dying of the life-threatening disease, is the latest to fall in line with the small group of Kenyan women who tell a story of how AIDS has swept through the community. The village has a reputation for sexual promiscuity, but it is not a way of life that any resident would ever want to adopt.

The village is a melting pot in a region where promiscuity is the norm. However, the residents of the village have managed to keep the virus at bay. They have managed to keep the virus from spreading, hoping to maintain its status as a way of life.

Beatrice Akolo died on the eve of the annual AIDS awareness campaign, leaving behind a legacy of how AIDS can affect any individual, no matter how promiscuous. Her death serves as a reminder of the importance of sexual education and the need to stop the spread of AIDS.

In the city where she lived, there are people who are still alive because of her actions. "The story of Beatrice Akolo is a lesson—a lesson of the dangers of promiscuity and the importance of sexual education," said Oliver West, director of the National AIDS Administration.

As the United States focuses on curbing the spread of AIDS, it is important to remember the importance of sexual education and the need to stop the spread of the disease. The United States continues to look forward to working with other countries to combat the spread of AIDS.

Lalistt rebels in the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia surrender the country.

"We have done a job of improving the public sector's health in accordance with the LIRA's demands," Powell told the United Nations.

However, many challenges remain. According to the World Health Organization, Colombia is poised for growth in the next several years, making continued support from the source 1999 recession. In 2000, the unemployment rate reached a record high of 5.5 percent.

Not only has Colombia's economy been in a slump, but of Colombia's leading industries, tourism, oil and coffee, face an uncertain future.

Colombia continues to look to the future to combat the spread of AIDS in the country.
**HEALTH & FITNESS**

**How to Get in Shape by the End of Summer**

By Eboni Held Contributing Writer

So you promised yourself that you would have an amazing body by the summer, but now you realize what an uphill battle you’re facing. Do you want to start your fitness program? No, you don’t! Not only are you too tired, but you’re also too stressed out. But now, you’re wondering if you can try to get your bodies in shape by the end of school? Everyone knows that exercising and eating right will keep you fit and healthy, but how do you get your bodies in shape without doing too much stress? There are people who do not like the strict food and exercise regimens. However, there are still healthy and fun ways to get your bodies in shape.

The first step is to start exercising regularly. According to Cosmopolitan magazine, exercise is the key to a healthy life. Exercise helps to burn calories, reduce stress, and improve your overall health.

**The Ins and Outs of Proper Skin Care**

By Takira Alexander Staff Writer

Now that summer is almost here, we need to start thinking about our skin. Not only will we be wearing less clothing, but we will also be spending more time outdoors.

For some, this is easier said than done. There are many factors that can affect our skin during the summer. For example, the sun’s rays can cause damage to the skin, leading to premature aging and skin cancer.

Why? Because each person’s skin is different, and each person’s skin reacts differently to sunlight.

In this article, we’ll take a look at the different types of skin and how they react to the sun. We’ll also discuss the steps you can take to protect your skin.

1. **Determine your skin type.**
2. **Wear sunscreen.**
3. **Drink plenty of water.**
4. **Eat a healthy diet.**

For more information on proper skin care, please see our article on page B11.

**Living with Summer Allergies**

By Reynollette Staff Writer

May 11, 2002 The Hilltop 11

Summer is the time for allergies to flare up. For many people, the season brings a host of problems, including sneezing, congestion, and watery eyes.

There are many different types of allergies, but one of the most common is pollen allergy. Pollen is a type of allergen that is found in the air, and it can cause a variety of symptoms, including:

- **Sneezing**
- **Runny nose**
- **Itchy eyes**
- **Wheezing**
- **Coughing**

**Identifying Diabetes Early**

By Reynollette Staff Writer

Currently, there are more than 20 million Americans who have Diabetes Mellitus (DM) and half of them do not even know it. Most college students are not aware of diabetes, even though they are at risk for the disease.

Walking backwards in the grass and eating the entire stalk of a celery stick are not ways to prevent diabetes. However, there are some things you can do to help prevent diabetes, such as:

- **Maintain a healthy weight.**
- **Get regular exercise.**
- **Eat a balanced diet.**

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ANDREA GARDNER GOES 'PRO'

Howard Center Selected to Play for WNBA's Utah Starzz

By Chama Bryant

The average Howard University student, graduating this spring, will undergo the rigors of college in the hopes of landing a solid job offer post-graduation. However, Andrea Gardner, a senior basketball player for the Bison, has been selected to play for the WNBA's Utah Starzz.

Gardner, a 5'11" guard, was a key player on the Bison's men's basketball team last year. She averaged 10 points and 5 rebounds per game, earning herself a spot on the MEAC All-Conference Team. Gardner's selection to the WNBA is a testament to her hard work and dedication to the sport.

Gardner's journey to the WNBA began in her freshman year when she became a starter for the Bison. She continued to excel in her sophomore and junior years, earning herself a spot on the MEAC All-Conference Team both years. Her performance on the court earned her a place on the MEAC All-Tournament Team in her senior year.

Gardner's selection to the WNBA is a huge accomplishment for her and for Howard University. It is a testament to the quality of education and athletics offered at Howard University. Gardner's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication that she and her teammates put into their sport.

Gardner is excited about the opportunity to play in the WNBA. "I'm just so happy to be representing Howard University on the court," she said. "I've worked so hard to get to this point, and I can't wait to see what the future holds."
The General Elections Committee would like to thank the following for volunteering during the Fourth and Final Election:

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How to be ‘Suit’able for the Workplace

By Felicia Daniel

Career advisor

How many days have you spent out of the office due to being sick, a meeting, or the need to run some errands? I’ve had my fair share of these situations, and I’m sure you can relate. It is so much easier to look and feel your best when you are in the office. How can you be prepared for these situations while still looking and feeling your best? Let’s talk about corporate attire.

The corporate world has changed drastically in recent years. Business casual dress is becoming more and more acceptable in the workplace. However, there is still a place for formal attire. In some industries, such as finance and law, formal attire is still required. But in most industries, a balance between formal and business casual attire is acceptable.

When dressing for the workplace, it is important to consider the type of business you are working in. For example, in an advertising agency, a more casual attire may be acceptable. But in a law firm, formal attire is still required. It is also important to consider the industry you are working in. For example, in the tech industry, a more casual attire may be acceptable. But in the finance industry, formal attire is still required.

The key to dressing for the workplace is to be prepared. Keep some formal attire in your closet in case you need it. And keep some business casual attire in your closet in case you need it.

For more tips on dressing for the workplace, check out this book by fashion expert, Suzy Menkes. She offers some great tips on how to look and feel your best in the workplace.

It’s important to remember that dressing for the workplace is not just about looking good. It’s also about feeling good. When you look good, you feel good. And when you feel good, you perform better. So it’s important to take the time to look and feel your best.

End of article

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A Freshman’s Perspective

Courtney Wade

It’s different world, than what I thought. I always thought college was a place where you could relax and have fun. Well, I was wrong. Attending college as a freshman is a lot of work. Your time is spent between classes, studying, and social activities. But it’s all worth it.

I’ve learned a lot about myself this year. I’ve learned that I’m not perfect. I’ve learned that I make mistakes. I’ve learned that I need to work on my time management skills. I’ve learned that I can’t do everything at once. I’ve learned that I need to prioritize my tasks. I’ve learned that I need to be responsible.

I’ve also learned a lot about my college. I’ve learned that it’s not just a place to get a degree. It’s a place to learn life skills. I’ve learned that it’s a place to meet new people. I’ve learned that it’s a place to have fun.

I’ve learned a lot about my major. I’ve learned that it’s not just a subject to study. It’s a way of life. I’ve learned that it’s a way to make a difference in the world. I’ve learned that it’s a way to make a living.

I’ve learned a lot about my life. I’ve learned that I need to be more grateful. I’ve learned that I need to be more patient. I’ve learned that I need to be more confident. I’ve learned that I need to be more kind. I’ve learned that I need to be more generous.

I’ve learned a lot about my faith. I’ve learned that it’s not just a belief. It’s a way of life. I’ve learned that it’s a way to find peace. I’ve learned that it’s a way to find purpose.

I’ve learned a lot about my future. I’ve learned that it’s not just a destination. It’s a journey. I’ve learned that it’s a journey that I need to enjoy. I’ve learned that it’s a journey that I need to be prepared for.

I’ve learned a lot about my family. I’ve learned that they are my biggest support. I’ve learned that they are my biggest cheerleaders. I’ve learned that they are my biggest critics.

I’ve learned a lot about my friends. I’ve learned that they are my biggest friends. I’ve learned that they are my biggest allies. I’ve learned that they are my biggest competitors.

I’ve learned a lot about my enemies. I’ve learned that they are my biggest competitors. I’ve learned that they are my biggest critics. I’ve learned that they are my biggest supporters.

I’ve learned a lot about my teachers. I’ve learned that they are my biggest mentors. I’ve learned that they are my biggest role models. I’ve learned that they are my biggest supporters.

I’ve learned a lot about my students. I’ve learned that they are my biggest competitors. I’ve learned that they are my biggest supporters. I’ve learned that they are my biggest friends.

I’ve learned a lot about my community. I’ve learned that it’s a place to give back. I’ve learned that it’s a place to make a difference. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find support.

I’ve learned a lot about my country. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find strength. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find inspiration. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find hope.

I’ve learned a lot about my world. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find peace. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find purpose. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find meaning.

I’ve learned a lot about my universe. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find mystery. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find wonder. I’ve learned that it’s a place to find joy.

I’ve learned a lot about myself. I’ve learned that I’m capable. I’ve learned that I’m strong. I’ve learned that I’m resilient. I’ve learned that I’m worthy. I’ve learned that I’m loved.

I’ve learned a lot about my college, my major, my life, my faith, my future, my family, my friends, my enemies, my teachers, my students, my community, my country, my world, my universe, and myself.
Music Review: What to Look for Throughout the Summer

By Jozen Cummings

LIFE & STYLE

Spring is almost done, which means the time has come for summer. With the arrival of spring, people everywhere look for something new - whether that's a new hobby, a new vacation, a new relationship, or new outfit. However, summer seems to be the best time of the year to display all the latest trends. To add to the fun, there's something equally essential to the people of summer - music.

Coming into what is known as the second quarter in the music industry, many artists and experts have their fingers crossed to making fresh new music for their fans and listeners. The following is a list of artists slated to release new albums in the coming months. Due to most releases dates constantly changing, no specific dates will be listed. Instead each month will list artists slated to drop during the month.

May

Lauryn Hill: After a three-year hiatus, Ms. Hill finally releases her sophomore effort. The album features all new music performed by Lauryn and her guitar.

June

Big Tymerz: The Canadian duo, Master Peace and Dwayne "Toby" Williams, will release the new album "Greatest Hits and Misses." The shopping mall, featuring a variety of guests, is finally set to come out.

Lauryn Hill's acoustic sophomore album off MTV's Unplugged hit the charts earlier this week.

Kesel G. Rapp: The Legendary MC will finally release his long awaited coming album titled The Quimica Black Credits. In the album release the song "My Life" as well as a surprise collaboration with rapper A$AP Rocky.

Filmmaker Squad: Rasta Vastus is set to re-release his album Instant Vintage. The album will feature fellow native MCs such as "Toula," the current single "Too" should be here" and August Alsina. Also look out for appearances by former TLC member T-Boz.

July

Norwegian Ekno who brought the word "grime" to the forefront of every peninsula tongue is finally set to be included in his new set The Def Jef. His third album entitled Def Jef's Favorite will feature powerful production from The Rippers as well as great appearances from his right hand man Dymo Max.

August

The Notorious B.I.G.: Yet another posthumous release from the slain hip hop lyrical. Expect nothing groundbreaking as the album will be nothing more than the greatest hits (i.e. the late Greatest Hits), with possibly a few unreleased tracks.

The rip off train from Minnie is sure to close out the summer with a bang after the release her sophomore effort Diamond Princess. Collaborations are definitely in the works for "Biggie" as well as hip hop artists Fabolous and Missy "Hustla" Elliott.

Plurals Munch: The man who was telling everybody on the dance floor in 1995 to "Shake the P.P.I.P." is going to be coming back with his second untitled album. This time around, he'll be using traditional debt Internal Affairs. Expect collaborations with artists from the Rainstar label such as Missy Elliot and Telli Banks.

Credit Cards: Will They Ruin Your Life and Your Credit?

By Alphaya Cobe Life Style

Credit cards are necessary. Jump onto campus and you are sure to find a bunch of people buying something with a credit card. So what's the problem? According to Federal Reserve regulations, most consumers fail to read the fine print on the back of this credit card. Credit is a powerful tool, and when it is used improperly, it can lead to unmanageable debts.

"I received my first credit card when I was 18," said Mr. Walter, a Junior International Business major. "I didn't realize how high the interest was on the card, and then I started buying more things just paying off interest rates and accumulated credit card debt.

Information is the key to controlling your credit. Every card comes with a CreditCard.com website. Click on the website and you will be taken to the Federal Reserve web page. The page is full of information about how to use your credit card wisely. Search for "tips and tricks" on the web page you will be directed to.

Credit cards do not give you free money. In fact, you pay more than you actually spent because of interest rates and other fees. Every year students make some very popular mistakes - overspending, over buying, and buying things they don't need. You can always save hundreds of dollars by: shirring going on shopping sprees, ordering pizza, or buying all the lines without giving it a second thought. When making sets, they have no way to pay the bill. You should budget your credit card usage wisely. If you do this, you will not be charged late fees, go over your limit, or buy something you just don't need.

Do not let unpaid interest swell you up - the higher your balance, the more interest you will pay. Most people believe that paying off your credit card debt in one year is a good idea. Don't do it. If you are in debt for a long time, it will cut down on your income and make it harder to get credit in the future. More payments at low interest rates before it is too late. In the end, you know it will be too late. If people continue to pay off their monthly payments, it is the least amount of your balance that you can pay off you the interest rate.

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Congratulations graduates! Four long years of waiting in lines, test-taking, papers, and late-night study sessions have finally paid off. Each of us has endured the trials of academia, and we have survived.

The class of 2002 is now ready to attend its graduation ceremony. This is an important event in our lives, as it marks the end of our formal education and the beginning of our careers.

Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for May only. It is a tradition for Howard University to hold the commencement ceremony in May.

However, while a graduation ceremony is important, it is not the only event that occurs in May. There are other events taking place during this time.

Could Howard University Hospital Become the Next D.C. General Hospital?

A recent Washington Post article, "Howard U. Medical Problems Under Fire," reported that the hospital might lose its accreditation in June after Howard inquired about the hospital's performance.

The hospital has been under fire for several years, and its accreditation is now in question. If the hospital loses its accreditation, it will be unable to operate.

Howard University Hospital is the largest Black collegiate newspaper in the nation. With a readership of more than 10,000, The Hilltop is a publication that serves the African American community in Washington, D.C.
Lies, Sex and Video Tape: An R. Kelly Story

The highly anticipated interview with R. Kelly finally happened with Ed Gordon of BET on Wednesday and Thursday. In a two-part interview the acclaimed musical genius opened up about a tape with an underage teen and his thoughts on the controversy surrounding him.

"I am not a monster that is guilty and is in need of help," R. Kelly said. "I am not a mean person, or a harsh judge or the lies he spewed to television viewers." His silence was proving to be deadly as fans thought he was trying to give the appearance of a guilty man. His words were unclear and evasive, and they're sadly mistaken.

"People out there have a tape of me and they're saying it's me," says he. "Now just has many other views. It's not easy being a journalist and finding both artist usually sell more music when an artist is accused of sexual assault, especially when the investigation is in progress and the artist is still performing at the peak of their career.

Now, I don't get me wrong. I am not being judgmental because I do believe that the problem that we need to help is the young girls affected, and we need to help them. Hopefully there are no knives along with it, it can be a horrifying and ugly experience. People have told me, "Oh what they were doing was not me," but even still R. Kelly is not a monster.

"I'm very concerned with my career, but most of all I am concerned with my life," said R. Kelly when asked how he felt about the situation. "I have nothing to hide." Ed Gordon did a job well done with the interview. I was ready to attack him and told my friends if he didn't ask the "tough questions". However, in some ways I would have liked a little more, but I must think about now, more than his career.

His latest effort, a collaboration with hip hop star Jay-Z was a commercial flop considering both artists usually sell million, while this one sold a poorer single. "Jay-Z is probably being halted or wanting to kick R. Kelly at this time... we are just discussing. Finding pleasure in urinating on young girls and having them perform sexual acts is just disgusting."\

Girls who have been scarred for life and will never be the same? What about those young girls.

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AKE Quander Memorial Scholarships

Four Howard University Students were awarded a total of $10,000.00 in scholarships for the 2002 - 2003 academic year. Thomas Dimow, a junior, received $3000.00, Bernard Holloway, Sophomore received $3000.00, Kendell Thompson, a Sophomore, received $3000.00 and Robin Fuller, a Sophomore is to receive $3000.00 which went to assist her in the studies abroad.

Congratulations to the award recipients!
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