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Reflection on America

The Yard Service

By Janelle Stiell
The Hilltop

Wednesday at noon, a message was delivered from the steps of the flagpole.

With the American and Howard University flags swinging proudly at half-staff, an orator emerged hoping to bring comfort and spiritual guidance to those gathered around the flagpole.

Bernard Richardson, Dean of Rankin Chapel, delivered a tribute to those who died a year ago on Sept. 11, and suffered in the terrorist attacks.

"We gather today to celebrate lessons learned and know the essence of what it is to be alive," Richardson said, his voice booming from the amplifiers. His voice traveled over the hundreds of quiet students gathered on the main quadrangle.

The memorial was organized by Richardson, the Chapel Assistants, Campus Chaplains, HUSA and other organizations including the Faculty



Photo by Chantira Anderson

A student signs a wall of remembrance set up on the main quadrangle Wednesday.

Senate.

Richard Wright reflected on African American history and paralleled the struggle of blacks in America to the terrorist acts on Sept. 11.

"We have been victimized by terrorism and have had many 'September 11s' for us," Wright said, comparing racism to terrorism and the terrorist attacks. "But still we rise with a renewal of spirit, a dedication to things positive."

Looking back and moving forward was a constant theme

replayed as the day endured.

Erica Holley-Martin, a senior broadcast journalism major said she didn't feel right being anywhere else but the flagpole on Wednesday.

"After grief has been through so many phases, the only appropriate place to gather seems to be here," Holley-Martin said. "It's an emotional time to mourn, remember and reflect on the timeless moments that tore apart this

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The Mall Service

By Darby Baham
The Hilltop

All was silent on the grounds of the National Mall as people came from all over to honor those lost from last year's events. Noises from helicopters and sirens fell off into the distance.

There were people from every race and creed imaginable- African- Americans, Africans, Hispanics, Vietnamese, Chinese, Caucasians, etc. Whether directly affected, all were there in remembrance of the day that caused so much despair.

In their deepest time of sorrow, many came to the National Mall as a form of reverence and as a symbol of unity. Linda Olson flew in from Boston the day before so she could go to the National Mall in honor of last year. "I came because it's a symbol of our country," she said. "I know I will never forget the events that happened on September 11. It's given me a greater appreciation



Photo by Andrea Reed

Two flight attendants cry at a ceremony on the yard of the Washington Monument Wednesday.

for even day to day things that the military does, and for everyone who has died for this country."

Marsha Kupson from Milford, Connecticut wore a flag in her barrette, but she also represented the sentiments felt by many at the National Mall.

"September 11 has brought America closer together. People weren't as friendly fifteen months ago as they are now. They are quicker to help anybody," she said. "But I just can't imagine losing a loved

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The Race Is On: A Tight Write-In Competition For D.C. Mayor

By Shaunice Alston
The Hilltop

This year's mayoral candidacy is running a tight race. Since the emergency of Mayor Anthony Williams to be a write-in candidate because of faulty signatures on petitions, a heated race has taken place, which started off with (23), only four candidates appeared on the ballot: former D.C. Council member Douglas E. Moor; James W. Clark; Osie L. Thorpe; and Faith, who goes by only one name.

The closest running members in the Democratic Party were both write-in candidates: Mayor Anthony Williams and Rev. Willie Wilson.

According to officials with the D.C. Board of elections, it could take up to 10 days to announce the winner of the race

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Stefanie Brown Spoke Thursday at CBC Event



File Photo

Stefanie Brown, the 2001-2002 Howard University Student Association president, spoke Thursday on a panel discussing issues important to young Americans.

The event was part of the Congressional Black Caucus Week taking place in the District through Saturday.

Congressman Elijah Cummings also sat on the panel.

Technology Priority over Call Waiting Some Students Still Hung Up on Lack of Service

By Harold Eichelberger
The Hilltop

In fall of 2001 a new phone system was put in place on campus. Now, a year later, some students are left wondering if call waiting will be added to university phones.

According to Wardie Wren, Jr. of telecommunications in the Information Systems And Services department, technology is the bigger issue, not call waiting.

Long distance is

cheaper this year Wren said. Last year, long distance cost students nine cents a minute. This year the rate has dropped to seven cents a minute.

"We are trying to put ourselves on a platform by adding more features," Wren said. "Besides that, most students feel that voice mail makes up the difference for call waiting."

But some students don't agree. Meagan Ford, a junior legal communications major is one of those people.

"Three people call at once, and I miss all of my phone calls," Ford said. "Another inconvenience is that the voice mail system only holds five messages."

The university already pays for the telephones, technical support and voice mail, Wren said. It would be more expensive for Howard to pay for call waiting as well.

Reconfiguring a new system with call waiting takes a

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Preserving the Image of Howard University Seal No Longer on Paraphanelia

By Darby Baham
The Hilltop

Take a look around Howard University's bookstore. Look at the shirts, notebooks, day planners, folders, pencils, trinkets, and even the backpacks. Do you see something missing?

Effective immediately the University seal will no longer be used "unnecessarily," Secretary of the University and the Board of Trustees, Artis Hampshire-Cowan calls this policy, "preserving the sanctity of the University's image."

"It's merely a question of standards. We feel there is a

need to standardize the University seal, just as we standardize other images that represent the University," said Hampshire-Cowan.

The University has not yet determined how the seal will be used on specific items, especially those in the bookstore.

According to Hampshire-Cowan, "Prior approval by myself is required to replicate the seal, and I am not aware of any major changes in the way that it is being used."

However, Hampshire-Cowan does admit there has been a workgroup in place for the past year, whose main purpose is to review the way other

schools use their University seal.

The workgroup has also been examining the use of the seal by Howard University and has been trying to develop better ways Howard can use it. The groups' number one priority is to uphold the integrity and honor of the University.

One of the changes Hampshire-Cowan acknowledges is the change of colors the University will be using to replicate the seal with. The seal will only be used in the University colors- red, white, and blue- and other variations, such as black with silver or

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Chapel Receives \$1.9 Million in Grants

By Kellie Carter
The Hilltop

Almost one year ago, Howard University received approximately a grant for \$1,981,263 from Lily Endowment Inc. for the Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Howard University is one out of 28 institutions in the country selected to commence its Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions of Leadership (SEDL) Initiative at the chapel. The grant will enable all students on Howard University's campus to develop their spiritual gifts and talents.

SEDL is a five-year program that will allow students to take new courses surveying the New and Old Testaments as well as Islam. The goal of this initiative is to recruit and stimulate gifted students to explore vocations in



File Photo

Rankin Memorial Chapel is located on Howard's main campus.

the ministry.

It is also designed to aid students in spiritual and emotional growth. Dean Richardson of the chapel was the project manager of the team that proposed this grant.

New to the chapel this year is Reverend Faye Acker, who has been appointed to work with the SEDL initiative, and guide students along in their path to discerning God's call on their lives.

"Everyone has different gifts and abilities and most people want to be able to use their gifts and abilities in service [to] oth-

ers," Acker said.

He also said there are many programs students can get involved in and one of them is the pre-ministry club. "[Many] are called to ministry, but not necessarily to the pulpit," Acker said.

Vocational discernment groups have been put in place to help students discern their gifts and areas of ministry. Acker makes it clear that these programs are open to all students and not just those involved in religious organizations.

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CAMPUS

Voices & Views



Name: Juwana Campbell
Major: Radio/TV/Film

"I pray and then try to work out a schedule where I have some time for me. Maturing after graduation you realize you have to do what you have to- I have no choice but to balance."



Name: Ashley Edwards
Major: Political Science

"Luckily, I am allowed to do a lot of studying and class work at my job when it is not busy. And I also try to study at the library so I can stay focused."



Name: Michael King
Major: Computer Science

"It's all really time management and being committed to getting everything done."



Name: Wunmi Okanlawon
Major: Pharmacy

"Well for me, the library is really convenient for me compared to an outside job. I have worked here for a while and I can do a little bit of studying and handle whatever my obligations are at the library."

Compiled by Allison Caviness

New Advisors Not Prepared for Duty in Communications

By Tiffany Dupree
The Hilltop

As students in the School of Communications prepare to begin the fall semester, they are also preparing to begin new relationships with the school's recent additions to the Educational Advisory Center.

The School of Communications has appointed two new academic advisors to assist students following the retirement of Advisor Wallis Parnell and the resignation of Assistant Advisor Dr. Trevor Leiba. They are Center Head Caroline Cramer and Assistant Advisor Michael Andrews.

Cramer, who received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Howard University, heard about the position through an Internet advertisement. After submitting her application and undergoing an interview, she was given the position.

In 1971, she worked as an academic advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences and believes that the experience she gained there will make her successful in her position as the head academic advisor in the School of Communications.

Michael Andrews is a graduate of James Madison University, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education.

Before coming to Howard, Andrews worked with the D.C. College Access program, which prepares high school students for college. He also worked as a hall director while at James Madison. He believes that his constant contact with young people has prepared him to accurately advise his assigned students.

Andrews started in his position the day before registration. "It's been hectic especially with little preparation and guidance from the University," he said. "I was really on my own but the help of students and faculty has made a difference," he added.

Some students are concerned with whether or not the placement of the new advisors was the best decision for the communication students.

"The advisors were thrown in office a week before students came," said Amanda Welsh, senior film production major. "Seniors who are preparing to graduate have to inform advisors of their previous classes

and history; this should have already been understood."

Welsh understands that entering a new position is not easy, but she feels the preparation it takes to accurately advise student takes more than a few weeks to master.

"A good solution might have been to have the old advisors train the new advisors during the registration process," Welsh said.

Some students feel that they have been put in a bad situation and that they might have problems graduating because of the inexperience of the new advisors.

Allison Conyers, senior public relations major, said: "I am really disappointed about our counselors leaving. I feel like I've been left without the safety net of wisdom and experience when I most need it."

The change of advisors has become an issue for many graduating seniors, who are concerned about their course and graduation plans. To accommodate these students, the Advisory Center has blocked out a specific time every afternoon through October 11 for seniors to meet with their advisors.

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Tassels With No Hassle Fake Diplomas Available for Masses

By Christopher Wall
The Hilltop

Are you overworked and stressed? Are you frustrated with classes and it's just the second week of school? If you answered yes to either of these questions, phonydiploma.com might be the web site for you.

Phonydiploma.com is an Internet site that provides fraudulent diplomas for customers who fill out an order form that includes name, school, state, degree, major, honors and date of graduation.

The practice of ordering these documents is a growing trend among college students and adults who want a degree without the hassle that is normally involved.

"I can't believe that there is a website designed to produce fake diplomas and transcripts," said a Howard University administrator. "That is slap in the face to students around the world, and proves that the world is slowly shifting its values from education to other things."

People who use fakediploma.com or phonydiploma.com are able to obtain a college degree in seven days. The authentic-looking diplomas can also be ordered over the telephone. They can be based on work history, accompanied

by transcripts and even come with a phone verification service.

Allegedly, these websites are designed for people who want a degree from a top college or university but don't have the time or the money to actually go to them.

"This is the 21st century. People can get just about anything off the Internet. Personally, however, I would never get one," said sophomore Melanie McNair, a biology major.

The diplomas come in three categories. Good is sold for \$75, better for \$120 and best for \$135.

The good diplomas are 8.5 by 11 inch documents that come with two signature lines and a clear protective sleeve. They are also embossed with a gold foil seal.

The better diplomas are 8.5 by 11 inch documents with a full color state seal, four signature lines and a top quality frame.

The difference between the best and better diplomas is the size. The more expensive diplomas measure 11 by 14 inches.

Some students wish they would have known about the website before they spent so

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Thieves Make Off with Over \$4,000 of School of Business Equipment

By Shaunice Alston
The Hilltop

The School of Business prides itself for being on the cutting edge of technology. However, the expensive technological equipment has attracted thieves who have made it difficult for the School of Business to continue pursuing this endeavor.

Like the Howard dorms, the School of Business recently converted to a 100 percent wireless system. This system allows students with wireless Internet cards to access the Internet from anywhere inside the building. Since the recent improvements, the School of Business has seen an increase in theft.

During the past month and a half, three liquid crystal display (LCD) projectors, each worth more than \$4,000, were stolen from the school. One was taken from a smart cart and the other two were overhead projectors stolen from the ceiling.

The smart cart is a wooden desk unit installed with a LCD projector, computer, VCR and a special smart board, which is a touch-screen control for the attached hardware. There are a total of six smart carts in the School of Business.

After a projector was stolen during the summer, it was reinstalled for the Graduate Program Orientation. A technology staff manager said that he noticed that another one of the LCDs was missing during a routine check, less than one hour after the graduate program finished its orientation.

This was no easy task for the alleged thief. To steal the projector, the cart had to be flipped over and the LCD cut out of the station. In order to take the ceiling unit, someone had to stand on a chair and cut the projector from the ceiling cables, he said.

He also said the doors to the rooms that housed the smart carts were locked at the time of the incidents.

The units have been replaced, but computer cables were bought to lock up the projectors. The cables are wrapped around the projectors and cannot be cut.

To prevent future robberies, the School of Business is considering key entry pads for classrooms, security cameras and digital alarms that would sound off if the equipment were being tampered with. Some feel the security of Howard property should not be limited to security devices.

"This is the [Howard students'] institution. Each person should be very vigilant and aware of their surroundings—contact the dean, Campus Police...anybody if you see something wrong," said Dean Sirjue, the assistant dean for administration in the School of Business.

He went on to say that the money used to repurchase the LCD projectors could have been put to better use, such as for student scholarships or building repairs. He stressed that the School of Business will continue to bring leading technology to their students in the form of state of the art equipment.

Some teachers were confused when the carts and projectors were not available during the first week of school because many of them developed their classes assuming they would be able to use the equipment.

Students were also affected by the missing equipment and some claim that, without it, they have been set back in some of their classes.

"I am at an inconvenience in my economics and marketing classes because my teachers had the class lectures centered around the unit," said Lloyd Freeman, a junior international business major.

The School of Business is offering a \$1,500 award for information regarding who stole the LCD projectors.

Broke to Ballin': How Some Students Manage to Get-by Through Hustling

By Madra McAdoo
The Hilltop

It's Friday night and your friends are going to a nice restaurant followed by a movie, but you are stuck at home once again because you don't have any extra money to splurge on yourself.

Being broke at Howard University is a reality that causes many students to search for part-times jobs and fill out tons of job applications daily. Other students swallow their pride and call mom and dad for money.

Then there are students who take matters into their own hands.

We see them everyday when we leave our dorms. Homemade fliers designed by students are placed on every bulletin board and wall advertising: hair braiding, mix CDs, cable and phone cords, wireless internet cards, used text books, African jewelry, soul food dinners, etc.

In high school, freshman Jamilah-Asalie Lemiux made purses and cut t-shirts to resemble the latest fashion trends. She has decided to use her creativity and sewing abilities to make

some extra money at Howard. Lemiux has posted fliers all over the University advertising her business, which also includes hair coloring, in hopes of attracting students who want to look nice for a small price.

"I would rather buy clothes from Howard students any day because you not only get cheaper prices, you also support students who are trying to make a honest living," sophomore LaToya Richardson said.

Lemiux said she wants to make her own money, because she feels her mom and dad have already done so much. She uses it as extra spending money. Her creative style and advertisements have made many people call to see what she is about.

Sophomore Brandon Felder earns his money in a different way. He plays the piano for churches, concerts and any other event that requires a pianist.

Brandon has been playing the piano for thirteen years. He has also been learning about other types of music. He uses his money for food and leisure activities.

Spending money is not the

only reason college students work. Junior Sharon Cyrus uses the money she makes to buy books. She also saves some of it in the bank.

Cyrus started braiding her friends' hair in high school. Now she braids students' hair at Howard as often as her schedule allows.

"It's really fun work, but you have to be consistent with it because if not your business will go bad," she said.

Some students have decided to get money by making donations to scientific experimental groups.

"I saw this flier asking students to donate bone marrow, so I decided to give it a try," said junior biology major, Jamal Wilcox. "The procedure was painful, but it paid \$250. I've donated a total of three times."

Paying for college is not easy for most students, and they always need extra money. Whether it is to save, spend, or just carry it around in their wallets, Howard University students have developed creative ways to accumulate wealth.

Soul Food



Photo by Melanie Nesbit

Beginning on Monday, the Punch-Out extended their dining hours. Students attempt to get some nourishment from the hot food being served in the campus eatery.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Constant Exhaustion and the Ways To Deal with It

By **Reynollette Ettienne**
The Hilltop

It's 9:00 a.m. on a Monday and you're late for that 9:10 class. Groggily you stare at the alarm clock. Didn't you set it to go off at 8:00 a.m.? You've had the recommended eight hours of sleep, but you just can't seem to get out of bed. It's not the usual "Monday Blues." You've been experiencing this lethargy everyday. You begin to wonder if it's more than just being tired.

According to a recent article in *Essence* magazine, these symptoms may be as a result of undiagnosed health problems.

Seasonal Affective Disorder and Winter Depression (a milder form of the seasonal affective disorder) are illnesses that affect mood and behavior. Symptoms usually begin to

appear gradually throughout September and October and last through March or April.

"During the fall months, persons with this disorder feel a sense of dread that the winter is coming," said Agnes Addington, clinical nurse specialist at the Howard University Mental Health Clinic. "In gloomy or rainy weather, this disorder can also manifest itself, and it gets worse during the winter months."

This disorder is also known as the "winter blues" or "February blahs," and research suggests that it may affect as many as 11 million people in the United States.

Another illness that can cause exhaustion is diabetes. Currently, more than 2 million African Americans have it and don't even know it.

In Type 1 Diabetes, the beta cells that produce insulin

are destroyed, and eventually the body is completely void of insulin. Without insulin to move glucose into cells, blood sugar levels become excessively high, a condition known as hyperglycemia.

Addington said that because the body cannot utilize the sugar it spills over into the urine and is lost. Weakness, weight loss and excessive hunger and thirst are among the consequences of this "starvation in the midst of plenty."

There is no cure, but you can ease the symptoms and prevent the severe consequences.

Poor nutrition can also be a major contributing factor to lethargy. Skipping meals, especially breakfast, slows down the amount of energy that the body needs to function normally during the day. Eating breakfast has been

proven to improve concentration, problem solving ability, memory and mood.

The type of carbohydrates that one eats may also affect the way that one feels throughout the day.

Simple carbohydrates such as white bread and sugar boost your energy in minutes, but the glucose that they provide fades within one to two hours.

Complex carbohydrates such as vegetables, brown rice and beans provide a more lasting form of energy. Complex carbohydrates are important for several reasons. Starch and glycogen are energy sources for the body while fiber has strong links to disease prevention.

It is best to eat a well-balanced diet, using the food guide pyramid as a reference, so that one fits in all the important nutrients.



Photo courtesy of <http://class2004.mcd.cornell.edu>

College students are often plagued by exhaustion. Above, one med student gets some z's between classes.

Kick Your Hurry Habit

By **Erica R. Williams**
The Hilltop

With schoolwork, part-time jobs and efforts to maintain a social life, it becomes hard to balance everything. Because of this, hurrying becomes one of the ways some people get through the day.

Being in a hurry may seem to be a constructive approach to succeeding in life. However, when days slip by and we are in a constant frenzy, hurrying can become overwhelming. Students must then consider why are they in a hurry and if it is necessary.

More often than many people realize, they are in constant motion because they're avoiding issues such as fear of rejection and low self-esteem. When this is the case, hurrying becomes unhealthy. It can be more easily defined as being "stressed out." Sometimes, the result of being in a constant rush leaves one feeling like he's chasing something he'll never quite catch.

Graduate student Lisa Green, who is also a psychological intern at the Howard University Counseling Center said, "It is possible that we become so busy we don't allow ourselves to accomplish anything."

"Being in a hurry can be unhealthy if we do not allow ourselves certain boundaries. It is a matter of understanding what one can handle," said Green.

She went on to explain that, "We must know ourselves and realize when we are taking on more than we can handle. We have to ask ourselves 'Do we feel balanced?' and 'Do we feel pleased with what we've accomplished?' or 'Do we feel overwhelmed and stressed?'"

These questions help determine how much one can handle. Some students feel being in a hurry means they are using their time constructively, while others feel it is because of procrastination that hurrying usually occurs.

"Being in a hurry gets things done. At the end of the day you have everything accomplished and that makes you feel good about yourself. Stress is something we need to accomplish things on time," said sophomore Cara Brown, an international business major from Oakland, Calif. Although Cara looks at



Photo courtesy of www.worklab.com

Constantly being in a hurry can cause burn-out in for students and those in the corporate world alike.

the positive side of stress, not all students feel the same way.

Deandra Robertson, a senior computer science major from Blackshear, Ga. said, "Even though classes have just started, I feel stressed. However, each morning I try to set aside time to relax and clear my mind before going to my classes."

This is one way to maintain balance and avoid becoming stressed out, but there are many other approaches students are taking to make life less stressful.

Dea Thomas, a sophomore political science major from Baltimore said she worked out her schedule to her own advantage in order to avoid feeling stressed. "I don't feel the school environment is stressful because I was able to coordinate my schedule so that I wouldn't have to be in such a hurry all the time," Thomas said. "As a result, I am not stressed because I balanced my schedule so that I may have time

for myself as well."

According to Dr. Jules Harrel, a Howard University psychology professor, students must know the difference between being in a hurry and being stressed out.

"You can move quickly without moving in a sense that everything is about to fall apart," said Harrel. "The problem comes when you move at a rapid pace with the sense that you are running in front of a train and might be overtaken by something larger than you can handle."

Harrel said students must try to move forward but make time to sit still as well.

"We all need breaks and time to ourselves. Being in a hurry is not necessarily a negative thing but it depends on what is being accomplished and how it affects us," Harrel said. "The key is to move rapidly but with a purpose while still making time for relaxation. When we can do this our lives will become balanced and less stressful."

My First Year at Howard College of Medicine, A Weekly Column

Tarik Barrett

This is a weekly column that will chronicle the life of Tarik Barrett, a first year medical student at the Howard University College of Medicine.

My first week [the week of Aug. 19, 2002] was primarily designed to be an orientation for first year students. We had financial aid sessions, introduction of faculty and staff sessions, words of wisdom from current students, and on and on. It was somewhat similar to undergraduate orientation, only a bit more in depth and mature.

I attended Morehouse College in Atlanta for my undergraduate studies.

We met our second-year student advisors. To culminate the week's activities, a White Coat Ceremony was held, in which a current physician presented each of us with our short white coats (long coats are for later.)

I was actually somewhat anxious entering the week of orientation. Part of the reason I chose to attend Howard University College of Medicine (besides the fact that I'm from the D.C. metro "urea," the new state-of-the-art Health Science's library, the new integrated curriculum, and the fact that HUCM is the least expensive private medical school in the country) was because of the class unity exhibited by the upper classes.

Having attended a Historically Black College for undergrad, I was actually interested in attending a majority institution for medical school. During my visits to several majority medical schools, however, the lack of cooperation and unbridled competitiveness were palpable. Additionally, I sensed the faculty and staff were relatively aloof when it concerned minority students.

At times I do feel slightly intimidated by the fact that most of my classmates are older than I (I'm 23... average age 25-26), and many have advanced degrees.

The following Monday [the week of Aug. 26, 2002] we met our faculty advisor and participated in the traditional opening exercises of the College of Medicine. Upon conclusion of the opening exercises, classes began.



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

Tarik Barrett, above, is a first year student at the Howard University College of Medicine. His column, which will chronicle his experience in Med School, will run Fridays.

The material was covered with much more speed and depth than I had previously encountered. This summer I was in the PARP program here, so I had some preliminary exposure to the material.

By the end of the week, my mundane routine had been established: wake up, go to classes, break, another class, lunch, more class, library, dinner, bed.

By the end of the week, I was studying between 6 and 8 hours a night. I would review the day's lectures and my notes, read over the relevant material from outside reading sources and make additional notes. I also pre-read the syllabus for the next day's lectures.

The next night, a second year student had a pajama party. (If you know anyone who attended, ask him about the guy with the "Yummy" boxers.)

I spent my second Sunday in the library where I group-studied for 12 hours in the library, minus a two-hour lunch break.

On Monday I managed to group-study until almost midnight.

I finally began to acclimate myself to medical school. While the lifestyle and coursework were extremely challenging, with a resolute work ethic and consistent dedication, it was "do-able". Additionally, I began to grow more comfortable around my classmates.

Also, I began to gain firsthand knowledge on how expensive just being in medical school is. Part of our loan consists of a modest living allowance, which disappears quickly once you start sub-

tracting rent, bills, our laptops, books and supplies, food, and miscellaneous expenses. (I've got to learn to budget ASAP or I'll be broke before Homecoming.)

The third week [the week of Sept. 2, 2002] consisted of two quizzes, in addition to everything else. Because that weekend was a test weekend, there would be no fun for me.

I spent Friday night studying until around 2:00 a.m., Saturday until around 4:00 a.m., and Sunday (Happy Birthday Candy) until around 10:00 p.m. (I know it's the night before the test, but I promised my Grandmommie I'd get a good night's sleep.)

We had our first exam on Monday.

The questions were more clinical in nature than I expected but I'm really feeling the integrative nature of the new curriculum. By no means was it easy at all. (It was probably the most challenging test I've ever taken besides the MCAT) but it was not as crucial as I thought it would be (knock on wood.) Monday night, a group of us from the first and second year classes went to Dave & Buster's to let off some post-test stress. (I'm glad I did not have to drive—no joke.)

By the beginning of this week, I realized that life as I had known is over. I find myself thinking with a more long-term perspective.

Right now, I'm just really tired.

The contents of the column reflect the perspective of the author and are not intended to serve as a comprehensive account of all medical school experiences.



METRO

Williams Leading Wilson by Wide Margin

Thelisha A. Woods
The Hilltop

Results from exit polls taken from Tuesday's democratic primary election, show that current Mayor Anthony Williams has a wide lead over his closest competitor Rev. Willie F. Wilson, as well as the other Democratic mayor primary candidates.

Williams is leading Wilson by a 9-1 margin among voters all over the city. Surveys are showing Williams with 68% of the vote, Willie Wilson with 22% and the other candidates with 10% of the vote. Osie Thorpe, Douglas Moore, James Clark and Faith are the candidates making up the 10% vote.

This election was an unusual because of the high number of write in ballots. Williams was struck from the Democratic ticket after thousands of false signatures were uncovered on his petition for reelection. His campaign had submitted 10,102 signatures on the ballot but it was revealed that only

1,290 were valid.

Some DC residents were worried about their vote because of the use of write in ballots.

"I think they should have given more specifics," said Jackie Byers referring to the actual ballots, "they should have presented it to voters before or given better examples so that could possibly make the hand count easier".

The write-in ballots that were used in this election are causing DC election officials to announce that it may take up to 10 days to announce the winners of the race.

City officials have 54 volunteers reading the ballots but they are still expecting it to take days to count the many write in votes. According to accounts there were 85,621 write in ballots total.

More exit polls from the Washington Post, show that Williams received strong support among white voters. He received support from 9 out of 10 white voters in the District. Williams also received the most votes from residents that were highly educated or affluent.

Voters who supported Wilson were among low-income voters and African-Americans.

Wilson received campaign support from former DC mayor Marion Barry who also aided in helping him raise money for his campaign.

Polls are showing however that the Barry endorsement did little to really help out the Wilson campaign and only gained him a few votes.

Williams still received a narrow majority of black voters, which was one issue of concern this election in the Williams campaign. Williams's critics

said that he was out of touch with the African-American constituents.

"I think the write in ballots was a good idea," said SE resident Curtis

Walker, "maybe this way he (Williams) won't cheat again. He didn't do what he said he would do in office and he really isn't concerned with the issues facing blacks in DC, only white people".

Although this is the sentiment shared by many of Williams's critics, he has stated he would work harder to connect with the African American residents of DC this term if elected.

In a campaign effort to show his connection to African-Americans, Williams ran a hip-hop advertisements on radio stations with mostly black listeners that ended on election day.

While DC residents wait to hear the results many are hoping that it does not take too long to decide the outcome.

Adams Morgan Provides a Touch of Culture

By K.S. McMath
The Hilltop

Colorful murals are splashed across selective walls all along Columbia Road. On Saturday night, there is a seemingly endless rush of traffic, both on foot and by car. And as restaurant doors greet and bid adieu to customers of all walks of life, amazing aromas tease the many pedestrians in passing.

This is Adams Morgan.

Adams Morgan, a Washington D.C. neighborhood located north of downtown, is a historic section of the federal city, bustling with excitement and overflowing with all the flavors of the quintessential melting pot.

The heart of the neighborhood is at the crossroads of 18th Street and Columbia Road in northwest D.C. Historically, the neighborhood's population has been mostly Latino, but the restaurants and nightclubs cater to many different cultures, including Vietnamese, Indian, African-American, Ethiopian, and Caribbean.

The community's largely Latino population dates back five decades, however it used to be a haven for wealthy, white Washingtonians before World War II.



Party goes line popular 18th in front of one Adams Morgan prime night spots, coffee house Tryst.

The row houses and old apartment buildings showcasing elaborate Victorian architecture used to house some of Washington's most prominent politicians and businessmen in the early 1900s. After the war, many of the affluent residents moved to the suburbs, and immigrants from the Caribbean along with working class blacks and whites came to replace them.

This multicultural environment is evidenced in the naming of the neighborhood Adams Morgan, after two schools in the area, Adams (all white) and Morgan (all black).

Adams Morgan is renowned for being a mecca for the arts. Live music by local bands is easy to come by at any of the nightclubs along 18th Street or Columbia Road.

Various murals by local

artists are proudly displayed along these busy streets as well. The murals not only showcase the artistic capabilities of Adams Morgan residents, but also may make statements on morality or politics.

For example, the "Three Macaws" mural at the junction of Columbia Road and 11th Street is symbolic of the cultural diversity of the community. Each of the three birds is representative of the predominant cultures of the community, Asian, African, and Latino. The mural of French artist Toulouse-Lautrec on 18th Street has been an unofficial Adams Morgan landmark for 20 years and has outlasted many of the businesses that have occupied the building on which it is painted.

The District of Columbia Arts Center locat-

ed on 18th Street between Columbia and Belmont roads doubles as a theater and art gallery. Many local artists and playwrights have made their premiers at the center for performing arts, garnering local, national, and international attention.

At night, and especially on the weekends, the community comes alive with music, food, drinks, and dancing. Eighteenth and Columbia are prominent with dozens of restaurants catering to any palate and clubs featuring everything from soca to salsa to trip-hop.

Columbia Road is laden with neighborhood bodegas (small grocery stores), boutiques, and Latino hangouts, like Habana Village.

A popular salsa spot, Habana Village is noted for its authentic Cuban food, music, and drinks.

Another popular bar and club is Madam's Organ, a blues and country enclave that is perpetually crowded on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Diner, a popular restaurant with college students, is not too far away, offering standard American fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner 24 hours a day.

Early-risers on Saturday mornings, not too tired from dancing the night before, can shop for pro-

duce and pastries at the weekly open-air farmer's market at the junction of 18th and Columbia on Saturdays.

There's plenty to do in Adams Morgan, by day or night. One of the city's most diverse neighborhoods not only knows how to have a good time, but also offers art, food, history, and shopping to enrich and enlighten the cultural experience of living in Washington, D.C.

So, take a ride on the Metro to the Woodley Park Zoo/Adams Morgan stop or hop on the Meridian Hill shuttle and take a short walk to 18th Street to discover Adams Morgan.



"Carrying a Rainbow on Your Shoulder" is one of the many pieces of artwork found in Adams Morgan.

Celebration, Remembrance on the Nation's Tragic Day

By Rozanne Neil
The Hilltop

One year after the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, America painstakingly pauses to reflect on that grievous moment in history. In retrospect, it seems like the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were a nightmare, but the United States woke up out of its slumber only to discover that they were devastatingly real. However, the country did not allow the act of terrorism to be a political and emotional cul-de-sac, but with the popular slogan "United We Stand", it demonstrated true resilience.

On the first anniversary of September 11, on Wednesday, a wide range of memorial activities and ceremonies took place in the surrounding metropolitan area.

At the Washington

National Cathedral, Rev. Desmond Tutu spoke at a well-attended religious gathering.

At the Phoenix Project site at the Pentagon, the area damaged by the attack, a private ceremony commenced at 9 a.m. in memory of the 184 lives lost there.

In Arlington Virginia, a burial service was carried out at the Arlington National cemetery for those



Flags blow in the wind displaying the airline union and the three Airlines that were hijacked during last year's attack.

whose remains were recovered.

Locally, people attended candlelight vigils, viewed 9/11 photo galleries, held flag unfurling ceremonies, and observed moments of silence. The moments of silence were held at 8:46 a.m. and 9:05 a.m., the times of the attacks on twin towers, and 9:37 a.m., the exact time of the attacks.

Three D.C. public schools, M.V. Leeke Elementary, Ketcham Elementary and Backus Middle School mourned the loss of six of their students and teachers whom, on a field trip to California, lost their lives on American Airlines Flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon.

A feeling of solemnity loomed over the city on Wednesday.

When asked how she felt on the anniversary of 9/11, Sophomore Roselyn Noel, English major, replied, "It's very somber. I wasn't expecting to feel this sad."



America's heroes. These are some of the people responsible for saving the lives of countless Pentagon employees after one of the four hijacked crashed into the nation's defence center.

For some, it was a time of thanksgiving.

"I feel blessed that I am here and nobody I know got hurt," said Junior Eryn Mathewson, Anthropology major.

As the controversy over what should become of Ground Zero prolongs, and the media continue to rehash the events, revealing new truths, hopefully Americans will not lose

sight of the lessons learnt as a result of 9/11, and will continue to be of support for the dispirited families of the deceased.

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Government- Mayoral primary outcome may take another 10 days before an official winner is declared. This is due to the many write-in ballots according to DC Board of Elections and Ethics spokesman Bill O'Field. Write-in candidates have three days following the election to declare their candidacy. By DC law, the counting of the absentee and special ballots cannot begin until 10 days after the election, which would fall on September 20th.

Economy- Prices of gas in the metropolitan area have dropped according to the Metro Source. Price@ the Pump survey. The average cost of a gallon of regular as declined 1 cent to \$1.48. Premium gas dropped 3 cent to an average of \$1.65.

Military- The US Military will be conducting air defense strike exercise in the DC area this week. According to Pentagon officials, the exercises are to test the military's ability to respond to attacks from the air. The exercises called "Clear Skies 2" uses jet fighters and Humvee mounted surface to air missile launchers.

Education- D.C. School officials say more than 2,500 students are still in need of immunization shots, in order to attend class. This is down from

the 6,000 that were in need of shots the first day of school. Most are high school students in need of the shots.

Police- DC Police arrested a New Hampshire man who had been making threats against the government, Wednesday in Adams Morgan. Jeffrey Cloutier, 35 had 16 guns in his car, six pistols and ten rifles as well as ammunition said law enforcement officials. Cloutier, was stopped by a Secret Service officer and a DC police officer near 17th and Euclid around noon and he surrendered to the officers.

Metro- Metro officials

announce that passengers can feel safer on the Metro than they did before September 11th because of the new safety measures on the metro system. The metro system is one of the first in the country to have a bomb sniffing K-9 unit and metro transit police also have handheld sensors to search for chemicals. The specially trained dogs will go into service next month. According to Metro Police Chief Polly Hanson, metro is also installing vehicle locators and digital cameras on its buses.

This Day In D.C.

Significant events affecting African American history, in the Washington, D.C. area

1886- Alain Locke, the first African American Rhodes Scholar and philosopher was born on this day.

1962- President Kennedy denounced the burning of churches in the south; he also announced his support of a voter registration drive in the south.

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NATION

Despite Accreditation Problems, Grambling Will Not Close

By Lloyd Freeman
The Hilltop

Concerned parents and students have inundated offices at Grambling State University with phone calls in reaction to a news story that sparked rumors nationwide that the university would close, officials said.

The story, released by the Associated Press this summer, traced the history of Grambling's money management woes that have led to its probationary accreditation status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Neari Warner, acting president of GSU, called on students, prospective students, parents and others with ties to Grambling not to be misguided. Regardless of the accreditation woes, Warner said the institution is not closing its doors.

"Grambling State University will be here, and we are doing everything to ensure that," Warner said in a prepared statement, which was released due to so many calls.

A spokeswoman for the university, Vickie Jackson said that irate students and parents have been calling the school.

"We've had a barrage of calls from people - students and parents - who are panicking," Jackson said. "Grambling State University is

not expected to close anytime soon - not for the next 100 years."

Grambling has until Sept. 16 to produce an approved audit to SACS for the last two academic years or face losing its accreditation.

The financial staff, under the direction of Billy Owens,

records needed to complete the audit for the fiscal year 2001-02, which ended June 30.

Kyle could not be reached for comment.

Grambling needs to submit statements of assets and liability, revenue and expenses, cash flow and notes to the

Of Owens and his staff, Warner said, "They put forth a tremendous effort. They've worked hard, and they've worked long."

Owens released a prepared statement saying, "My staff and I are continuing to work so we can compile a complete packet for Dr. Kyle and his staff."

If the university misses the Sept. 16 deadline and loses accreditation, it would lose all federal funding, including grants and other financial aid for students.

Additionally, graduate schools or professional licensing boards will not accept degrees granted by an institution without accreditation.

Yet, Grambling isn't the only historically black college/university that has had accreditation problems recently. As recently as this year, Howard University's medical program also faced a loss of accreditation.

According to an Aug. 15 article on *amednews.com*, an online newsletter for physicians, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education has threatened to pull the accreditation of Howard University Hospital's emergency medicine, family practice and pediatrics resi-

dencies. The hospital and the accreditation council would not comment on the reasons for the action.

Howard officials said in a statement that they would appeal the ruling, with a decision due out by February.

The unfavorable standing of the hospital and resident

filed, the University will have a chance to correct any factual errors before it is forwarded to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

In March of 1999 the Howard University Office of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer stated that Howard University is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Higher Education. It also named a plethora of other agencies that have accredited its programs in various disciplines.

According to another report, if the rulings by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education withstand appeals by Howard University, the number of resident physicians treating emergency patients and children at the hospital will drop sharply beginning July 1, 2003, and fall to zero a year later.

Hospitals cannot employ residents in unaccredited programs.

Officials with Howard University were not available to comment on the repercussions of a decision or the appeals surrounding the problems.



Photo courtesy of Grambling.edu

Homepage
Grambling State University has until later this month to produce approved records in order continue functioning as an accredited university.

physician programs prevents the hospital from opening any new residency programs.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education Reaccreditation Team came to Howard University during March 14 through 17 to meet with officers, deans and directors, and to gather information about the quality and character of the University.

Once the team's report is

"Grambling State University will be here, and we are doing everything to ensure that."

Neari Warner, acting president of Grambling State University

the university's vice president of finance, has worked hard with auditors from the state legislative auditors office in Baton Rouge to get the necessary financial papers together to meet the deadline Warner said.

Dan Kyle, the state legislative auditor, has said he is "cautiously optimistic" Grambling will meet its September deadline.

Recently, Kyle held a training session in Baton Rouge, which gave the university's financial staff another week to provide him with

financial statements before the legislative auditors office can begin its work.

After Kyle's office completes the audit, the results will be forwarded to SACS. In December, GSU officials will meet with SACS to discuss its accreditation status, Jackson said.

Warner praised Owens, Kyle and his staff, University of Louisiana System President Sally Clausen and the ULS Board of Supervisors for working with Grambling to help get the university's financial house in order.

Drug Use On Rise



File Photo

Cannabis leaves like the one above are used in many drugs like marijuana and according to a government-released survey, its usage has increased.

In 2001, an estimated 7.1 percent of the U.S. population, (15.9 million people), identified themselves as current drug users.

In 2000 and 1999, about 6.3 percent, (14 million), said they were drug users.

The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse surveyed 70,000 people. The survey, conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, is the largest study of drug use in America.

Other findings:
• The percentage of Americans age 12 and older that consumes alcohol occasionally (at least one drink in the past month) rose from 46.6 percent in 2000 to 48.3 percent in 2001.

• The rates of drug use among younger people rose significantly. In 2000, 9.7 percent of teenagers and 15.9 percent of young adults 18-25 said they used a drug in the month before the survey, versus 10.8 percent of teens and 18.8 percent of young adults in 2001.

• Marijuana, ecstasy, pain relievers, tranquilizers and other non-prescribed psychotherapeutic drugs remain the most popular. As many as 2.4 million Americans used marijuana for the first time in 2000, one million more than in 1990, the survey estimated.

Coast to Coast: What's Going on Across the United States

Famous Sept. 11 Flag Disappears

HACKENSACK, N.J. - The American flag that was raised by three firefighters over the wreckage of the World Trade Center has disappeared.

After it was removed from the site during cleanup, the flag is believed to have been flown on U.S. ships serving in the war in Afghanistan then returned to New York City officials in March.

But the flag that city officials preserved measures 5 feet by 8 feet. The flag the

firefighters raised on Sept. 11 measured 4 feet by 6 feet, according to its original owners.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has asked city fire officials to investigate what happened to the flag.

Bucs practice where people park trucks

TAMPA BAY, Fla. - Due to lightning and heavy rain last Thursday, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, an NFL football team, were forced to practice in a parking garage.

Rather than cancel the

two-hour workout, coach Jon Gruden moved practice to the third level of a parking garage at an office building.

The Bucs opened the regular season Sunday against New Orleans.

Senate supports arming commercial pilots

WASHINGTON -- The Senate voted overwhelmingly last Thursday to allow pilots to carry guns, despite strong objections from airlines and questions raised by the Bush administration.

The House endorsed a

similar measure in July, so it appears likely that at least some pilots who volunteer for special training could be allowed to carry weapons as an added security measure.

The 87-6 Senate vote attached the proposal to a bill to create a homeland security department. A final vote has not been scheduled.

The Transportation Security Administration had opposed arming pilots, but in recent weeks, it signaled a want to compromise.



Courtesy of Christie's Auction House

The American flag that's being mourned in memorial at Ground Zero by these firefighters is now missing.

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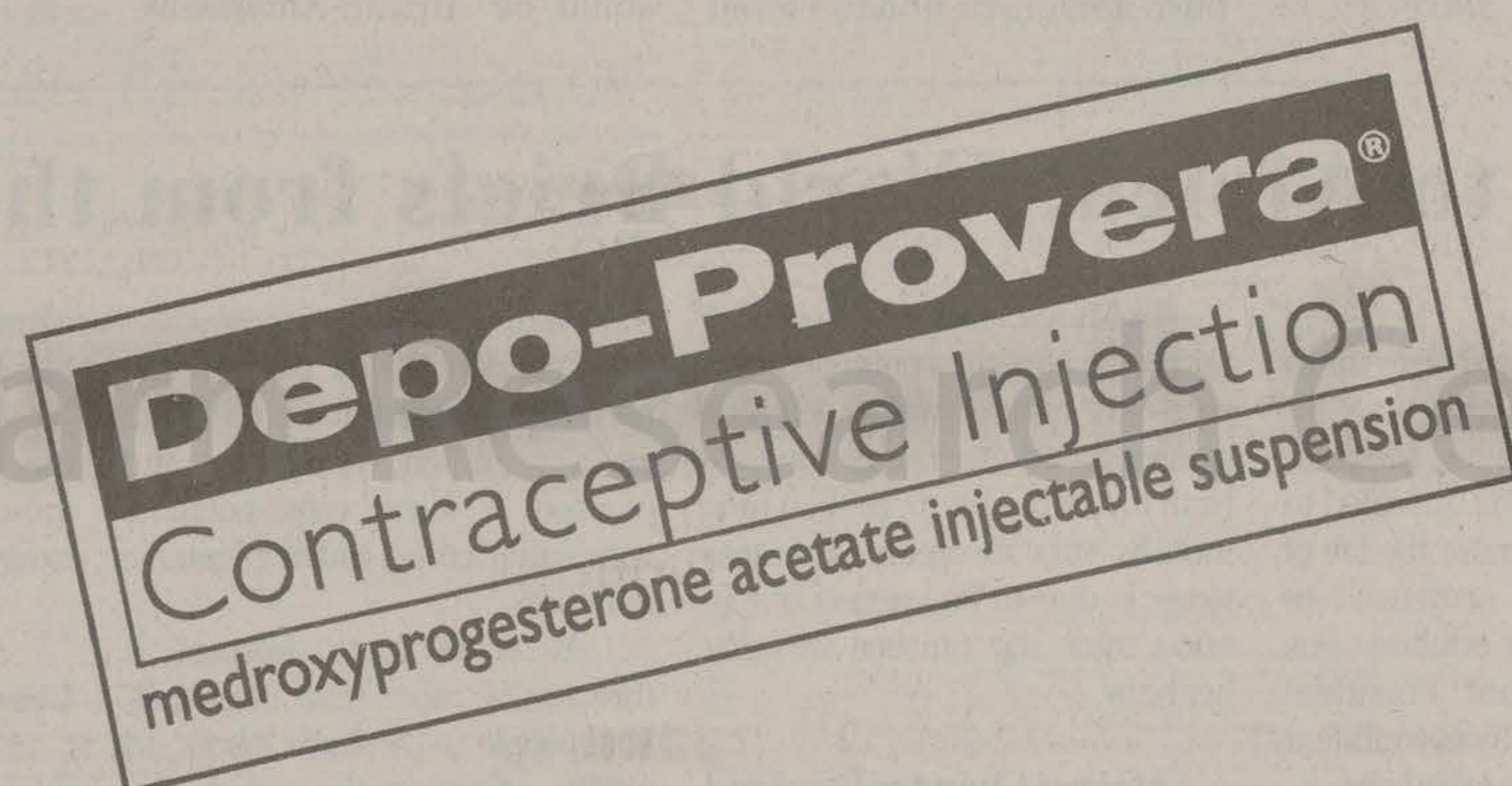
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NEWS

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country and the world."

University President H. Patrick Swygert attempted to give a bigger picture of life.

"Indeed, we were all reminded that each day is really not like every other day," Swygert said. "Treasure today."

Red, white and blue balloons were released from the hands of the student body and staff of Howard University.

Some students like Ebony Hamlet, senior Biology major, think Sept. 11, should be declared a national holiday. Hamlet said classes should have been suspended and that attendance to the service should have been made mandatory.

Jasmine Wade, a junior dance major was part of the Department of Fine Arts and Dance's, "A Performance Libation," honoring those victims of Sept. 11. The group, sponsored a sharing forum of spoken word, song and movement and skits commemorating the day.

"The whole process as a whole has been therapeutic,"

Wade said. "Through writing, sharing and moving freely, it has been easier to cope with emotions I never addressed."

Cornell Williamson, president of the Howard University Student Association said he was in disbelief for a long time after the attacks occurred.

Williamson said he thought the event on the main quadrangle was well planned.

"It involved several entities within the university family," Williamson said. "Many insightful things were said by the speakers and it was great that we joined the world in remembering the victims and the lessons learned from the tragedy."

President H. Patrick Swygert said he looks forward to the suggestions of students and faculty on how the university can honor this day in the future.

"I hope the student body will suggest ways in which we can commemorate nine-eleven and re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of justice and freedom," Swygert said. "I know I can count on the student body to do so."

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Their aim to make sure students are spiritually and ethically grounded as well as helping people to discover their "heart's desire." One program will entail faith in the workplace, which will help to build strong ethics in career paths.

"Today there are too many ethical out-laws," Acker said. We have too many situations like Enron or WorldCom, and even a large number of Catholic priests, with major lacks of morality," he said. "Imagine if someone had been working at Enron or in your field of work that was able to say, no, we are not going to cheat or lie, or abuse our positions."

There is a need for people to have strong connections with their conscious and stable ethical foundations, he added.

Acker believes that everyone has something that the world needs or can use and most students are not even aware of it.

Kanika Magee is a second year graduate student in the school of Divinity at Howard University who has benefited from the SEDL Initiative.

"It provides structure and opportunities for undergraduate

students to pursue their calling. It's not something specific to chapel, and it allows people to make a difference in the world in all sorts of creative new ways," Magee said.

Magee has been working with the grant since the fall of 2001.

Bill Lee is also a second year graduate student who has been able to grow spiritually because of the initiative.

Lee who has been working with the grant since the spring of 2002 says, "It allows [students] to challenge themselves outside of what everyone else has told them and ask themselves what is it that I'm here for, what is my purpose, what's my passions, what's my desire? And apart from that to understand that there are other students going through and struggling with the same thing."

Lee and other students will also be helping to put together "Wednesday Night Live." This will allow students to sing, read poetry, dance or express any of their gifts and talents.

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lot of planning, a greater commitment from the entire telecommunications staff and consistency with students Wren said.

"A whole new installation process would have to take place in order to implement call waiting," Wren said. "Everything has dollar costs and it is about how much money students are willing to pay."

Christopher Cooper, junior biology major said he doesn't think call waiting is a big deal. Cooper said one problem was that students weren't consulted when the telephone system was originally put in place.

"I think that call waiting would be good to have, but I don't think it's necessary," Cooper said. "But if I had to choose between call waiting and voice mail, I would choose call waiting."

Amanda Brown, junior political science and psychology major complained that the voice mail should hold more than give messages and even said she would rather have call waiting than visitation.

"I think call waiting should take priority over 24 hour visitation," Brown said.

But call waiting may not something students living on Howard's campus will see any time soon.

"No one has made any promises," Wren said.

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gold, Hampshire-Coward said.

"There's just no need to have the Seal replicated with random colors that anyone chooses to use," said Hampshire-Cowan. "And that is the only initiative that we've taken towards regulation the seal as far as my knowledge."

Students such as broadcast journalism major, Steve

Mobley agree with the work group's review of the way the University Seal is used.

"The Seal is sacred and should be preserved as such. If it takes reviewing and the reduction of the usage of the Seal to keep it that way, I don't have a problem with that," said Mobley.

On the other had some people have a problem with the regulation of the seal, and feel that students should be

able to have supplies and paraphernalia with the seal on them.

"I understand that the University is trying to protect the image of the Seal, but I also think the Seal is not just the property of the University, but also that of the students of Howard," said Psychology-pre-med major, Ashley Tate-Gilmore. "I don't think that I am dishonoring the Seal or Howard by wanting it on my

pencils notebooks, and clothing."

According to Hampshire-Cowan, the unnecessarily use of the seal is exactly what she means when she says there doesn't appear to be sanctity regarding the University's image.

"The Seal is supposed to be used on certain and specific items. There is a protocol that must be followed," Hampshire-Cowan said.



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sor. Cramer is also willing to add additional hours to ensure they are able to see all seniors.

Other students are looking at the change of advisor as a step toward much needed changes in the counseling system.

"I hope it's better now, because in the past, I have felt very impersonal with my counselor," said Allison Caviness, a senior film major.

Caviness wants someone

she can talk to on issues extending beyond the classroom, she said. "I don't want to just feel like an I.D. number and a name," she said.

She also says that for many students, being away from family support is hard, and advisors should be there to give extra support.

The new advisors have committed themselves to provide emotional support as well as academic advisement for students. Cramer said it is her goal to provide a comfort zone for students.

In addition to establishing closer relationships between students, new leaders of the Educational Advisory Center also wish to see positive change throughout the University.

"I am new to Howard University and from what I see so far, everybody is on a different page," said Andrews. "There has to be some level of communication."

He hopes that during his time here he can help improve the lines of communication between the administration and students.

RACE from page A1

due to the number of write-in ballots. Exit surveys are showing that the race is still between Wilson and Williams. Both claimed themselves winners in the District's mayoral primary during their victory parties.

"The sun was shining, the people have spoken and we are enjoying the victory tonight," Wilson said at a victory party according to an article in the Washington Times.

Although, neither candidate is a stranger to the political world, both candidates have run into quite a bit of campaign error.

The current mayor, Anthony Williams, has been cornered in by default with accusations and filed lawsuits regarding the ethics of his campaigning with faulty signatures that he claims he had no part in attaining.

Just as well, Rev. Willie Wilson has a track record of unpaid bills to the sewer and companies as well as foreclosure on houses that were renovated for low-income families.

Wilson's campaign slogan, "It's Time For a Change," speaks to what he is hoping to bring to D.C. if he is declared the winner

of the Democratic primary election for mayor.

There is a strong history, which precedes Rev. Willie Wilson in the political realm.

For many D.C. residents, their heart still remains with the beloved Marion Barry, who is thought of as the mayor of all mayors. The former mayor even announced his support of Wilson early in the campaign. Rev. Wilson has been a spiritual and political adviser to Marion Barry, a campaign chairman for Sharon Pratt, and a key supporter of Mayor Anthony Williams four years ago, when he originally ran for mayor with promises that Wilson feels he has not held up to.

Now Rev. Wilson's voice is being heard citywide. Wilson stretched out his campaign far beyond his community boundaries. Leading to the final days before the election, he tried to touch as much of the general population as he possibly could with an outstretched hand and an open smile.

Rev. Wilson has been from north to south, east to west. Rev. Wilson took it upon himself and his vision to run a most profitable race for mayor as a write-in candidate in Tuesday's

Democratic primary.

Campaign wise, the finances for Rev. Wilson were slim compared to other competitors. Wilson has lent his campaign \$40,000 and raised \$12,700 more; he is left with just about \$31,600 in cash.

On the other hand, his racing partner, Williams has raised \$1.7 million and has \$217,000 in cash. However, he also has quite a few more financial obligations to attend to. These certain obligations are estimated somewhere around \$338,600.

In an article written in the Washington Post, Rev. Wilson doted on these words of wisdom: "My parents said to us (him and his sister), 'When you're right, you have to make sacrifices whether anybody stands with you or not.'" Rev. Wilson believes his campaign for office is right and there he stands.

Although there are those who believe in Rev. Wilson, there are those who doubt his sincerity and political capabilities. As a Reverend, Wilson is not worried. Even though members of the community acknowledge his strong sense of leadership and direction, there will always be those who go against the grain.

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while Volpe rammed the stick into his rectum. Louima, severely injured in the attack, was hospitalized for 21/2 months.

Volpe, who pleaded guilty in 1999, is serving a 30-year term.

Schwarz had been serving a 15-year sentence before February, when an appeals court found that he was denied effective counsel and that the jury was exposed to prejudicial information during deliberations.

Schwarz remains free on bail; sentencing for the perjury conviction was set for Sept. 20. He faces up to five years in prison

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much money on a Howard education.

"I wish that I would have known about www.phonydiploma.com a long time ago, because that would have saved me thousands of dollars," said Timothy Armstrong, junior management major. "Most employers never ask to see your diploma anyway."

Although some students think this is a good idea, others are weary about the future of the website.

"People will catch on quick to this scam and it won't last too long," said Candice Lewis, a

sophomore from Takoma Park, Md. "I believe in hard work. A degree should be earned, not bought."

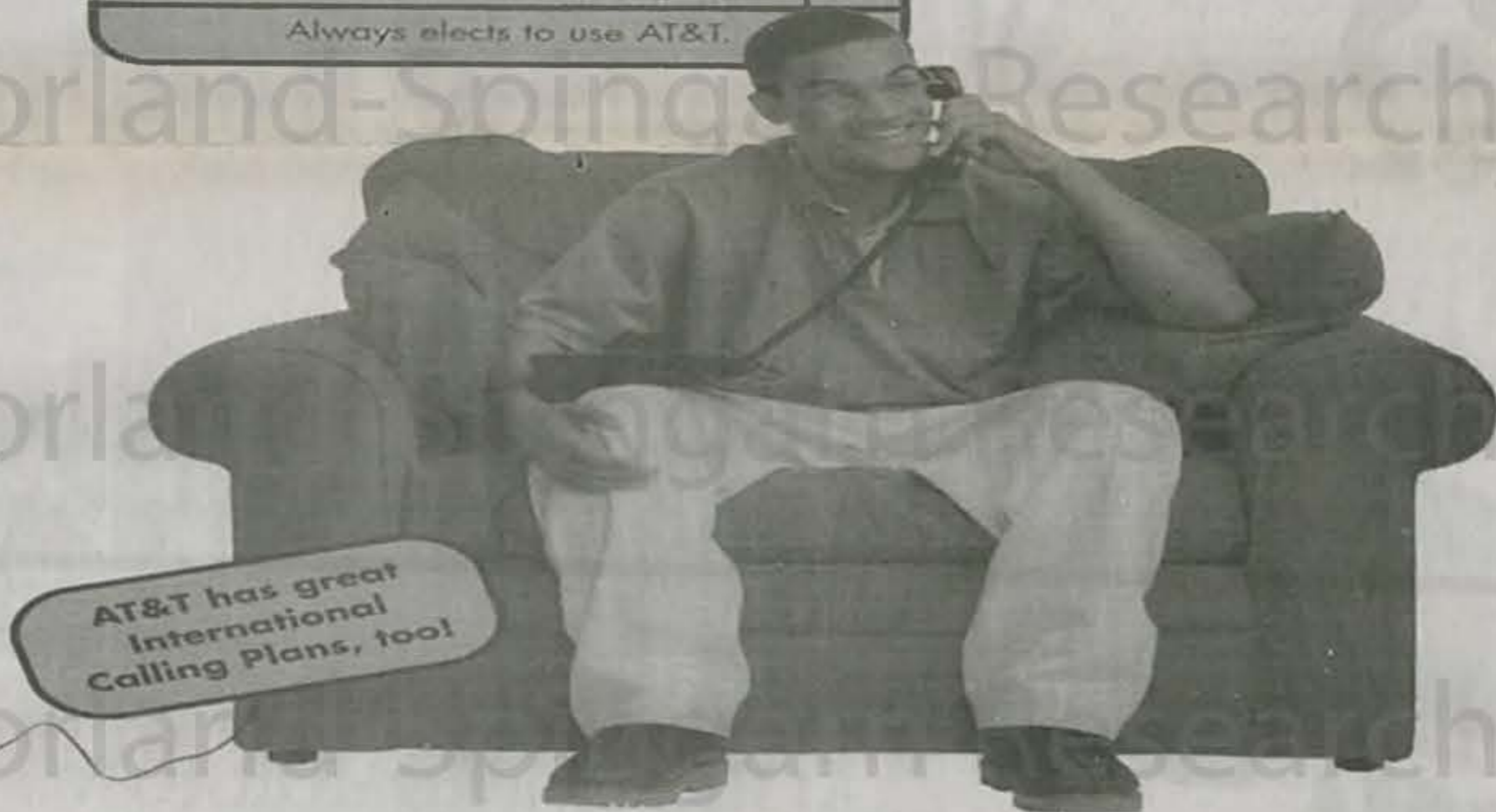
Lewis also pointed out the risks of using these fake diplomas. If someone were to check the credentials, they would discover that person is not really who he or she claims to be, she added.

Phonydiploma.com is only one of the many websites that can produce fake government issued documents. Students can also find drivers licenses, passports, report cards, and even birth and death certificates on the Internet.

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Life & Style

Black Men Allowed: The Barbershop's Traditional Role in the Black Community

By Bernard Murray
The Hilltop

...is the final spin of the chair...
a reflection of a reflection...
that sting of winter-green tonic
on the neck of a sleeping snow haired man...
when you realize it is your turn...
you are next"

—Kevin Young
Eddie Priest's Barbershop & Notary... (Closed Mondays)

Directly across the street from the School of Business, marked with the unmistakable symbol of a twirling peppermint stick sentry outside, is arguably the epitome of the black experience. The barbershop.

Old Traditions:

A child fights his father in the swiveling chair, trying his very best to avoid the touch of the buzzing clippers. But it's no use. His father has a vice-grip on his shoulders and the barber has another on his head.

It must feel like an eternity, but the painless

process of the child's first haircut takes a little under fifteen minutes. The barber pulls out his powder and brush and applies the finishing touches to the young client. The child hops down from his father's lap wiping his eyes as he follows his father out of the shop, lollipop in hand.

The entire shop has just witnessed what they call the "rites of passage."

Cyncere Dotson, a junior legal communications major from Decatur, Georgia, walks into the shop. No appointment is needed, as Cyncere waits for his regular barber. Even with five people in front of him, Cyncere bypasses the other barber with the empty chair.

Though unspoken, it's very apparent the one barber isn't put in as high regards as the other four barbers.

That's how the barbershop is run. The performance of the barber is judged by the masses.

On a Saturday afternoon, the barbershop is packed, standing room

only, and the television is turned to CBS. Everyone in the shop hopes to catch a glimpse of Serena Williams playing in the U.S. Open.

As Serena tosses up an ace, the shop breaks into frenzy, which triggers what is known as the "jam session." This is the time when any and every topic is discussed; nothing is sugar coated, nothing is off limits. The topics range from sports, to the dominance of the Williams sisters, to the way Serena's cat suit fits her just right.

The "jam session" will continue until a woman walks in to drop off her son. After the woman leaves, the "jam session" continues.

New Traditions:

The experiences mentioned above are just some of the inner workings of a black-owned and operated barbershop.

Dr. Greg Carr, professor of African-American Studies at Howard University, remembers those experiences back in his hometown of Philadelphia, at Tom's Barber Shop. Both he and

Rico, master barber at Best Cuts, know the influence of the black barbershop is not as strong as it was in the 1970s, but it still plays a vital role in the black community.

"In a world where time is money, people have very little time to spend chopping it up at the barbershop," said Carr. "There was a time when the black barbershop and the white barber shop were two institutions that operated in two distinctly different manners."

In a white barbershop, the chair with the fewest people was usually the one of choice, people wanted to get in and out. At a black barbershop, the pace was slower. The barber and his client had a brotherly bond, and a man would be willing to wait as long as it took.

But gradually, black barbershops gave way to the demands of today's fast-paced work force.

"I don't even allow walk-ins anymore," Rico said. "All cuts are done by appointments only. Also, because appointments are so common,

the idea of lingering around the barbershop after a cut no longer exists."

Rico also views the barber apprenticeship done by students in their dorms as a threat to barbershops like his.

"The distrust in the D.C. community has separated the students at Howard from its surrounding neighborhood," he said. "Most students don't take advantage of the experience the barbershop can give."

Shops like Best Cuts are also showing other differences from shops of the past. At Best Cuts, no barber looks a day over thirty, which is why some of the traditions of the black barbershop have a new look.

"The nature of conversation in the barbershops of today, differs from those of past," explains Carr. "This can be contributed to the generation gap in the black community."

Conversations of history, politics, and sports still occur, but all too often a customer will sit in the chair and talk of the disturbing incidents

of last night. Soon followed by countless names of family, friends, and associates who have fallen in the past years.

Still Here:

According to Carr, the barbershop is still "the most accurate assessment of black intellectuals at work." Meaning the barbershop is one of a few examples of a successful black owned and operated business.

Rico and his colleagues also agree the barbershop has changed, but it's still, "the only positive influence any urban neighborhood has to offer." Eventually, the black barbershop should return to its dominance enjoyed in the 70s, they said.

Shops like D.C.'s Best Cuts Barber Shop, Tom's Barber Shop in Philadelphia and Church Street Barber Shop in Chicago give black men around the country a strong sense of pride. Which is why the barbershop will remain one of the few African-American institutions not tainted by white America.

'Barbershop' Cuts Too Much Off the Top



Photo by Tracy Bennett

MICHAEL EALY (Ricky), TROY GARITY (Isaac), and LEONARD EARL HOWZE (Dinka) look on (center left to right) while CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER (Eddie, far left) gives a shave in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures' ensemble comedy BARBERSHOP.

By Josef Sawyer
The Hilltop

"Barbershop" starts out as a great concept turned woefully lame within the first scenes of the movie.

The movie presents the audience with a basic plot of a barbershop owner named Calvin, played by rapper/actor Ice Cube, who is in danger of losing his father's shop if he doesn't pay overdue property taxes.

The movie painfully tries to emulate the themes of comfort, nostalgia and black male bonding brilliantly depicted in the barbershop scenes of "Coming To America." The difference between the 1988 hit and "Barbershop" are that the scenes in "Coming To America" add depth and interject meaning behind the simple plot of Eddie Murphy's character Prince Akeem coming to New York to find a wife.

Watching the entire movie is like getting a tattoo on tender skin, you can't wait for the needle to stop and the healing to begin.

The overall feel of the movie is stale and riddled with over-the-top comedy that never draws viewers into the flat-line plot. The film requires no thought and suffers from poor character development.

Cube struggles to carry the lead role, his Californian drawl and lingo take away from the realism attempts of a movie set in Chicago's Southside.

Cedric the Entertainer plays Eddie, the old man of the shop with infinite wisdom. His expected buffoonery, which is slighted with insight, raises the movie from god-awful to bad.

Rapper Eve plays Terri a barbershop worker who cannot seem to leave her unfaithful boyfriend. After this movie role, all that can be said about her performance is she could have been replaced by any lick-smacking music video chick and the movie

would not have picked up a beat. The only bright spots of Barbershop are the supporting roles of Sean Patrick Thomas and Michael Ealy.

Thomas plays Jimmy, a college student who works in the barbershop but has higher ambitions than cutting hair. Although Thomas's character has little room for versatility, he plays the part well and speaks for the educated blacks that do exist.

Ealy plays the role of Ricky who brings rough and rugged street appeal to his character. Ricky is a two-time felon flirting with three strikes. The rugged character Ealy plays is skillfully done through his demeanor and body language.

Barbershop will be another dark cloud over Cube's career as he tries to convince Hollywood producers and directors he is a serious actor. Until then, audiences will always long for the Cube of old who played Doughboy, in "Boyz in the Hood."

Ice Cube, From Rapping to Acting Again

By Enoch Tims III
The Hilltop

Many people have said the black cinematic experience is not what it used to be. Maybe it is the lack of imagination on Hollywood's part or a lack of talent in general, but innovation and quality has been replaced by formula. The fact is especially true of the bittersweet and sometimes frustrating sub-genre, the African-American comedy.

The days of comedic classics such as "Coming to America," "Harlem Nights" and "Carwash" are now a thing of the past.

The portrayal of blacks in the media has been lacking in positive representation. Even more unfortunate, no one has been able to stop people like hip-hop mogul Master P and his multi-million dollar plan to cash in on the black film market, a move that is destroying black comedy.

Who can save the black comedy? Who can make black comedy great again?

Ironically, the answer might come from another hip-hop star - Ice Cube. With the release of his new MGM comedy, "Barbershop," Ice Cube has proven himself to be a talented and bankable filmmaker.

Maybe Cube is the savior, albeit a reluctant one, of the black comedy.

"I know what I like to laugh at," said Cube. "I hire people that I think are funny, but you can't have a movie where everyone is trying to steal the laughs. That's why I like to play the straight man. You need someone in there who will be the stable funny-man in the film."

To Cube, "Barbershop" was just another chance for him to work with the people he admires, particularly Cedric the Entertainer.

"He's a professional...not some new talent who feels he has to prove himself. He is one of the funniest people I know," Cube said. "Every take, he would come with another banger; it is hard to keep a straight face with someone so funny."

Fortunately, after working on so many successful films, Cube himself, is a professional. This time however, instead of writing, producing, starring, and directing the movie. Cube chose to only associate produce "Barbershop."

"It's good to let the young talent come up," Cube said. "I'll be there to lend pointers, but I

pretty much let this new director, Tim Story, and George [Tillman, Jr., Producer] take control."

Cube first heard the idea of "Barbershop" from MGM executive, Alex Gardener, and was initially skeptical until he met Tillman.

"George knew what the barbershop is to the black community. He knew its history and influence," Cube said. "He even came up with the idea of basing the movie in Chicago as a way to say that these barbershops are everywhere—a tribute to the

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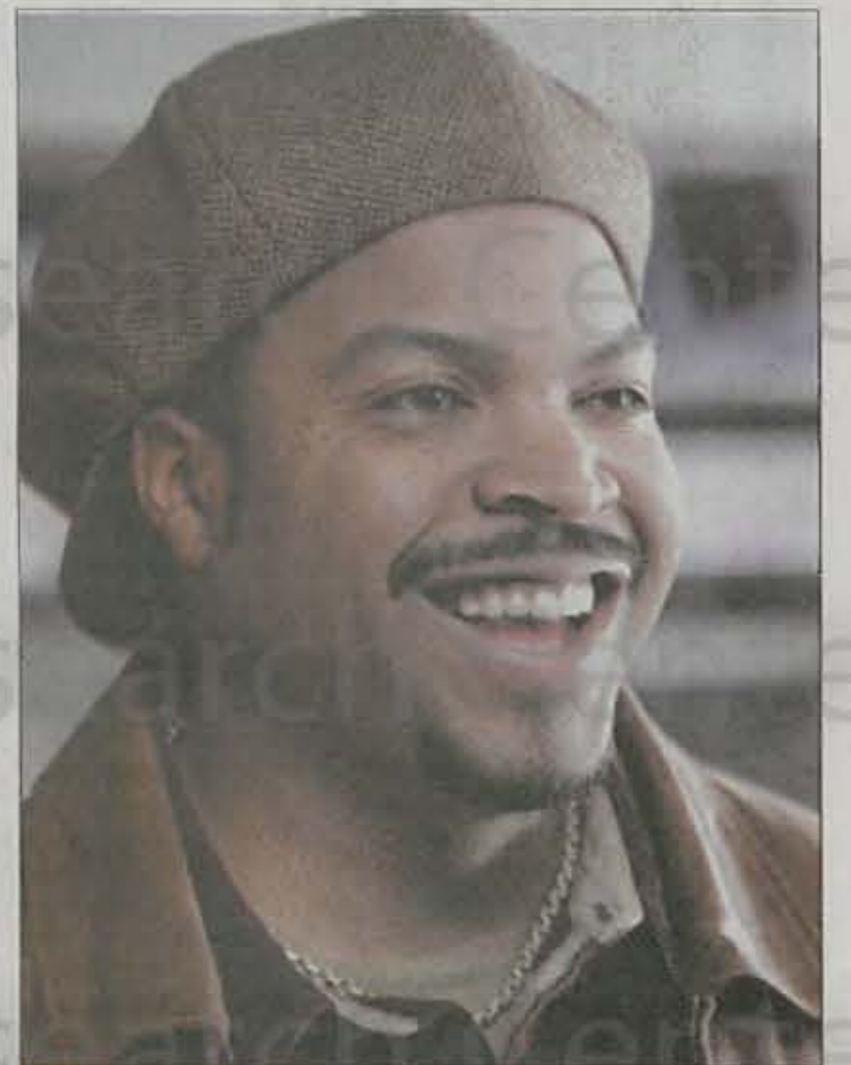


Photo by Tracy Bennett

ICE CUBE stars as shop owner Calvin in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures' ensemble comedy BARBERSHOP.

Life & Style

The Kangaroo's Back: Kangol Hats Jump to the Top



Photo courtesy of allmusicguide.com

By Kimberly M. Mitchell
The Hilltop

"Stepped out my house stopped short/oh no/I went back in/forgot my Kangol." Slick Rick rhymed about them in 1979 and now men and women are once again showing their love for the retro Kangol hat.

The Kangol logo is one of the most recognizable designers in hat fashion today. Unlike other trendy, hip-hop brands, Kangol has a legendary heritage dating back to 1938 England, where it was founded.

Fifty years later, Kangols became an increasingly popular urban fad.

In 1984, LL Cool J sparked the hat frenzy when he appeared on the cover of his debut album *Radio* wearing a Kangol. Continuing the trend, LL sports a Kangol in his latest video release, "Love You Better."

However, LL is not the only celebrity known for rocking the Kangol. The Beatles, Princess Diana, Samuel L. Jackson, B.B. King, Missy Elliot, and Jay-Z have all been known to wear the classic uni-

Saab said. "If you're not a pimp, don't rock it; just leave it alone." In order to wear the hat correctly, Saab suggests a "tilt over the right eye, never to the left-at a 25-30 degree angle. It's what they call a 'mean

have been centering strong for the past three years. Everyone wants them, old and young, and they get mad when we sell out."

In order to get one of these "pimp hats" customers might want to have some "pimp money." The furry bucket hat-actually called a furgora-is one of the more expensive Kangols selling for \$54. The average price of other Kangols is slightly less, usually anywhere from \$35 to \$45.

"Young people don't care; they will spend the money just to have what's hot," said Corey Gregory, freshman

radio/TV/film major. Gregory's statement is evident, since Kangol's continue to be a 'must have' fashion accessory.

Whether it's the influence from celebrities, the universal style, or simply the kangaroo logo, men and females alike can't keep their hands off the Kangol.

"Kangol is a pimp hat. If you're not a pimp, don't rock it,"

--Weafue Saab

sex hat.

"Kangols have a trendy yet casual flavor. They're fashionable and express confidence. Looking 'chill' is in and Kangols are definitely what's up," said Jasmine Fletcher, a freshman Jasmine major.

On the other hand, Weafue Saab, a junior biology pre-med major and owner of five Kangols, wears the hat for a different look.

"Kangol is a pimp hat,"

lean."

With bucket hats, caddy hats, and baseball hats, finding the right hat can be difficult.

According to Tim Cassidy, district manager of Lids in Pentagon City Mall, the most popular Kangol out right now is the furry bucket hat.

"We get people from all over the nation of diverse cultures coming in to buy that hat, and of course, the golfer style hat always sells. [Kangols]

Women's Hair Salons Keep 'Em Waiting



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

By Tiffany Horne
The Hilltop

While sitting in a hard metal chair, surrounded by the smells of perms and presses, the focus changes. Previously enjoying the sounds of a Stevie Wonder track blasting from an old radio, the woman's focus is now on the clicking noise coming from her watch. As she looks down, she realizes another hour has passed and not only has no one touched her hair, but her stylist seems to have forgotten she even exists.

This story seems all too familiar with the women on Howard University's campus.

Some students spend hours in the beauty salon, waiting. Time not only spent on waiting to be seen, but waiting under the dryer while someone else's hair is being styled.

"The wait in black hair salons is completely unacceptable," said Samika Boyd, a sophomore political science major from New Orleans. "I feel that if I have an appointment then I'm a priority and should

be seen at the scheduled time and not a minute later."

Like other students, Boyd is a regular client.

"I've been going to my stylist ever since I arrived at Howard University," she said. "I have to schedule my appointments an hour early to make up for the time I know I will be waiting to be seen."

Many students continue to go back to their favorite stylist regardless of how long they have to wait. The enhancement of the students' appearance is worth the lengthy wait for some.

Nikki Jones, a junior legal communications major from Philadelphia, is one such student. "Regardless of the time I have to wait, I will still continue to give my stylist my business," she said. "I like the way she does my hair and I'm used to the way she does it."

While some feel it's worth the wait, others feel there is no excuse. Students like Melanie Edmunds, a junior marketing major from Buffalo, N.Y., don't go to the salon anymore. Instead, they choose alterna-

tives like having a friend do their hair or doing the job themselves.

"I don't have the time to sit and wait for someone to do my hair. My time is too valuable and too precious and so is my dollar," Edmunds said. "I choose to do my own hair because it costs half the money it would cost at a salon and it takes half the time."

The question at hand is, "Are students' expectations too high for the price they pay?" asks stylist Gale Ross, who is a stylist at Heads Turn located in the district. A stylist for five years, Ross knows the gripes of many women.

"At Heads Turn, we are dedicated to consistently providing high customer satisfaction by rendering excellent service," Ross said. "However, it's a real world and we do try to get as many people in a day as we can, even if this means overlapping clients and doing two heads simultaneously."

While both the client and stylist will continue to be at odds over lengthy stays at the hair salon, Ross sees a possible



Photo courtesy of murchisoncenter.org

Natural styles can take longer than those requiring processing.

solution.

"Clients should call if they are running late and know what they want done to their hair before they arrive. Beauty takes time and the process isn't going to be quick, but it will be worth it."

The wait is over. A local stylist is finally able to see one of the many clients she has lined up for the day.

Top 10 Signs That You Started The Semester On The Wrong Foot

- 10) Instead of walking to class, you wake up to go chill in the café.
- 9) You have already become affectionately known as "Flunk Boy".
- 8) You figure English will be extra easy because you already know it.
- 7) You say, "I'm about to go to class in a minute," every fifteen minutes.
- 6) You're scared that if you leave the yard, you may suffer from withdrawal.
- 5) So far, learning hasn't been stimulating.
- 4) Your outfit is way to sweet for you to waste time sitting in class all day.
- 3) You are still waiting for your parents to tell you which classes you have.
- 2) You can't get dressed because your clothes are always in the dryer.
- 1) You think your supposed to stay on the yard until you get voted off.

--Compiled by Mathew Goins

Spirit Corner: Comfort for Your Soul

By Aurellia Anderson
The Hilltop

This week, the Howard University community participated in the same activity millions of others did, reflection.

They reflected on the unbelievable events that took place one year ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

Just hearing the various thoughts and feelings made me realize that although the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center occurred in the past, individuals who were not directly affected by the attacks, were still dealing with the hard emotions of confusion and

sadness.

As they shared freely with me, their feelings, I silently prayed that they would soon realize that their lives were in good hands.

The "Attack on America" was a frightful experience for many of us. I know personally, I cried. I was scared when I was told my line sister who works at the Pentagon could not be found. I was sad and mourned for the loss of lives on that day, like so many others.

"But we must remember, when we are sad and confused, God reigns." (Psalm 10:16)

There are heavy questions that plague our minds every-

day: "Will my parents mend their marriage?" "Why was I born with an chronic lifetime illness?" "Why did I grow up poor with nothing to eat and no bed to sleep in?"

We will begin to blame and sometimes go as far as to hate the Creator of the plan, but it's okay.

Job, who was considered blameless, went so far as to wish he were never born, but we must do what Job did. He did not turn from God in his most confusing and surreal times. God has comfort for our souls in times of fear. Tragedy will inevitably happen.

"God made provision for us to be comforted." (John

14:18,26)

I am not making light of a heavy situation, for Sept. 11, 2002 is a huge reminder of a horrible event.

But I am reaching out to you, my brothers and sisters, to remember that God is an awesome God and in the midst of uncertainty and confusion, in the midst of trial and sadness, He gives comfort for your soul.

In memory of the lives taken on Sept. 11, 2001.

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nationwide appreciation of the black barbershop."

Community seems to be very important to the former member of gangster rap group N.W.A., which is why Cube feels the need to help other rappers crossover into the film industry.

"A lot of these rapper/actors believe in helping their people succeed," he said.

"That's why I don't understand why these actors think rappers are taking away their jobs."

To Cube, actors need to take a look at their selves before they begin to point fingers. "Sure there are rappers who cannot act, but there are also actors who cannot act," Cube said. "Besides I don't see them creating jobs for their fellow actors."

Even with all the controversy surrounding his motives,

Cube continues to make moves in the film industry. He has just completed filming the third installment in the Friday series, wrapped a taping of an episode for the new season of the Bernie Mac Show and even has plans to release a new album in the near future.

Cube's future also includes some dramatic roles, even though they are harder to find. "It's much easier getting a black

comedy made in Hollywood than a drama, but I definitely have some projects lined up."

One of those projects is "Torque," about a motorcycle gang, set to be released next summer. Cube is hoping the role will create more dramatic opportunities for black actors in the film industry. Maybe even rappers.



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When Showboating Goes Overboard

By Bernard "Poet" Murray
The Hilltop

This everyday phenomenon is occurring in inner cities around the country: children picking up basketballs, bats or tennis racquets trying to emulate their favorite athletes whether on basketball courts wanting to be like Mike, or on a court not traditionally dominated by black athletes in hopes of one day being the next Venus or Serena Williams.

Television plays a major role in shaping our children's perception of the appropriate behavior while participating in athletics.

All too often, a bad light is shone on professionals that casts an ugly shadow and places doubt on the responsibility that these athletes are taking to teach our children the values of sportsmanship both on and off the field. There are times, however, when the attitudes on the field draw negative attention.

The Little League World Series showcases the best school-aged ballplayers from around the globe. They compete in Williamsport, Penn., for the prestigious Little League World Series title and their exploits are televised nationally on ESPN and ABC. These players represent more than 50 countries and cover every nationality the world has to offer but are all united by their humbling love of the game.

These children fill sandlots for pick-up games, trying their hardest to be a mirror image of Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr., or Andruw Jones. This influence extends beyond mere admiration when the little leaguers saunter down the first base line after hitting one out of the park emulating their heroes.

Especially upsetting, on a stage such as the Little League World Series where the world is watching with judgmental eyes, is when it's only seen in our young black players.

The team from Harlem, N.Y. is the only inner-city team to ever make it to Williamsport. It hasn't just been their bats that have caught the attention of spectators, rather, their actions during play.

Down four runs in their half of the fourth inning of the Mid-Atlantic Region championship game, Harlem prepared a comeback with the heart of their order due up. Their surge was sparked by two key base hits, putting runners in scoring position. A rally was brewing and center fielder Fernando Fries felt it.

On his way to the plate he paused, reminiscent of the late Babe Ruth, he pointed to center field and called his shot. This is a twelve year-old who is nowhere near his full athletic potential or even recognizing it, prophesizing his next swing in an effort to intimidate the opposing team or, worse still, show-off.

Whatever the case may have been, he tagged the very next pitch to straightaway center that took a bounce off the center field wall scoring two runs. Defiantly pumped, Fries stood at second base, looked toward his dugout, popped his collar, and shouted, "What? That's what I am talkin' bout."

That following Tuesday, in Harlem's 5-2 win over Aptos, Calif., Andrew Diaz was booed

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The Battle of the Real HU Returns to Armstrong

By Lesly Michael Flanagan
The Hilltop

One of the most intense football rivalries in HBCU history will once again take center stage, tomorrow night at 6:00 pm at Armstrong Stadium in Hampton, VA. The classic match-up, almost comparable to a bowl championship game around this area, features two of the most prestigious African-American academic universities—Howard and Hampton.

Every year, students, administration, and alumni from both schools, gather together to debate about who is the real HU. Despite losing the last five years, Howard maintains a slight lead of 39-38-1, in a series that started in 1908.

While the game has been played in NFL stadiums in the recent past, the current home and home series now gives Hampton the home field advantage for the first time since 1986. But regardless of all the facts, records, venues and history, both teams have always produced an exciting game for the fans.

The Bison will have a lot of momentum on their side, coming off a grueling, late game 34-31 win over Texas Southern last Saturday, their first time winning a season opener since beating Jackson State in 1998.

"The kids will have good confidence for the first time



Photo by Rodney Adams

Two-time MEAC defensive player of the year and All-American, Tracy White, shows this Pirate what happens when they try to get past him.

going into this game", said offensive line coach Fred Dean.

Even though the game will be played on Hampton's turf

this year, the Bison remain focused and do not feel threatened.

"I'm glad we are playing them at Armstrong so we can

beat them at home, and have their fans boo them, the same way our fans booed us last year", said senior fullback Troyce Sanders.

First year head coach Ray Petty is looking forward to the big game as well, but admits that pulling out the victory will not be an easy task.

"It will be a hostile environment, so we can't rely on our fans to pull us through," Petty said. "We will have to be prepared to play a full 60 minutes. On the other hand, the home and home series is good because it shows who has the most loyal fans."

The Bison squad boasts a new and improved senior class this season. Together, they have suffered some tough, discouraging defeats, including last year's heart-breaker.

"We're going to play every down like its our last", said senior wide receiver Kevin Simmonds, whose coming off a career best four touchdowns last Saturday.

Petty feels that the seniors have already made the commitment, as evidenced by their hard work in practice as well as the off-season, but agrees that in order for the Bison to be victorious, he needs all of his seniors to step up.

Once again, offensive stars like senior quarterback Donald Clark and Simmonds, as well as the senior based offensive line led by pre-season 1st team all-MEAC selec-

tion Marques Ogden, will need to play well.

Defensively, look for first-team 1-AA All-American linebacker Tracy White, all-MEAC safety Vontrae Long, and defensive tackle Charles Woodall to all have big games.

The Pirates (1-1) will come into the game off a mistake-ridden loss to Southwest Mississippi State, in which they gave away 10 points off of turnovers.

Turnovers are exactly what Petty and the Bison must avoid as well.

"It's been a while since this team has beat Hampton," Petty said. "It's always been close, but if we don't eliminate some of the mistakes we made in the first game, then we will not beat them."

Hampton does boast one of the fastest wide outs in the MEAC in Zuriel Smith, along with a seasoned quarterback in Timothy Frazier. The high-powered Pirates also feature two sleeper running backs in Carlton Morant and Rian Thompson.

They also possess an awesome special teams unit, including sure-footed kicker Tellis Bolden. Defensively, the Pirates return eight starters this year, including pre-season, All-MEAC defensive end Issac Hilton.

Howard-Hampton Flashbacks from the Past Three Years

2001 Hampton-27
Howard-20

Senior wide receiver Jevonte Philpot caught seven passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns, but it was not enough as Hampton escaped with a 27-20 victory in a penalty-plagued slugfest at Greene Stadium. Philpot caught touchdown strikes of 23.44, and 54 yards, while junior quarterback Donald Clark (10 of 19, 191 yards, 3tds, 2 interceptions) had his best day as a Bison.

The Bison defense was led by junior safety Keith Webber, who was playing for the injured Vontrae Long. Webber finished the game with 10 tackles, (three for losses), a forced fumble, and a sack.

2000 Hampton-26
Howard-24

Howard senior quarterback Bobby Townsend passed for 214 yards and two touchdowns, but the Bison still fell short to the Pirates in a close 26-24 decision, before a crowd of 41,682 in the New York Urban League Classic at Giants Stadium. Townsend completed 9 of 13 passes while sophomore running back Tauric Rice caught three passes for 107 yards and one touchdown. The Howard defense was again led by sophomore linebacker Tracy White (12 tackles) and junior defensive end Oby Arah (8 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery), who was also selected MVP for the second straight game.

1999 Hampton-28
Howard-27

In a thriller, a Hampton player blocked a Charles Card extra point attempt with 3:24 left in the game to give the pirates a narrow 28-27 victory over the Bison, in the Southwest Airlines Great Washington Urban League Classic at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. The game saw the emergence of Howard running back Jermaine Hutchinson, who scored four touchdowns and rushed for 152 yard on 23 carries. Hutchinson was also named the games MVP.

-Compiled by Lesly Michael Flanagan

Lady Booters Lose Close One, 2-1, to UMBC

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
The Hilltop

The Lady Booters soccer team displayed tremendous poise and determination Tuesday, yet still came up short in a 2-1 heartbreaking loss to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County at Greene Stadium.

Despite numerous chances to score, Howard's offense sputtered in the final eight minutes of the contest.

With UMBC leading 2-1, Howard began to put pressure on the UMBC defense, keeping the ball in their zone and looking for an opportunity to tie the game. But several miscues and poor passing allowed UMBC to keep the Bison on their heels. The closest they came to scoring was on Michelle Williston's liner that went just wide right of the goal with 9:19 remaining.

UMBC finally cleared the ball out of their zone at the four-minute mark and ran out the clock, keeping the Lady Bison winless (0-4).

"We couldn't score late,"

said Head Coach Michelle Street. "It's as simple as that. We have to do better in those types of situations."

Howard started off the contest playing tight defense until UMBC forward Laura Cunningham freed herself up from the defense and rifled a shot past goalkeeper Lindsey Walton at the 32:26 mark, to give the visitors an early 1-0 lead.

The Lady Booters fought back however and drew even with UMBC later in the period. After midfielder Jocelyn Fisher booted a shot over the visiting teams' goalpost at the 26:47 mark, about three minutes later, Tiffany Day put the Lady Bison on the board with her second goal of the season, tying the score 1-1.

Unfortunately, that would be all that Howard could muster. At the 19:32 mark of the second half, UMBC used a quick two-on-one break to beat a slumping Howard defense. The break ended with Cunningham scoring her second goal of the game, giving UMBC a 2-1 advantage.

The Lady Booters had an

opportunity to capitalize on a free kick after a red card was issued to UMBC forward Roula Adams at the 12:13 mark. But Stephanie Hills' shot was too strong over the net, ending a scoring chance for the home team.

Statistically, both teams drew even with 10 shots on goal for the contest. Walton saved eight shots on the afternoon while Kelly Lison stopped seven shots for UMBC.

Sophomore phenom Raneika Bean, who scored five goals in the first two games of the season for the Bison, was held scoreless for the second straight contest. With her being a non-factor, Street believes that could hurt the team.

"We do need for her to score," said Street. "Basically that responsibility is hers, but she feels up to the challenge."

The Bison look to get that elusive win today when they host Stonybrook in the final of their three-game home stand at Greene Stadium. The contest starts at 4 p.m.



Photo by Carroll Smith

Lady Bison Sakira Cook dribbles past a defender.



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Dawn Thomas

Lady Bison Fall Short to Bucknell, 3-1, in Home Opener

By Shauna-lee Ruglass
The Hilltop

A little heat mixed with home opening jitters resulted in a Lady Bison 3-1 loss to Bucknell, Tuesday night in Burr Gymnasium.

The final score fails to show just how close and exciting each game was. Bucknell (4-3) took the first game 30-22, due to a few mistakes on Howard's behalf. With immense support from the few fans that showed up and some inspiring words from Head Coach Linda Spencer, the Lady Bison (2-7) fought back and won an extremely close game, 32-30.

"I just told my team to pick

up their intensity," Spencer said.

With both teams having one game under their belts, it seemed as though the winner of game three would be the team who displayed the most hustle, teamwork and communication.

But after a decisive call made by one of the officials, game three belonged to Bucknell. "It was a bad call," said outside hitter Jerri Hayes, who ended the game with a team high 12 kills. "With the game on the line, how could the official make a call about a slight mistake in rotation?"

Even with their backs against the wall, the Lady Bison did not hold their heads down. They rallied together and

fought hard during game four, with junior transfer Nashay Edwards and freshman Mercedes Posey, both turning in 10 impressive kills.

Despite the effort however, Bucknell had a few hustle plays and some crucial blocks, to walk away with the final game in their pockets, 30-28.

"My team is very banged up, but we gave it our all and that is why I'm not upset," Spencer said. "We are a very young team and we're dealing with some growing pains, but I see good things to come."

Spencer added that she can't wait for the day when her team gels together and plays like they know how to.

"If we start our games out

strong and play together like we know how to, we can beat anyone," Edwards said, agreeing with her coach.

The Lady Bison have a long season ahead of them, which means there's still a lot of time for them to figure out what they need to improve on, in order to be victorious in close games. With a team full of young players who still have two or three more years of college eligibility left, the Lady Bison and their fans have a lot to look forward to.

Their next home game is on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m. against the Hornets of Delaware State University.

Local Pro Teams Offer Discounted Tickets for College Students

By Ethan Zagore
The Hilltop

In the last decade, professional sports franchises have significantly raised ticket prices to keep up with the salaries their athletes are being paid. Gone are the days of a family of four or a group of friends meeting and all going to watch a professional sporting event for less than \$40.

For most Howard students, catching a NBA or NFL game means sitting in front of the television and watching the game with friends.

This year things have changed just a bit, Howard and other area college students can now enjoy a few games for much less, thanks to the Wizards, Orioles and Capitals.

In the past, these teams have offered promotions for college students, but they

haven't been heavily publicized. However, this year the teams hope to attract many college students, realizing the large numbers of colleges and universities in the area.

With the return of Michael Jordan to basketball last year, many Howard students went deep into their pockets to see the greatest player in league history's third return to the game.

This year, the Wizards have a college night promotion for every Wednesday they host a home game. A student can simply go to the box office the day of the game presenting a college identification and purchase a ticket for \$10. This is definitely a break for the average college student, who wants to catch a game down at the MCI Center.

"We definitely wanted to do something for all of the college students in the area, especially

considering the young rookies we have in Jared Jeffries and Juan Dixon (University of Maryland)," said Rita Lewis, the advertising coordinator for



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Wizards' forward Michael Jordan.

the Washington Wizards. "We hope our promotion can attract more college students, especially considering the large number

of NBA fans that attend the local colleges and universities in the area."

There are six Wizards home games scheduled to take place on Wednesdays this season. Among the games that fall under the promotion are a Nov. 6 contest versus the Cleveland Cavaliers (Darius Miles' new team); a Dec. 18 game against the Memphis Grizzlies; an April 2 match-up versus Chris Webber and the Kings; and an April 9 contest against Paul Pierce and the Celtics.

"I'll definitely catch a game this semester and probably one next semester too, especially if they're playing someone good," said senior international business major Sean Blondell.

The Baltimore Orioles had their \$5 Friday college night promotion going on all season and there are currently two games remaining that fall

under the promotion. The games include a Sept. 20 match-up against the Boston Red Sox and a Sept. 27 game against the defending American League Champion New York Yankees.

For all of the hockey fans out there, the Capitals have a promotion entitled, 'Caps Gamma Cheapa', for local college students only. This promotion is for all Caps home games and allows a student to purchase a \$24 ticket for \$18, \$37 ticket for \$25 or a \$59 ticket for \$38.

"I think the pro teams in the area are helping themselves and the students quite a bit by offering discounted tickets," Blondell said. "I think it's a great opportunity for those who don't have much money to go out and relax and enjoy themselves."



Howard vs. Hampton Rivalry Returns to Respective Campuses

By Ethan Zagore
The Hilltop

For years, Howard University and Hampton University have been rivals, both academically and athletically. On the football field, the rivalry has seen great games, some which determined conference winners. Regardless of both teams' records at the time of the game, Howard vs. Hampton remains one of the nation's top football rivalries.

A few years back, the universities' respective athletic departments decided to hold the game at larger stadiums, including some NFL ones. In 1999 the Howard/Hampton game was held in R.F.K. Stadium, the previous home of the Washington Redskins. Hampton pulled out the 28-27 victory in an extremely close match-up.

Although it wasn't a packed house, much of the stadium was filled as Howard students took the Metro, Hampton students bused up from Virginia, and alumni and local residents came out to see the historic rivalry.

The attendance of the game at R.F.K. was so impressive that in 2000, the game moved to Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Although it rained before the game and during much of the contest, the attendance was outstanding once again, as

Hampton defeated Howard 26-24, in another close one.

Despite the exceptional attendance numbers, in early 2001 the athletic departments decided to move the game back to the campuses. The move was viewed as questionable by some because the same attendance problems would certainly come about again.

However, although a few ticket holders found it hard to find a seat at Greene Stadium, last year's game was definitely a success, as local businesses benefited from large attendance and students walked from their dorms to see Howard take on their arch rival.

"As a business owner and a long-time D.C. resident, I'd love for all of the games to be on campus," said Kenny Gilmore, owner of Howard Delicatessen. "I know that in the past, attendance has been so large that holding the game on campus is difficult. However, the game gives a huge boost to most small businesses in the area and I hope they continue to hold the games at Howard."

When Howard and Hampton take the field Saturday, it will mark the first time in 16 years that the game will be played at Hampton University. Students, administration and business owners in the area are anticipating the rivalry's return to

Hampton.

"I know the business owners could definitely use a boost and the students here are excited that such a large game is coming to campus," said Brian Cunningham, a senior business administration major at Hampton University. "No matter how we do this season, if we beat Howard right here at Hampton, the season probably cannot be looked upon as a disappointment."

"The Hampton-Howard rivalry is one that everyone in this area, on campus and off, is looking forward to," said Jamar Ross, sports information director at Hampton University. "And the fact that this will be the first time since 1986 that the game will be held at Armstrong Stadium, here on campus, makes it even more exciting. Playing Howard in the Urban League Classics was great but it's just something about bringing this game back to campus that has everyone looking forward to Saturday."

Both Howard and Hampton are expected to have good football seasons this year. However, the effect the game has on businesses, students, administration and local residents explains why the game is much more than just your average conference battle.

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for hot-dogging after crushing a 235-foot, two-run homer. After he swung, he knew it was gone and turned toward the ball and waved bye-bye while strolling down the first base line. He continued toward home plate in a feeble attempt to replicate Deion Sanders.

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one to such a senseless piece of tragedy."

And with tragedy, comes change. Souvenir shops were open, but few went inside. "We have not been that busy. Most people come in for film or batteries for their camera, basically necessities," said Guest Services employee Mona Cruz. "You can just tell that souvenirs are the furthest things from their minds when they come in here. You can really tell that the nation is in sorrow."

Security was also increased. "Our main goal is to ensure people that they are safe. And the way we are doing that is just by having high visibility. We've also stepped up patrolling some more, but that's about it," said Detective Sergeant John Dowd. "Most of our emphasis has been on today, but we increased security pretty much throughout the whole week."

The visibility of security also made it safer for classes to come out and join in the commemorations. Students such as 14 year-old Jazzy Wright's Writer's Workshop Class from

The scrutiny and feedback the Harlem team received was enough to get the attention of many pro athletes, including former San Diego Padre and Little League commentator Tony Gwynn, who pointed out that that type of hot-dogging has no place in little league or the pros for that matter.

Harlem manager Morris McWilliams warned his team after Diaz' antics that they

would be ejected from the game if anyone attempted to further showboat and/or hot-dog. Is it his responsibility to check his team about excessive showboating on the field or should we first look toward the pros, whom these children idolize, to set a better example to follow? Or was Charles Barkley right in saying, 'I am not a role model'? If they aren't, will the real parents please stand up?

School Without Walls Senior High School came to sit by the reflection pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial. "Our teacher brought us here to do a report on our feelings about September 11," she said. "Sitting here has made me think just how prejudice people were inside before the attacks. Afterwards, they had to find their prejudices and get over it."

There were also people from other countries, such as Debbie Estwick from London, who came to pay respect. "The atmosphere seems to be very somber, but I guess people are just reflecting," she said. "They are having services in London this morning, because we all feel your pain. You know, you always think that it will never happen in your backyard, but the day it happened, we all thought 'if it can happen to America, it can happen anywhere.'"

Behind the Washington Monument sat a stage

with a banner saying "Standing together as United Americans: Remembering Our Lost Crew Members." American, United, Southwest, and US-AIR crews gathered by this stage to listen as their fellow crew members sang. The song ended "United we'll stand in the land of the free."

On September 11, 2002, the United States of America remembered, revered, looked back, and looked to the future as life went on.

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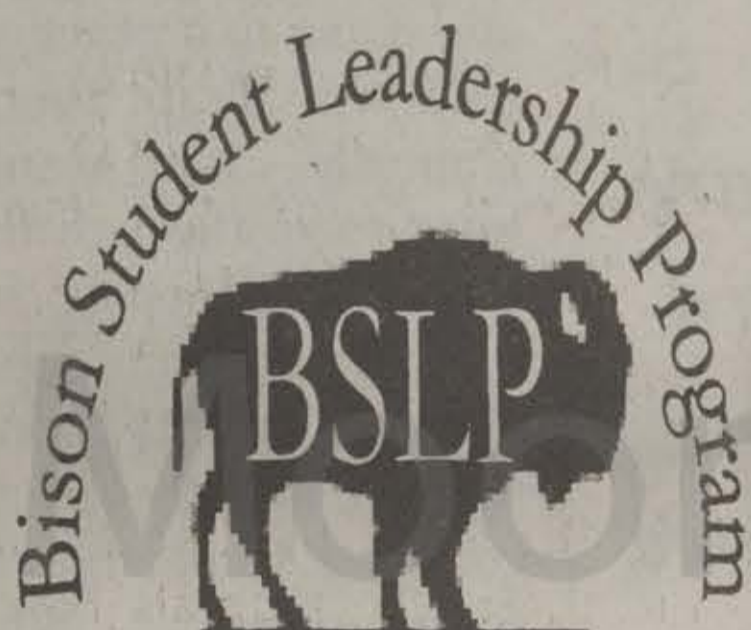
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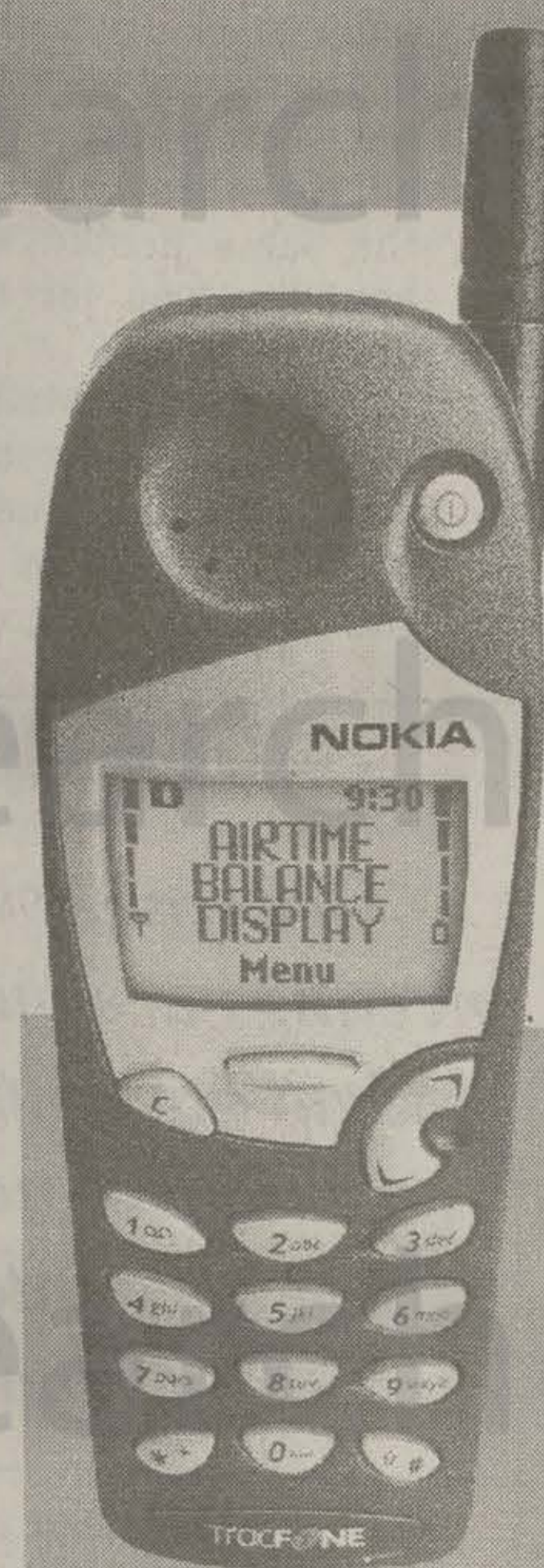
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Boxer to Rapper? Just Stick to Your Real Talent!

Producers of the popular television show would be happy to know they have everyone wanting to be an American Idol. Even boxer, Roy Jones, Jr. shows up to work complete with a dancing entourage. Is this just a good show or has sports gone too far? You guessed it; it's whack.

As many of you may have seen, boxing has been taken to a whole new level. Usually The Hilltop would focus on other issues to comment on as an Editorial Board. However, the recent traumatic event in boxing has forced us to comment as a united front.

Although we may never know what possessed boxer-turned-idiot, Roy Jones, Jr. to ascend from the floor, come out with dancers, and rap with a headset to complete a concert before his match, we do know it was stupid.

Why the change? Rappers to movie stars, and actors to singers isn't news to anyone. The transition between rock star and movie star has always

taken place (whether it should have or not). When sports stars are put in the mix, what has gone wrong with the sports industry? Who lets this just happen?

While the boxing associa-

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Roy Jones, Jr. has obviously lost his good common sense. Roy, stick to your day job.

tion has strict rules on biting, they seem to skip over other simple boxing etiquette, like getting on with the fight. Many viewers may not know what to expect next. Allen Iverson, Shaquille O'Neil and other sports stars guilty of making horrible CDs have not been able to showcase their lack of talent on the jobsite-so what's the deal with boxing?

The showmanship of boxing is acceptable (although it

could really be avoided). Muhammad Ali made those uninterested in boxing flip on their televisions just to hear what arrogant remarks he had to make about the upcoming fight. Never did the great Ali,

Joe Fraiser, George Foreman or even Holyfield decide that putting on a full-scale performance would make them a better fighter or intimidate their opponent.

Roy Jones, Jr. has obviously lost his

good common sense with a couple of those punches. Any time you feel comfortable going out (or rising from the floor) rapping in front of an audience expecting boxing, you should feel ashamed of yourself. The integrity of the game is always threatened when players are allowed to show total ignorance "at work."

Roy, stick to your day job!

General Assembly Members Need to be Accountable

Every election season, Howard students come out in full effect. Flyers are slipped under every dormitory door, posters are made with flashy designs; t-shirts, meetings, bullhorns, tables on the yard and the infamous "dorm sweeps" can all be seen at their best. No, we're not talking about presidential or primaries. We're talking about students running for student government positions.

Unfortunately, we have the same scandals and schemes on this hill as we do on Capitol Hill. Specifically, our student government representatives don't seem to be representing anyone but him or herself.

General Assembly meetings are out of hand. Not only are most members of the General Assembly (including members of HUSA, UGSA and GSA) not familiar with procedure (i.e. Robert's Rules of Order), they come and go in the middle of meetings as they please. Other members like to stay and hold personal and inappropriate arguments while failing to get business taken care of.

At any given General Assembly meeting, you may be able to catch the person you voted for leaving the

meeting for other plans, verbally attacking other members of the assembly or you might not catch them there at all. Now this doesn't seem like the same people who were hounding you for their vote does it?

We are all students and understand the frustrations of being a full time student along with the rigors of meetings and other student government

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General Assembly meetings are out of hand. Student government representatives need to be held accountable for their behavior.

tasks. However, it is expected that to whom much is given, much is required and more importantly, much will be done. Some General Assembly members need to get it together. Excuses are unacceptable when you have such a large constituency depending on you.

Some schools that have a small number of representa-

tives (and need the most representation) had both of their representatives absent from the General Assembly meeting all together. Now how are you supposed to be represented if no one is there on your side? Other schools and colleges have members who are less concerned with the opinions of their colleagues and more concerned with their title or personal issues.

It is not enough for students to obtain positions and brush their constituents' concerns off for their own motivations or simply be inactive. Part of being a student leader is exercising discretion, restraint and responsibility. Our student leaders need to be accountable for what they do (or don't do).

Just think, when's the last time your UGSA or GSA representative asked you what you thought about HUSA's budget, staff, special elections or anything for that matter? If you find that your student representative has not made an attempt to reach you or your colleagues, hold them accountable. You not only have the right, you have the duty.

ROY JONES?



Retention Everyone, Retention!

You are finally an upperclassman and you feel you have given Howard some of the best years, money, and time that you have to offer. But now it looks as though Howard is trying to give you the boot.

Now that students are rising in year, their privileges and access is decreasing. Students who have had to struggle to find housing (and gotten over it) now have to struggle to find parking.

Students who have finally moved out of freshmen dormitories are now given the same restrictions as the freshmen.

Is anyone concerned with retention here? It seems the higher you go, the lower you are on the priority scale.

There is little to no incentive (besides that degree) that upperclassmen are offered to stay.

Those who stay should be rewarded, not only with the

same satisfaction as those just joining, but something that let's them know they're appre-

OUR VIEW

Many upperclassmen are wondering if administrators take retention for granted. Howard, we love you, but make us believe we should stay.

ciated and should stay.

More money each year is spent on recruitment and each year we bring in a larger class. Has anyone thought that Howard may need to do something to actually keep these large incoming classes? We don't think so.

Maybe no one has remembered that it's the graduates who make the University. Or maybe they conveniently forget

while asking alumni to donate.

Maybe the University has examined this issue. Maybe top administrators have all thought this thing out and come to a practical solution. Trap them. Honestly. Who would want to go through the trouble of packing up and leaving while most of their credits won't transfer and they can't get their transcript on time anyway? Who would want to leave their friends (and surrogate family)? Well, this may have been the rationale for a long time, but times are changing.

Students now are more likely to withdraw than ever. Other universities just love to hear about prospective Howard transfers and many students are calling.

Howard, we love you, but make us believe we should stay. Let us know that we're appreciated and we will show you how much we appreciate you.

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PERSPECTIVES

All I Want For Christmas



Brandon A. Miller

I'm going to ask a favor for Howard University's football team, band and the rest of the student body. I know it's awkward to ask favors of people you don't know, but since we all go to the same school I feel my request is menial. BEAT HAMPTON!

Put more points on the scoreboard, play louder than their band, get more rowdy than their fans and after the game, celebrate like they've never seen before. We need to walk into Armstrong Stadium as a collective unit with the sole intent of embarrassing Hampton Institute in every facet of tomorrow's game.

After being a witness to three consecutive defeats, my interest in the outcome of this game has become an obsession. One of my best friends goes to Hampton, and I can't take her mouth anymore. I need ammunition for the next time she tries to insult our football team. Hampton may have won the first three games of my years here, but all I want is one.

If we want to properly represent our school and reputation as the real HU, we can't have a repeat of last week's performance. I am not talking about the performance of the football team; I'm talking about the performance of the fans.

As Texas Southern mounted a comeback during the second half, I found myself virtually by myself trying to rile the attention of our fans. No music from the cheerleaders, spectators looking at everything else but the game.

What was everyone looking at? We even allowed the 50 or so members of the Texas Club to root louder for TSU than the rest of Howard's side at times. And this is in our own stadium. Tomorrow we need to show more school spirit than ever. Come dressed to the nines in your Howard paraphernalia to let the Pirates know whom you represent.

The football team has started the season right. Now it's time for the rest of us to follow their lead. Hampton, Va. is only a three-hour drive away. You can make it to the game and back and still get ample sleep before chapel Sunday. If I had space in my car I'd even offer to take more people.

But don't go if you aren't going to act right; that goes for the football team too. Acting right consists of cheering as loudly as you can for your mighty 1-0 Bison, representing for the real HU, demolishing Hampton Institute on the field, and not having any violence after the game—they already think that we're ghetto.

If my request is unattainable, let me know right now. Because rather than being at the game embarrassed, I'd rather just stay home. December 25th may be a few months away, but can Howard please give me an early gift?

EDITOR'S COLUMN



For the Late and Loud Crew

Derek Kindle

Squeak. Click, clack, click. Sigh. Bang, crash, sit. If you don't know what sound I'm making, it's the sound of a late person coming into class.

No matter what school, college, gender or classification, there always seems to be at least one person who is chronically late to class, and loud to boot.

Tuesday, as I sat in my class in Douglass Hall, a student came in about 20 minutes late. On top of being late, she had to walk in the front door, in front of the professor, with a thousand keys on a chain, a purse, a book bag and other accessories that just made noise (they obviously weren't keeping her prepared). I was upset and almost irate.

Now I know that everyone is going to be late every now and again (myself included). The problem is when you are trying to pay attention in class but are distracted by some idiot who chooses to come in late and make all kinds of noise. If you're late, try to be as inconspicuous as possible. Why make a scene?

And don't get me started on how you have that person who asks for your notes because they were late. If you're late, why should I interrupt the professor, my classmates and myself to give the notes you missed while chatting on the yard or stopping by the vendors? Get real.

The other problem is that some professors seem not to care. What kind of professor allows students to just interrupt his class? Are you not saying anything

important?

Although many students may not like those professors with the "lock-out" policy—you know, the professors who embarrass you or simply close their door for tardy students—I respect the professor who has (and enforces) time expectations from students. Professors who hold high expectations for their students usually get the best quality work.

Chronic tardiness is unacceptable but what is most unacceptable is the interruption. If you're going to be late, keep the noise down, come in the back door (if possible) and don't hassle your classmates for notes until after class. Trust me, people will respect you more (or at least I will).

A Member of the Band Speaks: Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong

Shaunice Alston

For two years now, I have been a proud member of The Howard University Showtime Marching Band; I am also gay.

As a member of the Howard community, I am greatly disturbed by the recent hostility between my section (trumpets) and other members here on campus—specifically homosexuals who supposedly "fear for their safety" on campus due to recent events. In no way, shape, form or fashion has my sexuality even been a problem with any member of the band.

In the Showtime Marching Band, whether someone has been gay, straight, bisexual, or transgender has never been an issue. In the band, no one's sexuality is on trial. Words such as 'faggot' or 'dyke' are not used.

Furthermore, the trumpet section tries to be as politically correct as possible. Like many people in the world, they know someone (whether it is a family member or friend) that is homosexual.

Since The Showtime Marching Band has not been able to talk, the recent situation that many members (especially the trumpet players) of the band and immediate staff are placed in has left each individual with no choice but to grit and bear the cross being placed on their backs.

The other student involved in the so called "gay bashing" has repeatedly spoken to the Washington Post, The Hilltop, and numerous radio and television shows, adding fire to a burning bush. Nothing has been said on our behalf. Every member of the band, especially the trumpet section, is a consenting adult with Constitutional rights and responsibilities.

Everyone is at Howard to receive a well sought after education, which would allow him or her to further his or her promising career. Yes, each individual has a right to be anywhere on campus they please; however, they do not have the right to be blatantly rude or disrespectful. That is wrong.

Each organization has their own rules...and by now, if you have been on campus for more than a week, the rules should be obvious.

Why would someone try to break ranks of the ROTC members while they are going over drills or walk through the Ques while they are

stepping on the yard?

The same would apply for someone walking through a group of 20 students playing their instruments. Rules do not change within the band. The same principles apply on and off the field. Rehearsal time is taken just as seriously as performance time. Practice helps each member and section clean up mistakes.

The Showtime Marching Band is an organization that prides itself on providing the University with entertainment for football games, basketball games, and other special events that cater to the listening public.

The band is a recruitment tool that utilizes its skills to bring in a profit...so why, may I ask, are we as an organization being treated so unfairly; Right is right and wrong is wrong.

Each day brings new information (whether it be true or false); the entire story thus far has been one sided.

The student, who has spoken out, continues to change his story. With the little money that the band is allotted for instruments, no one who loves music or the instrument they play would hit someone so hard to leave imprints. Instruments cost entirely too much money—especially for repair.

While one student has all of his original information somewhere on a Campus Police officer's desk, the band's information was conveniently misplaced and a new one must be done.

While the professor and student threw the first blow, the section (and individuals defending him or herself) is in the wrong.

With each new day, one student's story grows while the band is following directions given to them by the administration. While one student accuses the other with slanderous information, the other side sits in practice and gets ready for the job set before them (field shows, dance routines, learning music, and touching up on fanfares).

Neither the gay community on campus nor anyone else who has made an ultimate decision as to who is right or wrong should speak.

"When in doubt...lay-out." Right is right and wrong is wrong. Hopefully, soon, the entire truth will surface and everyone will see that the trumpet section, the Showtime Marching Band, and the Howard staff are here to do a job...and "We Came to Play."

Wrestling and the 'Truth'

Some of you have known him as a teammate, some of you as a friend, some may have just seen him, but now West Virginia University knows him as an asset. Adrian Thompson, once a Bison wrestler, is now a Mountaineer.

If you have read the story of how Howard dropped the sport of wrestling, then you know the raggedy details. Under the cover of night, the administration made a shady deal. How long they were considering it almost becomes irrelevant just because of the circumstances.

Howard dropped the program without giving any indication to the coaches, the participants, or the alumni supporters and friends of the program. Most schools will make the announcement years ahead of time for obvious reasons, but not my alma mater. The athletic department did it without notice or discussion and during the summer break, effective immediately. Just a press release and a few e-mails.

When I was at Howard (B.S. 1981, D.D.S. 1986) we always prided ourselves on being the vanguard; being proactive; being in the search of excellence and on the cutting edge; being able to offer opportunity; being the Capstone, the Mecca; being so many positive things... most of all, truthful.

What were the official reasons given? "They" said lack of facilities. And your question was what facilities do wrestlers require?

After nearly 30 years in the sport as wrestler, spectator, and coach, I think I am qualified to answer.

More than facilities, they need purpose, focus, and desire.

But the question of facilities is what you asked. A room with wrestling mats that have heat, a track, and a weight room. Exercise cycles, jump ropes and treadmills would be nice, but not completely necessary.

Add that Howard was one of only two HBCUs offering opportunities with a wrestling program, and you know the importance overwhelms any possible reason to drop it.

James L. Watson, Jr., D.D.S.

Illegal Unilateral Motives Against Iraq

Once again the Bush administration has made a mockery of its citizens by threatening to wage war against Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government with little to no proof to support its claims. I am beginning to think that the entire Bush legacy is obsessed with war.

Have we forgotten more important domestic issues such as corporate corruption and collapse that Bush has conveniently had his paws in, or the ongoing recession that has forced two million people out of their jobs in the past two years?

What about September 11? Terrorism, remember that? The focus has now shifted from Bin Laden to Hussein. Why are we focusing on outside elements that have yet to threaten the United States or the global community?

Did President Bush ever receive a copy of the U.N. Charter? This is my most pressing concern because his quest for war is refuted implicitly in this charter. The use of force in international relations is governed principally by two provisions of the United Nations Charter. Article 2(4) and Article 51. Under these provisions, an attack on another country may only occur out of self-defense.

Based on these provisions outlined in the U.N. Charter, any U.S. attack on Iraq at this time would be without basis in international law. Yes, Iraq has been a thorn in our backsides for the past decade or so. Iraq continues to violate the international community regarding the elimination of its weapons of mass destruction.

However, Iraq is not the only country with such weapons and how do we know he has plans to use such weapons on us.

A Washington Post article dated Sept. 10, 2002 with the headline "Iraq Lacks Material for Nuclear Bomb" states that unless Iraq has bought materials from an outside source, the "black market", there is no proof that they have initiated creating weapons of mass destruction. Furthermore, that they plan to use them against the United States.

What President Bush refuses to accept is that although he does not need approval from Congress or even the American people to enforce a preemptive attack on Iraq, he does need the approval of the United Nations Security Council.

If he goes against their wishes, the Council serves no purpose and the United States should no longer be a part. America cannot do whatever it wants, whenever it wants. The international image of the U.S. will be tarnished and will negatively impact the international coalition against terrorism if Bush is successful in his efforts to attack Iraq.

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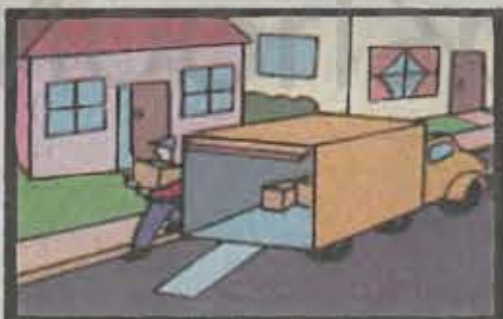
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Staff (Tuesday & Friday): Thanks for pulling through so that I could have a day off (and a life) this week.

EIC

Gina,
You are a great suite-mate. Thanks for doing my hair, lending me your car, giving me food (when I am too busy to get to the grocery store)... you are the best.

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