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Political Rally Out of Control

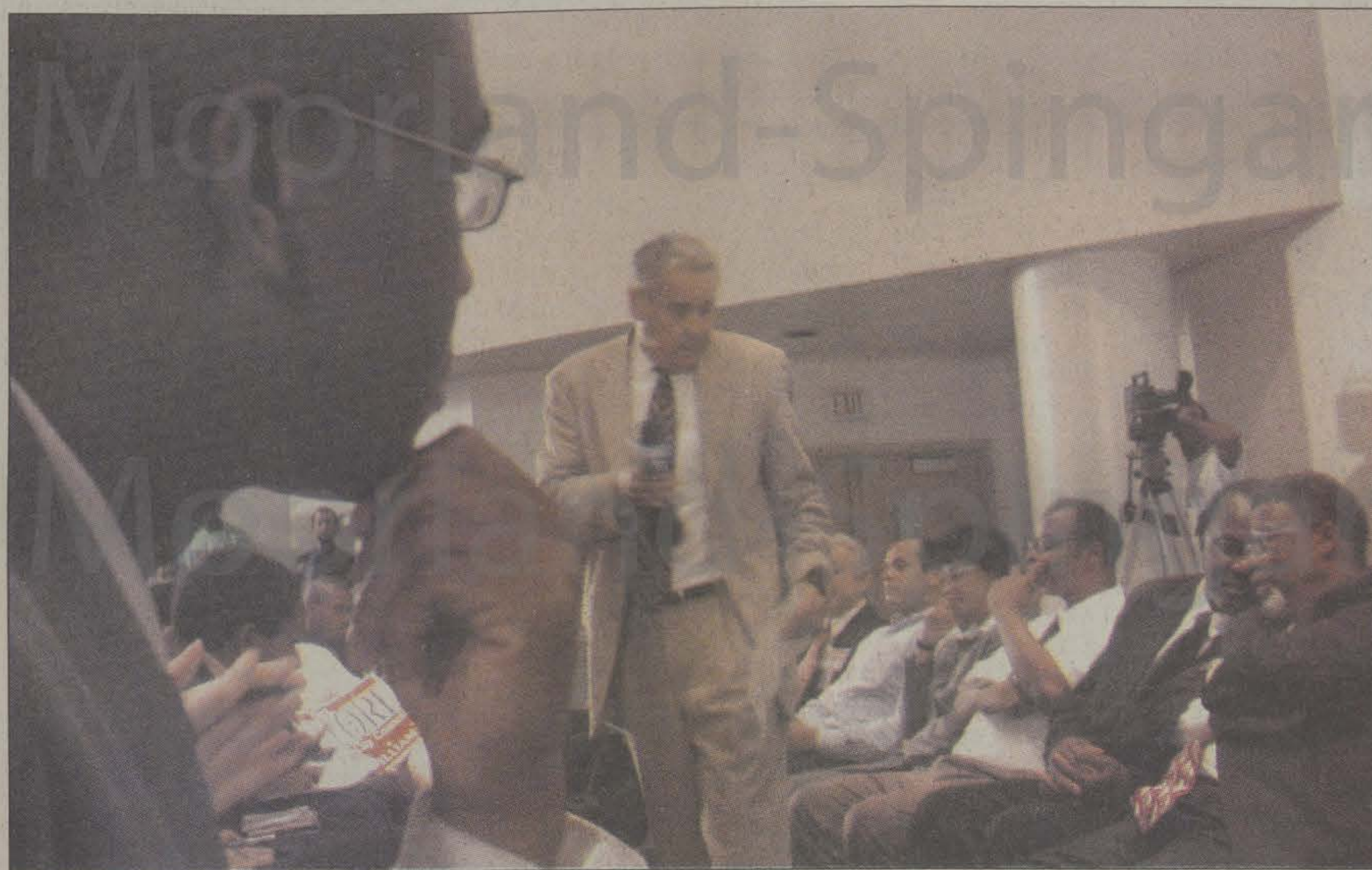


Photo by Harvey Jenkins

HUSA President, Cornell Williamson, left, looks on as Tony DePass, a candidate for Ward 1 city council, is distracted from his speech while mayoral candidates Rev. Douglas Moore (D) and Osie Thorpe (D), right, taunt him.

Disorder Prevails at Student Sponsored Event in the School of Business Tuesday

By Amber Mobley
The Hilltop

Freshman biology major Brittany James opted to miss Tuesday's "American Idol" in hopes of becoming politically aware.

"I just wanted to come and see what the candidates were talking about," James said.

But she still got a show.

Candidates for D.C. mayor, ANC Ward 1, city council, and districts-at-large slung accusations at each other amid an audience of vociferous supporters.

"This is way better than 'American Idol,'" James said.

The auditorium was filled near capacity with students and citizens for the event sponsored by the Howard University Student Association, NAACP, Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity, and George Washington University.

Audience members shouted across the aisles at each

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Slave Memorial Proposed for National Mall

By Danielle Scruggs
The Hilltop

There's a memorial to America's first president, George Washington. He owned slaves.

There's a memorial to Thomas Jefferson. He fathered children with a slave.

There's a memorial to Abraham Lincoln - credited with freeing the slaves.

There is no memorial to the slaves. However, if U.S. Representatives Tony Hall, D-Ohio, and Cliff Stearns, R-Florida, get their way, that could all change.

In a press conference held on June 19 - also known as "Juneteenth", the day commemorating the emancipation of the last of the slaves, in 1865 - Hall and Stearns announced their plans to have a slave memorial built on the National Mall.

Hall is adamant that the monument be built in the Lincoln Memorial's shadow.

At the press conference Stearns said, "The institution of slavery in our nation's past left deep and enduring scars that must be acknowledged."

Hall voiced similar sentiments saying, "...the suffering of those bound in slavery must not be forgotten by the current and future generations of Americans."

Nate Smith, a freshman political science major, is in support of a

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General Assembly Fails to Approve HUSA Budget

By Makebra Anderson
The Hilltop

In a room set up to resemble the U.S. Senate with each Undergraduate Student Association and Graduate Student Association representatives name printed neatly on a name card, the Howard University Student Association called to order the first General Assembly meeting of the year.

At Wednesday's meeting, the assembly was supposed to approve the HUSA staff, budget, and vote on special elections chair for 2002-2003, but as time grew later, and members began to leave, HUSA was forced to table discussions.

HUSA president, Cornell Williamson, began the first General Assembly meeting by recapping on HUSA's current accomplishments.

"So far HUSA has spon-

sored a freshman BBQ, compiled the freshman orientation booklet, organized an educational rally, and hosted multiple political awareness programs," Williamson said.

HUSA has also been able to solicit sponsors from Silver Lining Incorporated, Gold's Gym, China Wonder, Negril, and the Marcus Garvey Study Group, he added.

One major point of concern for HUSA is the suspension of 24-hour visitation in the West Howard Plaza

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General Assembly Members Not in Attendance

*Kerel Thompson -- College of Arts & Sciences

*Sandra Jowers -- Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

*Earlie Pruitt -- College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science

*Tiana Dodson -- College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences

*Rashida Rodgers -- College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

*Adrian West -- College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

*Jamayla Scott -- School of Social Work

*Frederick B. Ross -- Graduate School of Business

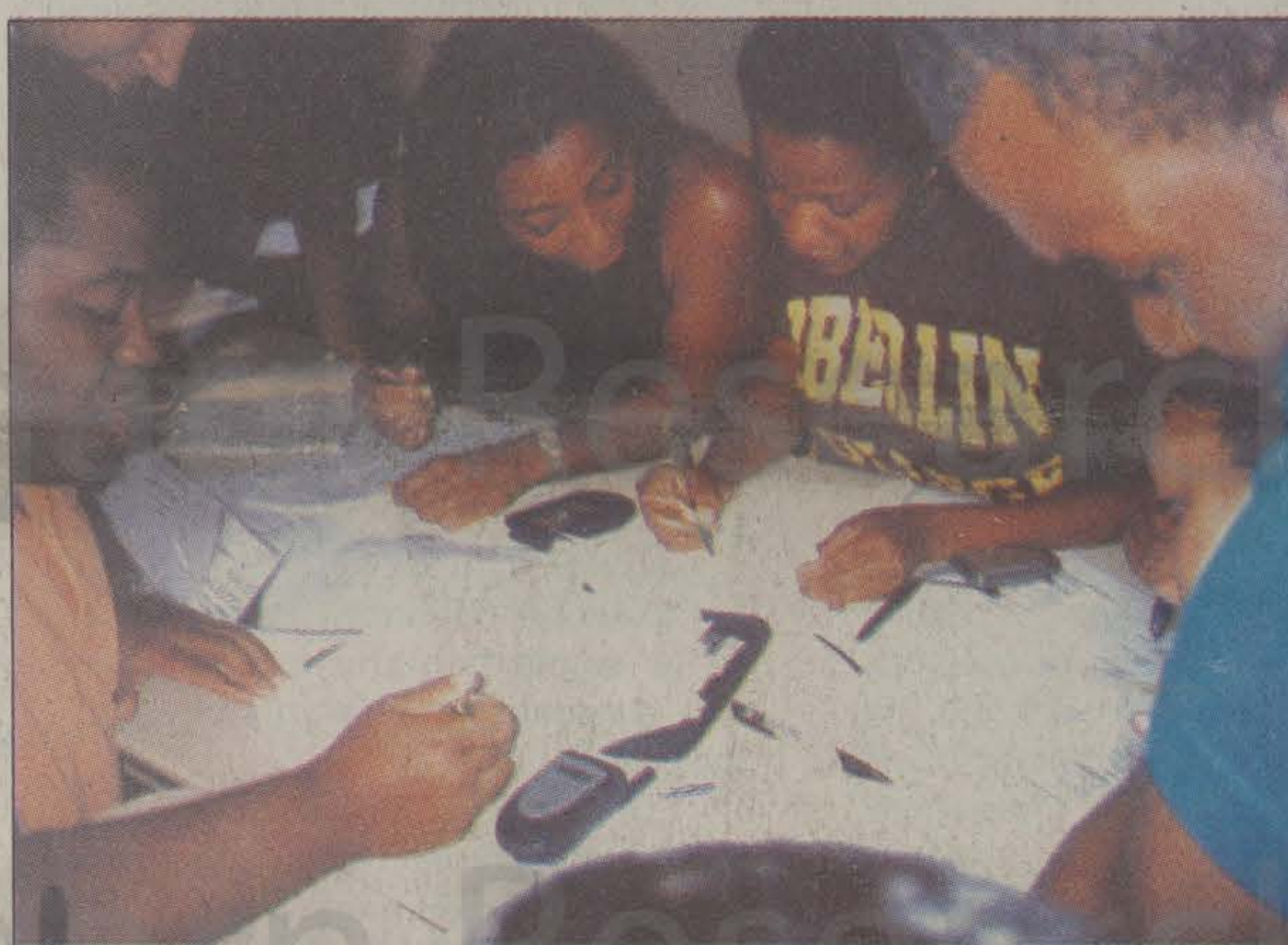


Photo by Lauren B. Anderson

General Assembly members go over the HUSA budget and propose changes during the intermission Wednesday. From left, Larry Brown Jr., School of Communications; Spencer Chinier, School of Education; Tanesha Willis, School of Business; Nicole Kirtley, School of Business; Stefanie Brown, School of Business; Silas Cardwell, College of Arts & Sciences.

Drew Hall Residents Shocked to Find No Water

By Jodi Hurt
The Hilltop

On August 27, 2002, approximately 300 Drew residents were without water between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The water was turned off for routine safety inspections.

Although signs were posted around the dorm to inform residents of the shut-off, students claim they were shocked when they woke up without water. Residents said the dates on the signs were wrong.

"There were notices hanging around the dorm but the posters said the wrong date and time of the event they were trying to prepare us for," said Andre MacCroy, resident of Drew Hall.

According to the Office of Residence Life, residents were properly notified that the water would be shut off in the dorm. They were also given a specific time and date in hopes of preventing problems.

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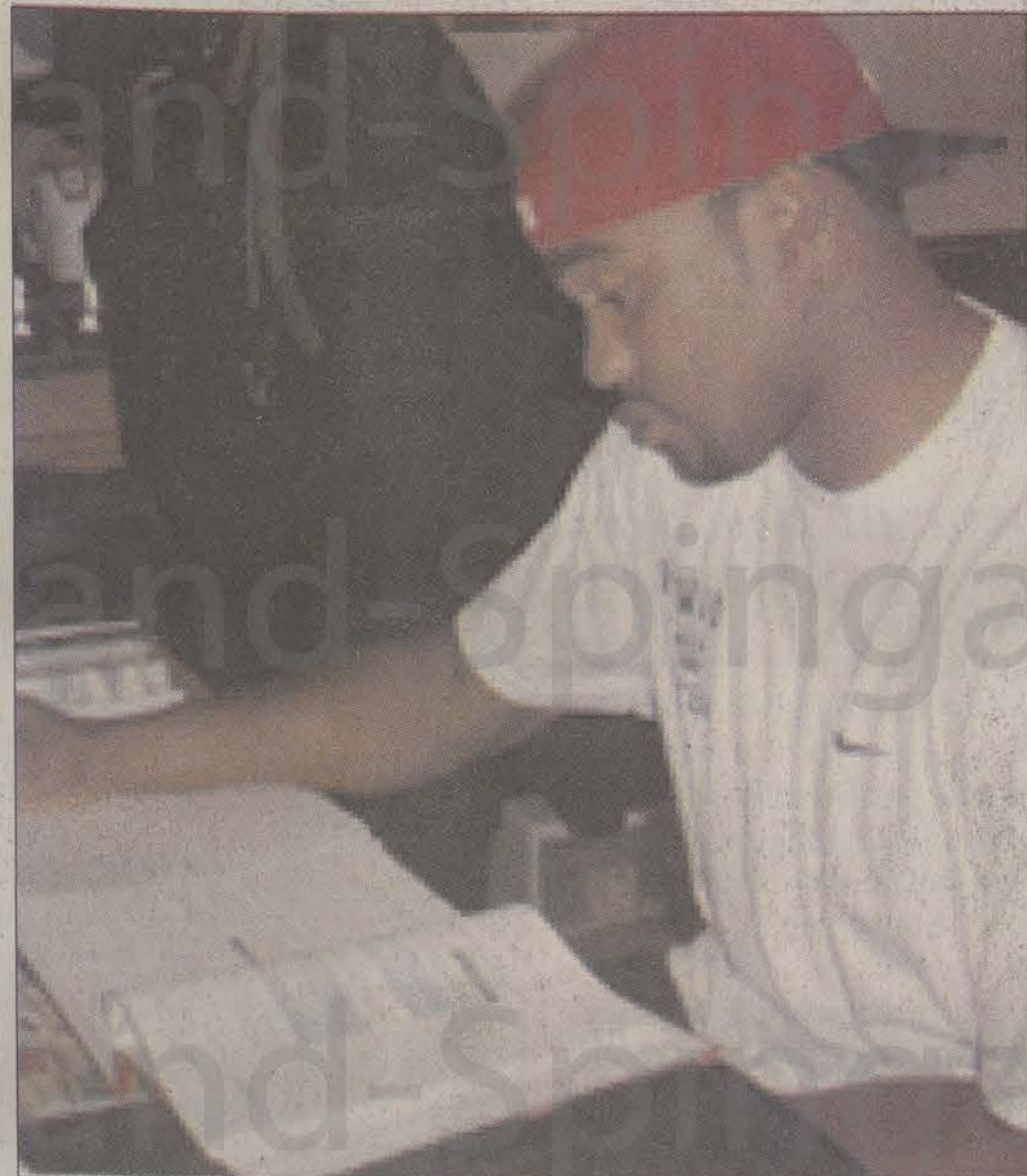


Photo by Elena Bergeron

Student-athlete Serge Sejour made the SAT cut-off, but many other African-American athletes aren't as lucky.

By Les Flanagan
The Hilltop

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) will soon vote on whether to alter the controversial standard it uses to judge the eligibility of freshman student-athletes. College sports'

governing body will debate the use of a sliding scale that gives added consideration to grade point average instead of standardized test scores. For example, if a high school senior scored 400 on the SAT, the student would need a 3.55 GPA in core courses in order to partici-

NCAA Reconsiders Athletic Requirements

pate in athletics their freshman year.

The Division I Board of Directors met for an academic forum in Indianapolis August 8th to discuss Proposition 48, and will make a decision on October 31st. The policy changes would take effect for the 2003-2004 seasons and would make a drastic impact in the world of collegiate sports.

NCAA President Cedric Dempsey and the six major conferences also favor a proposal to increase the number of required core courses in high school from 13 to 14.

In 1983, Howard Athletic Director Sondra Norell-Thomas sat on the Division I NCAA Council that opposed Proposition 48. Thomas spoke out as the voice among minorities in collegiate sports.

"The SAT is a biased test, which is based off experience and exposure," Thomas said. "Because of this, minority students are not properly prepared to do well on these tests."

Studies have shown every year that Proposition 48 and its heir to unfairness, Proposition

16, are biased and unfair indicators. Even the SAT testing service has admitted the tests are not an accurate predictor.

The data compiled by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics in July 1995, showed that Proposition 48's test score cutoff would deny full eligibility to more than one-third of lower-income despite their success in the classroom. For higher-income students that figure was just one-tenth.

Proposition 48 was initially introduced in response to several reports of college athletes reading on a third-grade level. The minimum standard for first year eligibility was set at 700 on the SAT and later increased to 820 by Proposition 16.

Thomas also expressed her opinion on the proposed extra course requirements.

"If you plan to add another course, I hope that the next one will be something beneficial such as typing or a computer class," Thomas said.

Studies have already shown that the change from 13 to 14 core courses has affected

African-American football players the most.

Thomas and many others around college athletics suggest that the NCAA has been trying to keep a good balance of white athletes in order to shut-out black athletes who dominate in the two most popular sports-basketball and football. They do this by raising SAT requirements, which the Educational Testing Service has said is misapplied.

The new policy changes appear to be a positive step in better assessing student's academic potential.

"Now it will give African-Americans opportunities to attend college, which is something we've never had before. A junior college was always necessary to bring test scores up," Thomas said. "Often a student had to either sit out a year or two, or attend a junior college in order to play. Its unfortunate over the past 19 years the number of African-Americans who have been denied a chance for an education."



CAMPUS

Voices & Views

What do you hope to accomplish this academic year?



Name: Nicole Trowers
Major: Architecture
From: Jamaica

"To acquire the knowledge necessary to have a successful year academically and socially and spiritually."



Name: Aeja Washington
Major: Undecided
From: California

"I want to pull at least a 3.8 and meet some new people."



Name: Andrew Bedward
Major: Finance
From: New Jersey

"To continue with my current success and to make mom dukes proud."



Name: Deirdre Battice
Major: Intl. Business
From: St. Kitts

"Graduate Summa Cum Laude."



Name: LeeRoy DeShazor Jr.
Major: Human Develop.
From: Delaware

"Graduate and make my last couple of semesters memorable ones."

By Harvey Jenkins

Students to Drive After-Hour Shuttle Vans

By Darby Baham
The Hilltop

It's 1:00 a.m., and you have just wrapped-up an intensive study session in the Howard Plaza Towers. Instead of walking back to the Bethune Annex, imagine boarding a shuttle van that will take you back to your dorm.

Starting this semester, the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) is collaborating with the Office of Transportation and Raymond Archer, interim vice provost for the Division of Student Affairs, to provide student-driven shuttle services.

During the election period and the summer months that followed, HUSA president and vice president Cornell R.

Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt respectively, observed that few campus police were available to protect Howard students in transit late at night.

"With the service, students would call the campus police station where a student would be there to radio a student driver on call," Williamson said. "The student will be driving a minivan, not a shuttle van, because no special license is being used. The service is not really meant for large amounts of people at one time."

Some students support the idea of student-driven shuttles.

"I think it's an excellent idea, especially for females, because it can be dangerous walking around Howard's campus late at night," said Candice McCuller, sophomore biology-

premed major from Chicago. "I know I'd be comfortable knowing there was someone I could call to ensure I got to my destination safely."

As a way to correct this problem, HUSA sought to implement a shuttle service that would operate on a different schedule than the current shuttle buses.

The services will be provided between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., will be driven solely by Howard University students, and will operate only as an on-call service.

"I don't know if a lot of guys are going to really use the service because it takes away from their cool persona a little, but it does sound like a worthwhile service, especially for females," said Frederick McKindra,

freshman journalism major from Little Rock, Ark.

Only graduate students may apply for the position as a safety precaution. Students that are interested in becoming drivers must complete an application and adhere to the necessary requirements, such as being responsible and trustworthy.

Although no special license is needed to drive the shuttle vans, there will be a training session to ensure the safety of both the student drivers and passengers.

Many students will be hired for different shifts and different days. A student can work as many hours as his or her schedule allows, and according to HUSA, the shifts will not be very long.

"It will most likely be three-hour shifts, but depending on that person's schedule it could be more," said HUSA spokesperson Corey Cunningham. "Students will be getting paid approximately \$15.00 an hour if they are picked to become shuttle drivers."

According to students, the idea of a student-driven, late-night shuttle service is the perfect solution to a pertinent problem.

"It's an excellent idea," said April Leon, junior legal communications major from New Orleans. "I do think students would be a good replacement, because sometimes you can end up waiting for a ride from campus police for a while."

Who's Who At Howard U.?

By Monica Almond
The Hilltop

Every student has a chance to shine at the "mecca." That is if they are involved in extracurricular activities on campus and maintain good academic standing with the University.

These students can apply to be part of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Who's Who is an organization that acknowledges juniors, seniors, and graduate students for their contributions to student activities on and off campus.

The program honors students primarily for their extracurricular involvement while enrolled in an undergraduate program.

Each fall, the Office of Student Activities oversees the selection process for Who's Who. This year Shanel Thomas, the Graduate Assistant of Student Activities, will chair the program.

Thomas is responsible for overseeing the nominating committee that includes representatives from the Dean's office as well as the student councils from each of the 12 schools and colleges.

One representative from the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), and the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA), will also sit on the committee.

Over 1,800 colleges and

universities participate in Who's Who; however, Howard University is the only institution of higher learning that offers the program to both undergraduate and graduate students.

"Students with interests in Who's Who must first undergo a self-nomination process," said Rasheem-Ameid Rooke, Associate Director of Student Activities.

Rooke said grades aren't as important as being involved on campus.

"Some students who have a 2.5 or a 2.7 and are involved in many different organizations will tell me they're not going to apply for Who's Who because their GPA is too low," Rooke said.

According to Rooke, GPA is not the most important aspect of the nomination process and only accounts for 10 points of the possible 100.

The criterion for selecting individuals is broken down into three parts: Honors and Awards - 25 points, Leadership and Participation - 50 points, Citizenship and Service - 25 points.

The possibility of being nominated weighs heavily on extracurricular activities that take place outside the classroom setting.

"Who's Who is looking for the well-rounded students. Not the students who are here to go to class, take notes, and then return to their rooms and study without contributing to college

life," Rooke said.

According to Rooke, the number of students selected is not only determined by the amount of student applications received but also by the school's enrollment. This year the Chair has the option of selecting 99 qualified students.

If you are selected for Who's Who it is a national honor, similar to the National Golden Key Award. Students receive lifetime recommendations and have their names and biographies printed in a book that is distributed to employers and institutions of higher learning nationwide, said Rooke.

Students not eligible for Who's Who this year still have an opportunity of applying in the future. Becoming active on campus is a sure key to increase the chances of becoming selected.

For freshman and transfer students, a sure way to become familiar with the more than 130 student organizations on campus is to attend the Organizational Fair on Wednesday, September 18; or be proactive and create your own organization.

Students who are interested in applying for Who's Who should pick up an application in the Office of Student Activities, located in the Blackburn Center, Room 117. All applications are due in the Dean's office of each student's respective school or college on October 1, by 5 p.m.



Non-Blacks Are Attending HBCUs in Record Numbers

By Tiffany Dupree
The Hilltop

Historically Black Colleges and Universities were created to challenge and mold African-American minds. Their role in the education of young black men and women was once taken for granted, but now it appeals to students of all races and nationalities.

Over the years, Howard University has become a center of learning for a diverse student body. As reported by the Office of Enrollment Management, during the Fall 2001-Spring 2002 academic year, Howard's student body was 2.0 percent Asian, 1.3 percent white, 1.1 percent Hispanic and 0.1 percent

Native American. These statistics do not include the number of non-black students who are not U.S. residents.

Many students now realize that a Howard University education carries as much weight as that of a non-HBCU in all fields of study.

For Naila Tengra, a first year masters in business administration student, attending Howard was a matter of securing the best education possible.

"I picked Howard because of its international reputation," Tengra said. "It's recognized worldwide."

It has been a challenge for Tengra to get into the

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New Chair Named for Journalism Department

Pulitzer Prize and Years as an Editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer Under His Belt

By Josef Sawyer
The Hilltop

After months of extensive searching, interviewing, and weeding-out, the School of Communications finally named a new chair in the Department of Journalism.

Philip Dixon, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and former editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer was selected. He started as Chair July 1.

Dixon replaced interim chair Patrick Fitzpatrick, also a Pulitzer Prize winner and former editor at the Akron Beacon Journal, who served for one year.

Dixon said he hopes to make Howard his permanent home.

"My focus is student centered," Dixon said. "I don't know all the answers of what can be done or what ought to

be done better, but I will not be satisfied until practical short-term and long-term goals are accomplished."

Aside from being in charge of the daily operations of the department, Dixon will be teaching one class, Fundamentals of Journalism.

Dixon said teaching is an important aspect of his job because he feels it keeps him in line with students.

Jannette Dates, Dean of the School of Communications said Dixon exemplified everything the school was looking for in a new chair.

"He's a seasoned journalist," Dates said. "He cares about higher education and about creating quality journalists to go out into the world."

By teaching, Dixon said hopes to form special relationships with students so he can mold and shape the next wave of communicators, journalists

and leaders.

"I am trying to keep my eyes peeled for great talent and prepare people who strike me as men and women who can be great entrepreneurs or enter into corporate America and rise to the top as leaders," Dixon said.

Troy Prestwood, President of the Howard University Association of Black Journalists, a chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, said he is pleased with the selection of the new chair.

Dixon shares the same ideals and goals as HUABJ, Prestwood said.

"He socializes with the students," Prestwood said. "He wants to know what we need and makes sure we are as prepared as anyone else when we leave Howard."

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Photo by Harvey Jenkins

Journalism Department Chair Phillip Dixon.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Tattoos and Piercings: Is The Risk Worth It?

By Reynolette Etienne
The Hilltop

Carille Guthrie, a third year architecture student has three piercings and three tattoos, (she has since removed her naval piercing.)

Both body piercing and tattooing carry a risk of infection. Health experts say that medical complications are more likely with piercings. This fad places people at risk for a number of blood-borne pathogens and other bacterial infections including hepatitis B, hepatitis C and other viruses including HIV.

Some of the risks involved in tattooing and piercing include infection, allergic reactions, granulomas and keloids.

Tattooing equipment and needles that are not sterile can transmit infectious diseases such as hepatitis. It is for this reason that one has to wait at least one year after getting a tattoo before giving blood. Without proper cleaning and protection from the sun, a new tattoo may become infected and the body may reject the tattoo.

Naval piercings become infected easily because tight-fitting clothes do not allow enough air to circulate and moisture can collect around the pierced area.

Oral piercings also present a risk of infection because of the vast amounts of bacteria in the mouth and the piercing can cause airway obstruction due to swelling.

Nipple piercings may disrupt milk-producing ducts and cause infections or problems if a woman wishes to breast feed in the future.

Hypersensitivity to a pigment used in tattooing may result in an allergic response. Although these allergic reactions are rare, when they do occur, the pigments tend to be hard to remove.

Granulomas are nodules that can form around material that the body perceives as foreign, such as the tattoo pigment. Large thick scars at the tattoo site usually characterize these.

Keloids occur in persons who are prone to developing keloid scars that grow beyond normal boundaries. Keloids

also occur when tattoos are removed.

Oral piercing can also cause trauma to teeth and interfere with chewing and speaking. There is also a risk of hypersensitivity to metals, foreign debris collection in the pierced site and difficulty breathing due to swallowing the adornments.

If the selected jewelry is not the correct type for the pierced area, there can be healing problems. If the jewelry is too thin or too heavy, the body may reject the jewelry and work to expel it as it would a splinter.

Natalie Muir-Young, a second year dental student, has a tattoo and recently removed her tongue ring. She got the tongue piercing because she thought it was cute.

"I found that immediately after getting my tongue pierced, men automatically stereotyped me as a certain type of girl," Muir-Young said. "I was approached a certain way, much different to when I did not have my tongue pierced." This, she said, was her main reason for taking out the piercing.

Guthrie got her piercings for "shock value," and hasn't had serious infections to either her tattoos or piercings. Guthrie does, however, sometimes have to rub Neosporin on her nose piercing, and she experiences pus emissions from her eyebrows when she uses certain jewelry.

Mark Wright, an employee of a tattoo parlor in Silver Springs, said that on an average, he sees 60-70 people per week seeking tattoos and piercings.

"All persons are given a release form to sign before the procedure is done," Wright said. "They are also given written instructions on how to care for and properly clean their new tattoo or piercing."

Wright added, "We also go over all these instructions orally." He said that he hasn't had many people who return with complications or infections due to tattooing. Wright said that piercings tend to get infected more often than tattoos.

Guthrie thinks that in the near future she might remove one of her three tattoos.

Muir-Young is content with



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

Tatoos and piercings: are they worth the risk? Howard University students seem to think they are. Arm tatoos are popular along with small tatoos on the backs of females. One Howard student shows off her tongue and eye brow piercings.

her tattoo.

"I have always wanted a tattoo; this was a decision that was made over a number of years," she said. "I visited at least three tattoo parlors,

before I felt comfortable enough to get it. I interacted with the employees, looked at their designs and most importantly at the overall cleanliness of the tattoo parlor."



How to Keep Stress from Running Your Life



Photo courtesy of www.blackwomensnetwork.com

By Leesa Davis
The Hilltop

Stress among college students is nothing new. According to researchers, new surroundings and high expectations are often causes of stress.

Different segments of the student population have different sources of stress.

Freshmen cope with the anxiety of being away from home, making new friends and adjusting to new academic requirements.

Athletes juggle practice, game schedules, academic schedules and a social life.

Student leaders plan meetings, volunteer work and other extracurricular activities while International students deal with cultural barriers as well as homesickness.

Some students work two jobs while trying to keep up a descent average but it all adds up to stress.

According to Dr. Ronald Hopson, an associate professor of psychology and divinity, a lot of stress results from what a person expects and what actu-

ally happens.

"Many people have high expectations, especially students because they know their families expect them to do their best," Hobson said. "Students often expect something to work out their way and they have to realize that their expectations won't always be met."

Hopson also said students need to realize that they will be surprised by different outcomes.

Dr. Robert Reichler, chief executive officer and medical director of the Pacific Institute of Mental Health said that more freshman are prone to stress, especially around Thanksgiving. The moving in, choosing classes, meeting new people and heavy workloads result in assignments being handed in late.

"There is a lot being demanded of today's college student," Reichler said. "The stress builds up."

Eric Affsprung, associate director of psychological services at Bucknell University said that students feel pressured.

"Many students come from

Ways To Reduce Stress

Exercise
Exercise is a great way to relax. Experts say that tranquilizers are released in the brain during exercise and this gives a relaxed feeling.

Eat Right
When the body is given the proper nutrients it is better able to function and can deal with stress better.

Get Enough Sleep
Studies show that people function better when they get at least seven hours of sleep a day. Getting the right amount of rest will help you to be more alert, enabling you to get through the day's challenges.

Do What You Like
Engaging yourself in hobbies helps you to feel less stressed. Whether you love basketball, dancing or writing poetry, your mind and body will feel more at ease when you are able to provide creative outlets and just be yourself.

Manage Your Time Wisely
Procrastination is something that will get the best of a person at some point in his or her life. Make a to-do list or paste reminders to your desk or notebook to remind yourself of what you need to do and when.

fairly well-to-do families that create internalized expectations. Students feel they have to be successful right out of

college," Affsprung said. "I have seniors telling me, 'I'd like to do X, Y, or Z but it's not practical.'"



METRO

Metro Briefs

Metro- Metrobus introduces the "safety button" this week for its passengers traveling in remote areas. This safety button will allow bus drivers to spot passengers at stops where there is poor lighting or inclement weather.

The red button has the metro logo and the words "think safely" on the logo. Passengers can press the orange button on the back to cause the light to wink a bright red light.

Metro expects to distribute more than 750 lights during this pilot phase. The safety buttons have a life of 100 hours and are free to customers.

Education- George Washington University will now cover birth control pills and other contraceptives in its student health plan. This comes in response to a complaint from a female student charging the old plan has been sex discrimination.

Government- Mayor Anthony Williams' petition scandal has not hurt his lead in the D.C. mayoral race a new poll shows. Williams is leading Willie Wilson by wide margins. This margin spans among blacks and whites in the city.

The mayor is ahead of Wilson six to one in predominantly white Northwest. He also leads by nearly two to one in mostly black Southeast.

Police- Police Chief Charles Ramsey urged the federal government to pay for security during this month's World Bank and International Monetary fund meetings. This comes after Ramsey had a difficult time recruiting officers from other departments to help police the protests to be held on Sept. 27 and 28.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Trying to Keep Stamina and Spirit for his Upcoming Race

By Cathy Tunstall
The Hilltop

A smiling, bow tied D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams shook hands, joked, and worked the crowd of numerous black District voters, local student government organizations, and the Howard University community after the College Student Political Awareness Debate at the School of Business Auditorium on campus Tuesday.

The crowd of supporters, who gathered around the incumbent mayor to congratulate him on his performance after the debate, clearly did not share in the belief that Mayor Williams' write-in campaign had lost any steam going into the primary elections this Tuesday, Sept. 10.

In fact, Williams' hands on demeanor and direct in your face answers when approached by onlookers seemed to turn many skeptics in the audience into true believers.

Determined to get his message through to voters, Williams decided at the spur of the moment to sit down with the Hilltop for a one on one interview in the business school library, after the debate.

Williams spoke on past mistakes he has made during his political term, the vision of how the city should be and why voters should write in his name on the primary election ballot, next Tuesday.

"I've made some mistakes, in the past four years, that is for sure, but I've learned from the mistakes that I have made and I have moved past them," he said at the beginning of the interview.

"My learning curve has been high but it has all been in the name of improving the city and its services,"

Williams said. "This has not been a perfect administration but it has been an effective one and that is what the District voters need to focus on."

Williams denied any claims when asked about his critic's view that he had lost touch with the African-American community during his administration.

Williams continued in saying: "How could you lose touch with a constituency and heritage that is clearly your own?"

"I was raised by a single mother who brought me up alone and raised me right. I took advantage of the opportunities presented to me when I grew up, I had no clear-cut advantages," Williams said. "Young people can look at me and say if Tony Williams can do it, then I can do it too."

Williams continued, "The District is predominantly African-American and I seek to fulfill the needs of all District residents. If I chose to overlook the needs of any part of the District community, African-American or not, then I am choosing to overlook myself as well. I share the same desires and wants that everyone in this community has."

The mayor then gave some insights into correcting past term mistakes he has made. "What I have failed to do in the past, and what I pledge to do in the future, is to get out and talk one on one with the local community, up close and personal," Williams said. "I see that death among African-Americans by trauma, in many neighborhoods, is a key issue along with having affordable housing and good jobs with good wages for District residents and these issues have been and will continue to be addressed."

He also offered solutions to revitalization in some of



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

Mayor Anthony Williams speaks at a rally at Howard University on Tuesday. He has had a tough road to a possible second term as mayor but he says he is confident he will win the primary race scheduled for September 10.

the District's numerous neighborhoods.

"We hope to bring in 100,000 more residents and to improve the infrastructure of our District neighborhoods, not just the business areas," Williams said.

He said he is planning to focus on the LeDroit park area and Ward eight for improvement. Williams said he plans to limit taxes on long-term residents and senior citizens and get rid of predatory lending tactics.

Williams also has plans including change in the Howard University area.

"Also, I plan to work with

Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert to rebuild the lower Howard Square area at Georgia and Florida Avenue. There should be more to enjoy in that area for local residents than just a Popeye's chicken restaurant," Williams said. "I would like to see it become like Dunbar Square."

According to Williams, the development of the community surrounding Howard University all benefits in the city expansion and growth.

One issue he seemed equally happy to touch upon was D.C. General Hospital. This has been a sore spot with

some D.C. residents and Williams was quick to provide further details behind the decisions he made with that medical institution.

"What we did with D.C. General Hospital was part of a great reform we are doing to help improve health care services to the District. Washington, D.C. has the highest infant mortality, HIV infection, and diabetes rate in this country," Williams said. "We are the nation's capital and we should set the standards for medical care."

"No one should have to sit

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Kennedy Recreational Center Will Open by Year's End

By Shaunice Alston
The Hilltop

The District of Columbia has become the city of new projects. Citywide one can find streets blocked off, traffic rerouted, fences posted up, and signs of sponsorship mounted on poster board.

Questions arise and curiosity sparks when most of the activity is in the backyard; just blocks away from Howard University, at 7th and O Streets (across from the Giant), construction is well underway for a brand new completely renovated Kennedy Recreational Center.

The new recreational center is a part of the many Boys and Girls Clubs sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The facility will consist of two connecting single floor buildings.

Sandra Hill, acting chief for capital projects for the Department of Parks and Recreation stated that the new center will be equipped with a gymnasium, weight room, community center, exer-

cise room, computer lab, an arts and crafts room, reading room, multi-purpose room with partitions, small kitchen, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, two children's playgrounds, ball fields, and tennis courts.

Compared to the old center by size, this new center will be able to accommodate more people of the community with different projects and programs.

"This new building has a lot of capabilities," Noel Gibeson, the Superintendent on site for CM Construction Inc. said.

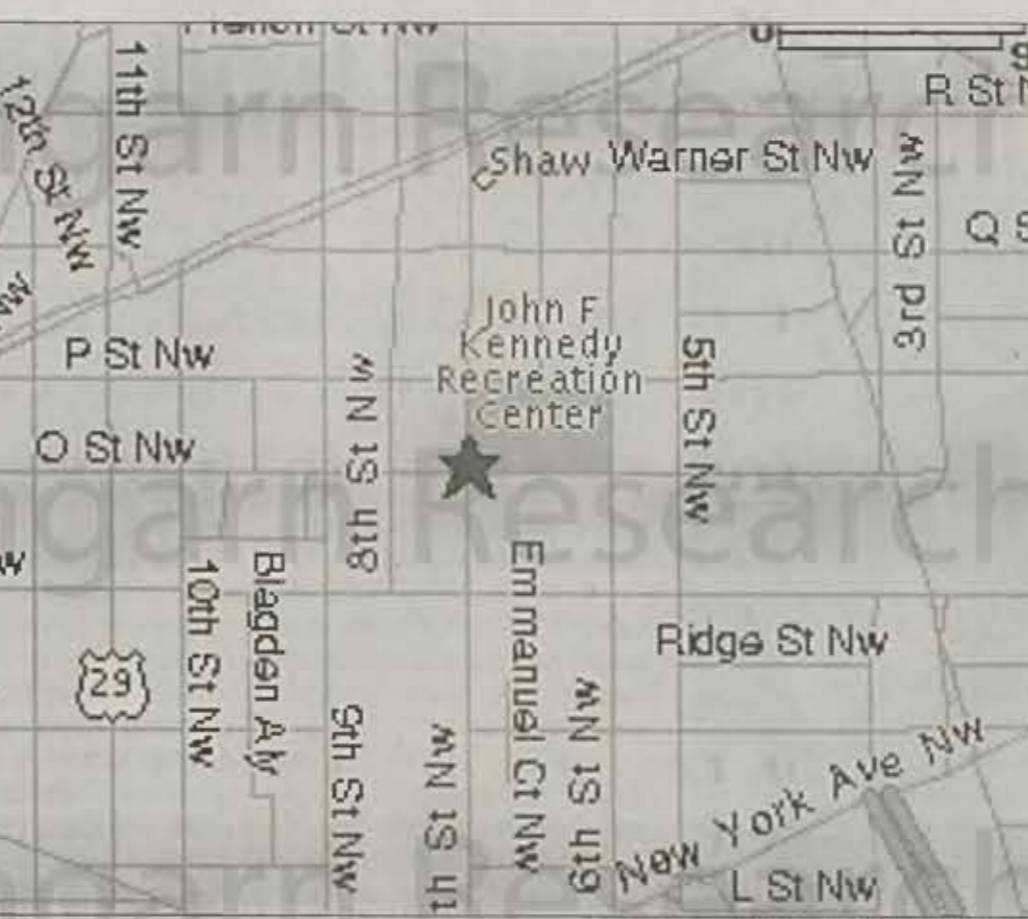
The recreational center is in a convenient area. Even though the recreational center is in a community surrounded by schools, churches, and different apartment complexes, it is still accessible by both Metrorail and Metrobus.

In years passed, students from area schools such as Shaw Junior High School, Seaton Elementary, and Scott Montgomery Elementary have walked the short distance to spend their after-school hours with friends

at Kennedy playground. With the recreational center being shut down for so long, the children had to find other ways to occupy their time. Many students said that they are looking forward to the opening the new facility and what it has to offer them.

The new recreational center completely utilizes all of its surrounding space. With the size and estimated capacity to be determined

by the Fire Marshall, the new facility will be adequately staffed, extending from the small staff at the old center. However, due to the extensive period that it has taken to reconstruct the new facility, many of the old staff per-



The recreation center is being built on the corner of O St. NW and 7th St. NW.

sonnel may have already found other jobs.

Along with the Kennedy Recreational Center, there are seventeen other recreational facilities being erected around the D.C. area.

A project funded by

D.C. Capital Funding, a unit under Mayor Anthony Williams Administration, the recreational center cost approximately \$4.4 million. With the ground breaking in September 2001, the new Kennedy

Recreational Center is scheduled for completion around the end of the year 2002, which will commence with a special opening ceremony.

Contact The Hilltop at thehilltop@hotmail.com.

This Day In D.C. September 6th

Significant events affected African-Americans in history in the Washington, D.C. area.

1865- U.S. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, urged confiscation of estates of Confederate leaders and the distribution of land to adult freedmen in forty-acre lots.

1866- Frederick Douglass became the first U.S. black delegate to a national convention.

1967- President Lyndon B. Johnson named Walter E. Washington the commissioner and mayor of Washington, D.C.

METRO

Ward One Candidates Vie for Position; Five Strive to Lead Area



Name: Tony De Pass
Age: 58
D.C. Residency: 37 years
Ward 1 Residency: 37 years

Education: University of the District of Columbia; Howard Law School
Work Experience: Taught at UDC
Three Important Issues: Affordable Housing, Health Care & Services, and Crime & Public Safety

Name: Dee Hunter
Age: 37
D.C. Residency: 20 years
Ward 1 Residency: 15 years
Education: Howard University Law School
Work Experience: Committee Counsel, D.C. Council Committee on Human Services
Three Important Issues: Public Education, Affordable

Housing, and Crime & Public Safety

Name: Jim Graham
Age: 56
D.C. Residency: 30 years
Ward 1 Residency: 15 years
Education: Georgetown University Law Center, University of Michigan, and Michigan State
Work Experience: Incumbent candidate, Former executive director of Whitman Walker Clinic
Three Important Issues: Affordable Housing, Crime & Public Safety, Cleanliness & Restoration of neighborhoods

Name: Hector Rodriguez
Age: 53



Jim Graham

D.C. Residency: N/A
Ward 1 Residency: 25 years
Education: N/A

Work Experience: Served in three of the last four elected mayor's administrations, responsible of the creation of the Office of Latino Affairs
Three Important Issues: Bilingual Teachers, Affordable Housing, and Summer Youth Programs

Name: Shelore A.C. Williams
Age: 53
D.C. Residency: 53 years
Ward 1 Residency: 53 years
Education: D.C. Teacher's College, UDC, and Georgetown Law Center
Work Experience: ANC Commissioner, current chair of Ward 1 Democrats, Principal at St. Augustine



Hector Rodriguez

Three Important Issues: Education, Economic Development, and Crime

A MESSAGE FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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Our very best wishes for a successful academic year!



NATION



A Modern-Day Goliath: Globalization in Jamaica

COLUMN

By Malcolm Canute
The Hilltop

Smith's Restaurant is a Jamaican landmark. Located in Hopewell, a small town 15 miles west of Montego Bay, Smith's Restaurant has been in operation for over six decades.

One can always get a delicious meal of jerked or curried chicken, fried fish, or curried goat at Smith's.

Unlike other restaurants, the cook at Smith's is also the owner, Leonard Smith.

But Smith and Smith's Restaurant are a dying breed in Jamaica. Today, small businesses and even primary industries are in danger of being eradicated by foreign competition in Jamaica.

Smith, 50, said: "No one wants Jamaican food anymore. McDonalds and Burger Kings are everywhere."

Smith's dilemma is becoming the norm amongst small Jamaican entrepreneurs. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for small business owners to make a profit since larger, usually American-owned conglomerates, are able to sell their products at a cheaper price than the Jamaican producers and small business owners.

The problems facing the Jamaican Dairy Farmers Association, is emblematic of the globalization's discontent in Jamaica. Dairy products and beef exported from America, particularly Texas, is cheaper than Jamaican beef. Texas ranches are larger and the technology employed by Texas farmers are usually more advanced than those employed by Jamaican farmers.

Jamaican farmers are left without a market for their product and, ultimately, many of them fail economically.

For more than 30 years, Smith's restaurant bought beef from the local butcher.

The butcher was forced to sell his farm and livestock because there was no market for his product.

Smith had to buy USDA beef from a supermarket in Montego Bay.

"This is what globalization has to offer- nothing but nothingness and sorrow," Smith said while sitting in front of his restaurant.

The Jamaican government is unable to evoke much change. If the government puts up tariffs to restrict the importation of U.S. meat, it would be ostracized in the international community as being opponents of "free trade."

Globalization, according to Thomas Friedman, author of *The Lexus and The Olive Tree*, is "an international economic system that is built around three balances, which overlap and affect one another; the balance between, nation-states and global markets, and the individ-

ual and nation state." Friedman also believes corrupt countries, which he calls "Kleptocracy" are now forced to reform their political and economic systems since they are constantly under the scrutiny of the international community.

Recently the Jamaican government came under fire from human rights groups such as Amnesty International, when it became clear that people were being persecuted because of sexual orientation and political association.

But the changes that globalization and the international community can evoke travel at a slow pace. People and country are often slow to evoke changes, even if those changes could bring economic and social benefits. Friedman calls the refusal to change and the urge to hold on to traditional beliefs the "olive tree" push.

Homophobia and political persecution could be called olive tree pushes in Jamaica.

Friedman refers to increasing wealth and technological advancement as the "Lexus" pull.

There is always conflict between the Lexus and the olive tree.

Smith put a sign at the entrance of Smith's Restaurant: "Going out of business on the 20th of this month" written in bold capital letters.

For two generations the Smith family managed to keep Smith's operating profitably. When Smith's competitors were local business, Smith emerged the victor, but this time, the economic war is different. The war is between a local David and a foreign Goliath.

As Smith entered the restaurant, he knew that each meal might be the last he prepared. Smith's closing represented the end of an era, the end of a dynasty. He looked across the street where nicely dressed teenagers were marching into McDonalds. When he walked home, parents were taking their children to Burger King. A Starbucks was soon to open at another location.

Smith's restaurant closed before the twentieth of the month.

Smith died on the eighteenth. He slipped in front of his restaurant.

Two more casualties can be added to the war between the Lexus and the olive tree: Smith's restaurant and Smith.

Yet, the conflict is far from over.

Jamaica, like many other developing countries, must find a way to create a synthesis between the pull of the Lexus and the push of the olive tree. It must welcome the wealth of capitalism while holding on to beneficial values and discarding detrimental ones such as homophobia, political corruption, and sexism.

The Welfare of Children Improving, According to Report



An annual report is released to the Nation, on the condition of children in America, every year. The 2002 report is the sixth annual. The Nation's children are 'reportedly' doing better in some areas. For example, the mortality rate for children ages 5 to 14 declined in 1998. The following table displays some of the indicators that have significantly changed, positively and negatively for America's children.

Photo Courtesy of www.jraleigh.com

Indicator Name	Description of Indicator	Change Between Years
Secure Parental Employment	Percentage of children under age 18 living with parents with at least one parent employed full time all year	Significant increase from 79% (1999) to 80% (2000)
Food Security and Diet Quality	Percentage of children ages 2 to 5 with a good diet	Significant increase from 21% (1996) to 27 (1998)
Access to Health Care	Percentage of children under age 18 covered by health insurance	Significant increase from 87% (1999) to 88% (2000)
Infant Mortality	Deaths before the first birthday per 1,000 live births	Significant decrease from 7.2% (1998) to 7.0% (1999)
Child Mortality	Deaths per 100,000 children ages 5 to 14	Significant decrease from 20 (1998) to 19 (1999)
Adolescent Births	Births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 17	Significant decrease from 29% (1999) to 27% (2000)
Regular Cigarette Smoking	Percentage of 8th-grade students who reported smoking daily in the previous 30 days	Significant decrease from 7.4% (2000) to 5.5% (2001)
Family Reading to Young Children	Percentage of children ages 3 to 5 who are read to everyday by a family member	Significant increase from 54% (1999) to 58% (2001)
Early Childhood Care and Education	Percentage of children ages 3 to 5 who are enrolled in early childhood centers	Significant decrease from 60% (1999) to 56% (2001)

Recommended citation: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *Americas Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2002*. Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

National News Briefs

Remains from Sept. 11 found

NEW YORK - Construction workers repairing buildings near the World Trade Center site have found more human remains from the collapsed twin towers almost a year after the terrorist attack.

Workers found three human bone fragments the size of small twigs on the roof of a heavily damaged 40-story building just south of Ground Zero, according to Port Authority Police Lt. John Ryan, who oversaw remains recovery during the nine-month excavation of the site.

Earlier this month, workers spotted a woman's pelvic bone atop a 25-story building at the southwest edge of the Trade Center site. Ryan said other fragments have been found in recent weeks.

Penis Play
LOS ANGELES - "Puppetry of the Penis," opened last week

to sold out audiences. David 'Friendly' Friend and Simon Morley - two Australians - twist and shape their penises into a series of 'installations' - a hamburger, the Eiffel Tower and the Loch Ness Monster.

Despite the sold out shows, the performance has drawn mixed reviews.

Friend and Morley were featured on one of HBO's latest "Real Sex" installations performing skits from "Puppetry of the Penis".

Pussy Cat May Set World Record

OAKLAND, Maine - Bob and Becky Duval say that their large, yellow feline has more toes than any other cat in the world. The Duvals have submitted evidence they hope will earn Mooch a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

DuVal said he was listening to the radio last week and heard

about the world record for the most toes on a cat, currently held by Paddles, a black cat in Ennismore, Ontario, who has 27.

The Duvals' claim that their cat "Mooch" has 28 claws and 28 pads, but two of the pads are partially fused.

Roving Rovers have Picture IDs

NEW YORK - Bomb-sniffing dogs assigned to patrol the U.S. Open are wearing ID tags complete with their photos and names like "Midnight" and "Storm."

The canine identity cards are worn around the dogs' necks as they guard the National Tennis Center in Queens, where the tournament began last Monday.

NYPD spokesman Sgt. Kevin Hayes said dogs with the bomb squad unit have been wearing photo IDs at the Open for several years.

The dogs also wear photo ID at some United Nations events.

Tiger Goes to the Dentist

KIRKLAND, Wash. - A 400-pound pet tiger, a Siberian-Bengal mix, with two broken teeth went to the dentist earlier this week. Even with his front paws declawed, the tiger still had the power to kill a man before the sedative administered by injection could take effect.

Dr. Skip Nelson, 62, a veterinarian, once worked at a zoo and agreed to treat the tiger.

As it turned out, the 18-month-old tiger was about as much trouble as a pussycat.

Once the animal fell asleep, he was wheeled into a small office at Nelson's business, The Exotic Pet & Bird Clinic, for the root canal performed by Dr. Gregg DuPont, 47, an animal dentist.



Talks of Iraq Attack Draw World-Wide Criticism

By Mark Williams
The Hilltop

Iraqi leaders are becoming more vocal against the U.S. as world leaders continue to criticize the U.S.'s threat of a pre-emptive attack on Iraq.

On Monday, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein stated that the U.S. doesn't want to attack Iraq because of a terrorist threat, as President Bush and Vice President Cheney have stated, but rather to gain control over oil in the Middle East.

"By destroying Iraq, America thinks it could control the oil of the Middle East and force the prices it wants on clients like France, China, Japan and other countries of the world," Saddam said.

The Bush administration continues to state that it believes Saddam is rebuilding his supply of nuclear weapons - Saddam has been unwilling to allow U.N. weapons inspectors into Iraqi facilities - and sees him as a terrorist threat.

Saddam stated earlier this week that he is "still considering" U.N. Weapons inspections in hopes to eventually end U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 seizure of Kuwait.

In a speech last week, at a gathering of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vice President, Dick Cheney made a case for a pre-emptive strike on Iraq.

"If the United States could have prevented Sept. 11, we would have. No question," Cheney said.



"Should we be able to prevent other, much more devastating attacks? We will. No question."

While vacationing in Crawford, TX the president said, "There should be no doubt in anybody's mind, that this man (Saddam) is thumbing his nose at the world."

"He has gassed his own people, he is trouble in his neighborhood and he desires of weapons of mass destruction," Bush said.

In response to the discourse, Iraqi Vice President, Taha Yassin Ramadan said last Friday, that his country will not fall as easily as Afghanistan did, warning that Iraqis will fight "tooth and nail" against any U.S. invasion.

Ramadan made the comments after talks with Lebanese President Emile Lahoud, the latest Arab leader he has met in a tour to rally support against the United States.

U.S. allies are doubtful of supporting an attack on Iraq.

Canada's Defense Minister, John McCallum, issued a statement saying, "It seems very unlikely that we would participate in a war against Iraq."

Members of the President's own party - Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and House Majority Leader, Dick Armey of Texas - and members of Congress have also expressed reservations.

Bush pledged Wednesday to seek congressional approval before taking action and warned allies that their "credibility is at stake" as they decide whether to back the United States.

The president will argue his case before the United Nations General Assembly next week.

Aside from the talks and forums of world leaders, the American people have formed an opinion.

A recent Washington Post/ABC News poll said 69 percent of respondents favor having U.S. forces take military action to remove Saddam from power. Four out of five respondents in support of military action would attack without the backing of U.S. allies.

U.S. Military forces are mobilizing.

More than 14,000 Air Force reservists, the National Guard and others on active duty may have their call-ups extended to

"Iraq Facts: A Brief Timeline"

Official Name: Republic of Iraq
Capital: Baghdad
Area: 437,072 sq. km. (about the size of California)
Population: 23,331,985 (2001 est.)

Government Type: Ruling Council
Independence: 1932

Principal Government Officers:

- * President, Revolutionary Command Council Chairman, Prime Minister, Ba'ath Party Regional Command Secretary General - Saddam Hussein

- * Vice President - Taha Yassin Ramadan

- * Vice President - Taha Muhyi al-Din Ma'ruf

[The Ba'ath Party controls the government and is the only recognized political party in the regime-controlled territory.]

- * Saddam Hussein became President of Iraq and Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council in July 1979 after Ahmad Hasan al-Bakr resigned.

- * Iraq claimed victory in 1988 after the Iran-Iraq war. At the conclusion of the war, Iraq was still threatened by Kurdish elements in the north. The government suppressed the rebellion by using weapons of mass destruction on civilian targets, including a mass chemical weapons attack on the

two years. Last week, the U.S. Department of State had a media outreach and public diplomacy training for 17 prominent Iraqi expatriates.

city of Halabja that killed several thousand civilians.

- * Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, but a U.S. led coalition acting under U. N. resolutions expelled Iraq from Kuwait in February 1991. After the war, U.N. mandated sanctions based on Security Council resolutions called for the regime to surrender its weapons of mass destruction and submit to U.N. inspections. Hussein has not allowed inspectors into Iraq since 1998.

- * After U.N. staff evacuated from Baghdad in December 1998, the United States and United Kingdom launched a bombing campaign, "Operation Desert Fox," to destroy Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs.

- * On December 1, 2001, Iraq temporarily halted oil exports after the United Nations rejected its requests that buyers pay a 50 cents-a-barrel surcharge into an Iraqi bank account not controlled by the United Nations.

- * In May of 2001, Saddam Hussein's son, Qusay, was elected to the leadership of the ruling Ba'ath Party, fueling speculation that he's being groomed to succeed his father.

- * Recently, Iraq invited the U.N. chief weapons inspector to Baghdad for talks in resuming arms inspections. The move comes weeks after the United Nations failed to persuade Iraq to allow inspectors back into the country.

Information on Iraq was taken from the website of the U.S. Department of State website. A portion of "Key Events" were taken from an Aug. 2 report on Iraq by the BBC.

"Saddam Hussein, left unchecked, has shown a willingness in the past to use weapons, including weapons of mass destruction," said White House spokesman Ari Fleisher.

"A regime change is the state bipartisan policy of our country and he [Bush] is committed to it," Fleisher said.

Student Records Now Open to the Government

By Kyle Ramsey
University Daily Kansan (U. Kansas)

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. - As the country's move against terrorism continues abroad, government officials have approved measures since Sept. 11 against terror in the homeland.

University of Kansas Provost David Shulenburg sent an e-mail last week to all faculty that outlined the changes in University policy brought on by one of these measures, called the USA PATRIOT Act.

The act, signed into law Oct. 26, gives law enforcement agencies access to students'

records and makes it illegal for the University to alert students of the investigation. The provision is intended to allow the government better access to information during a terrorist investigation.

Richard C. Morrell, University registrar, said his office had not received information requests from any law enforcement agency under the provisions of the act.

"To my knowledge, it hasn't happened yet," he said.

Morrell said his colleagues from the University of Nebraska and the University of Missouri had been asked to release student records by order of the act.

He said his office would

verify the identity of anyone requesting student records. The agencies must also have a mandate from the attorney general asking for the records.

"We're going to do everything we can do to keep this from becoming a witch hunt," he said.

Before the USA PATRIOT Act, agencies were required to work within the provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, or FERPA, which was adopted by the government in 1974. FERPA laws required schools to alert students if they were being investigated.

The USA PATRIOT Act allows educational institutions to release only directory information. Morrell said this

included information found in the student directory, such as addresses, phone numbers and year in school. The last institution a student attended also qualifies as directory information. Students can request that the registrar's office keep this information classified.

The University requires a court order to release non-directory information. This information includes student records and students' digital information.

Marilu Goodyear, vice provost for information services, said agencies in the past often requested access to students' e-mail accounts. She said the University kept 14-day backups of the e-mail system,

and agencies with the proper court documents could gain access to stored e-mails. Under a court order, the University could also track what students were doing online, Goodyear said.

Bestowing a covert policing role on the University worries David Burriss, associate scientist at KU's Policy Research Institute and member of the Douglas County American Civil Liberties Union.

"This was an act that was passed without much concern for civil liberties," he said.

The act forces the University to become a police force in lieu of its primary role of teaching, Burriss said. He worries these laws could cause

students to mistrust the University, creating a gap between teachers and students.

The American Civil Liberties Union protests about 30 provisions within the act. These provisions include not only the student records laws affecting the University, but others that allow the government to detain aliens and immigrants without charge.

"It's the end of democracy," Burriss said. "This is just totalitarian."

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World Briefs

Genetic Corn Rejected
ZAMBIA - Those suffering from starvation in the African country of Zambia will not be eating any of the food from Chipapa, or any of the thousands of tons of additional food being shipped to the region from the United States.

President Levy Mwanawasa has banned the distribution of food produced with genetically modified organisms, or G.M.O.'s. The debate has been heated in the region for weeks.

The president, along with close advisers and sympathetic scientists, has expressed a number of concerns about G.M.O.'s. Health is one, trade relations with the European Union and the United States is another.

A number of people following the debate say that it has at some level turned into an

undeclared trade dispute between the European Union with its powerful environmental activists and the United States and its influential biotechnology industry.

Car Jacking Has Happy Ending

JOHANNESBURG - Being car jacked and driven to one of South Africa's urban slums can be a death sentence for motorists, but having the wrong color car has saved a Johannesburg woman and her children.

The hijackers drove her to Alexandra, an inner-city slum, close to the plush Sandton venue of the Earth Summit. Alexandra is one of the crime hotspots of a generally crime-prone city, where carjackings often ends in murder.

The would-be carjackers complained that her car was the wrong color. They then gave the woman her keys back

and told her to leave - after giving her directions to get home.

McAfrika with a Side of Insensitivity

NORWAY - McDonald's has been accused of extreme insensitivity after releasing a new sandwich called the "McAfrika" in Norway, one of the world's richest countries, at a time when 12 million people are facing starvation in southern Africa.

The launch of the new hamburger has infuriated the Norwegian Red Cross and generated a storm of bad publicity for the American fast-food giant.

The concoction of beef, cheese, tomatoes and salad in a pita-style sandwich is said to be based upon an authentic African recipe and is being sold to Norwegian consumers for about E2.80.

But aid agencies trying to raise funds to stave off a famine in southern Africa say that the timing of the McAfrika marketing campaign is "insensitive, crass and ill-considered" and have demanded remedial action from McDonald's.

Protesting members of the aid group have been doling out "catastrophe crackers" - the protein-rich biscuits given to starving people in Africa - to fast-food lovers outside the firm's restaurants in Oslo.

McDonald's hasn't agreed to withdraw the offending product from sale.

But it has offered to allow aid agencies to leave collection



Photo courtesy of <http://edweb>

McDonald's has been accused of being insensitive after releasing the "McAfrika burger" in Norway while some Africans are starving.

boxes and fundraising posters as long as the "special promotional burger" remains on sale. but only in those selling McAfrika burgers and only for

NEWS

The Tap on Water: Eight Cup Rule Questioned

By Laura Hobbs
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. - New research has reexamined an old question regarding how much water should people should drink per day.

The 1945 Food and Nutrition Board report said the body needs one milliliter of water for every calorie consumed -- averaging eight cups for a 2,000-calorie diet.

"In general, the medical community for many years has recommended 64 ounces of water," said Kent Bullis, director of the Ball State University Health Center. "There's no reason to drink more than 64 ounces unless you're exercising in extremely hot weather."

Bullis recommends drinking a quart of water per hour a

person exercises.

Bullis said the kind of water people should drink really doesn't matter. Drinking tap water, well water or bottled water is acceptable.

"It doesn't have to be bottled water," he said. "Well water is good because it's been filtered through the sands of the earth."

However, people can get their daily amount from other sources besides water.

Beverages containing caffeine count toward the daily fluid amount, but water is still a better way to hydrate the body, Bullis said.

Bullis said people can absorb water from the foods they eat, and that counts toward the 64 ounces.

According to the Institute of Medicine's Food and

Nutrition Board, fruits and vegetables are 80 percent to 95 percent water and eating those foods is another good way to get plenty of water.

Though the issue of how much water is too much is an issue, Bullis said drinking too much water isn't a major problem among college students.

"I've been practicing medicine for 16 years, and the only cases I've seen when someone drank too much water are obsessive/compulsive patients who have the feeling they have to constantly drink water," he said.

Drinking too little is more of a problem with college students than drinking too much water, but not much more of a problem.

Young, healthy people drink water or other beverages

when they're thirsty, not when they don't feel the need to drink anything.

"The average size adult can get by on at least 16 ounces of fluid a day," Bullis said. "Your body's really efficient. You can get by on very little."

When a person drinks fewer ounces of fluid than 16, that's when a person can get into trouble and risk dehydration," Bullis said.

Symptoms can be anything as mild as thirstiness and dry mouth to something more severe, such as dark-colored urine and a decrease in urination.

Bullis said some other symptoms of dehydration are when a person becomes confused or disoriented and muscle cramping, an early sign of the condition.

Though lack of fluids can cause health problems such as urinary track infections, Bullis said the UTI cases he sees at the health center aren't caused by dehydration.

For every 50 cases of urinary track infections, one is caused by not drinking enough, he said.

Women are more likely to have a urinary track infection caused by sexual contact rather than lack of fluids, Bullis said.

He said it's difficult to determine a set amount a person should drink per day because each person is different in size, height and weight.



Photo courtesy by www.epa.gov

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Towers.

"Upon entering the dorms, students signed a contract agreeing to 24-hour visitation. We have met with Dr. Chambers, Interim Dean of Resident Life, and although he has made it clear that Residence Life will not change their minds, we have been circulating petitions, and will continue to push for 24-hour visitation," Williamson said.

After much discussion, the assembly decided it will stand

behind HUSA and their attempts to help students get 24-hour visitation back into the dorms.

The next order of business on HUSA's agenda was the approval of their staff. Four positions were approved: Executive Secretary, Tonya Hoffer; Financial Advisor, Jaron Smith; and Recording Secretary, Rashan Barnes.

HUSA's Chief of Staff position was also approved, but proposed staff member Jarvis Houston was not.

HUSA presented the assembly with their 2002-2003 Budget Plan, which had a

grand total of \$143,945. After School of Business Representative, Stefanie Brown motioned for a short recess so that members could discuss the budget before voting, the assembly recessed for approximately 20 minutes.

The meeting was called back to order, and immediately General Assembly representatives began to voice their concerns regarding the stipends for several executive staff members.

"I motion that the stipend for president be reduced from \$500 to \$450, the stipend for the vice president be reduced

from \$450 to \$400 and the stipend for recording secretary be reduced from \$235 to \$150," Brown said.

Her motion was immediately seconded and eventually passed, cutting the HUSA executive budget by \$185.

Other concerns surrounded the need for a Director of External Affairs, and a Director of Internal Affairs.

Is there any way you can combine the two positions because both jobs don't seem like they are too hard for one person to do, Brown suggested.

As tempers flared and time continued to past, the assembly

reduced the stipend for Director of External Affairs, Director of Internal Affairs, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, and Director of Political Action from \$275 to \$235, further reducing the HUSA budget.

As motioned by a representative from the School of Education, the assembly decided it would table discussions on the remainder of the budget and concentrate solely on General Assembly Special Elections, since the H-book requires all special elections to be held by the fourth week in

September.

Tired and frustrated, members of the General Assembly began leaving the room, threatening quorum, which is 17, and forcing the body to vote on special elections chair immediately.

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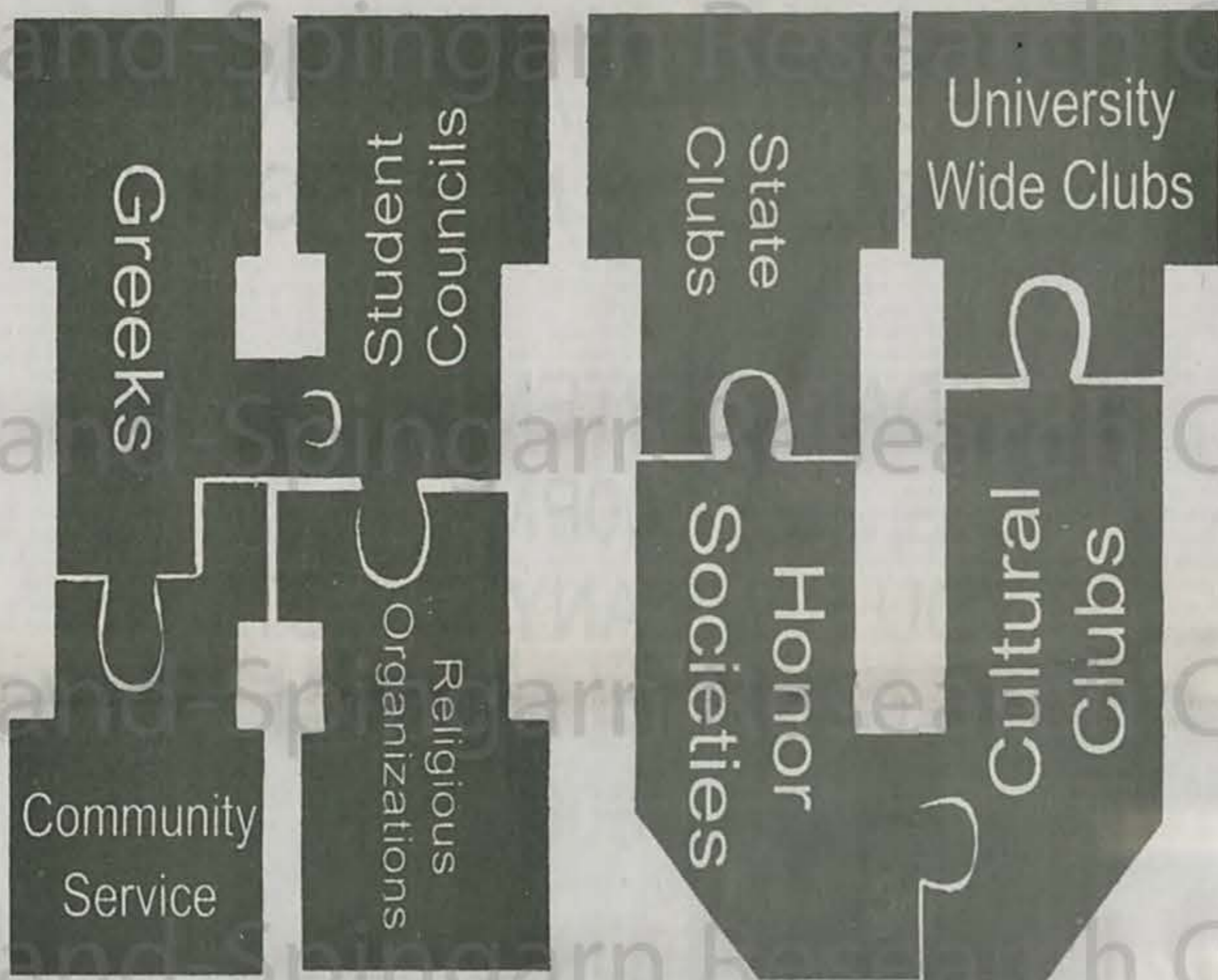


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NEWS

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memorial. "It would keep slavery in the minds of both whites and blacks," Smith said. The newly formed National Foundation for African-American Heritage, headed by Washington Redskins Chaplain Brett Fuller, plans to fund this groundbreaking project with its own money and matching federal donations. Howard senior, Glen Vinson, personally knows Fuller and supports the project.

"We need a daily reminder of what happened," Vinson said. "Acknowledgment...and getting it all out in the open will help us start on a new foot." So far, the design and cost of the memorial have not been determined. Other supporters of the slave memorial include George Haley, brother of the late Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, Washington Redskins cornerback, Darrell Green, Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback, Mark Brunell and

Howard University graduate, Pastor Darnell Jones of the City of Light Covenant Church. Although people support the project, freshman chemistry major Kasey Joyner doesn't see a memorial making much of a difference. "I don't think [a memorial to slaves] will heal anything," Joyner said. "It's too late to heal anything." Yet Hall and Stearns have both been involved in other initiatives in hopes of commemorating the sacrifice of slaves in America. Hall has tried and failed to

get Congress to apologize for slavery. "It's long past time that we be honest with ourselves and talk about the slaves who lived in bondage and died," Hall said in a June article in the *Cox Washington Bureau*. Stearns has tried to have a national museum built in dedication to American slaves. However, that plan fell through. In the same article Stearns said, "It is my earnest desire that a slave memorial will play a part in the healing of slavery."

Corrections

- * In the Friday August 30 edition, HUSA Vice President Nicole Merit's name was spelled incorrectly.
- * In the Friday August 30 edition, the wrong movie title was posted under the photo of Eminem and Brittany Murphy. The correct name of the movie is "Eight Mile."
- * In the Friday August 30 edition of thehilltoponline.com, the wrong editorial was posted with the title, "Community Crabs in the Barrel."
- * In the Tuesday September 3 edition, HUSA President Cornell Williamson's name was spelled incorrectly.
- * In the Friday September 3 edition, the H. was left off of H. Patrick Swygert's name.

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Howard groove, but so far, her experiences with students, faculty and administration have been nothing but positive. Sean Le, a fourth year architecture major, transferred to the University primarily for financial reasons. "I went to Catholic [University] my first year and it was too expensive," said Le. Le said that the fact that Howard is a predominately black institution was of little concern in his decision to transfer. "A school is a school, and education is education," he said. He does admit that the Air Force program played a part in why he chose Howard. During his three years

here, Le feels that the majority of his experiences have been positive, aside from the traditional registration hassles. However, he does recall one shocking experience. "One time a girl asked me if I knew English," said Le. Stunned at such a question he concluded the student must have been new to the area and not accustomed to the diversity of Washington. The high visibility of non-black students at Howard has become a controversial issue among African-American students. "I don't mind other people of color attending Howard, but I do have a problem with Caucasian Americans coming here," said Candyce Paylor, sophomore biology major. "Howard is a HBCU, and I feel like when we have some-

thing of our own they always have to have their hand in it." Other students don't see non-blacks who attend Howard to be a major threat. "HBCUs were created to provide African Americans with the opportunity to receive higher education, and this should remain Howard's purpose, but limiting the opportunities for Caucasians would simply be reverse discrimination," said Joi Brown, a sophomore biology major. Senior legal communications major Theresa S. Thames agrees. "Howard is an excellent institute for higher education for anyone," Thames said. "If I was of another race, I too would want to come to the Mecca to experience what few have a chance to experience."

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For some students, the lack of water was a major inconvenience and caused disruptions in their daily routine. "This was the first time I had to walk to breakfast without taking a shower," Maccroy said. "I only went on main campus when it was absolutely necessary." Some residents said they were unaware of the situation, and claimed they never saw any signs indicating the water would be shut off. "I never saw any signs saying the water was going to be turned off in the dorm," said Drew Hall resident Timothy McCall. "However, I take my showers at night, and get up really early for class, so I wasn't affected by

the lack of water at all." Unlike McCall, some students had to use bottled water to brush their teeth and wash their face, while others used the facilities in Cook Hall to freshen up. "Luckily I have some friends in Cook that let me use their bathroom," said Drew Hall resident Jason Alexander. "If it weren't for them, I probably wouldn't have gone to class, because who wants to be around people when you haven't washed up?" Resident Assistants in the Tubman Quadrangle said they don't worry about having the same problems that Drew has, but guarantee that their residents would have proper notification if the same situation were to arise. "I don't think that it will happen to us, but if it does, I

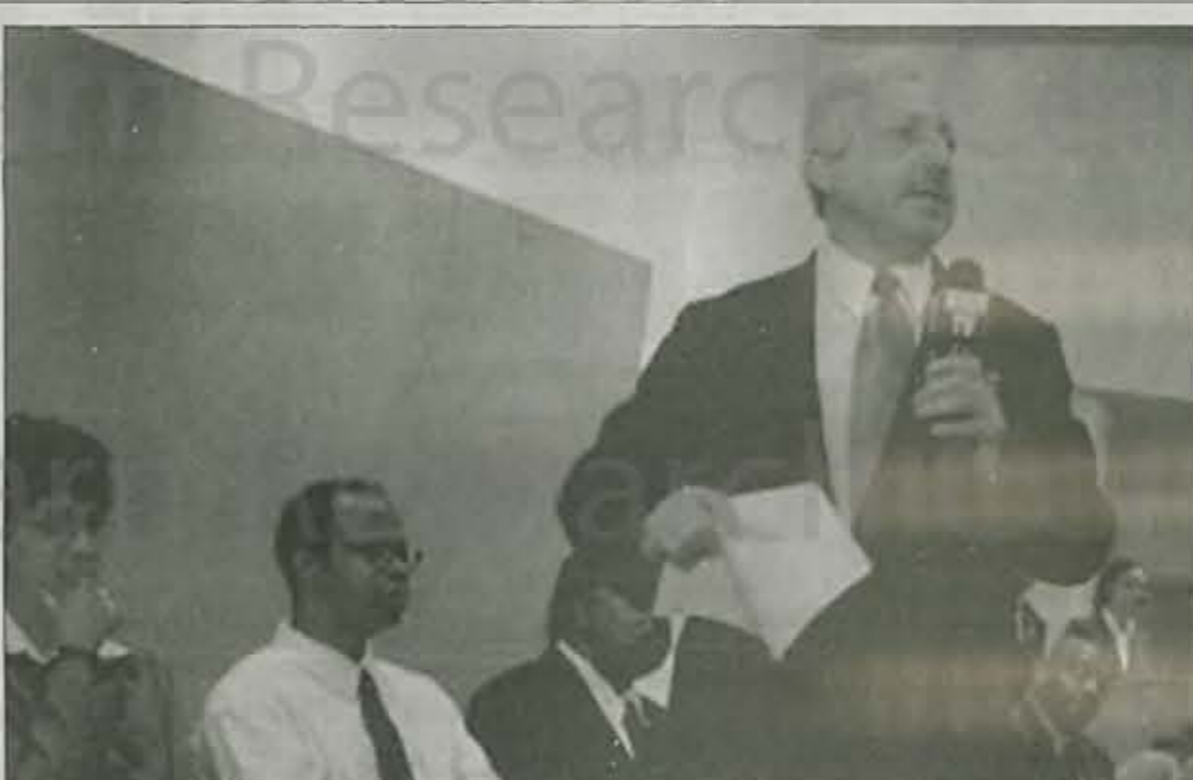
will make sure my floor has the right information and we will be able to deal with it together," said Dawn Leeks, Resident Assistant for the first floor in Crandall Hall. Officials in Drew say the water shut-off was no big deal, and was done only to benefit the residents. "It was only a few hours," Residence Life officials said. "The water inspection was for the safety of the men in Drew Hall." The water inspection in Drew Hall only lasted for a short time, but for some residents that was long enough without one of life's more treasured necessities. *Contact The Hilltop at www.thehilltoponline.com. Post a message to the message board or write a Letter to the Editor.*

DISORDER from page A1

other, were escorted out by Campus Police and yelled comments such as "You lyin'" while candidates claimed personal responsibility for neighborhood- and city-wide improvements. One candidate, "Mayor Faith", a candidate who's been on the mayoral ballot since 1982, occasionally blew a trumpet. Shawn Parker, president of the Howard University NAACP, Irene Schwoesserman, the Political Action Committee Chair for HUSA, and President H. Patrick Swygert, opened the forum with remarks. "The issues discussed tonight are not only important issues for Washington D.C., but ones I feel reverberate around the nation," Swygert said. Those issues included gentrification in black neighborhoods, education, and reducing drugs and violence, yet there was no focus on any one issue. Timothy O. Butler, junior Pre-Law major, supports Rev. Willie Wilson and his community service. "I've visited his church and he's doing a lot of good thing in the poorer communities," Butler said. Wilson is the pastor of a church in Southeast D.C. "I figure if [Wilson] was doing good things before he was running for mayor, he'll definitely do it once he gets

elected," Butler said. Wilson presented himself as a proponent of the people. "I stand for quality and fairness for all people in the District, the government in power now doesn't listen," Wilson said. Each candidate was allowed three minutes to introduce him or herself and his or her platform. Many attempted to draw vocal support from the crowd with a barrage of Howard University shout-outs. When they graduated from Howard and how many Howard alumnae were in their families or campaign parties dominated many 3-minute introductions. Also present were mayor Anthony Williams - running for re-election, Al-Malik Farrakhan - who served 21 years in prison, Arthur Jackson - an independent, "Mayor Faith" - a proponent for independent statehood for D.C., James Clark - a black segregate and Osie Thorpe - who made the claim, "I own the democratic ballot." Thorpe's name is actually printed on the mayoral ballot. All other candidates are staging "write-in" campaigns. "I didn't decide three weeks before to get a petition," Thorpe said. "When I worked with Martin Luther King, Jr. I worked for a 'voting rights bill' not a 'write-in bill'," Thorpe

said. From that point on, candidates made comments that Irene Schwoesserman and other student leaders considered mud slinging. "I'd like to ask the candidates to keep all negative comments toward their opponents to a minimum," Schwoesserman said. Candidates were then given 45 seconds to respond to questions from the panel. Howard, Georgetown University, George Washington, American University student leaders and ANC Commissioner Sinclair Skinner selected which candidate they wanted to respond to their questions. D.C. General Hospital, parking near and around urban college campuses and affordable housing dominated the questioning. Thorpe was on the verge of prematurely leaving the forum when questions were not directed toward only a few of the candidates - Williams and Wilson in particular. "Amen!" and "Say it Reverend!" were repeatedly shouted out from the audience. At times the candidates couldn't be heard over the loud remarks. The microphone that the candidates spoke into didn't project sound, yet they were instructed to speak into it for the sake of recording the forum for a WHUT television broad-



Hector Rodriguez, a candidate for Ward 1 speaks to crowd in a rare moment when was chaos was not prevailing.

cast. Five questions were then taken from the audience. When candidates began to go over the 45 seconds allotted for their responses and the 60 seconds for closing statements, a HUSA representative took the microphone from them. Amid shouting from candidates and the audience, "Mayor Faith" began to play "Taps" on her trumpet. "Forty-five seconds to answer a question just wasn't

enough. It could have been better organized," said Robert Anderson, a sophomore political science major. "Also, the audience could've had more time to speak, but I felt that Cornell [Williamson - HUSA President] brought everything together at the end with what he said," Anderson said. At the close of the forum, Williamson quieted the audience. "Tonight we've heard a lot of laughter and bickering, but

this is serious," Williamson said. "We need to take them seriously and they need to take themselves seriously," he said. "There wasn't enough information presented," Williamson said. He urged those present to research the candidates and make an informed decision on election day. An unidentified man with a Mayor Anthony Williams shirt yelled out, "That's the smartest thing I've heard all night."

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Previously, Dixon taught at the University of Southern California, Northwestern University, American Press Institute and Temple University. Dixon has high expectations for the school and hopes to form lasting partnerships with organizations he feels may make future financial contributions to the department. "Part of my role here is to do things to bring in money," Dixon said. "There are relationships that need to be tended and mended with past contributors, and that will not

happen overnight." According to Dixon, the School of Communications 30th Anniversary Dinner, which is scheduled for Oct. 17, should help raise money for a new building to house communications courses and facilities. Dixon also wants to refine departmental faculty involvement. One of the many programs Dixon is working on is a partnership with the National Newspaper Publishing Association (NNPA). Dixon also wants to get BlackPressUSA.com to relocate its 13th Kenyon Newsroom to

the second floor of the School of Communications. "If the students' work is good enough, it can go on the website or run in up to 200 black papers," he said of these proposed partnerships. Dixon is proud to be at Howard University and is excited about working with students in the School of Communications. "I am here because I think I have something you can use. And you have something I can use," he said. "You have a future, energy and ways to think about the world I have never thought about."

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for hours on end in an emergency room and pay exorbitant amounts of money when they are underinsured just to receive proper medical care. It does not matter what area of the District they live in. All residents should receive equal quality health care and hospital emergency rooms just don't do that. That is why I support using primary care facilities and the restructuring of D.C. General Hospital was part of that." Mayor Williams took the

time to expand at length on the differences between his candidacy and his closest competitor, the Rev. Willie Wilson. "It all comes down to skill sets. To be an effective mayor you need to be able to operate on several different levels of government," Williams said. "You need to be an executive and administrator at the same time as you cater to the public's needs. No amount of great rhetoric or speech-making abilities can give you that." As Williams concluded his statements and put an end

to another long day in his reelection campaign, he turned and left with these parting words: "I will work from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. every day of the week to get the voter's attention. Originally our spirits were a little low but now this campaign has the fighting spirit. "We are looking toward the future and improving on what we have accomplished so far, this is important. The growth of this city is important to me. No one else will outrun or outgun me."

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