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Bunche Center Hosts Retreat for HBCU Leaders

By Derrick K. Nayo
Nation and World Editor

Student leaders from Howard University and other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) around the country convened this past weekend to exchange ideas and build on the topic of leadership at the Ralph J. Bunche Center's Student Leadership Conference in Leesburg, Virginia.

Fifty students, 25 flown in from various states, attended the three-day summit, exploring the "concepts of leadership and the importance of ethics as an essential ingredient of leadership."

"Leadership is the capacity to influence, inspire, rally, direct, and activate others to pursue a common goal with momentum and commitment," said Debyii L. Sababu-Thomas, who was one of several invited speakers to the retreat and who is also an Assistant Professor of Communications at Howard University.

She added that leadership and ethics "affect us as individuals in divisions and organizations."

Other lecturers at the conference were Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Howard, Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, former Congressman, Ronald V. Dellums, Reverend Fay Acker of Howard University, Dr. Charles and Roselyn Epps, who are both recipients of honorary degrees from Howard, and six Howard alumni who are now working in various fields.

Deemed the most ardent speaker of the retreat by the students, Dellums, the Oakland native and fiery Berkeley City Council leader of the 60s, provided an insightful speech about leadership and his trek in becoming the eventual chair of the House of Representatives. Armed

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Individual School Pageants Complete Pageant Winners Gear Up for Mr. and Miss Howard Competition

And the Winners are...

	Mr.	Miss
School of Communications	Geonard Butler	Jessica Johnson
School of Allied Health	No Participant	Nia Wallace
School of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science	Jamal Jowers	LaTeisha Collier
College of Arts & Sciences	Cedric Sanders	Tiffany Gainer
School of Business	Darryl Lockett	Marletta Boyd II
School of Social Work	N/A	N/A
School of Education	No Participant	Kyra Kidd

By Amie McLain
Hilltop Staff Writer

Anxiety filled the air and competition lingered as students battled for the crown in their respective schools last week. The School and College Pageants were held every day except, Wednesday, Sept. 11th.

The College of Arts and Sciences started the week off in style with, "Dynasty: A C.L.E.A.R. Vision of Excellence." Decorations covered the Blackburn Ballroom from stage to floor. Purple tablecloths gave color to the room and small candles were set on each table to create an atmosphere for an elegant evening.

Pageant contestants entertained the audience through melody, interpretive dance, and

monologue. Orriel L. Richardson and Cordia Smart, Pageant Coordinators, were delighted with the outcome.

"Cordia and I were extremely pleased with all aspects of the pageant and we are confident that our winners will go on to do great things in the Mr. and Miss Howard Pageant," Richardson said.

Tiffany Gainer, Ms. Arts and Sciences 2002-2003, is honored to represent her school in the Homecoming pageant.

"I enjoyed participating in the pageant. It was a very exciting experience and I look forward to representing the College of Arts and Sciences in the Mr. and Miss Howard Pageant," Gainer said.

Mr. Arts and Sciences, Cedric Sanders was glad that he could share his talent with oth-



Photos by Harvey Jenkins

Above, Darryl Lockett and Marletta Boyd II, embrace after being declared Mr. and Miss School of Business on Friday. Below, Miss School of Business contestants open up the pageant collectively.

ers.

"I felt that I got to shine as far as my originality went. I show-cased my song writing ability and I was honored that the judges saw certain qualities in me to select me as the King of Arts and Sciences," Sanders said.

The School of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health took the audience on a Caribbean voyage as contestants entered moving to the beat of reggae rhythms and dressed in vibrant costumes. No males participat-

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Jackson's 'March for Justice' a No-Show for HU Students

By Melanie R. Holmes
Contributing Writer

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition organized a rally on Friday in front of the Department of Justice building to protest the Department's closed-door policy.

Assembling around 11:30 a.m. at Freedom Plaza in Downtown Washington, approximately 25 Howard University students joined

members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Stronger Employees International Union, National Organization of Women, and several other groups whose purpose is to establish and protect civil rights and liberties.

After representatives of the various organizations and Reverend Jesse L. Jackson were introduced, protestors headed eastward on

Pennsylvania Avenue to the Department of Justice, with Jackson leading the way on crutches.

"I had knee surgery, but I'm doing just fine," Jackson said. "If I have to get to freedom by running, hopping or marching, I'm going to get there."

Reverend James T. Meeks, the executive vice president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition said the day was a historic one.

"We're in the right place at the right time. Justice starts at home and we want it to be for all," Meeks said.

As marchers approached the building, police cars patrolled the streets, protestors chanted various rhymes and demands of justice while the media had a field day.

Meeks told the attendees that justice doesn't include everything but just them.

Linda Thompson, a repre-

sentative of the AFL-CIO said, "We are here to march for what is right, and what is fair. We are here to march for justice."

Upon others, representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations at the march include Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union, Arab American Institute,

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CBC Involves HU Students

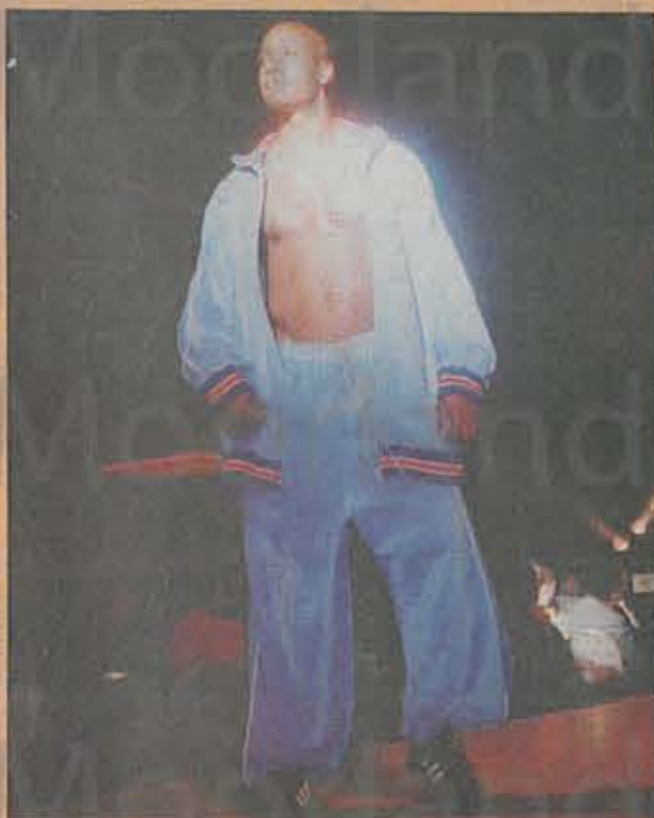


Photo by Lauren B. Anderson

Howard students participated in different aspects of the annual Congressional Black Caucus week, which came to a close on Saturday. Above, Jason Smedley, a Howard University senior and Constituent Relations Assistant for Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), models in the 26th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Spouses fashion show Friday.

Students Question the Culture of the Showtime Marching Band

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

The recent debacle surrounding the Howard University Showtime marching band has sparked the curiosity of many students who want to know the dos and don'ts involving the band.

Jodi Samuda, a freshman computer based information systems major, wants to be educated on Band etiquette. "I want to know what to do and what not to do as it relates to the band," Samuda said.

"I don't want to be afraid of the band or to break any of their rules."

Sunni Sivadel, a sophomore physical therapy major, says there should be limits to the band's autonomy. "Etiquette is important for presentation, but etiquette that is taken to the extreme is unprofessional."

Last week's altercation between some members of the band and Darryl Payton, a gay student, is still being investigated. According to band members, Payton walked through their formation.

In a Hilltop perspective, "A member of the Band Speaks: Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong," Shaunice Alston said the same respect given to fraternities or ROTC should be ascribed to the band.

"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?" Alston said.

"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."

In 1946, William Foster of



File Photo

The Showtime Marching Band performs at a football game.

FAMU introduced the stepping and high-knee lifting to historically black college and university marching bands.

Arthur Wesley, band director of Alabama A&M's marching band, introduced female groups, such as dancers and the flag teams to the halftime shows in the early eighties.

HBCU marching bands have many traditions that are followed closely by band mem-

bers. The addition of new members into the unique unity of the band is another tradition.

"During summer band camp all of the freshmen marched to the cafeteria singing the Howard University spirit song," said a band member who wants their identity withheld. "This brought unity

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Howard Students Adjust to Off-Campus Living

By Cieja Springer
Contributing Writer

This semester, scores of returning students were forced to find off-campus housing solutions due to the housing crunch.

For some, housing is as close as the immediate Howard community, and for others it is as far as Forth Washington, Maryland.

Students like Jshurene Gift, a junior International Business major, commutes approximately 80 minutes to campus and from campus each day.

"I was number 893 on the waiting list so I had to find off campus housing," Gift said. "The commute is terrible. I have to leave home at 6am if I have a 8 o'clock class."

The native of the U.S. Virgin Island also complained of about the lack of parking and suggested that students who live off campus should have priority in the parking lottery.

Students like India Jackson, a radio/TV/film transfer student, did not like her off-campus experience. She has opted to live on campus until she graduates.

"I got the name and the information about the renter from the Office of Residence Life," Jackson said. "The man was crazy. He wrote me several disturbing letters, pierced pee holes in the wall. I moved out."

Though the Office of Residence Life has offered to help students by listing various off-campus locations and having off-campus housing fairs, some students remain skeptical because the office does not prescreen renters.

The disclaimer of the Residence Life website states: "Howard University nor The Office of Residence Life is responsible for any problems or circumstances that may arise when renting properties located in the referral listing. We do not screen the property or landlord; therefore, it is your responsibility to inquire accordingly."

Franklin Chambers, interim dean for the Office of Residence Life, said he has not received a lot of complaints from students.

"We act as more of a facilitator rather than a liaison," Chambers said. "We don't have the man power to prescreen the renters."

However, he assured that if several complaints were made about a particular renter, his or her name would be taken off the list to prevent students from being victimized.

Jarrell Greene, a senior broadcast journalism major, said that he is fine with living off campus.

"I am an adult and I do not want other people dictating when I can and cannot have visitors, especially when I am paying to be there," Greene said.

Some students like Makeda Dennis find it hard

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Muslim Students Call for New Prayer Room

By Danielle Scruggs
Contributing Writer

There is a strong odor of paint in the room. Above there are exposed wiring and steel support beams. On the ground there are stripped floors the color and texture of baked clay.

Heat hangs in the air. Down the hallway to the left there is a fairly large room with blue carpeting, a colorful assortment of prayer rugs, fans, rows of chairs facing a small brown podium, and a bookcase neatly stacked with copies of the Qur'an.

The dingy back walls have two holes in them about the size of a fist that expose even more wires.

Despite the sub-par conditions, the aforementioned area is actually the Interfaith Prayer Room located in the Tubman Quadrangle at 4th and College streets N.W.

Religious groups of various denominations worship in the room, including Catholic and Muslim students.

Dr. Bernard Richardson, Dean of the Chapel at Howard University, offers his explanation for the conditions at this center of worship.

"Due to an overwhelming response of students to religious



Photo by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

The entrance to the 4th St. interfaith prayer room, where Muslim and Catholic students worship, is falling apart.

activities, there's definitely a problem with adequate space and resources," Richardson said. "The prayer room was supposed to be a temporary space and the University is still determining what to do with the space."

According to Imam Johari Abdul-Malik, the Muslim chaplain, the interfaith prayer room

has been moved to various locations around Howard, including the Andrew Rankin Chapel, the Blackburn Center, and the Carnegie building before being moved to its current location about two years ago in the Tubman Quadrangle.

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Late Night Dining Off to a Tasty Start The Punch Out Now Has Extended Hours



Photo by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

A student gets a late snack in the Punch Out.

By Charlene Talbot
Hilltop Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held Monday, Sept. 9 marked

the beginning of late-night dining and Bison Nights at the Punch Out.

It will now close at 7 p.m. and will reopen from 7:30 p.m.

to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday over a 30-day trial period and will continue if the extended hours prove profitable.

Along with extended hours, Bison Nights brings changes to the ambience of the Punch Out.

Adam Hunter, the director of internal affairs for the Howard University Student Association, describes the setting as more relaxing.

"The atmosphere isn't like the regular Punch Out because classes are out," Hunter said. "Students can relax, enjoy food, entertainment, and be culturally enriched."

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New Lab in Blackburn Created With Commuters in Mind

By Shaton Sanderson
Contributing Writer

Howard University stroked another technology key with the building and opening of a new computer lab in room G-18 in the Blackburn Center last week.

The new lab is opening from Monday through Thursday from noon until 10 p.m. and Friday from noon until 7 p.m.

The lab offers the latest network technology, wireless capabilities, a complete connection to the Howard network, nine televisions, and 37 workstations.

The security system consists of cameras and door access controls.

The lab is furnished with "Resolve," a new style of furniture that was recently featured in the Washington Post.

The spacious stations are decorated with a green, white, and lavender color scheme.

The planning of the Mini-I-Lab began at the end of the 2001-02 academic year under the direct order of University President H. Patrick Swygert.

David Edge, site manager

for the project, stressed the President's direct involvement in this project.

"This was a special project thought of and requested by President Swygert. He was very eager to do something beneficial to the students."

Director of the Blackburn Center, Roberta McLeod understood President Swygert's vision for the former Campus Store.

"There was a need to create a place where students, especially commuters, could do work on campus as opposed to going home or walking to the I-Lab," McLeod said.

Project Manager Victor McNaughton is pleased with the new lab.

"This lab has a more open space compared to the row by row design of the I-Lab. This design encourages relaxation."

While the lab has the latest technology, Edge said the crew worked hard to keep the budget low.

"We did a very good job of keeping prices down," Edge said. "For example, we just painted the ceiling to reduce costs, and the furniture was bought at a very reasonable

price."

The project team also kept costs down by using in-house staff.

Several students were instrumental in decisions concerning the lab. Architecture and Engineering students, along with the PFM staff worked with McNaughton on the design of the room.

Along with administrative optimism on the lab, students are also excited about such a convenient place to work.

"The lab will be good for the students. Now we don't have to walk down the hill to print something out. This seems really convenient, and I hope it works," said Donald Darling, junior systems and computer science major.

Employment issues are also an exciting topic associated with the new lab.

"I hope this will give us more educational opportunity as well as employment opportunity," said Ronald McCray, a junior information systems major. "A job like this could be a very good experience, especially for someone majoring in a computer related field. It gives a student the chance to

Lack of Books in Bookstore Sets Some Students Behind

By LaToya Pumphrey
Contributing Writer

When a student visits a college bookstore, it is often in search of textbooks.

This academic year, a number of Howard students have complained because of the absence of needed textbooks.

This has left many students such as Brian Johnson asking: Where are the books?

Johnson, a junior English major, was not able to get two of the books he needs: Understanding Grammar and American Literature.

"I am on the football team so I went to the book bank and was not able to get my books," Johnson said. "The bookstore did not have them either. I want my books so I can do my homework."

According to Mr. Antwain Clinton, director of the Howard University bookstore, there is an under stock of texts.

"The HUB has very little responsibility for the shortage of textbooks reported on campus," Clinton said. "This problem is not the norm; things are better."

The Office of the Provost has been assisting Mr. Clinton to expeditiously improve the book shortage.

Conjointly, they have been trying to prevent some of the unexpected shortage from further effecting student proficiency.

One of the primary reasons for books being unavailable in the past was due to textbook adoptions.

Faculty members are instructed to submit all textbook orders for the upcoming fall semester by April 15th, the previous spring. They contact department chairs about late adoptions to urge that deadlines be met.

Dr. Joseph Reidy, associate provost, stressed the importance of placing book orders on time. "We impress upon the deans and chairs to meet the deadlines," Reidy said.

The associate provost explained that during the summer, because of high demand from other universities, publishers become swamped with orders.

Late orders are not a first priority.

Along with deadlines not being met, the HUB faces other obstacles when trying to prepare for the prospective semester.

"Some faculty interact with other vendors for their texts. Faculty orders books and packets from private publishers, the Internet, and businesses such as Howard Copy."

"Many of these orders are not communicated to the HUB and we are left uninformed," Clinton said.

Graduating senior Angela Addo is frustrated with the book shortage.

"I am wondering if Whodini visited the bookstore," Addo said.

"Not to make trite of a serious situation, but we really need our books in order to be productive students," Addo said.

Mario Odighizuwa, a sophomore physician assistant major, disapproves of a professor forcing students to purchase the textbook off of the Internet.

"[The professor] assumes that everyone has a debit or credit card to order off of the net. It's not right," Odighizuwa said.

Clinton assures students that he is working assiduously to rectify the problem.

The HUB is improving its methods of acquiring books for students.

The HUB management has bought publications from independent businesses for students so that they can use their scholarships and book vouchers.

When books are not in stock and are being sought out by students, the HUB will order the book for the student right then and there.

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Photo by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

The new Commuter Computer Lab opened last Monday. The lab, located in Blackburn, is opened Monday-Thursday from 12 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Friday from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m.

work with the latest technology and even master it."

Like the other recent ventures, the Howard University

Bookstore, I-Lab, Louis Stokes Health and Sciences and Law Libraries, they envision that the Mini-Ilab will be a success.

CAMPUS

WHUT-TV Launches '@Howard'

Friday Night was Season Premier of Weekly Program, Hosted by Swygert

By Darby Baham
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University Television, WHUT-TV, Channel 32 presented the season premier of @Howard. The show was hosted by President H. Patrick Swygert and the guest was Professor of English, Edward Braithwaite. Braithwaite was the author of the prolific work *To Sir with Love* and whose life the movie of the same title is based.

@Howard will feature lectures, concerts, forums and other events around the campus. The program is spearheaded by former chair of the radio, television and film department and now WHUT's Deputy General Manager, Judi Moore Latta.

The producer, Gary Carter, is excited about the new program. "Producing @Howard was challenging but fun," Carter said.



WHUT-TV, the Howard University television station, is located on 4th Street on Howard's main campus.

Carter is confident that students will be informed and entertained by the show.

"The program is visually stimulating to enhance the presentation of the topic," Carter said. "We will also have dynamic speakers."

@Howard is set to be seen across the United States and overseas, the first such university-based weekly television series since WGBH produced Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Science Reporter for PBS in the 1960s.

The new program is only a part of the drastic changes resulting from WHUT-TV getting a new General Manager last spring.

Adam Clayton Powell III has served in the media industry for over 30 years.

Powell's roles included 16 years as a journalist and news manager for CBS News and Group W news, director for the all-news WINS in New York, three years at National Public Radio's news operation and executive producer of Quincy Jones Entertainment where he produced Jessie Jackson's weekly television series.

Powell helped form and run the Internet and computer media technology programs at the Freedom Forum from 1996 to 2001, he was the vice-president of technology and programs.

After such an illustrious career, Powell is excited about his new position



Photos by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

Adam Clayton Powell III, general manager of WHUT-TV speaks with Judi Moore Latta, deputy general manager outside of the television studio.

"WHUT has the most potential of any television station in the United States," Powell said. "Channel 32 is the first African-American owned PBS station, so it has a special role, recognized by PBS and CBP, in the national network of public broadcaster as a leader of multicultural programming."

The general manager is aware that the station has potential to greatly influence the community. "WHUT is in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, and a majority minority city, so we have access to the leaders of America and of black America," Powell said. "Howard and WHUT have international reputations that have enabled us in recent weeks to forge links with

broadcasters in a growing number of countries."

However, many students on Howard's campus would disagree with Mr. Powell's praise for WHUT-TV.

Students, such as Towana Pierre, a sophomore film production major from New Orleans, have expressed concerns that in past years, WHUT has not been a vehicle for them to work on skills such as production and broadcasting.

"WHUT has not offered many opportunities for its younger production majors to conceptualize and produce pieces reflective of our own ideas."

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New Study Shows Absence of Black Men in College

Male/Female Ratio at HBCU's		
	Males %	Females %
Grambling U	45	55
Howard U	36.4	63.6
Dillard U	22	78
Fisk U	28	72

www.blackexcel.org/HU Office of Enrollment Management.

By Sharia Davis
Contributing Writer

The Justice Policy Institute released a study entitled "Cellblocks or Classrooms" which provided an in-depth analysis of the fiscal trade-off between federal spending on prisons versus education, and the impact of those fiscal choices on black men.

The study challenges the federal government to rethink its spending policies in light of the findings.

According to the study, state spending on correctional institutions and enforcement grew at six times the rate of state spending on higher education over the last 15 years.

The study also shows that nearly 188,000 more black men were in prison and jail during that time than in universities.

The statistics at Howard University indicate a disparity in the number of males versus

females.

According to the figures released by the Office of Enrollment Management for the academic year 2001-2002, the ratio of females to males was 2:1.

The campus is composed of 63.6 percent female students and 36.4 percent male

students.

Director of the Office of Technical Operations for Enrollment Management, Gregory C. Spriggs, said that the statistics might change in a decade, but not during the semester or the year.

"In order for the numbers to change abruptly, there has to be a main attraction to get more men to attend Howard," Spriggs said. "An increase in technology could attract more males."

The top three majors that most Howard University male students pursue are biology, radio/TV/film, and computer science.

Sophomore Robert Ramsey researched Howard's biology pre-med program before deciding to attend. "Howard is the second best college in the coun-

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LUARD SCHOLARSHIPS

JUNIOR YEAR AT A BRITISH UNIVERSITY

Administered by:

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
144 EAST 39 STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10016

The English-Speaking Union of the United States is pleased to announce the competition for the 2003-2004 Luard Scholarships, which will enable students attending United Negro College Fund schools or Howard or Hampton University to spend a junior year at a university in the United Kingdom.

The awards will include: round trip transportation, tuition, room, board, books and related necessary expenses for the academic year.

- ☐ The competition is open to students of all majors who are U.S. citizens and will have completed their sophomore year by August 2003.
- ☐ Candidates must excel academically, and possess a good knowledge of African-American history.
- ☐ In addition, they must feel confident that they'll be able to adjust to living and studying abroad.

Finalists will be asked to come to New York City for a personal interview with the Luard Scholarship Committee, at the expense of The English-Speaking Union.

For further information and application forms,
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METRO

Column: Anacostia, Area Profile

By Glenn Frizell
Contributing Writer

Southeast D.C. could be considered one of the worst areas of our nation's capital. High crime rates, pollution, and underdeveloped land are only a few publicized problems that appeal to the sensibilities of visitors urging them to stay away from this part of the inner city.

"I've visited Southeast a couple of times, but I wouldn't advise the average Howard student to just go there without a purpose," political science major Marcus Cayenne said.

Anacostia, which lies just east of the Anacostia River, has its own cultural heritage that is rich. Although the city was started in 1854 as Uniontown, a settlement for whites only, the area is now home to a mainly black population.

Since its desegregation, starting with Frederick Douglass in 1878, Anacostia has built several museums, community centers, public schools, and soul food establishments that bind the urban communities.

Every summer, Union Temple Church sponsors a Union Fest parade in Anacostia that turns Martin Luther King Avenue into a live event that features music and vendors that dispel any myths saying Southeast is only compiled of drugs and crime.

"I wouldn't go to Southeast to hang out, but I might go to one of the museums," said Ashadee Celestine, a second year mechanical engineer student from Trinidad and Tobago.

The Frederick Douglass Memorial Home on 14th and W streets is one of Anacostia's hidden pearls. The antebellum mansion, owned by the legendary ex-slave orator who fought for his education and for the freedom of others, sits on nine acres of land known as Cedar Hill.

Visitors are treated to a walk through the house and can take pictures making it easy to imagine what Douglass accomplished, especially during the last years of his life.

The National Park averages about 35,000 visitors a year, and many are interested in seeing Douglass' house, a park officer said.

Unlike the Memorial Home, The Anacostia Museum and Center, located at 1901 Fort Place is a frequently visited attraction as well. The museum features African-American culture and could have several exhibits on display. These exhibits include history and art, but also get the visitor involved as well.

Currently, The Precious Memories Collection, an interactive "how-to" guide that includes tape, film, and pictures is being displayed. The collection is dedicated to preserving family history.

"Everyone has a heritage worth saying," the exhibit's creator Maria Goodwin said.

The Smithsonian manages the Anacostia museum Institute and is easily accessible by Metro.

Call 202-287-3369 for further information.

Anthony Williams Re-Elected for Second Term

By Thelisha A. Woods
Metro Editor

District board of election officials announced Friday that Mayor Anthony Williams won the Democratic mayoral primary in its preliminary tally of write in votes from Tuesday's election.

Williams who was forced to run a write in campaign after the DC election board would not allow him to be on the ballot because of forged signatures on his nominating petitions.

There were 141 precincts counted and from that Williams received 61,848 write in votes, which translates into 68% of the popular vote. His closest competitor Rev. Willie Wilson received 20,689 votes, which is 23% of the vote.

Wilson was also a write in candidate.

At a news conference at his campaign headquarters, Williams stated, "It was a great win".

Election officials who initially thought that it would take at least a week to count all the ballots were able to tabulate all the votes in just a couple of days.

Election officials still must tabulate approximately 3,500 absentee ballots and about 300 inconclusive write-in ballots before they can declare the final results.

The large lead held by the

Williams however, does prove he is the victor.

Although he is the new mayor some residents are not pleased with the win.

"I don't think he is the best man for the black people of DC," said a NW man who wished to remain anonymous, "He is only for the white people and he talks out of both sides of his mouth".

Others residents are felt that it was good for DC that Williams won and are hoping that the campaign promises are met.

"I think he was the best man for mayor," said William Hodge of NW, "his only competition was Willie Wilson and he didn't have any political qualifications".

In another twist of this election, Williams also received the most write-in votes under the Republican mayoral party which had no candidates on the ballot.

During his celebration party Williams thanked the city and his staff for "this tremendous support demonstration of support on both the Democratic and Republican side" according to an article from the Washington Times.

Democrats outnumber Republicans 8-1 in the city, however this has not stopped DC council member Carol Schwartz from deciding to run for mayor on the Republican ticket.

The decision was debated if Schwartz can run as the GOP candidate because she did not receive the most votes in the primary. Schwarz received 999 write in votes. Election officials stated that Schwartz can run on the Republican ticket if the Republican party sends a letter to the board expressing that they want her on the November ballot.

Schwartz beat the deadline Friday to file to be a GOP candidate. Schwartz who has run for mayor before has lost three previous bids, two to Marion Barry and one to Williams. She will announce this week whether she will actively campaign.

Candidates who appeared on the primary ballot received this breakdown of votes:

James Clark received 1,326 votes; Faith, 1,028 votes, Rev. Douglas Moore received 5,148 and Osie Thorpe received 279 votes.

These candidates also had write in votes as well.

Clark had 107; Faith 72; Moore 272 and Thorpe 45 write in votes.

The election board expects to certify all the votes by September 25.

**Information as of press time*

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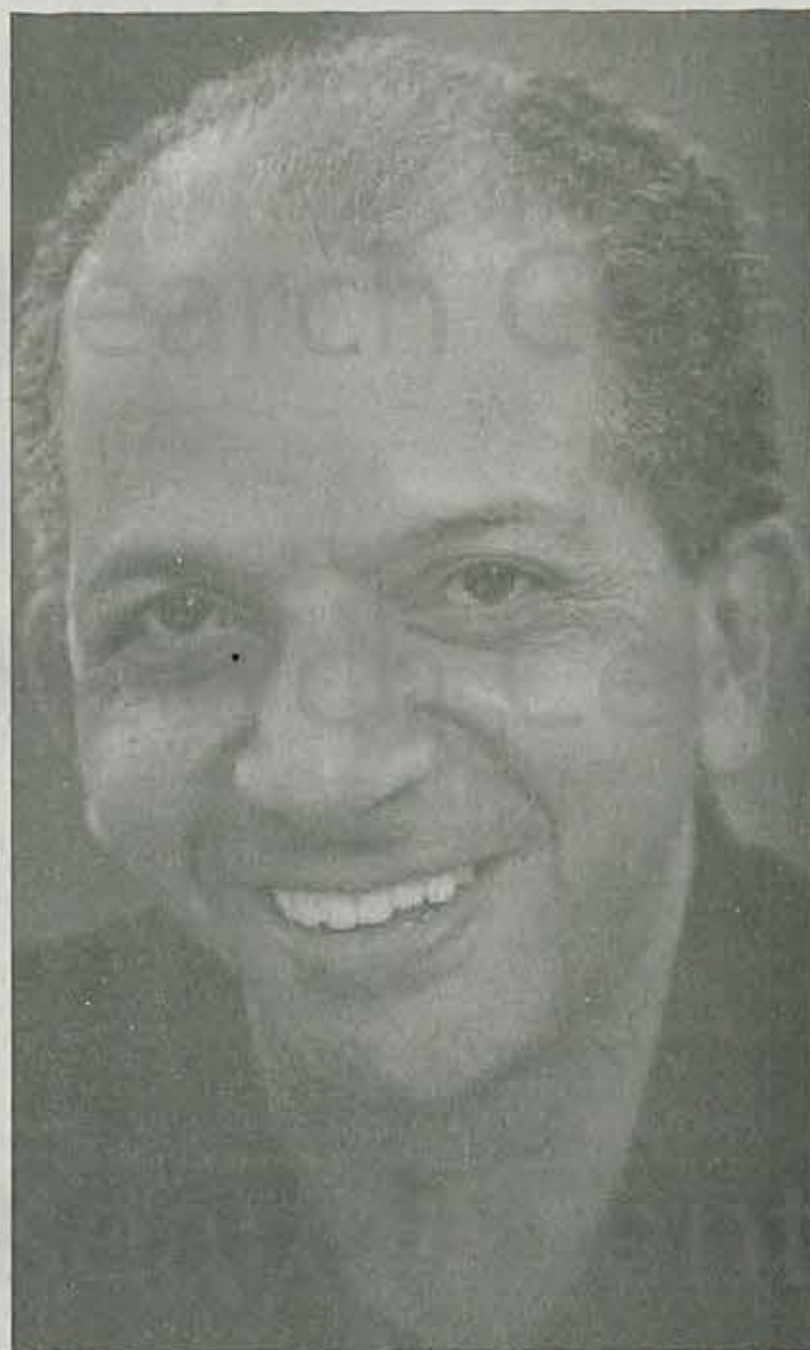


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Anthony Williams, won a second term as mayor, this time as a write-in candidate.

Bikers Accomodated on Metrobuses

By Candice Brown
Contributing Writer

One has two wheels; the other has four. One is powered by the human body; the other fueled by motor. These two forms of transportation—one a bicycle, the other a city bus—are otherwise contrasts to one another.

However, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, along with Metro Board members, are ensuring the Metrobus system is more convenient and accessible for those who choose to use their own bicycles as an additional means of transportation. Starting this fall, Metrobuses will begin to carry bike racks affixed to the front of the buses as a supplementary service for these patrons.

In May of this year, Metro Board members agreed to spend \$1.6 million to purchase and install bike racks on the front of each of the agency's more than 1,450 buses by the end of the year, with the program complementing Metro's Bike-on-Rail program.

The installation of the bike racks will allow customers to combine bike, bus, and rail trips without having to pay any additional fees when bringing a bike on a bus or railcar.

Maryland, Virginia, and

the District of Columbia through Congestion Mitigation, and Air Quality Funds are paying the cost of the Bike-on-Bus program. The increased use of bicycles reduces the amount of emissions in the air, a goal of the CMAQ Funds.

"We hope that the addition of bicycle racks will open doors to places for area residents to ride their bikes when in the past they may not have ventured to a particular area," Jack Requa, Metro's chief operating officer said.

This past Saturday, the bike racks were finally ready for customer use. The Metrobus officials got a chance to see just how successful the program would turn out to be when the event coincided with the Giant Food Bike D.C. event, an annual 34-mile bike ride through the District of Columbia.

New customers slikes Eva Willis, 50, were excited about the affair.

"I can't wait. I love to go bike-riding," Willis, who participated in this weekend's Bike D.C. event, said. "I ride my bike frequently throughout my neighborhood and this will give me a chance to venture even further without using up all of my physical strength," Willis said.

Thelma Ridley, 55, uses the Bike-on-Rail program and thinks that the addition of the Bike-on-Bus program is a good idea.

"I have been using the Bike-on-Rail program for two years now and it is very convenient for me, especially when I don't want to have to walk five or six blocks to get where I'm going after I get off of the Metrorail," Ridley said. "Now I can use the Bike-on-Bus program when I'm out and about in my own neighborhood."

Some people, however, are not really interested in the program.

"I don't usually go bike-riding since I own my own transportation," Melissa Sanchez, a 22-year-old Georgetown University student, said. "But I know some older adults in my neighborhood who would benefit from the program given that they do like to ride their bikes in the area," Sanchez said.

The Bike-on-Bus program is sure to benefit both younger and older people alike. Whether you are a young adult who leads a busy life and does not have time to walk a few blocks every now and then or a middle-aged to older adult who does not want to use all of your physical energy by riding bikes great distances, you are bound



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Metrobus will accomodate bikers by storing bikes better.

to get great mileage out of Rail program. either the new Bike-on-Bus system or the existing Bike-on-

Metro Briefs

Government-

Mayor Anthony Williams announced Friday the creation of a memorial tree grove on Kingman Island near Anacostia River. The tree is being planted to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Metro-

A man died Friday morning on Metro's red line when he jumped on the tracks at Union Station. He was killed by a train bound for Shady Grove shortly after 8 a.m. Union Station

remained opened during the investigation. The red line train however ran on a 20-minute delay for the morning, but normal service returned around noon.

Community-

The Smithsonian held its first pow wow of tribal nations over the weekend. Visitors were able to sample food, music, and dance during the event. The Smithsonian plans on opening an American Indian Museum in two years.

Crime-

Six people were shot; one wounded seriously Saturday morning in a northwest residential neighborhood. The shooting happened around 4:30 a.m. on the 500 block of Kenyon Street. Police officials say that an altercation grew when one or two gunmen approached people that were standing around. Five men and one woman were shot. A 24-year-old man remained in the hospital after being shot in the head.

Education-

District public schools could lose up to \$30 million dollars if plans discussed by financial officials are followed to relieve the District of a \$335 million dollar budget deficit. Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi suggested \$22 million in raises and benefits to city employees, \$17 million in capital improvement funds, and cutting \$11.5 million for affordable housing program. He has also suggested increasing park-

ing fines, cigarette taxes, and income and property taxes. These were all proposals he presented to District officials on Friday. City leaders looked at the District agencies with the most money and the D.C. schools are at the top of the list. Some officials disagree with taking money from the schools. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and officials would like to have made the necessary cuts by then.

BUSINESS

More Students Face Money Woes and Outside Jobs

By Tiffani Turner
Contributing Writer

When prospective students decide to accept admission to Howard, they seldom are aware of the financial responsibility that coincides with this decision. Blinded by Howard's prestige and excellent educational background, students tend to believe that after tuition, meals, books, and housing are taken care of, their financial responsibility to Howard and themselves is over. For some this is true, but for many, the road to financial stability is a long one.

Sophomore Xayna Sanders agrees. Due to her financial situation, Saunders, a sophomore political science major, has decided to obtain an off campus job.

While Sanders is at Howard University with the help of the \$1,000 Trustee Scholarship and a Parent Plus Loan, rising medical costs for her sick father leave a burden on her to make some extra cash.

"My father had a kidney transplant and with health-care covering little to nothing of the cost of medicine, most of my family's income goes to that," she said.

As a result, Sanders works for the American

Political Science Association, as a way to make ends meet and to get work experience. Thanks to her job, she can buy sorely-needed supplies for her extracurricular activities.

"I don't want to leave college without any work experience," Sanders said. "I have decided to bring my car to school, which will incur a lot of expenses."

"I am very active in many organizations and I need suits for business affairs and important meetings," she said. "A good suit costs \$200, pumps from Nine West are about \$80, panty hose are \$10 each, and the multiple undershirts and blouses are about \$20 each."

Though Sanders was able to secure housing in Howard Plaza Towers West, she admits that is another added expense.

"So far I have spent well over \$300 on groceries, cooking and cleaning supplies," she said.

According to U.S. Census data, Sanders is not alone. More than 60 percent of 18- to 22-year-old students at four-year colleges hold jobs.

But balancing school and extra-curricular activities while having an off-campus job can be trying.

Paris Pickett is a sophomore film major who has

many responsibilities on campus and had decided to quit her off-campus job.

"All the time that I'm not in class is dedicated to school activities and my job," she said. "I have no free time. My month is set. I have something to do everyday and at this point in time, if I don't have to pay bills, I don't want to. I don't want to have to worry about anything else besides school and my other activities. If I had an on-campus job, things would probably be different."

As an alternative to working off-campus, Federal Work Study is a popular means of obtaining financial stability.

Students who fill out the Free Application for Federal Assistance form (FAFSA) before the designated deadline and meet all criteria can obtain Federal Work Study.

For students who are interested in employment but do not qualify for Federal Work Study there is an alternative. The Howard University Student Employment Program is designed to offer students who are in good academic standing on-campus employment. Many students are not aware of this program, but the students who are take full advantage of this opportunity.

Goal Setting COLUMN

Lawrence A. Garrett, Jr.

Goal setting has to be the number one skill needed to succeed in the 21st century.

We often confuse our goals with wishes, since we usually use them interchangeably. Goal setting stems from an early perception of purpose, which leads to success.

We might ask ourselves "what am I going to do with my life?" when the question should be "what am I not willing to do with my life?" I have found it easier to detail what I am not willing to do than to figure out what exactly I am willing to do.

Goals, which are personal road maps, have tremendous strength when used. A goal can be described as a progressive realization of a worthy ideal with a deadline, while a wish is the same thing minus the progression and the deadline.

When goals are set, the slight edge curve effect begins to take toll, leaving time to promote or expose our actions. When we go to work on our goals, our goals begin to go to work on us shaping us not into a human being, but a human becoming.

We now choose not to make and earn a living, but to design a lifestyle. Remember, it is what we fail to do that is our undoing.



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Sophomore physical therapy major Nakaia Brown has been participating in the work-study program since freshman year.

At \$10 an hour, Brown said she has no problems with her part-time job working at the front desk at Blackburn.

There are many people with different economic situations that require differ-

ent pathways to success. While most students are struggling to make the grade, others are struggling to make ends meet.

And while the Howard University experience is costly and can be a financial hardship for some like Xayna, she knows that this battle is one that she can win.

Which is Most Valuable? Cell Phone Plans Demystified

By Janelle Stiell
Contributing Writer

Hidden charges. Asterisks. Small Print. Confused?

Finding a cell phone plan that suits a person is a daunting task. There are just so many options to choose from, a plethora of wireless mobile plans. The complexity of cell phones and their dominance over the 18-54 demographic is astonishing. Competing carriers, features, prices, incompatible phone technologies, and rebates all serve to confuse the wireless phone shopper.

But the question remains: is it a fashion accessory or dire necessity?

Cell phones can either be a blessing or a bane in any college student's life. Some see it as an absolute necessity, while some floss and get the latest models right when they are put on display.

Sean Marshall, a junior music business and communications major, owns a Sprint PCS Dual Band 5150 color screen phone, probably one of the hottest phones on the market, but cannot comprehend the phone company's definition of daytime minutes.

"The phone is hot, the color is nice, the reception is

good and the features are cool, but I hate the plan," he said. "How can daytime end at 9 p.m.? It's horrible."

Allen Wing, a senior advertising major, agrees.

"The sun drops at 5:30," he said. "Cell phones were originally like credit cards, only to be used in emergencies. Now, roommates call each other like 'Hey Jamal, where are you?' 'I'm standing behind you.'"

With all the hype and marketing to the younger demographic with their renowned frivolous spending habits, companies keep coming out with "newer and better" communication technology by the second; it seems almost necessary for everyone and their families to have mobile connections.

Stacey Gates, a sophomore public relations major, said that her phone serves as a tracking device for when her family and friends want to find her.

"It makes me so accessible," Gates said. "On the other hand, I do use it to talk to my friends from back home and it is much cheaper than long distance or calling cards."

But for those that have the need for a cell phone, the

research must be done. Ralph Thompson, a junior COBIS major, said that students that need the provided service should look into their situation as intensely as possible or they will eventually get charged for plans they have no use of.

"I know plenty of people who run out of 'anytime minutes' every month, when they are designated to be anytime minutes," Thompson said. "How ridiculous."

Viece Kuykendall, a graduate student from Texas who thinks the recent cell phone craze is overrated, bought her mobile phone only to communicate with loved ones at home.

She strongly advises all to research their options and never go over their designated minutes.

"Shop around," she said. "Research the various plans before you plunge into a commitment. I've found that the most reliable ones have unlimited nights and weekends." Some students understand that having a cell phone could give way to opportunity as well. For instance, say you have three job offers, and you need to be available to receive word on whether you earned the position. You need to be

available.

Essence Sweat, a sophomore marketing major, said, "You must be readily available for anything in the business market. In corporate America, the way of easy, urgent communication is via mobile phones. Immediate communication helps reducing phone tag when one person or the other is not available in his or her office or home."

There are four main categories that a cell phone user can fall into: emergency use, daily dialer, heavy user, and tech head.

An emergency user only uses the phone for times of urgent necessity. These types of people are usually the ones who want to have a phone in case they get stuck on the road or need to contact family.

The daily dialer is the average user, who spends around \$45 dollars a month on their cell phone bill. The mid-size plans are the best bet for these users.

A heavy user seemingly always has the phone attached to the side of their head. They need the minutes to call anywhere and everywhere and any time. These people especially



Cell phone plans can be confusing, which one is the best?

need to do their research, unless money is no object.

Lastly is the data/tech head. These are the people who love phones for what they truly are: cool adult toys. They need all the features possible: e-mail, text-messaging, stock and event alerts and much more. For them, a cell phone

might fall under the category of fashion accessory.

But no matter what the incursions are, the reality is that mobile phones provide the ultimate convenience. From remaining in contact with loved ones to being available for a job offer, it really is just a ring away.

Job Shortages Force Grads to Go Back to School

By Allison Hardy
The Creightonian (Creighton U.)

(U-WIRE) OMAHA, Neb. - Twenty years ago a high school degree was enough. Ten years ago a college education did the trick. Today a college education is status quo and not enough to be competitive in the job market, said Albert Chen, executive director of Kaplan graduate programs. But without more advanced degrees, college students are still faring better than their less educated counterparts. The unemployment rate among college graduates in August was 2.7 percent, far below the nation-

al rate of 5.7 percent, according to figures published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The economic downturn has caused a shortage of jobs and has forced college graduates to pursue additional degrees in order to stay competitive, Chen said. Most noticeable is the rise in enrollment for the graduate management admissions test for business school, and the law school admissions test, which is up more than 20 percent from last year.

A law degree goes hand-in-hand with a business degree, Chen said, which may account for the increase. In Boston,

Chicago, Washington and Miami, LSAT seats are already full for the October and December tests. Denise Archer, admissions coordinator at University of Nebraska College of Law, has seen an increase in law school applications. "One thing to note is that the increase in applicants does not necessarily mean that there will be more attorneys graduating," she said.

NU Law School admits 120 students a year, no matter how many applications are received, which means higher selectivity. Students with such an investment in their education hope to be able to find jobs at gradua-

tion. Some career fields are more fruitful than others. The pharmaceutical field is where more jobs exist than qualified applicants, said to Jerry Beisner, chief executive officer of Wilkinson Pharmacy in southwest Missouri. Beisner was present at a career fair at Creighton on Tuesday, attempting to recruit Creighton pharmacy students. He points to an increase in pharmacies as the reason for the pharmacist shortage. "If you graduate from pharmacy school and you need a job, the only thing you have to decide is where you want to practice," he said. "Positions are open wherever

you want to go, and students are getting full-scale wages right off the bat."

In Missouri, starting annual salaries for pharmacists in 2001 averaged \$76,000. The dental profession is also healthy said William Kelsey, associate dean for academic affairs at Creighton's dental school. "One hundred percent of our grads had a job or went to specialty school or residency within the first year," he said.

Applications for dental school are holding steady, he said, with no real increase or decrease in the last few years. Peter Cales, Arts & Sciences sen-

ior, will graduate in May with a degree in English. He is in the preliminary stages of researching graduate schools, doubting he will be able to find a job with his four-year degree. "The bad economy is one of many reasons for me to just stay in school," he said. Neither law nor business school are in his plans, but he feels that any graduate school will give him an edge in the job market. Chen said that a graduate degree is key, and added that the trend will not reverse itself. "It is a cycle that is going to result in needing more and more education to be competitive," he said.



NATION

Nation Briefs

US Military Operations Moving to Qatar

WASHINGTON - Members of the U.S. military that are responsible for various operations in the Persian Gulf and Central Asia will be removed from their posts in Central Command, Florida, to Qatar in November, department of defense officials said this past week.

The shift is a possible foreshadowing of events to come, as the moves give leverage to the U.S. for a strike on Iraq.

Al-Qaida links sentenced to prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Two al-Qaida members who constructed an elaborate money-transferring scheme to other members of the terrorist group were sentenced Wednesday for erecting the bank deposits.

Abdirahman Sheikh-Ali Isse, who was head of the scheme, was sentenced to 10 months and an additional five months of home detention.

Two Separate Flights Take Emergency Landings After Suspicious Behavior Spotted

HOUSTON - A Texas, American Airlines Flight, with roughly 50 passengers on board, made an emergency landing at the airport of departure after a report of a disturbance. According to White House officials, crew members saw a suspicious item that ended up being an ordinary item.

In Arkansas, Northwest Airlines Flight 979, with roughly 94 passengers, excluding a crew of five, was diverted after four men, who appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent, "behaved strangely", officials said.

Officials said the men went one-by-one to the bathroom and were shaving their beards.

The four are being questioned by the FBI.

Courtesy of Daily Texans.

Political Piffles and Profundities

COLUMN

By Jamal H. Anderson
Contributing Writer

Flori-Duh: Everything we know we learned from politics. Before we begin, we'd like to make sure that everyone knows how much we truly do love Florida.

Having said that, let's turn our attention to the sunshine state that just can't seem to stay out of the dark. We used to wonder why most people only went to Florida for vacations or retirement. Now, we know.

Last Tuesday, Floridians went to the polls for a Democratic primary seeking to send a candidate forward to challenge Republican Governor Jeb Bush. Instead, most voters, including gubernatorial candidate Janet Reno, were turned away when they arrived at the polls Tuesday morning. The widespread chaos, which some say was caused by malfunctioning voting machines and closed or understaffed polling sites, forced Governor Bush to extend polling hours statewide by two hours. That seems like it would be the end of the story, right? Wrong.

As it turns out, Florida officials cannot seem to account for all votes cast in Tuesday's primary. Here's why:

In some counties, Democrats were given Republican ballots. In other counties, polling locations with more than thousands of registered voters, recorded no votes. Problem? YES! By the way, did we mention that Floridians voted electronically this year after the state spent more than \$30 million dollars to upgrade its voting system? How hard can it be to keep track of electronic ballots? Apparently, it must be harder than one might think. Either that, or election officials have some serious problems. We'll vote for the latter and pray that they don't lose our vote too.

So where does this leave us? Bill McBride, former managing partner of

Florida's largest law firm, leads former Attorney General Janet Reno by some

8,000 votes. Bill McBride has declared victory while Janet Reno has yet to concede. Her call for a statewide recount on Saturday was rejected despite the fact that several polling centers continue to find votes. Reno's hope is that she will pick up enough "lost" votes to trigger a statute that requires a statewide recount. The bottom line is that Democrats love Janet Reno but know that her chances of defeating Jeb Bush are far less than those of Bill McBride. That is why few

Democrats are calling for her to concede outright. Nevertheless, we sense a recount coming on. Brace yourself folks, this one is going to get ugly.

Goodbye Mr. Smith: In one of the biggest upsets stemming from last week's primaries, Congressman John E. Sununu (R-NH), son of John H. Sununu, who was former governor of New Hampshire and chief of staff to President Bush Sr., defeated two-term Senator Robert C. Smith (R-NH). This marks the first time in 10 years that an incumbent Senator has lost his party's nomination. Why?

Republicans seem unable to forget that Bob Smith briefly left the Republican

Party to flirt with the idea of running for President several years ago. Yet even without Senator Smith, the race should be a good one, as Congressman

Sununu faces Democratic Governor Jeanne Shaheen. This race will be critical for Republicans if they want to take back control of the Senate. Perhaps Mr.

Smith can find a job down in Florida. We hear they're looking for some people who know how to mess up an election. Should be right up his alley.

Vaya Con Dios: Apparently that is what Democrats on the Senate

Judiciary

Committee told Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen two weeks ago when they rejected her nomination to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 5th

Circuit leaving Senate Republicans fuming. Democrats and Republicans waved their arms and jumped up and down, but here's the bottom line: Senate

Republicans played political games with President Clinton's judicial nominees for years, often preventing them from even having a hearing.

Now, Democrats are seeking a little bit of revenge. More significantly though is the message that Senate Democrats are sending President Bush about any future Supreme Court nominees.

Justice John Paul Stevens is approaching 83 and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is beginning her third decade on the Court as Chief Justice William Rehnquist is beginning his fourth. This virtually guarantees that someone will be stepping down soon.

Though Democrats may have won a battle, President Bush may be looking to win the war. While Senate Democrats may have made a very "wise" choice, this one will come back to haunt them.



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Services Committee.

"Leaders must prepare themselves for the lonely role of leadership," Dellums said, referring to his run for a House seat, as former Vice President, Spiro Agnew, labeled him a

"radical" and called for his removal from the House ballot for California's 9th District.

While in the House, Dellums said he was quick to voice his concerns about his peers, at times tactlessly confronting them during public speeches and marring his ability to have votes passed in the

House. He used this instance to show the effects of leadership without constituents.

"I [couldn't] afford the luxury of popping off and mov[ing] away from discipline," Dellums said. "How can I command the respect of my colleagues if I don't offer that respect?"

In addition to the difficult

side of leadership, he offered several positive maxims and talking points, stating that students should "never let the other guy define who you are" and "constantly engage in the process of renewal," and also that "the greatest value of a leader is not speaking but having the capacity to listen."

Other speakers, Dr. Thomas and Reverend Acker, spoke about the importance of ethics and Dr. Caldwell-Colbert brought an academic understanding to the conference, discussing Enron's collapse and the "unethical" decision to turn in term papers written and submitted for one class, to another.

The "Recent Grads Symposium" was led by Shyra Gregory, Jonathan Augustine, Tiffany McGriff, Reverend Matthew Watley, and LaShandra Sullivan—all of whom are in the Foreign Service, law, or business. Each provided a six-minute presentation on their present profession and later elaborated on issues they encountered as leaders within these positions.

Many of the student leaders at the retreat showed elation on the charter bus, which was heading to Dulles Airport to drop off students that came



Photos by Derrick Nayo

Above left, Student leaders pose at Dulles Airport before the departure of those who came from HBCUs around the country. The Bunche Center brought these 50 students together for the Sixth Student Leader Conference. Above, Harold Eichelberger speaks to Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert after her speech at the leadership conference. Bottom left, from left, Shyra S. Gregory, Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Ambassador Horace Dawson, Jonathan C. Augustine, and Maya Harris at the Leadership Conference in Virginia.

from Jackson State, Dillard University, Mississippi Valley State, and other HBCUs.

"The retreat was amazingly helpful," said junior history major, Duane Holliman, who attends North Carolina Central University. "Meeting the Howard students was the most useful part of the retreat. I have a renewed faith in the future leaders of this generation."

School of Communications Student Council President, Ashley McFarlin, concurred with Holliman, stating that she was "inspired by the energy various students brought to the retreat."

"It's comforting to know that so many positive black, young people are so passionate about change," she said.

Bunche Center Director, Ambassador Horace Dawson,

said the retreat took several months to prepare, requiring the entire staff's involvement.

"I have great hopes of continuing [the program] in the future, beginning a repetition in 2003," he said. "I thought the interaction between the student leaders from Howard and those of other universities was tremendously beneficial and rewarding."

Bunche Center staff, Howard Hardy, Carolyn King, Joyce Clark-Stewart, Harold Scott, and Nick Williams also attended the conference and were instrumental in erecting the leadership retreat.



Bison Studies Abroad at the University of Ghana

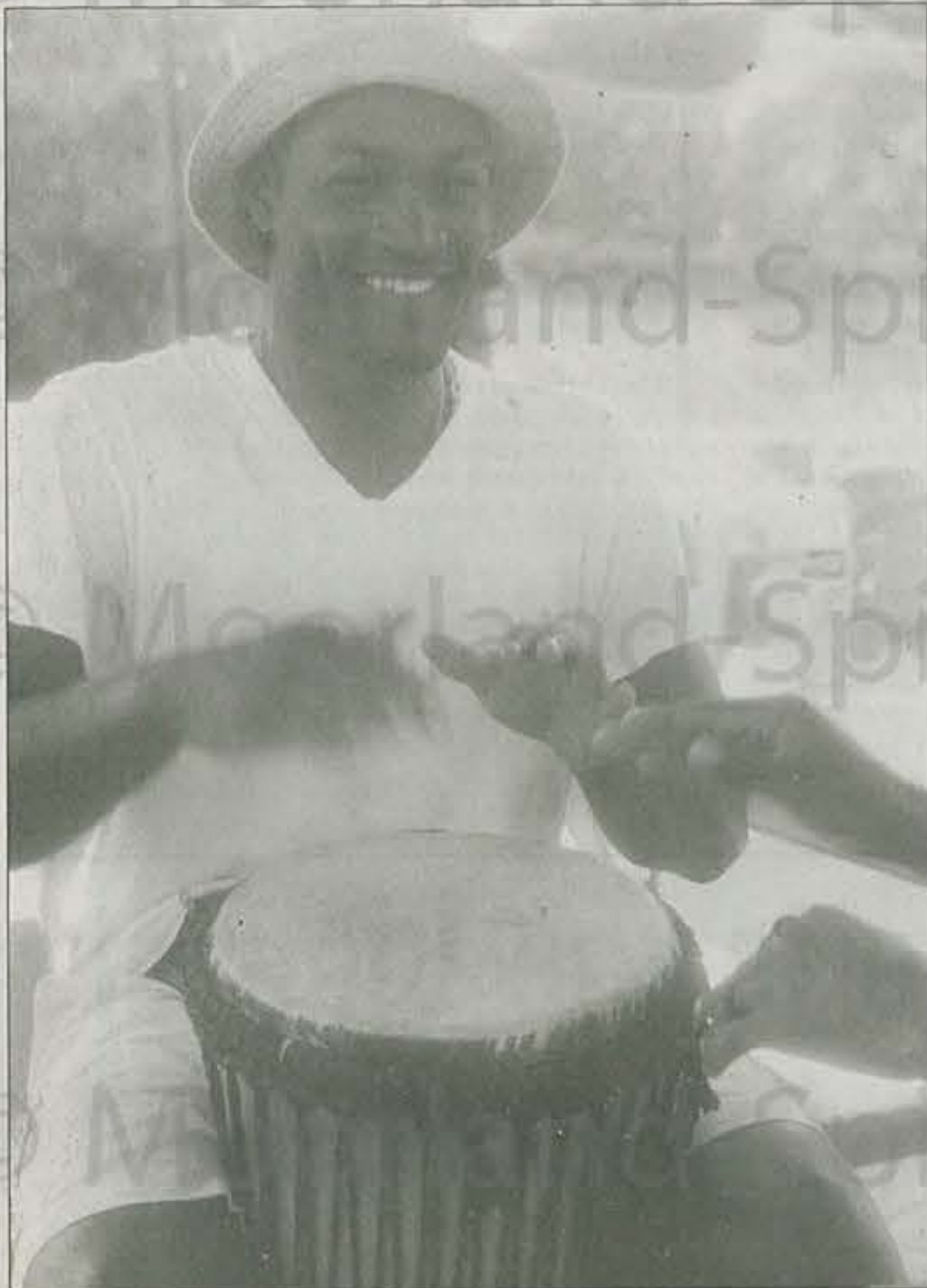


Photo courtesy of Hakim Hasan

Left, Howard Junior and English major, Hakim Hasan, taking drumming lessons at a village outside of the University of Ghana. Hasan, who plans to work with photography, captured an image of the rough Atlantic seas off the coast of Accra, Ghana, top. The University of Ghana is located in Legon in the southern region of Ghana.

President Bush Considers a Curtail of African Programs



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President Bush is considering the removal of American sponsored programs that train Africans to protect themselves from rebel groups in the region.

By Michael Jackson
Contributing Writer

Imagine yourself as a part of an elite-African battalion, trained by the United States to handle disaster relief, peace-keeping and AIDS prevention duties. A situation arises that requires your battalion to use its training but funding for your program has been cut, leaving your elite group helpless and unable to carry out its duties.

What would the effects of this failure mean for the country? This is a question that 22 African nations may have to answer.

Former President, Bill Clinton, initiated the Operation Focus Relief program, after the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) took 500 U.N. peace-keepers hostage in May of 2000 in Sierra Leone. The program was an alternative to placing U.S. troops in the area.

This program and others like it in Africa are under review by the Bush Administration. Bush is presently deliberating

on how efficient programs like these are in Africa, which, in aggregate, cost \$130 million a year.

However, curtailing funds for the programs could have terrible effects on the country. AIDS prevention, a function of Operation Focus Relief, is an important part of the program. With the disease running rampant in the region, this program is crucial in keeping AIDS awareness at the forefront of Africa issues.

"Some people think that AIDS does not exist," said Dr. John Ifedi, a political science professor at Howard University.

Others feel that there is a valid basis for the programs and that the "wealthiest countries" should be willing to provide aid.

"If you look at the HIV epidemic there is clearly an economic tie-in; as the numbers of HIV increase and the death rates increase, there is an impact on the workforce...there is a drain on the economy," said Associate Professor of the School of Pharmacy, Dr.

Anthony Wutohen. "When you have economic disruption and great poverty, it leads ultimately to civil disturbance."

The ability to handle civil disturbances is a function of both Operation Focus Relief and the African Crisis Response Initiative. However, many governments in Africa prefer that civil disturbance are handled domestically.

"The Organization of African Unity has a no interference policy," said Ivor Agyemanduah, Minister of Information for the Embassy of Ghana.

Some in the United States feel that there are occasions for intervention in Africa, as in the case of Sierra Leone; however, many also agree with the "no interference policy."

"It's more acceptable for African nations [to have] the opportunity to handle the situation on their own," said Wutoh. "It's more acceptable for Americans if the situation is handled internally in Africa."

Remains of African Woman Returned After 200 years

By Briana Jeffery
Contributing Writer

When William Dunlop visited the South African farm Sarah Baartman worked on, he encountered an ideal specimen, while she encountered a possible escape. She was only obliged to accompany the English surgeon back to Europe after he assured her of fame and fortune in a new place.

All Sarah had to do was show off her body.

But she didn't imagine the humiliation and degradation she would suffer as a caged black woman, gawked at and paraded around in "freak shows." She would have almost assuredly declined his offer had she known she would die penniless, her body dissected and used for display in museums before finally returning home after 200 years.

Sarah was born in 1789 in South Africa into the Griqua tribe

of the Eastern Cape. Her tribe was part of the Khoisan people, also known as the Bushmen or Hottentots. Her people were among the first to inhabit Southern Africa. She had an enlarged protruding rear-end which was characteristic of women in her tribe. The British surgeon perceived the large derriere as proof of white racial superiority. Other Europeans felt that her large buttocks showed that she was oversexed and primitive.

Once in England, Sarah, who was nicknamed the "Hottentot Venus," was brought onto a stage in Piccadilly, wearing face paint and a few feathers. Inside her cage, she was directed to stand, sit and walk by her ringmaster. If she did not obey, she was threatened with violence. Many people paid pocket change to view Sarah's naked body in the freak shows that were popular at that time.

When asked about the treatment of Sarah, third-year Afro-American studies major, Erica Nelson, voiced a somber concern.

"I feel disappointed that nobody stood up for her," she said. "Slavery was not legal at this time and this man was parading around with his slave. I am thoroughly disgusted and shocked."

Russell L. Adams, chairman of the Afro-American Studies department at Howard elaborated on her popularity as an attraction.

"With Africa seen as exotic and the counter-model of things European, to the Europeans, she represented a freak level of exaggeration," he said.

There were some who spoke out for Sarah and tried to end her humiliation. However, when an antislavery group sued Dunlop on her behalf, they lost when she



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After 200 years in Europe, the remains of Sarah, the South African caged for people to see her rear-end, are finally back in South Africa.

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ed in this contest.

Nia Wallace, who came out on top, admitted that participating was not in her original plan. "It was a very nerve wrecking. The pageant wasn't something that I was sure that I was going to do," Wallace said. "It was definitely an experience I wouldn't give back, not only because I won the title of Ms. Allied Health, but because I had a great experience working with the other contestants and trying something new."

Daphnee Duret, co-coordinator and president of the School of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health student council was proud of the college's pageant.

"We felt the pageant was a big success taking into account that our college did not have a pageant recently," Duret said. "We did not have a lot of participants primarily because our constitutions are older than the

average age range in other schools and colleges."

The School of Engineering Pageant was also held on Tuesday with the theme, "A Beautiful Mind." According to coordinator, Joel Moore, the theme was chosen because the school wanted to emphasize intellect over physical beauty.

"We wanted to stress that the true attractiveness in a person stems from their intelligence," Moore stated.

LaTeisha Collier, a junior mechanical engineering major, performed an original spoken word about the woman, the black woman, and then God's women. "Being in the School of Engineering most of the students are focused on books, so participating in the pageant gave me an opportunity to get closer to two other girls in my school. And they are behind me 100%," Collier said. While Mr. Engineering, Jamal Jowers, performed religious rap.

The School of

Communications Pageant, "A Journey Down a Road Less Traveled" had audience members engaged for hours. Coordinator Candace Waddles said the theme signified the different choices one can make to establish one's own path. "I enjoyed working with all the contestants and I congratulate Jessica and Geonard and wish them luck in the Mr. and Ms Howard pageant, Waddless said.

Jessica Johnson, a junior public relations major, entered two previous pageants in middle school she won Miss Hub City and in high school Johnson came first runner-up in Miss Bronze.

"Once the pageant got on the way, I gained more confidence," Johnson said.

The Tennessee native was asked in the interview section who did she admire other than her mother. Johnson has great admiration for Maya Angelo's strength of character.

When Johnson was asked about the Mr. and Miss Howard competition, she was optimistic. "I have proven myself once and I can't wait to prove myself again," Johnson said.

Student Council President, Ashley McFarlin was also satisfied with the outcome. "I was immensely pleased. The pageant displayed another example of the wonderful talents we contribute to the University as School of Communication students," remarked McFarlin.

Also held on last Thursday was the School of Education pageant. However with one female contestant, Kyra Kidd, in the running, the pageant was more of an interview session than an actual contest according to Quiana Shepard, School of Education Student Council President.

Kidd was told to dress in business casual attire and was asked a series of questions by a few judges.

"Even though she was the

only contestant, she was not guaranteed to represent the School of Education," Shephard said. "It was more personal, even after the pageant we gave her feedback and what it will be like at the big pageant."

The School of Business pageant, "Jupe Joint: Evening of Jazz" put a nice conclusion to a week-long competition. Daryl Lockett, Mr. School of Business, made his mark at the competition representing the class of 2005.

"I feel all the contestants did a very good job. Being the only sophomore it was a great opportunity to meet people already doing great things in the School of Business. And I'm thrilled to represent the School of Business in the Mr. and Ms. HU pageant and throughout the community," stated Lockett.

Codie Brooks, sophomore marketing major from Fort Worth, TX., had one complaint about the pageant. "The questions should have been less

broad because a majority of contestants received questions that were personal and simple in thought pertaining to everyday thinking," Brooks said.

Xavier Carter, School of Business Student Council President had only good things to say about the outcome of his school's pageant. "The Pageant ran really smoothly with good attendance. Our contestants did well and I think they have a good chance winning the Mr. and Ms. Howard Pageant," Carter said.

Steve Mobley, Pageant Coordinator for the Howard University Homecoming Steering Committee, was impressed by all the winners. "I think all the contestants will do very well," Mobley said. "Everyone should come out to the Howard pageant to see the talents and who is representing their school."

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Washington Peace Center, Progressive Jewish Alliance and more.

The rally gained momentum when Rev. Jackson approached the podium. As he did on Sept. 9 in the Cramton auditorium, Jackson stressed the disenfranchisement of minority voters in the 2000 election and the war on terrorism.

"We want to fight terrorism abroad, but want our rights here at home," Jackson said. "We have been locked out too often and silenced too long. There's a price to be paid when our rights are ignored."

The civil rights activist urged Americans to stay focused and keep their eyes on the prize.

"We must choose hope and not fear," he said. "There's power in our marching, and these marches will grow bigger and more numerous," Jackson said.

Following Jackson, Reverend Al Sharpton reiterated the need for equal justice.

"We're going to stand with Reverend Jackson," he said, "and we're going to keep coming together until we make America the beautiful," Sharpton said.

The rally concluded around 2:30 p.m.

Rivea Ruff, a freshman journalism major, deemed the march was a success. "I

thought it was really good," Ruff said. "It brought to attention all the injustice many people have to face."

Brandy Cherry, a biology pre-med major, agrees that the march brought some enlightenment surrounding issues affecting the black race.

"After hearing the speech Jesse Jackson made at Cramton, I got more concerned about President Bush not meeting with black civil rights leaders since he's been in office," Cherry said.

One of the publicists for the event, Cece Evans was disheartened by the turn out.

"We took flyers up to students, but they didn't really listen to what we had to say," Evans said. "It was very disappointing."

Flyers publicizing the event were distributed on the yard shortly before the University-provided transportation departed from Cramton; this may have contributed to the poor turn out.

Stevie Owens, a freshman marketing major, chose not to attend the march. "I am here for an education, not to march," Owens said. "All the other things are peripheral. To skip class to attend a march contradicts my principle."

Howard University students will have yet another opportunity to hear Jackson speak at the Rankin Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 22.

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to the new band members because we knew that we could make it through band camp if we were united." A black marching band is also famous for its colloquialisms and our name-calling says Thomas Bowman, drum major for Howard's marching band.

"Whenever Mr. Newson walks by the whole band will say Jell-O, pudding, POP! because he looks like Bill Cosby," said

John Newson, the Marching Band Director declined to comment on the issue of band culture.

"I have been given gag orders from the University," Newson said. "I don't want to jeopardize my job."

Rivalries between HBCU bands are not uncommon according to Kim Hale, a FAMU band member.

"Because we are the best and largest band in the South, many bands are jealous of us," Hale said. "Some of our biggest rivalries include Alabama State, Alabama A&M, and Grambling.

When our team plays those schools, the band makes sure that we do our best to outdo them."

Another distinct characteristic of a black marching band is the strict discipline.

A band member is never allowed to be late, they are often told. "To be early is to be on time and to be on time is to be late."

When in a marching formation, band members are not permitted to fall out of line. Another common practice in HBCU marching bands is to not speak or respond to any non-band members while in uniform.

Christy Walker, a former member of the band, found the physical demands of being in a black marching band can be draining.

"When I came to band camp my freshman year, I thought that I was in shape," Walker said. "After we had to do laps and pushups and military presses, I knew that I was out of shape."

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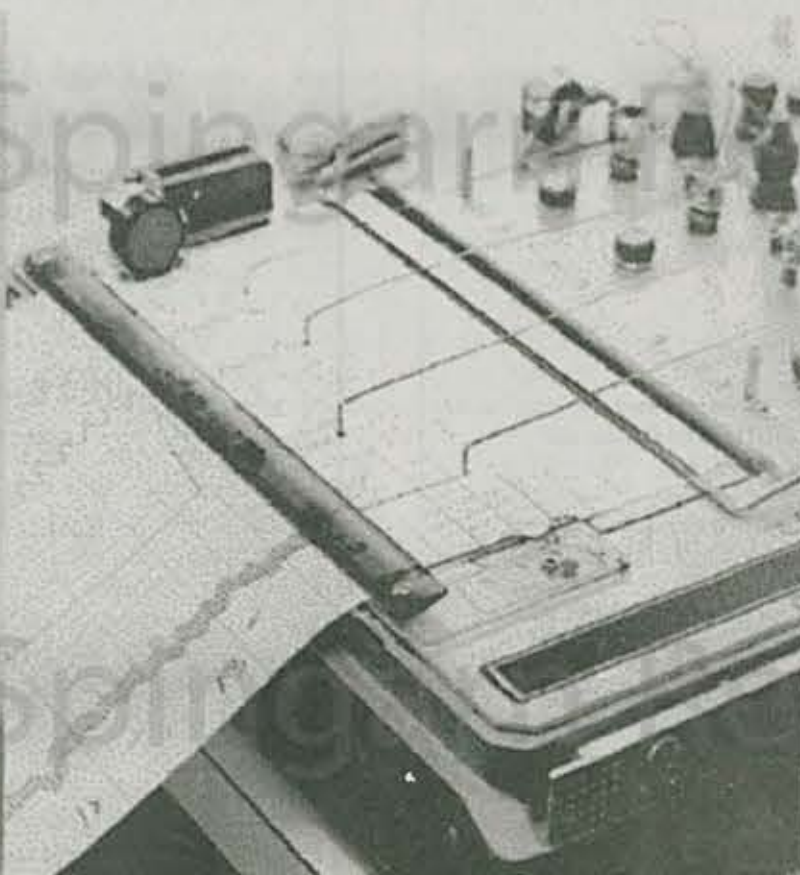
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to be involved in campus activities when they live far away.

"I have no car and I have to take the train or bus," Dennis said. "I had a group meeting in UGL the other day and I did not feel like coming back to campus. It's just too much of a hassle."

Though administrators do not guarantee housing to juniors and seniors, a large percent of Howard's population is from out of state, and 13 percent are international.

One international student,

who asked not to have his name published said, "I am here at Howard all the way from Trinidad and I am living off-campus while students who literally live around the area are living in the dorms."

While some students find it hard to commute back and forth to campus, Maria Clark, a junior advertising major who lives in Hyattsville, Md. finds off campus living productive.

"It is better for me to live off campus because I can focus more on my studies. I know that if I were on campus I

would be too distracted," Clark said.

The University is entertaining two proposals from two architectural firms for a new Bethune Hall.

The old Bethune Hall will be demolished and a new Bethune Hall will be built in approximately 36 months.

According to Franklin, the new Bethune Hall will be a female hall because the demand for female housing is much greater than it is for males.

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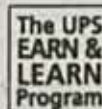
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