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Dying to pledge? Some students have.
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Joel Moore, appointed vice president for CEACS, is at the center of much controversy.

General Assembly Dismisses CEACS Grievance After Hours of Deliberation

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

A heated General Assembly meeting on Wednesday night continued for almost three hours as members deliberated a grievance filed by two students in the School of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences in regards to the special elections, the Assembly voted not to act.

The Assembly was split in its stance on the issue. Some members proposed that the grievance was entertained and acted upon, but a majority voted to dismiss the grievance.

Spencer Chenier, vice president of School of Education, was one of the leading members who motioned to dismiss the grievance.

"The constitution states that he [Hines] has the right to appoint a vice president," Chenier said. "He later found out about his rights and who are we to take away his rights."

Stefanie Brown, the 2001-2002 HUSA president and current representative from the School of Business says both Reynolds and Williams should be allowed to run.

"I feel the president relin-

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- College of Arts and Sciences
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 - *Japhon Dar
 - *Heather Hairston
 - Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
 - *Sandra Jowers
 - College of Nursing and Allied Health
 - *Adrian West
 - School of Business
 - *Darryl Locket
 - Graduate School of Business
 - *Frederick B. Ross
 - *Kris Chenlin
 - School of Divinity
 - *Bianca Robinson
 - *Carole James

quished his power when he advertised and signed their [Reynolds and Williams] petitions," Brown said. "His [Hines] ignorance of the constitution is not an excuse."

Candice Reynolds, a senior chemical engineering major

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Freshman Candidates Ignored In the Punch-Out 'Speak Out'

By Tiffany Dupree
Hilltop Staff Writer

As freshmen candidates shared their campaign platforms for this school year, students were more concerned with placing their orders at the Punch-Out counter.

On Monday, students gathered in the Punch-Out for the first Special Elections Speak-Out of the year. This event gave students the opportunity to meet the freshmen candidates seeking positions in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business.

The Punch-Out was filled

with approximately 60 students, some who were there to address their concerns and others who just wanted to eat their food.

For the freshman, this was the first opportunity to share their platforms and visions for their schools.

"Freshmen have only been on campus for four weeks," said Nicole Merritt, Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Vice President, "and the candidates need a venue to voice their platforms to the student body."

The Speak-Out began with comments from Jason Ravin

and Rey Castillo who are both running for Executive Vice President of the College of Arts and Sciences.

After going through three unresolved election disputes last year, Ravin and Castillo were forced to come before students a fourth time.

This time each candidate was able to appeal to new students and share, once again, his vision for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ravin, who ran on a slate with the school's current President Jacques Purvis and Treasurer Dan Blakemore, feels he is the best candidate, consid-

ering he helped create the school's current platform.

"The platform that Arts and Sciences currently uses is the one I wrote," Ravin said. "I have continued to stay involved in the political arena of Howard University since I got here."

Ravin is focused on establishing relationships with business and community leaders in order to provide opportunities for Howard students.

Ravin's opponent feels his experiences as a resident assistant, dorm council advisor and assistant program director of

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HUH Nurses Threaten to Strike

By Makebra Anderson
Campus Editor

If the 400 pharmacists, social workers, registered nurses and dietitians at Howard University Hospital decide to strike, thousands of patients will be without healthcare.

Workers at the hospital believe HUH management is threatening patient care by investing in costly technology and renovations instead of committing itself to repairing the strained relationship management has with its employees.

"Management is so far removed from us they really don't know how unhappy the nurses are," said M. Malcolm, a registered nurse in the fourth floor surgical unit. "We have problems with the fluctuation in patient load, the inequitable pay scale, low morale and terrible working conditions."

According to Malcolm, management has not addressed the economic issues that caused the strike three years ago. They still have not allocated the necessary money needed to retain skilled, experienced health professionals.

After one day of struggling to keep the hospital open without the workers in 1999, administrators were forced to



Photo by Andrea Reed

A Howard University Hospital nurse works at her desk.

meet the nurses' demands for pay raises and limits on mandatory overtime.

Reports from the D.C. Nurses Association indicate that a letter to employees from HUH Executive Director and CEO Sherman P. McCoy prompted the 1999 strike. The letter discussed plans for \$30 million in improvements to the facility.

McCoy was unavailable for comment.

Unhappy and fed up, nurses said they felt they were stuck between a rock and a hard place and the only thing left to do was strike.

During the one-day strike, administrators were forced to shut down most of the emergency room facilities and

postpone surgery for patients in non-emergency cases.

Nurses said staff from as far away as California were brought to HUH to stand in for the Howard nurses, but the hospital still had difficulty maintaining order.

Reports indicate that HUH staff members were so desperate during the strike that they asked for volunteers from the picket line along Georgia Avenue to come in and assist patients.

The nurses successfully negotiated a 7 percent pay increase over three years; however, many of the work conditions have not improved, said D. Burnett, a registered nurse in the sixth floor sub-acute unit, which is a rehabilitation division.

Nurses have not received cost of living pay increases as they have in previous years. Bonuses, benefits and, in some cases, pay, have also been decreased, said Burnett.

"When I first got here 15 years ago, there were incentives for coming to work," she said. "All of those incentives have been cut out because management claims there is no money, but they don't realize that if we are not here, there will be no one left to take care of patients."

Forced overtime has become a

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New Activist Group Started at Howard

By Darby Baham
Hilltop Staff Writer

Bob Marley's music played in the background as students of Howard University and social activists from around the community gathered, mingled, ate, and waited for the program to start. A drum call signified the beginning of the program and Akinyele Bakari, a member of Ubiquity, Inc. stood up to welcome everyone to the UHURU Launch

Celebration.

UHURU, which is an acronym for Uplifting Howard University thru a Revolutionary Union, is a coalition of the different socially active organizations on campus, including Amnesty International, Ubiquity, Inc., the Ethiopian Rastafari Community, Kwame Ture Society, Cipher, and NSAA Dance Ensemble.

"This is our launching event," said Fonta Gilliam, co-

ordinator of Amnesty International. "Our main focus here is to mobilize ourselves in a united front."

Soon after the welcome, the Black National Anthem was sung in its entirety, as was the Ethiopian Anthem, sang by the Ethiopian Rastafari Community. Ms. Roberta Mcloud, director of Blackburn University Center then spoke and gave an inspirational anecdote about following one's heart.

"It is imperative for us to reach back into our communities- each one, teach one. We will not be powerful people until we understand where we came from," Mcloud said.

One of the highlights of the night came next. The poet, Q, stood up and recited two of his poems dealing with America, the African-American community, and the hypocrisy between the two.

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University Welcomes New Organization for Student Athletes

By Brian Stamps
Contributing Writer

Being a student athlete is far from being an easy task. They face the challenge of balancing academic, athletic, and social responsibilities on a daily basis.

The Student Academic Advisement Committee (SAAC) was formed to serve as a transition and support group for the student athletes here at Howard.

In 1998, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) required the formation of the SAAC at all competing NCAA universities for the benefit of all competing athletes.

The Student Academic Advisement Committee is a service organization dedicated to the support of its members. They host two meetings a month and discuss a variety of issues. The executive board, subcommittees - career, public relations, spirit, and community service, and general members come together to discuss topics ranging from community service to social mix-

ers. These meetings are also a time for students to voice their concerns. Once they've said what's on their mind, the academic advisor then directs the issues that were addressed to the Director of Athletics.

All members of the student body are welcome to attend the meetings. Offices for the committee are located in the Burr Annex (the building behind Burr Gymnasium).

The Student Athletic Advisement Committee encourages the total growth of athletes. Tewon Stevens, Academic Advisor for the SAAC, attests that the Committee assists in broadening the horizons of the athletes.

"We participate in community services, social mixers, and enhancing the athletic department itself," Stevens said. "We also serve as a transition group for new entrants, a support group, and we advocate for school spirit."

In the transition role, the SAAC serves new entrants by easing the pressure put on the

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Howard's Purchase of Six New Properties Totaled \$16 Million

By Tiffany Dupree
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last spring, the university took steps to acquire six local properties as part of the LeDroit Park Initiative.

The goal of this urban redevelopment plan is to transform the Georgia Avenue corridor into a place that will benefit the surrounding community, as well as students and employees.

This project first began in 1995 when President H. Patrick Swygert moved several of the University's offices to Georgia Avenue.

Currently, the university is reviewing properties located at

1800 7th Street, NW; 1850 7th Street, NW; 1900 7th Street, NW; 2730 Georgia Avenue, NW; 2908 Georgia Avenue, NW and 2035 2nd Street, NW.

The properties, once owned by a local community development corporation, will cost the University \$16 million.

According to university officials, President H. Patrick Swygert sees these purchases as a strategic acquisition that will give the school a voice in what goes on in the surrounding community.

Howard University Senior Vice President Hassan Minor, who has been the principle staff person responsible for the univer-



Photo by Andrea Reed

The CVS on Georgia Avenue was one property purchased by the University.

sity's external affairs and the Initiative, feels that the purchases are a positive move for the university.

Because all the properties are vacant, boarded-up buildings, he believes the project will bring life back into the neighborhood.

The university is working closely with Mayor Anthony Williams's Office of Planning and Economic Development, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the

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Death of Pledges Raises Concern Among HU Students

By Catherine Jones
Contributing Writer

Last Monday night, while students at Howard were enjoying the kick-off of "Bison Nights" in the Punch Out, the lifeless bodies of two students from California State University Los Angeles were being pulled out of Dockweiler State Beach. Police believe they died as a result of hazing.

Kristin High, a 20-year-old business major and Kenitha Saafir, a 24-year-old studio art major, were seniors pledging an underground line of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA). Five other women were involved in the incident, three members of AKA and two other pledges.

According to a witness, one girl was knocked down by a big wave and pulled underwater. The other girl died trying to save her life. According to an article in the Los Angeles Times, the waves were as high as 10 feet, and the rip-tide was strong enough to drag swimmers 300 yards out to sea.

Lawrence Ross, Jr., author of the national best seller, "The Divine Nine," explained that "wade-into-the-ocean" rituals are typical.

Blindfolded, pledges make their way through the waves to a leader, who cheers them on. This ritual is supposed to instill trust, and is a staple of West Coast pledge routines.

Hazing is a problem in both white and black Greek letter organizations. According to reports, over 80 people have died during pledge activities over the last 12 years during rites that involved binge drinking, beatings and extreme physical exertion.

Currently, 43 states have zero tolerance hazing laws, not including: Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Michigan, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Some students at Howard were shocked by Monday's incident, and outraged that lives were lost in the name of "sisterhood."

"It's sad that they died for an organization rooted in uplifting and sisterhood," Steven Sussey, a sophomore marketing major said.

Others said they feel the girls had a choice not to participate in the ritual.

"It is ridiculous that two people lost their lives," said Taneisha Johnson, a junior

psychology major. "But when you decide to join a Greek organization you know that there are certain require-

ments, and if you are uncomfortable with doing some of those things, then you shouldn't join."

of five of the nine black Greek letter fraternities and sororities in the National Panhellenic Council, and has

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Although the NPHC Greek organizations banned pledging, the University has not, which means that non-Greek organizations may still pledge, as long as they do not haze.

Roberta McCleod, Director of Blackburn and member of AKA expressed her grief.

"I am sure they [AKA founders] never intended that anyone associated with our sisterhood would do anything to harm, cause pain or endanger another sister," she said.

Derek Rogers, president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, feels extreme cases of pledging are rare, and should not deter people from joining Greek organizations.

"Pledging a fraternity or sorority is something you pledge your life to," Rogers said. "Seeing how these instances are the exception and not the norm, if one is strong in their conviction to join that fraternity or sorority, they won't let the fear of the unknown deter them."



Clockwise from top, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha step on the main quadrangle, members of Zeta Phi Beta at a "coming out show," members of Omega Psi Phi at a "coming out show," members of Alpha Phi Alpha step on the main quadrangle, members of Phi Beta Sigma hanging out on main campus, Sigma Gamma Rho step on the main quadrangle, members of Delta Sigma Theta pose at a step show, members of Kappa Alpha Psi pose on the main quadrangle. Not pictured: members of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

Cases of severe hazing

Phi Beta Sigma

September 21, 2000- Michlen Robinson, ex-Norfolk State University student seeks \$500,000 from local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in hazing lawsuit.

Delta Sigma Theta

April 24, 2002- The Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Theta chapter, has had its charter withdrawn by Purdue for hazing new members.

Omega Psi Phi

February 14, 2002- a \$15 million lawsuit filed against Omega Psi Phi fraternity claims an initiation hazing killed a Tennessee State University pledge.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

August 9, 2001- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has been placed on a two-year suspension for hazing pledges.

Kappa Alpha Psi

June 13, 2001- Brandon Sylve, a pledge at Louisiana State University injured so seriously during alleged hazing is suing the school and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Alpha Phi Alpha

May 29, 1997- A Cornell University student, and Alpha Phi Alpha pledge was beaten so badly across the buttocks during an alleged fraternity hazing that he needed skin grafts to repair the damage and blood transfusions to counter the infections.

ments, and if you are uncomfortable with doing some of those things, then you shouldn't join."

Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, Dean of Student Life and Activities, and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority said that as far as she knows there have been no deaths at Howard due to hazing.

Howard is the birthplace

a zero tolerance hazing policy.

Hazing is defined by the University as "conduct that causes or intends to cause psychological, emotional or physical harm to any person as a part of initiation into or affiliation with any campus-based organizations."

The National Panhellenic Council banned pledging in



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After a Month of School, Students Apathetic About Visitation

By Paris McCoy
Contributing Writer

Four weeks have passed since the initial rally on the yard that addressed students' outrage over the termination of 24-hour visitation privileges in the dorms, but still no solutions.

Has the issue of visitation taken a backseat since class work has begun to pile up, football season started, parties are being announced, clubs are recruiting new students, and other concerns have arisen?

Nicole Chenault, a finance major and Meridian Hill Hall resident feels the new 24-hour visitation rule is still a major concern.

"Upper classmen are responsible adults and pay a considerable amount of money to stay on campus and thus we should have 24-hour visitation seven days a week," Chenault said. "HUSA needs to find out what needs to happen in order to create a new visitation policy that will satisfy both parties."

According to Howard University Student Association President Cornell Williamson, the issue is not as urgent as it was in the beginning of the semester;

nonetheless, it is still at the top of a list of concerns held by the general student body.

"HUSA started to tackle the visitation issue early in the semester in order to take the proper steps needed, and to provide ourselves with ample time to go through the necessary ranks so the visitation policy will be revised by Sept. 20," Williamson said.

In addition to the rally held in August, HUSA has started and circulated a petition that has been signed by 2,300 students which is approximately 20 percent of the student body.

The petition says students are unhappy with the process used to make changes in the housing policy, and also demands that an advisory board be created where students can take part in the decision making process of matters which affect them directly.

Franklin D. Chambers, Dean of Residence Life gave three reasons for the change: general concern for safety, Residence Life wanted visitation hours to reflect the shuttle bus hours, and prevention of students abusing the visitation system and their roommates.

"We don't want our stu-

dents roaming the streets late at night with no way to get home," Chambers said.

Students are still outraged that everyone is being punished for the immaturity and irresponsibility of a few.

Outside of HUSA's efforts, students have not taken any initiative of their own to show their displeasure of this new policy.

Some students feel problems with visitation were bound to happen and that there is nothing they can do about it, and students who live in the East Towers (the only University dorm with 24-hour visitation) feel it is not their problem.

"I have more important things to worry about than visitation," said James Townsend, junior West Towers resident. "Eventually security will lighten up and people will be able to get their guest in the building regardless."

Some students feel betrayed by Howard's administrators and view the new changes Residence Life has implemented as its way of saying "we are less competent in handling our affairs than our white counterparts at other universities."

"My friends that attend



HUSA president Cornell Williamson recently rallied student support in the fight to restore 24-hour visitation.

Georgetown, American, and George Washington have the freedom to make their own decisions," she said. "Why am I old enough to pay for housing, and live on my own, but not old enough to decide when I should and should not

have company?" Nicole Frye, an interior design major and Meridian resident said.

Visitation privileges begin today, but possible compromises in visitation hours seem weak.

Chambers and the Office

of Residence Life are settled on sticking with the new visitation policies.

"After the first semester, we will re-look the new policy but I am not making any promises," Chambers said.

Yardstyle Magazine: Showcasing the Talents and Experiences of the Entire HBCU Community

By Jesyca Westbrook
Contributing Writer

For many students, the college experience is not just about academics and the quest for higher learning. It is about what happens in-between classes.

Some feel Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) specialize in lifelong connections that produce true love for your alma mater. If you visit the main yard of any HBCU after a good game or in-between classes, you will see this magic come to life.

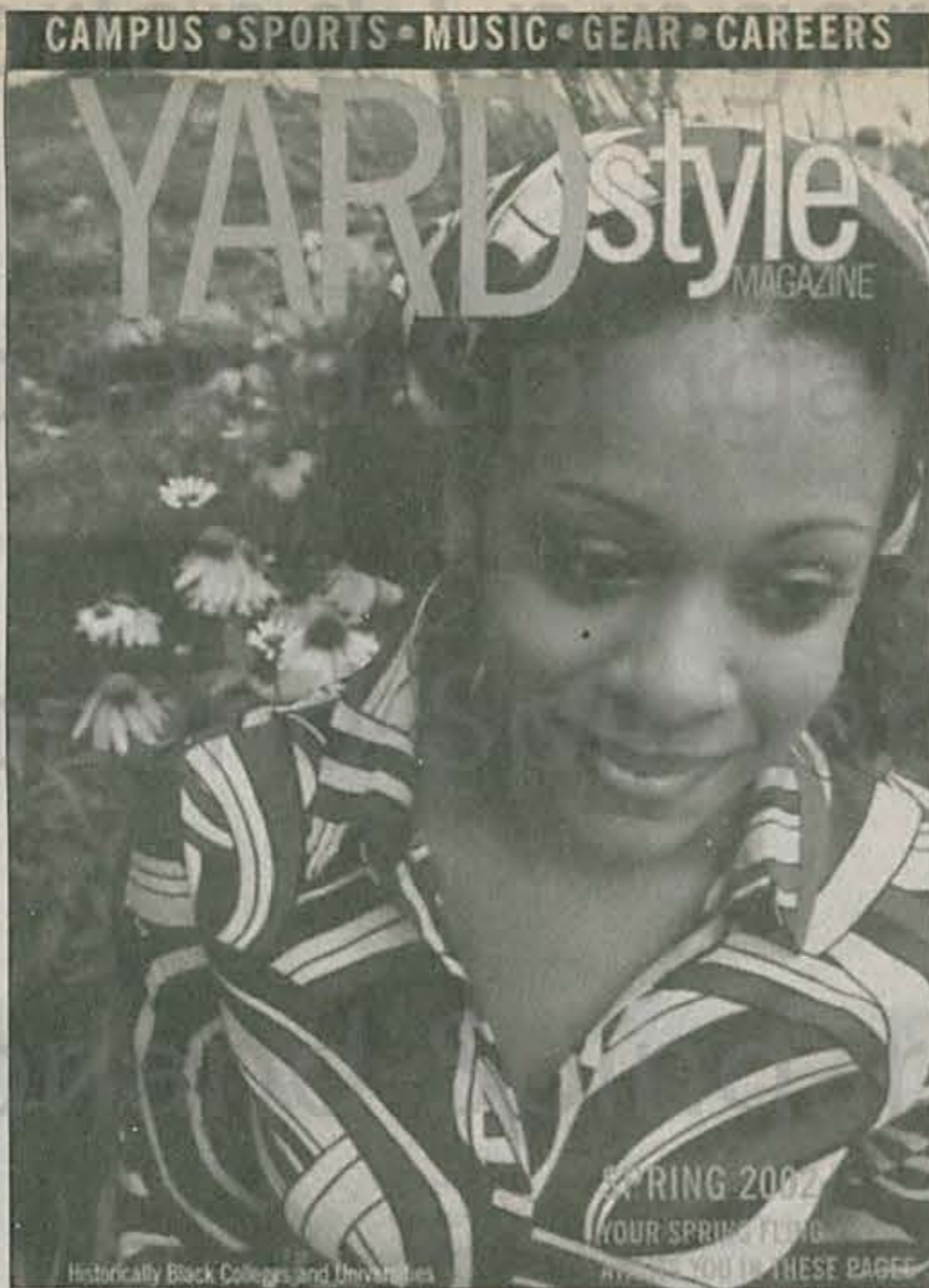
Students at black colleges along with alumni hoping to unite HBCUs nationwide have captured "yard life" in a new magazine called Yardstyle.

At the size of a Jet magazine with comparisons to both Vibe and Source magazines, Yardstyle magazine is like no other publication because it focuses solely on the lives, interests, and concerns of college students.

Morgan State alumnus, Michael Tucker, came up with the idea to create a magazine geared toward college life for students at HBCUs one year ago. He is the editor-in-chief of the magazine.

"We want to give black college students something to talk about and be proud of, a magazine that speaks to them in their language about their issues," Tucker said. "Our mission is to inspire and entertain."

So far, 20 schools are scheduled to receive the first issue, which comes out in November. Schools included in circulation are Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark-Atlanta University,



Above, the cover of Yard Style magazine, a new publications targeting students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Howard University, Hampton University, Morgan State University, Lincoln College, Florida A&M University, and Xavier University.

Each school involved has representatives that submit stories, ideas and keep Yardstyle editors abreast of issues on their campuses.

Sections for the magazine are: "Blueprint," a section dedicated to trailblazing successful black college alumni; "Yard life," a collection of editorials about campus life; "Green," financial stories designed to help students with finances

and provide information about scholarships and internships; "Vibes," the talent corner for poetry and other forms of art and entertainment; and "Look," which hopes to highlight the hottest new fashions to hit campuses.

Since the articles focus on campus issues like Greek life, school fashions and sports teams, the student representatives and student readers are very important in producing the magazine and keeping it current, said Bobby Patterson, marketing advisor for Yardstyle.

"Writing for the magazine is a lot different from writing for your college paper or local column, because the issues [in Yardstyle] are common for all HBCUs and will be showcased on a broader scale," Patterson said.

Students at HBCUs nationwide account for 85 percent of the magazine's material.

"We want student involvement, and if a student has talent, then we want to showcase them in our magazine," said David Watson, distribution manager for Yardstyle.

Direct Impulse, the same group that carried Howard's 2001 Homecoming and Vibe magazine, funds Yardstyle. Other sponsors are also being considered.

Tucker feels African-American buying power is just starting to be recognized by big name companies like Nike, Coca-Cola, Pepsi and McDonalds, MTV, and Tampax. They are starting to see how viable black colleges are, and are trying to accommodate black college students, Tucker said.

"By producing this magazine, we hope to bridge the gap between corporate America and Historically Black College students," he said. "Competition between schools is healthy, but sometimes it hurts. We need to show how strong we are as a community of talented black students."

This year, the group plans to produce four or five issues, increasing circulation as popularity increases. Yardstyle hopes to showcase the talents and experiences of the entire HBCU community.

Editors can be contacted at www.yardstyle.net.

Student-Athlete Tutoring Program Helps Athletes Climb the Academic Ladder



Photo by Andra Reed

Studying is an essential part of college life. Now, student athletes will get extra attention with a new tutoring program.

By Ashley Kelly
Contributing Writer

After long practices, rigorous workouts, and tedious schedules, athletes still have the responsibility of maintaining good grades.

In addition to the tutoring services provided by the University, student-athlete tutoring services are offered on campus to help athletes who are in jeopardy of falling off the academic ladder.

For athletes who maintain a GPA of 2.3 or higher tutoring is provided on an as need basis, but athletes who have a GPA below 2.3 tutoring is mandatory.

"Tutoring is highly recommended for freshman, but all athletes who need help with their classes are encouraged to use the service," said Tewon Steven's, the Associate Athletic Advisor.

All athletes are required to attend mandatory study hall, but the tutoring services have proved to benefit athletes even more.

"Tutoring is good, and it helps a lot because it is all about bettering yourself. It's definitely a positive thing. The football team is also required to have study

hall daily for at least 2 hours," Devaughn Venable, a freshman football player said.

Most tutoring sessions are held in the conference rooms of the Burr Annex and Cook Hall. Study hall times are scheduled around the athletes' classes.

During the summer, Steven's says he searched for tutors specifically in the school of Education, who are majoring in Curriculum and Instruction. He wanted students from this department of the School of Education because he wanted to give students more experience in the education field.

Although Steven's looked for specific students all students are welcome to become tutors. The only requirement is a minimum GPA of a 3.0.

Steven's stands behind the tutoring program, but says that it is not the only thing athletes need to earn good grades.

He says, "My only concern is that athletes look within themselves before [seeking] tutors. I encourage them to get help from professors and study groups as well."

METRO

NCBW Sponsors its 18th Annual Awards Brunch

By Kedist Hirpassa
Contributing Writer

The National Congress of Black Women Inc., a nonprofit organization founded by C. Delores Tucker hosted its 18th Annual Awards Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

There were approximately 1,200 attendees among them were the 2002 Annual Awards Brunch Honorees, Shirley Franklin, Regena L. Thomas, Renee Poussaint, and Barbara Van Blake.

The first presenter was Coretta Scott King, who presented Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin with an award. Upon Franklin's inauguration she has previously served under the supervision of three prominent black mayors and

later won the title of the first black woman to serve as mayor in Atlanta.

Minyon Moore, a member of the Democratic National Committee, presented an award to her mentor Regena L. Thomas. On Jan. 15 Thomas was sworn in as secretary of state of New Jersey.

Dorothy I. Height, chair of the National Council of Negro Women presented Barbara Van Blake with an award. Since 1977, Blake has served as the director of the Human Rights and Community Relation Department of the American Federation of Teachers.

Renee Poussaint, a veteran journalist and president of Wisdom Works received an award for her positive portrayal of blacks in the media.

The brunch began at 10 a.m. with a prayer from Rev. Barbara Skinner. At noon, DeLores Tucker acknowledged the students enrolled in College for Kids and in College for Teens.

College for Kids is a nationwide program and is currently being hosted at Howard University in which 80 students are enrolled. The two educational programs were established by NCBW to promote and fund scholarships for inner city youth. The program also assists teens in preparation for college.

A student enrolled in College for Teens explained that her enrollment in College for Teens has helped her with increasing her scores on the PSAT. Students enrolled in College for Teens will receive

full scholarship to attend Chaney University in Philadelphia, upon graduation. This year, College for Teens will be hosted in Bowie University.

The event ended at the U.S. Capitol where protesters rallied for inclusion of Sojourner Truth on the Suffragists statue that was placed in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

Despite the rain students along with civil rights activists surrounded the U.S. Capitol in search of justice. Students from the Martin Luther King Center in Philadelphia attended the rally.

A few students wore a shirt that read 'Without Truth History is Incomplete.'



Photo by Thelisha Woods

The NCBW awards brunch was attended by Coretta Scott King and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin.

Metro Briefs

Government- Mayor Williams's reelection campaign paid its fine of \$250,000 to the D.C. Board of Elections for the fraudulent signatures on his nominating petitions.

Originally the campaign was fined \$277,700 but it was lowered when Williams agreed to train future signature volunteers.

The fine was due Monday but Williams paid it Friday and is now on a working vacation in Greece.

Community- Officials working under the "Clean City Initiative" are strictly enforcing the fines for leaving outdated signs from campaign elections.

Candidates who leave signs up for more than 30 days after

the elections on Nov. 5 will be fined, according to clean city initiative coordinator Vincent M. Spaulding. After Dec. 5, any candidate with signs still hanging in the District will be fined \$35 per sign. They will also have their names listed on the city's website along with the amount of money they owe.

Candidates will also be hit with a fine if they post more than three signs per city block. Residents who notice a violation may call 202-727-1000.

Education- The latest rankings from U.S. News and World Report list the University of Maryland's undergraduate business program as one of the best in the nation.

The school ranked number 18 out of 20 of the nation's top business schools. The university also ranked high in categories such as management information systems, e-commerce, and supply chain management and logistics.

The D.C. Board of Education has announced that any parents who have not provided proof of their child's immunizations by today will be sent to truancy court.

More than 1,100 students in the District have failed to provide proper documentation that they have received their shots. Seventy-five percent of that is high school students.

The District's Department of Health continues to provide

free shots. The number to call is 800-666-2229.

Hospitals- The metropolitan area is facing a blood shortage again. Officials are calling for people to donate blood. When a person gives blood, they can save up to three lives according to health care professionals.

Officials are concerned that if there is a region-wide emergency there will not be enough blood to preserve homeland security.

Postal Service- Tuesday, the U.S. Postal Service conducted a final system test of the District's mail center on Brentwood Road in northeast D.C. Officials tested to make

sure Brentwood was ready to be fumigated for anthrax spores.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was there to circle the building to ensure that no toxic chemicals from the fumigation were leaked into the air. As of yet, no date has been set as to when the fumigation and all the tests will be complete at Brentwood.

It has been estimated that the cost to complete the Brentwood project could cost up to \$22 million.

Brentwood has been closed since October when it was discovered that two anthrax-contaminated letters that were sorted there were later delivered to the Hart Senate Office Building.

Police- Kenyon Street N.W. will soon become the next site of a metropolitan police substation. This would place approximately 90 officers in the area that has been ridden with violent crime and drug trafficking.

The decision to place the substation there comes after last weeks shooting where six people were shot early Saturday morning. Prior to that shooting, another shooting had occurred on Sept. 11 where three were wounded and one was killed in a drive by.

One man still remains in critical condition from Saturday's shooting after being shot in the head.

Proposed Senate Bill Aimed for Better Rural Health Care

By Amanda J. Smith
The Parthenon (Marshall U.)

(U-WIRE) HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - People living in rural areas, including many West Virginians, may get more local doctors and those doctors may get a 20 percent bonus as part of a proposed bill in the U.S. Senate.

U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller, IV D-W.Va., plans to offer doctors new incentives as part of his Medicare Incentive Payment

Program Refinement Act of 2002, which was introduced Sept. 9 on the Senate floor.

Rockefeller's bill updates the original Medicare Incentive Payment Program, which was enacted in 1987 to attract physicians to areas considered to be short of health professionals. If passed, the new bill would increase the current 10 percent quarterly bonus to 20 percent for doctors participating in the program.

"People living in rural areas deserve the same med-

ical treatment as those who live in cities," Rockefeller said. "The reality is that many rural residents don't have the same options as their urban counterparts."

The bonus will be provided to primary care physicians including doctors who practice in family and general medicine, general internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine and general surgery.

Additionally, the program will automate payments so physicians will no longer have to fill out paper-

work to figure out whether or not they are eligible for the program.

"Sen. Rockefeller is right on track in observing that people in rural areas deserve the same level of care that people in more urban areas," Dr. John B. Walden, associate dean for admissions and development of the Marshall University School of Medicine, said. "His proposal is one very important step in addressing the complex issue of getting physicians out into areas that have a shortage of primary care

doctors."

"I believe a 20 percent bonus is a step in the right direction because so many doctors are leaving West Virginia after they get their degree," Dora Gonzales, a graduate biology major from Huntington, said. "It's a positive thing that West Virginia is becoming more competitive to keep doctors where they're needed."

Rockefeller said in a prepared statement, "In the past there was a broad scope of physicians that didn't even know they could partic-

ipate in the program. With these improvements, residents of more rural communities will be able to receive the primary care they need while the doctors benefit as well by extending their services."

Walden said, "I certainly think his plan would make rural practice a more attractive option, especially for people who enjoy the rural setting and lifestyle but are concerned about how on earth they will support themselves and their families."

George Washington University Professor Sues McDonald's

By Kathryn Bangs
The GW Hatchet (George Washington U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Overweight Americans might already blame fast food meals for their size, but after a George Washington University professor finishes his work on an upcoming lawsuit, obese individuals may send their medical bills to McDonald's.

John Banzhaf, a GW law professor, is currently working on a case on behalf of Ashley Pelman and Jazlen Bradley, two overweight 8-year-old girls who "were lured into McDonald's with playgrounds and tiny toys," he said.

The complaint was filed in the New York State Supreme Court Aug. 22, but a trial date is yet to be set.

"To get the little toys, you have to buy the meal," Banzhaf said.

Banzhaf contends McDonald's birthday parties, which include games and prizes along with hamburgers and fries, are also to blame because the girls have to eat "greasy" food if they want to be accepted into a particular social ring.

Although he noted individuals

should take some blame for their obesity because they choose the foods they eat, Banzhaf said 8-year-olds are incapable of making health-related decisions.

"It is hard to argue that these girls have personal responsibility," he said. "If girls can't understand the consequences of sex at 16, it is hard to say that girls of eight can understand the consequences of eating greasy food."

Some experts said increasing obesity in children is linked to the popularity of fast food restaurants.

"Fast food restaurants are obviously trying to attract young kids with toys and easy meals," child psychologist Beth Liederman said.

"I don't think (the lawsuit) will decrease obesity, but it will increase awareness of fast food's role," said Jacqueline Johnson, coordinator of exercise research and services at GW.

Banzhaf said "warnings and clear and conspicuous labeling of fat and calorie content" might solve his problems with the fast food chain.

McDonald's displays its nutrition facts in all restaurants and on its Web site, though federal law does not

require them to, restaurant customer service representative Pito Martinez said.

There are nearly twice as many overweight children and almost three times as many overweight adolescents as there were in 1980, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's 2001 Report on overweight and obesity. Approximately 300,000 deaths a year in the United States are currently associated with overweight and obesity.

"If left unabated, overweight and obesity may soon cause as much preventable disease and death as cigarette smoking," the report concluded.

Some experts think Banzhaf has no case.

Eating fast food is the choice of the customer, said John Doyle, co-founder of Consumer Freedom.

Consumer Freedom is an organization representing restaurant operators and individuals who want to preserve consumer rights to spend their money on foods they choose.

"The child's lawsuit will be laughed out of court," Doyle said.

Samuel Hirsch is the attorney for the case, in which Banzhaf is an adviser

and researcher.

He said he uses his skills "to help society ... because they serve public interest."

Banzhaf's current case is not his first interaction with McDonald's.

Two years ago James Pizzirusso, a student in Banzhaf's class, said McDonald's claimed its french fries were vegetarian, but they were pre-cooked in beef fat.

In an official McDonald's apology, the corporation admitted to "improperly" identifying its fries as vegetarian, according to McDonald's Web site.

The class conducted legal research for the lawsuit and then passed it to a trial lawyer. Banzhaf said out of the \$12.5 million won in the settlement, \$10 million went to vegan, Muslim and Hindu organizations, and \$2.5 million went to lawyer fees.

"This was a problem for people who are vegan, Hindu and Muslim," Banzhaf said. "It is much like a person slipping pork into a kosher meal."

-Julie Gordon contributed to this report.

This Day in D.C.

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

1664- Anti-Amalgamation Law- On this date, Maryland enacted the first anti-amalgamation law to prevent widespread intermarriage. The law attempted to stop whites and blacks from marrying and "mixing" together. Other colonies followed and passed similar laws such as Virginia in 1691.

1830- Convention- The First Negro Convention of Free Men was held. The participants agreed to boycott slave-produced goods.

1850- Slavery- The slave trade became abolished in D.C., but slavery was allowed to continue.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Students Get Paid To Stay In Shape

By Krissy Posey
Contributing Writer

Looking for a way to earn money and tone your body? If so, this is the perfect time to take advantage of the Nutrition and Physical Education Study which will be conducted by the Department of Nutritional Sciences, the Physical Education Department, and Physicians Assistants.

This study is geared toward fighting the escalating problem of obesity in America.

According to a 1998 study done by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), there are currently 91 million Americans considered to be obese, and the numbers are increasing.

African-Americans have a higher rate of obesity than other groups of people. While many people opt for other ways to lose weight such as diet pills or the common ear patch, Michael D. Myers, a private California Physician said these programs have been proven to be unsuccessful.

After gaining knowledge about the growing problem of obesity, Isles, Associate Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, and Registered Dietitian, submitted a proposal to the Fund for Academic Excellence here at Howard for a grant to allow faculty to conduct the research project.

"There were a lot of reports in the news about rising incidents of obesity in society especially in African-Americans," Isles said. "There were also reports of students gaining 15 lbs. in their first year of college. So I thought the study would be a good idea."

The study will consist of two groups, an experimental

group and a control group. The experimental group will have to attend nutritional and educational sessions, food preparation demonstrations, and attend a walking session.

The nutritional and educational sessions will talk about healthy eating habits, incidents of obesity in blacks and college students, how to modify your diet, benefits of physical activity, and the surgeon generals concern of arising incidents of obesity among Americans. The walking session will consist of walking for one hour three times a week for six weeks.

The control group will not attend sessions nor exercise. In the first session, both groups will have their blood pressure taken, percentage of body fat, height, and weight. At the end of the program, the same measurements will be taken of the experimental group and the control group to see if the program was successful. Participants will be given \$10 for every session they attend.

Shymee Davis, who interned at Howard in Nutritional Science signed up for the study. "I signed up to lose weight," she said. I also wanted to improve my health status."

Isles said, "Many times, we have a number of health professionals such as physicians, nurses, psychologist, diabetic educators, and nutritionist come in to give presentations to the group." Many of whom are graduates of Howard University."

A meeting was held last Friday, for interested students. "Most students are interested in being part of the experimental group because of the experience," Isles said. Isles did not want to give out the criteria stating who will be placed in what group. A meeting was also held on



Photo by Melanie Nesbit
Students have the chance to earn money while they tone their bodies.

Wednesday.

Ulaka Lewis, Graduate Assistant for the exercise and physiology department is assisting with the study. "It is an interesting study. It is a chance for people to become more educated on nutrition," Lewis said. Hopefully when the study is over, the participants will continue to exercise and practice healthy eating habits."

There was another interesting meeting held on Wednesday, September 18th.

"Enough people did not sign up at the first meeting," Isles said. "The study will not begin until I reach the number of participants I want."

A definite date has not yet been given as to when the study will begin.

If interested contact Eleanora Isles, Associate Professor Department of Nutritional Science (202) 806-5658, or Ulaka Lewis, Graduate Student Exercise Physiology (301) 894-0918.

Allied Health Hosts Open House Wednesday

By LaToya Pumphrey
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday afternoon the Blackburn Center Reading Room was filled with future doctors, physical therapists, radiation therapists, and many other health related professionals.

The Division of Allied Health Sciences hosted an Open House from 12 to 2 P.M. where students could come and receive information about the different Allied Health programs and future professions that are available in the health field. Students received informative pamphlets and were treated to some refreshments afterwards. Some programs present were Physical Therapy, Health Management Sciences, Radiation Therapy, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Occupational Therapy.

Each program provided a station with important information. Radiation Therapy provided a visual to go along with their information about breast exams and the prevention of breast cancer. Nutritional Sciences were giving fat analysis to accompany their information.

Many faculty and staff attended the Open House. Peggy Valentine, Associate Dean of Allied Health Sciences said, "This is a good thing to do every year. There are plenty of students that come to Howard with an undecided major, and something like this helps them get information on careers and professions they might not be familiar with." Valentine continued to explain that the Allied Health programs provide students with more opportunities, "it [Allied

Health] opens up the world to you," she stated.

At the Open House, current Allied Health students and faculty answered questions and provided information to visitors. Assistant Professor Desmond Coverley, in Health Management Sciences, felt that last year's open house flyers were passed out earlier and so the student attendance rate flowed better. "This year the flyers were passed out later and students were trickling in slowly."

Yunetta Porter, a junior Radiation Therapy student agreed that the turn-out last year was better, but this year was still good. "I liked the advertisements, but we needed a way to get students in. Maybe if it [open house] would have been later in the evening, instead of at lunch time, we would have a better turn out." Porter also said that the event provided her

with good practice in communication and helped her become more familiarized with her field.

Porter added that all Allied Health programs are in great demand. "Students usually don't have any problems finding employment after graduating. In addition, Allied Health provides students with choices, whether they would like to get a job or pursue a higher education, they are prepared."

Jan Mitchell, sophomore Biology major said, "I appreciate Allied Health Sciences. I felt that this event was very informative, unfortunately, I didn't know about it beforehand. I just happened to be walking by and stuck my head in."

For those students that did not know about the Open House or were unable to fit it in their schedule, the Division of Allied Health Sciences has a free CD-Rom that gives information about all seven programs that can be downloaded. "Students can download the program on their computer and pass the information on to a friend," Valentine explains. For a copy of the CD-Rom, see Deborah Wells in Room 111 of Annex #1 (across from Communications Building).



Photo by Melanie Nesbit
An Allied Health Faculty member informs students about ways to test for breast cancer.

Let's Face It: Better Skin Care

By Metanoya Webb
Contributing Writer

For many college students the general appearance of their skin is important and while blemish free skin may come naturally for some, others struggle with common skin problems on a daily basis.

Larrisa Mikensy, a freshman computer science major and sufferer of oily skin, envies those lucky individuals who have soft, pretty, flawless, skin. "I wish my skin wasn't so oily," Mikensy said. "I have to wash my face with Neutrogena foam wash three times a day and drink a lot of water to prevent my skin from breaking out, and those precautions don't always work."

Dermatologists suggest that there are four basic skin types that people can have: oily, dry, normal, and in some cases individuals may



File Photo
This woman applies the proper nutrients to maintain healthy skin.

have combination skin, which is a mixture of oily and dry skin.

Oily skin results in over activity of the sebaceous glands, hence, excess of sebum oily substances on the skins surface. Oily skin tends to be thick with enlarged black heads and particularly rich in pathogenic flora.

The main causes of these skin types are climate, hot, damp,

sunny, etc., uses of strong cosmetic products, especially alcohol or food which is too rich in fat and sugar. Internal factors such as hormones, nerves, and heredity also play a major part in having oily skin because they can stimulate the secretion of a substance called sebum. Sebum coats the skin and prevents the evaporation of natural water.

Dry skin by definition does not produce sufficient sebum. Dry skin is usually rough, uneven, scaly, brittle, cracked or often even red in color. This skin type usually occurs from the removal of natural skin oils.

By various cleansers and solvents. Very dry or cold weather can also result in the texture of the skin being extremely dry.

The organization secures housing and provides general information on the registration process.

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Life as a First Year Med Student

Tarik Barrett

I begin this column where I left off the last one...exhausted. I was actually up until 6:00 a.m. this morning.

It was déjà vu from last Wednesday, when I was up studying until 6:00 a.m. as well. The only reason I even went to class last Thursday was because we had a quiz scheduled, which they eventually postponed until Friday, thank God.

Lack of sleep is really starting to catch up with me—I've even had a few Mystic energy drinks. In addition to the many other challenges that face me daily, sleep deprivation is quickly becoming an additional way of life.

Now, recapping my week: on Tuesday, we began to cover material that I have no prior exposure to (the fun starts now).

On Wednesday, we finally got our notebook computers. I'm actually using it right now... it's the first computer I've ever owned, so I'm pretty excited about it.

The whole computer distributor process took over four hours (and we had a quiz scheduled for the following Thursday...which is why they ended up postponing it until

the following day).

Because I went out after the first exam, I was behind in my studies. Postponing the quiz a day was truly a blessing, and allowed me to catch up enough to pass. Having learned from my mistake after the first exam, I managed to study until the library closed on Friday. I actually was up until 4:00 a.m. thanks to Ms. Devlin.

Saturday, I woke up early to go to a tutorial session at 11:00 a.m. The MedStar tutor really helped me catch up on the material.

That night, I went to the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) party at Dream. I had a really good time...but as they say, what happens at Dream, stays at Dream.

I spent most of the day Sunday studying with one of the members of my study group, BK's Finest.

We had our exam review today. Carelessness caught me. I missed questions because I didn't read them thoroughly. Overall, I performed pretty well. We also received our slides for Histology and our syllabus, which is just as thick as the first one, for the next block. It begins after our second exam on Monday and lasts for six



Tarik Barrett

weeks. Last night it finally dawned on me just how immense the volume of information we're expected to master during our first two years really is.

Additionally, the pace at which the information is taught has begun to accelerate. Medical school is truly not for the faint of heart. In our first month of school, there have been times where my life-long dream of being a physician is the only thing that has maintained my focus.

It truly is a challenge to discipline myself to study hard every day, when I've never studied for real in my entire life.



Crucial Arrests Made in "War Against Terror" Suspected Al Qaeda Operatives in U.S. Custody

By Amber Mobley
Nation & World Editor

A 30-year-old Yemeni Ramzi Binalshibh, who according to investigators is a high-ranking operative for the Al-Qaeda terrorist network, was captured in Karachi, Pakistan, earlier this week.

Reports say that Binalshibh could be the most important Al-Qaeda leader captured since the arrest of Abu Zubaydah in Pakistan.

American authorities will transfer him into their custody to interrogate him for information regarding the planning of the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

"We will be working with the Pakistani officials to make certain that he gets to the right place," Condoleezza Rice, President George W. Bush's national security adviser, said last Sunday on ABC. "There's no doubt that the United States will want to have access to him and to have him, because this is an important breakthrough."

The Capture

Binalshibh has been a very high-profile personality on Al Jazeera, the Arab satellite television network. In an interview he stated that he had extensive knowledge of Al-Qaeda's network and operational techniques.

In the interview, he described methods of communication and

code words used as part of the Sept. 11 planning.

Binalshibh, as well as ten suspected Islamic militants, was captured Wednesday during a shoot-out in Karachi.

"If [Binalshibh] cooperates, it will be a major breakthrough in efforts to break up the remnants of Al-Qaeda in Europe and other places," a Western diplomat said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell also emphasized Sunday



Photo courtesy of NY Times
U.S. authorities are calling the arrest of Ramzi Binalshibh's, above, osignificant development in the "War Against Terror".

the importance of Binalshibh's capture.

"I think he's a pretty big fish. I mean, this is perhaps within the circle of those who were responsible for Sept. 11," Powell said on CNN. "And so, I think he is a pret-

ty big catch."

A Pakistani Interior Ministry official told The Associated Press that "as a matter of principle," Pakistan routinely handed over Al-Qaeda suspects to the United States.

As of press time, Binalshibh and the other captive operatives remained under interrogation by Pakistani and U.S. intelligence agencies. The U.S. authorities were primarily responsible for questioning the suspects, said the Interior Ministry official, but they technically remained in Pakistani custody.

Interior Minister Otto Schily of Germany said Sunday, "The extradition attempt of the U.S. has precedence."

Schily said Saturday that Germany, which had an international arrest warrant out on Binalshibh, wanted to extradite him, but wanted to come to an agreement with other countries that also had an interest in the suspect.

The United States' international War Against Terror has had hardships in penetrating Al-Qaeda and determining whether Osama bin Laden is dead or alive.

The arrest of Binalshibh comes at the same time as the arrests of six American citizens of Yemeni descent in Buffalo, New York. Many experts see the arrests of these six as proof that there is a terrorist cell operating within

American borders.

U.S. officials see the arrest of Binalshibh as a boost to its highly debated—and criticized—counter terrorism operation.

The connection

In addition to being one of the few people said to have knowledge of the Sept. 11 plot, Binalshibh was also a suspect because his name had come up in connection with other Al-Qaeda operations in Europe and North Africa, including a recent bombing in Tunisia, according to German and Spanish investigators.



Photo courtesy of CNN.com
Moussawi is another suspected Al Qaeda operative with ties to Binalshibh.

U.S. investigators hope that he will be able to give the names and locations of Al-Qaeda associates in Germany, Spain and

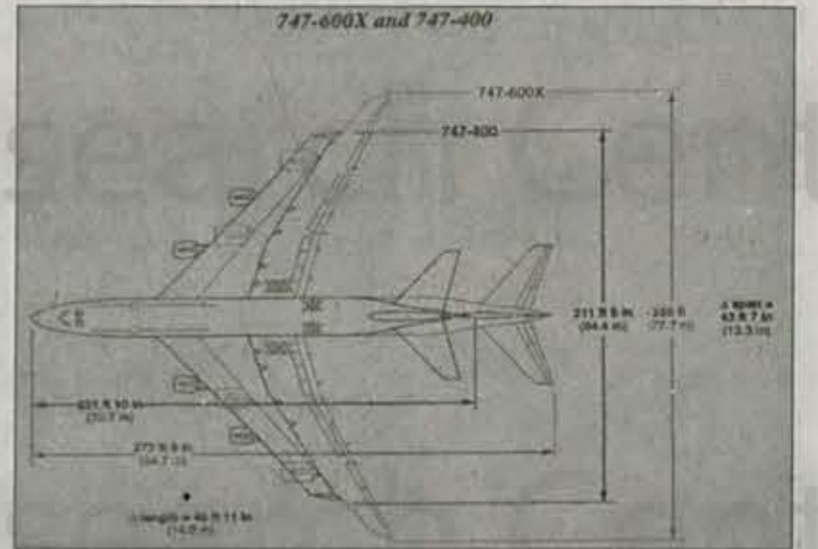


Photo Courtesy of FAA.gov
Diagram courtesy of the Federal Aviation Administration. Diagrams like the one pictured above, in addition to flight training simulating CD-Roms and other materials were known to be in Binalshibh's possession.

Southeast Asia.

"One by one, we are hunting the killers down," President George W. Bush said Saturday at the presidential retreat at Camp David, outside Washington.

"We are relentless, we are strong, and we are not going to stop."

In April, the Spanish police said they found Binalshibh's telephone number when they arrested the chief financier of Al-Qaeda's Spanish operations.

Authorities are looking for hard evidence that Binalshibh met in Spain with others involved in the Sept. 11 plot to finalize plans

for the attacks, including financial resources.

In Buffalo, New York criminal charges filed against six American citizens accused them of traveling to Afghanistan in the summer of 2001 for weapons training.

The twin breakthroughs in the Fight Against Terror came at the end of a week in which Americans remembered the Sept. 11 attacks of last year, were warned of a high risk of further attacks and heard the Bush administration set out arguments for taking the campaign against terrorism into Iraq.

A Special World Page Series

Starvation Threatens Lives of 14 Million Africans, 7 Countries



Photo courtesy of the British Broadcasting Corporation
This Malawian child is one of the nearly 14 million people starving in the southern region of Africa.

In Southern Africa, 14 million people are starving.

Drought, HIV and AIDS infection, and politics have been blamed for the worst starvation to hit the region in more than a decade.

Seven countries are being affected: Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

In the latest assessment of the threat to the seven countries, U.N. special envoy for humanitarian needs James Morris said, "This is the largest humanitarian regional crisis in the world today." Morris also heads the U.N. World Food Program.

"The human devastation to the most vulnerable people in these countries is overwhelming," Morris added that the crisis was exacerbated by AIDS, which has

left four million children orphaned and strained health care resources.

Due to the amount of suffering plaguing the people of Africa, The Hilltop Friday Nation & World section will dedicate a special section of each World page to the crisis.

Each week, a story featuring one or more of the countries previously mentioned will be printed to keep readers of *The Hilltop* up to date on the circumstances affecting that region.

— Amber Mobley, Nation & World Editor



Photo Courtesy of the BBC.com
The map above depicts the seven countries in southern Africa whose native people are suffering from severe starvation.

Back to Africa: News from the Motherland and Other Countries

Inspectors exoediate Iraq preparation

UNITED NATIONS - U.N. weapons inspectors are stepping up preparations for a possible return to Iraq.

Inspectors are in search of information in laboratories, satellite photos and test samples.

In a quarterly report to the U.N. Security Council, chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said unnamed nations were quietly briefing the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission "on activities and infrastructural changes" at sites in Iraq.

On Friday, the head of a U.N. atomic weapons inspection team banned by Baghdad said that satellite photos of Iraq show unexplained construction at sites the team used to visit in its search for evidence that Saddam Hussein was trying to develop nuclear arms.

The Bush administration contends Saddam is trying to obtain chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in defiance of his disarmament pledge after the Gulf War. It wants to oust him and is

seeking international support for a military strike.

Iraq says it wants to continue negotiations with the U.N. but has not responded to Secretary General Kofi Annan's request for permission for the inspectors to return.

Iran accuses U.S. of exploiting September 11

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran says that the United States fails to recognize Iran's counter terrorism efforts and accused Washington of using terrorist tactics itself.

Last Sunday, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said that since Sept. 11, the U.S. has been fighting terrorism through the use of force and violence, the same language used by terrorists.

Kharrazi said U.S. policies have promoted "global insecurity, anti-Islamic sentiments and clashes among cultures."

The Iranian chief diplomat accused the U.S. administration of using the attacks to settle accounts

with countries that disagree with Washington's policies.

The minister said Iran has arrested and deported anybody who has



links with Al-Qaeda and will continue its crack-down on other suspects if information is available.

Kharrazi also accused the U.S. administration of supporting local Afghan terrorist groups against Iran.

Woman finds husband's head on beach

HONIARA, Solomon Islands - A woman searching for her missing husband found his severed head on a beach in the Solomon Islands, officials reported late last week.

Police said it appeared the man, who disappeared the previous day, had been beheaded, but they could not say whether it was linked to fighting between rival ethnic militia which has left hundreds dead in the past two years.

The man, a Seventh Day Adventist deacon from Veramogho Village in the Weathercoast area had gone to a nearby village but failed to return.

His wife then went to search for him but only found his head, which had been cut off and left without the rest of the body on the

beach.

The motive is still unknown. Shootings and robberies are commonplace in the troubled South Pacific nation, with armed ethnic militiamen operating with virtual immunity.

Fighting between militias over land and jobs in the capital Honiara flared in June 2000. The conflict goes back to World War II, when many people from Malaita Island moved to Guadalcanal, the Solomon's main island, angering another ethnic group.

Possible terrorist attack averted

BERLIN - Astrid Eyzaguirre, a 23-year-old American woman, is suspected along with her fiance, Osman Petmezci, 25, of plotting a bombing attack involving chemicals at the U.S. Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg, where 16,000 U.S. service members, their dependents and civilian support staff live.

The woman worked in a general store for military personnel. Officials caught wind of the planned attack when Eyzaguirre

warned a co-worker to stay away from the store on Sept. 11.

Policemen killed in jungle fight

KATMANDU, Nepal - Hundreds of Communist rebels attacked a police station in a remote village earlier this week, killing at least 40 policemen and wounding 19 others.

There were 70 officers stationed at the post in Bhiman village, about 100 miles southeast of the capital Katmandu, and the remaining 11 policemen were believed to be hiding in the nearby jungle.

Officials suspect that hundreds of rebels took part in the late night attack.

Police sent reinforcements from their district headquarters just 12 miles away but the backup forces were unable to reach the station before morning because rebels were blocking roads in the area, the official said.

The insurgents have been fighting to overthrow Nepal's constitutional monarchy since 1996. The rebels say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary Mao Zedong.



NATION

Florida Fouls-up State Election: Reno Defeated

By Lloyd Freeman
Hilltop Staff Writer

The problems with the voting machines, infamous chads and alleged racial discrimination at Florida polls during the 2000 presidential election were supposed to be solved. New touch-screen voting machines were installed throughout the state at a cost of \$32 million.

Yet this year's gubernatorial election has proved to be just as disorganized as the 2000 presidential election.

The voting problems ranged from technical to human error. Workers had

machines; ballot cards tore and couldn't be read by optical scanners; technical problems delayed processing the electronic cartridges used in the new touch-screen machines.

In Miami-Dade County, nearly half of the ballots that were still uncounted on Wednesday were cast by black voters.

Yet, Tuesday, McBride was declared the winner by a very slim margin.

Some poll workers didn't show up, several polling places opened late and some voters were wrongly turned away for not showing picture identification.

It just goes to show that you really don't know if your vote counts or not, said Michael Wilson, a junior history major.

Not only are voters in Florida and around the nation wondering about their votes, but like in the 2000 presidential election, the democratic gubernatorial candi-

dates - former Attorney General Janet Reno and Tampa, Fla. lawyer Bill McBride - are said to be pondering recounts.

By late Wednesday, with 1 percent of precincts still to report, Reno trailed McBride for the gubernatorial nomination by about 11,000 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast.

The election was criticized even more because, once again, Florida had a high-profile race that was speculated to be too close to call.

The executive director of the Maryland-based Center for Voting and Democracy said that the voting problems are a nation-wide issue and sees this second Florida voting mishap as a sign of more problems to come in the November elections.

Like Gore did in the 2000 presidential election, Reno could demand a recount or sue to overturn the results.

In the gubernatorial election, there is less than half a percentage point difference in the votes for either candidate.

Secretary of State Jim Smith thought the race may have been tight enough for there to be an automatic statewide recount. It wasn't.

Numerous complaints last Tuesday - some coming from the NAACP - led Gov. Jeb Bush to extend polling by two hours - but that led to even more abuses.

Workers at one precinct hadn't been told about the extension, so they held the door shut and cursed at voters that tried to enter.

Fourteen of the state's 67 counties reported voting problems, including six of the seven that were sued after the 2000 presidential stalemate according to a CNN report.

As to who is to blame, many are unsure of where to point the finger.

"The mess was the result of no planning, poor leadership, lack of 'process ownership' and passing the buck," said state election monitor Mike Lindsey in reports.

All counties were required to get rid of punch-card ballots, which were replaced with touch-screen machines.

Despite all of the confusion and abuses, Jeb Bush said he has still got faith in Florida's voting process.

"Let's be clear about this: 65 counties got it right. Wasn't perfect, but they got it right," Bush said.

"I guarantee you that in November, the election will run much more smoothly

than the supervisors of elections allowed to occur," Bush said.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission, which issued a critical report after examining problems in 2000, warned in June of a "mini-disaster" in the primary because of voting machine changes, precinct changes after redistricting and lingering problems.

The Justice Department said it is looking into the latest problems.

One elections administration expert said it wasn't one machine or another that caused problems, but the sweeping efforts toward improvement.

"When you change as many things as you changed in Florida all at once, you can expect that the first election after that is not going to go smoothly," said Doug Lewis at the Elections Center, a national nonprofit group of



Photo Credit: Associated Press
Former Attorney General Janet Reno was defeated by Bill McBride in Florida's gubernatorial election.

election administrators.

Last Tuesday's election contests in 11 states and the District of Columbia brought other voting problems, though none as large as the ones in Florida.

In suburban Maryland, where a new computerized voting system was in place, workers at each poll site had to count results on paper and then drive the results and computer memory cards to county election headquarters.

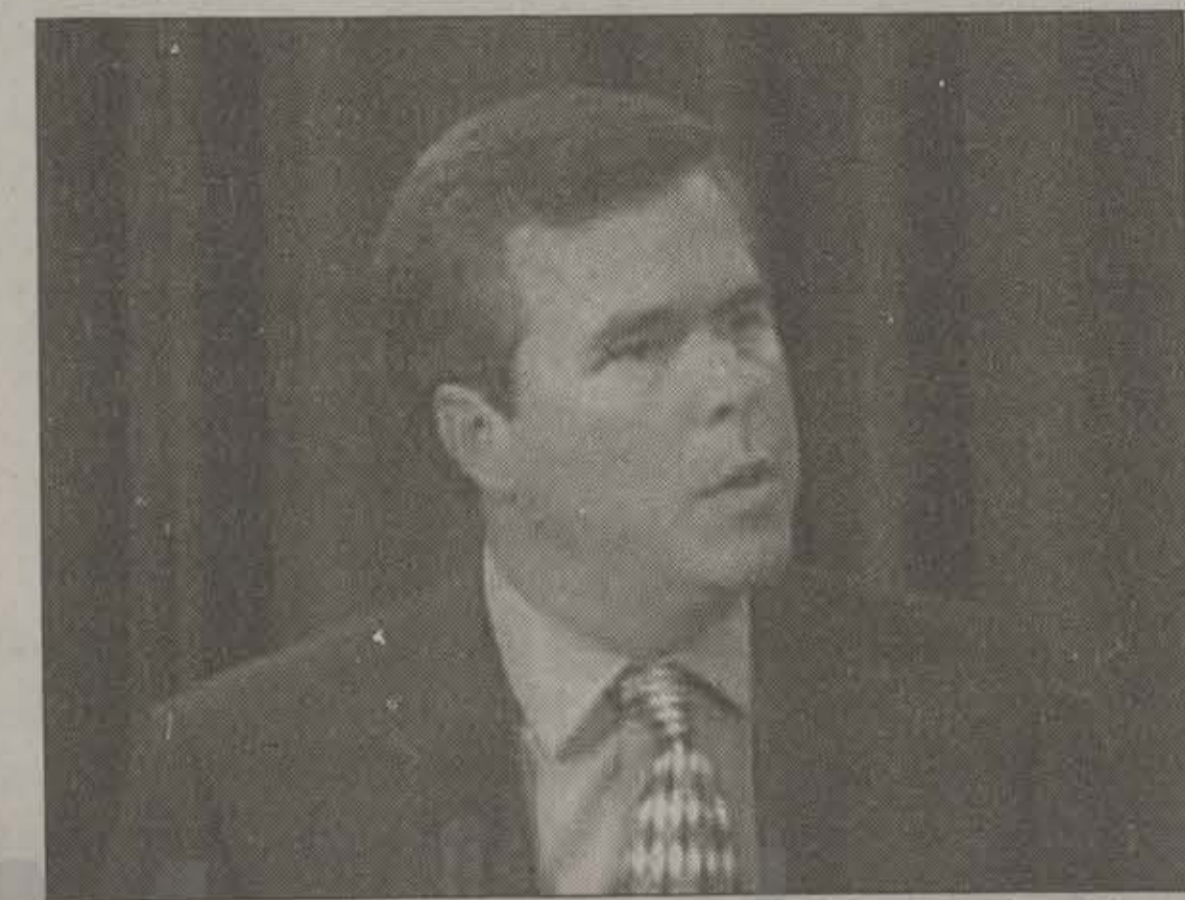


Photo Courtesy of the Associated Press

In response to complaints, Florida governor Jeb Bush had polls stay open an extra two hours. Yet many voters still reported abuses.

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Marijuana Blazes Onto Nevada Ballot

By Amber Mobley
Nation & World Editor

Dice may not be the only thing people in the state of Nevada will be rolling if a proposal on the November ballot passes.

Adults, ages 21 and up, may be rolling Dutchies, Phillies, Backwoods and joints. Three ounces worth of weed, specifically, enough for about 100 joints, will be legal to possess and smoke.

If the measure passes, Nevada would be the first state to allow adults to possess marijuana.

If passed, Nevada state law would be concurrent with national trends.

As many as 2.4 million Americans used marijuana for the first time in 2000, 1 million more than in 1990, according to a recently released major government survey, The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.

Two million more Americans smoked marijuana and tried other illicit drugs last year than in the year 2000 according to the survey.

If passed, the Nevada law would allow people over the age of 21 to smoke weed in their homes but not in cars or public places.

Weed would be sold in state-licensed smoke shops and taxed like cigarettes.

The leader of the group that is pushing the measure, Bill Rogers sees the proposal as a step to increase the efficiency of law enforcement.

"This initiative will allow the police to spend more time going after murderers, rapists and other violent criminals," Rogers said to the Associated Press.

The plan was put on the November ballot after the group led by Rogers, Nevadans for Responsible Law Enforcement, gathered the necessary 75,000 signatures.

Yet, opponents of the legalization of marijuana are gaining ground.

"What message are we sending our youth if this initiative passes? That it's OK to take drugs?" school counselor Teresa Jempsa said. "If marijuana becomes legal, then what drug is next?"

President George W. Bush and state law enforcement members have also been very vocal in their opposition.

Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Chief Asa Hutchinson and federal drug czar John P. Walters visited the state to underscore the Bush administration's opposition.

"I don't think Las Vegas and Nevada want to become the center for drug tourism," Walters said.

Also, after this years vote, Nevada voters would have to approve the proposal again in 2004 before it became law.

Weed wouldn't be the first commonly illegal thing to become legal in Nevada.

Although prostitution is banned in Las Vegas, Reno, and Carson City - and in 49 states - it is legal in 10 of Nevada's 17 counties.

The 30 licensed brothels in the state are monitored by the state Health Division. In addition, Las Vegas has many outcall enter-

tainment services that are thought to be fronts for prostitution businesses.

But the vote on weed is a 180-degree turn for the state in regards to the drug.

A year ago, possession of a single joint was a felony punishable by a year or more in prison in Nevada.

In 2000, Nevada voters approved the use of medical marijuana, and the Legislature voted in 2001 to make possession of less than an ounce of weed a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Other states debating looser marijuana laws include Arizona and Ohio.

Voters in Arizona will soon decide on making possession of up to 2 ounces a non-criminal violation punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

Ohio has the most lenient law in the nation, with possession of less than 100 grams - nearly 4 ounces - bringing a citation and \$100 fine.

Yet, no states are considering legalization for recreational purposes, except Nevada.

San Francisco is exploring the idea of growing weed on public lots and distributing it to ill people.



Primary Election Results From Around The Country

Eleven states and the District of Columbia held primary elections last Tuesday. Results for Vermont, North Carolina and Connecticut are not included because there were no major contested races in those states. Some states listed had only democratic or republican primary elections. Incumbent Mayor Anthony Williams won the Democratic ticket in D.C.

State	Governor Race
Arizona	Matt Salmon (R), ex-congressman
Florida	Bill McBride (D)
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Minnesota	Roger Moe, state Senate Majority leader (D) Tim Pawlenty, state House majority leader (R)
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New York	State comptroller Carl McCall (D) Gov. George Pataki (R)
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Coast to Coast: What's Going on Across the U.S.

High school athlete dies of heart attack at game

DETROIT - A 15-year-old high school football player who collapsed at a game died of a heart attack, autopsy results showed.

The teenager had just made a tackle and then collapsed last Friday while standing on the field during a timeout.

Saturday evening, the county medical examiner's office said the cause of death was a heart attack.

Team staff and emergency medical personnel performed CPR on the boy—who played defensive tackle and offensive guard—at the game before he was taken to the hospital.

Doctors have told the principal of the high school that there was nothing that could have indi-

cated the student would suffer heart failure.

Hooters in the sky

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The owner of the Hooters restaurant chain is preparing a bid to buy the assets of bankrupt Vanguard Airlines, Inc.

The Kansas City-based airline will be renamed Hooters Air, Inc. and may use the distinctive orange coloring, A.J. Block, the Atlanta-based attorney for Hooters of America Chairman Robert H. Brooks told the Associated Press.

Block said that there will be no Hooters girls as attendants.

Stumpy the squirrel goes back home

MACHIAS, Wash. - A squirrel

with half a tail and no left hind foot is back with his caretakers after being lost for 10 days.

The squirrel, named Stumpy, was found six miles from the residence of his owners.

On Sunday afternoon, a woman reportedly looked in her driveway and the little squirrel was sitting there.

A neighbor with a fishnet helped to recapture the squirrel.

Stumpy was returned to his owners.

Born without a left hind foot, only one toe on the right hind foot and half a tail, Stumpy was taken to a wildlife rescue center after falling out of his nest as a baby more than a year ago.

Experts believed he couldn't survive in the wild and so he was

adopted.

Keeping a wild animal is usually illegal in Washington, but the couple's home, which is about 30 miles north of Seattle, is certified as a wildlife sanctuary.

Animal sacrifice ritual sparked L.A. fire

LOS ANGELES - A wildfire in a forest north of Los Angeles that forced thousands of holiday campers to flee was started by candles used in an animal sacrifice ritual, fire officials said late last week.

U.S. Forest Service investigators initially believed that lightning started the 17,000-acre Curve Fire, which started on last Sunday in a bend of a highway that winds through the Angeles National Forest.

But after inspecting the point of origin, clues emerged that it had not naturally occurred.

The Angeles National Forest, home to the San Gabriel Mountains, has long been a popular site for practitioners of Santeria, a Westernized form of African deity worship.

Santeria rituals commonly include the sacrifice of goats, chickens and other small animals, and take place in a forest, which is considered a sacred place of worship.

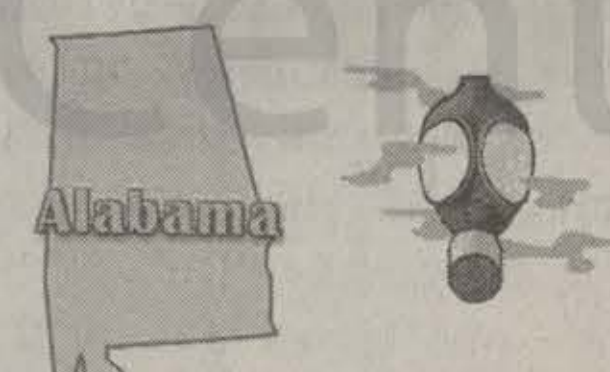
'Bama bombs'

ANNISTON, ALABAMA - The state of Alabama will soon receive \$5 million from the federal government to buy gas mask-like safety gear for more than 30,000 peo-

ple living near an incinerator that will be used to destroy Cold War-era chemical agents.

According to a report from the Associated Press, Anniston, which is located about 50 miles east of Birmingham, is apparently the first city in the nation where such gear has been distributed to the general population to guard against chemical agents. The money was requested by the state.

Residents would don the gear in case of an accident at the incinerator.



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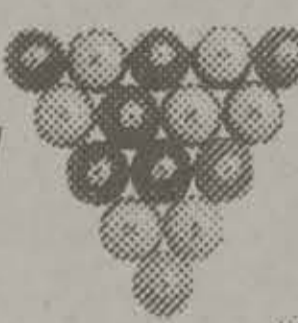
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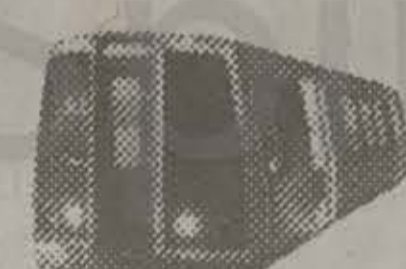
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SPORTS

Profile: One-on-One with Kevin Simmonds

By Bernard Murray
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's not difficult to distinguish Kevin Simmonds from the rest of the student body at Howard. The senior COBIS major from Tallahassee, Fla. seems to be an average student, wearing shorts and a t-shirt to stay cool during D.C.'s seasonably warm September. With a 28-inch gold link and two diamond earrings, he's just the typical Howard male, right?

Wrong...
Simmonds is the leading wide receiver on the Bison football team. Rocking number 81, he came into the team's home opener against Texas Southern University two weeks ago crunk. The whole football team was looking forward to this game.

Simmonds showed just how ready he was for his final year at Howard when he tied the school record for most touchdowns in a single game with four and led the Bison to their first win of the 2002 season.

In a candid interview with Simmonds, he discussed his anticipations this season, his thoughts about the recently set record, and his post-Howard plans.

Hilltop: Looking back at last season, what are your thoughts and feeling going into your final season with a new coaching staff?

Simmonds: After last season, knowing we were going to have new coaches, I felt that the team was going to have a different feel about them, something new. Most times when you get something new it's a whole new experience. I think that things have changed, people have changed. We're going to have a better season, a better game plan. I was looking forward to something good, something better.

Hilltop: Coming into your senior year, were there any expectations, things you want to do, records you want to break? Or do you approach this season with the plan of just trying to play your best?

Simmonds: The only goal I have is to have a better season than I did last year. I'm not really worried about breaking any records. If it comes, it comes. I try not to play thinking 'let me do this for a record or I am doing this to have a better personal record'. If I achieve any goals or records in the process, than so be it. The more the merrier.

Hilltop: Going into the home opener and this being your senior year, what were your thoughts going into the game and what were your thoughts after breaking the record?

Simmonds: Going into the first game, I knew we needed to get that first win under our belts. We haven't done that in four years. That was the biggest plan. As for the record, I really didn't know I had one until [the team] told me. Now that I have this record, I have something to work toward. If I know I can get four, it's not that hard to get five or six, even seven. After the game, it's good to have that win under your belt gives you that much more confidence. You feel you can beat anyone. That win meant a lot to the team and me.

Hilltop: Most quarterbacks have a go-to

guy, their primary receiver. Do you see yourself as a go-to guy? Are you able to get comfortable, get in a zone with Donald Clack as opposed to a second or third string quarterback?

Simmonds: It feels good to know that you're the go-to guy, but it comes with a price. When you start getting double-teamed like I was at Hampton, you need to throw it other places. It feels good to get all the catches, but if I can't get it done, I want you to throw it somewhere else. That's when it's time for the other receivers to show why they are at the starting position. Don't get greedy. Hell, the win is more important than my personal stats. Having one quarterback is good for the team. It makes things work a lot smoother.

Hilltop: Most athletes have rituals they perform before a game. What are some of your pre-game rituals? How do you prepare before a game?

Simmonds: The night before a game, I usually lie in my bed and toss a football continuously in the air. I review plays and catches I might have in the game. I try and predict the plays that might be called for me so I can mentally prepare. Once I think about it or dream about it in the room, it's that much easier to do it when the game comes.

Hilltop: What are your plans after you graduate college?

Simmonds: Right now my GPA is a 3.25 and I am doing good on the field. If I was guaranteed a chance to go to the NFL, I'll do the football thing. Right now I am not hoping for one situation and looking to fall back on another. I have two roads to choose from. One is the business world with the grades and offers I have received. That road is paved. The other has many different components. I have to have a great season, a great 40 time, etc. I'll have to find out after the season what I can do. It doesn't matter which, but if my NFL contract isn't guaranteed then I'll take my business road. I want to leave college with a secure decision. The business world is guaranteed, but the NFL is real cutthroat. I'd rather take my office.

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with a lot of people. You'll rarely see me on the yard. On the field it's a totally different person. I am very hype, playful, loud, making plays and trying to get the crowd hype. I have two different personalities, on and off the field. **Hilltop:** How are you able to find that medium between the strict School of Business and the field?

Simmonds: I have to be dedicated, especially on long week-end trips when we leave on

Thursday and come back Sunday. It's hard with practice, team meetings, and class, but I am lucky to make it through. I guess it's my

hard work. Sports are connected to life. If you work hard in your sport, it'll carry over to your schoolwork. It's how much work you put in behind the scenes that counts. It was hard my first couple of years balancing my classes and football, trying to study after practicing. I get tired but it's that extra effort you put into it. It's all about balance.

Simmonds is focused. He's got his plans in order. Who knows? This soon to be Howard

students on campus are defined by what they do; be it sports, clubs, what have you. Are you defined by football? Does your attitude on the field carry over to the classroom or the yard?

Simmonds: I am laid back everyday. It's not often you'll see me sporting a Howard football t-shirt. I don't want people to say, "he's a football player." We already have a negative connotation. Either he's an a**hole, a dog, or he's dumb as hell. I don't wear my football t-shirt in class because the professors might think I am looking for a hand out or I don't know what I am doing. So I never wear a football t-shirt. I end up being one of the smartest students in class, then toward the end of the semester you might see that t-shirt and it's, "you play football?" [People are] surprised to see a football player do that well. In the beginning, I don't want many people knowing I am a football player. Don't try and judge me because I play football. Find out what I am about in class first. I mostly keep to myself. I don't hang out



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SPORTS

Bison Football Team Gears Up for No.6 Ranked Black Bears



File Photo

Bison quarterback Donald Clark drops back to pass.

By Soraya McDonald
Contributing Writer

The Howard football team will battle the University of Maine in a non-conference match-up tomorrow afternoon in Greene Stadium.

The Bison (1-1 overall, 0-1 MEAC) are coming off of a disappointing 51-2 loss to the Pirates of Hampton University last week.

The Bears (3-0 overall, 2-0 Atlantic 10), who are ranked fourth in this week's Sports Network 1-AA poll and sixth in the ESPN/USA Today 1-AA poll, are fresh off a 21-14 victory over 11th ranked Villanova last Saturday. They are coached by Jack Cosgrove, who is in his tenth season as head coach and currently holds a 45-58 record.

Defensively, the unyielding Black Bears have a sound unit, having held all of their

opponents this year to 14 points or less and an average of only 2.4 yards per rush.

They are led by senior linebacker All-American candidate and Atlantic 10 Co-Defensive Player of the Year Stephen Cooper, senior free safety Dave Cusano, and sophomore safety Matt Dibiase.

For the Bison, senior 1-AA All American linebacker Tracy White's presence in the game tomorrow is questionable, due to a hamstring injury he sustained during last week's game against Hampton.

If he isn't able to play, the duties will fall on freshman linebacker Mykle Bowie and senior fullback Michael Ajayi to try and fill his shoes.

Bowie replaced White in last Saturday's game against Hampton, after his injured hamstring forced him to remain on the sidelines for

the remainder of the contest.

Bison head coach Ray Petty was satisfied with Bowie's effort.

"[He] played very well as a freshman. I was pleased with his performance," Petty said.

Other key Bison defenders to look out for on the defensive front are junior free safety Vontrae Long, senior defensive tackle Charles Woodall, senior defensive end Anthony Hart, and senior defensive back Rashad Frazier.

"Offensively, they're going to be very good," Petty said. "They're going to have a similar type of offense that Hampton ran."

The Bears are relying on the seniority and experience of junior wide receiver Stefan Gomes and senior quarterback Jake Eaton.

Gomes was announced as the Atlantic 10 co-offen-

sive player of the week Sunday afternoon and Eaton has been a starter for the Black Bears since his freshman year.

Running backs Marcus Williams and James Henry will also add to the depth in their offense.

The Bison offense will be led by senior quarterback Donald Clark, running backs Tauric Rice and Jay Colbert, and wide receivers Kevin Simmonds and Shaun Miller.

Petty will not rely solely on an air attack tomorrow.

"We have definitely got to improve our ground game," Petty said. "We want to control the ball by running it."

The Bison will have their work cut out for them as they head into tomorrow's game down 5-0 in the series with the Black Bears.

Kick-off time is set for 12 noon.

Men's Soccer Team Wins Home Opener, 2-1, in Overtime

By Elena Bergeron
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team ended a scoreless streak that lasted almost 270 minutes, sealing a 2-1 victory over UMBC on Ronald Goodlett's overtime goal Wednesday night at Green Stadium.

Goodlett knifed through the Retriever back line, stuffing home the game winner after a defensive misplay 2:36 into overtime to end the drought, giving the Bison (1-5) a win in their home opener.

"[Defender] Chris Serrano threw it in and the defender just made a bad pass and I put it in," said Goodlett, the team's leader in shots (14).

The home team fell behind 14 minutes into the game when defender Robert Palmer bobbled a pass and UMBC midfielder Mike Joseph tapped his shot past sprawled goaltender Jason Williams, who recovered in time to poke the ball into the net. Though the Bison controlled possessions in the back and midfield with one-touch passes, the team's unorganized effort up top resulted in many missed opportunities.

Three minutes into the game, defender Royce Francis fought through traffic right off the goal before squaring to cross, only to be turned around by an offside call. At the 25-minute mark, freshman forward Zachary Francis found himself alone in the 18-yard box, settled the ball, then knocked a shot into waiting

goalkeeper Brian Rowland. Four minutes later, Rowland punched Francis' 16 yard offering over the crossbar.

In the second half, the resurgent Bison switched to a man-on-man defensive scheme, but were kept in check as UMBC played long passes to speedy forwards Marco Angelini and Derek McElligott. Again the Bison had chances in front of the Retriever goal but could not capitalize, with midfielder Taj Alvaranga sending a corner kick through the back line that midfielder Kwesi Graham swiped at, but missed

at the top of the 18-yard box.

The Bison knotted the game with only 36 seconds remaining when midfielder Dave Mitchell lofted a pass over his head toward the goal, where Rowland was caught out front. When the ball touched off Rowland's fingertips, Graham netted the teams' second goal in six games.

"We hadn't scored any regular goals, the only one was a penalty kick [September 7 against Mount St. Mary]. This was big for us," said Bison head coach Keith Tucker.

Reinvigorated after the goal, the Bison came out shooting in the opening minutes of overtime, logging three drives in the period's first minute. The



File Photo

Midfielder Taj Alvaranga wins one in the air.

inability to pull the trigger plagued the team early as the first attacks stalled when ball

handlers held on too long before shooting. That is, until Goodlett banged home his goal.

"We were looking for this goal going into conference. We decided [at the end of regulation] that it's our home field and we didn't want to give up this advantage," Goodlett said.

"We've been expecting this from Goodlett. This was important, knowing we can win," Tucker said. "Hopefully we can play up coming into conference this weekend."

The Bison look to extend their streak at home in their first Atlantic Soccer Conference game this Sunday against Hartwick College. Kickoff is set for 1 pm.

Prop 48: Finally Leveling the Playing Field

COLUMN

Lesly Michael Flanagan

Can you remember what boosted you into the most prestigious HBCU in America? I can and it wasn't my grade point average.

I was a slacker in high school and breezed through four years off pure talent, smarts, and luck, not hard work and studying. Although I went to two of the best academic high schools in the Chicago area, my 2.6 GPA was not what it could have been.

It seems like yesterday when it was a month before the test that would determine my future earning potential—the ACT. This was around the same time high school phenomenon Kevin Garnett took the ACT about three times and got no higher than a 17.

I wound up getting a 23 on my ACT, good enough to get accepted to every HBCU that I applied to. Garnett wound up going straight to the league.

Standardized tests, which some say are biased, should not be the main determiners of freshman eligibility for student-athletes and how they will fair in college.

So what gave the NCAA the audacity almost 20 years ago to put Proposition 48 in place—a rule that stigmatizes incoming student-athletes by basing their eligibility on grade-point averages and standardized test scores such as the SAT and ACT? I have no idea, but I am

pleased to be informed that the NCAA, after all this time, is finally considering changing the requirements to a sliding scale which focuses more on grade point average instead of standardized test scores.

One of the main issues concerning Proposition 48 is the fact that it has affected lower-income students more than anyone else. In fact, studies have shown that these same low-income students have produced lower test scores but are often good athletes who have the most to gain by attending college.

Howard University's women's soccer coach Michelle Street believes that the old rules are too restrictive and hinder certain types of people.

"I have not had to use the scale because most of my players come from middle income families," Street said. "Their test scores are usually pretty good."

Some Howard student-athletes voiced strong displeasure with the rules. Donovan Burton of the football team feels that the current standardized scale is too restrictive also.

"I understand you have to have grades, but some people just are not book smart," Burton said.

Furthermore, he added that the rule could be racially and financially biased because athletics play an important role in black males attending college.

"In the hood, public school teachers pass you anyway, and there's hardly any work load," Burton said. "This is our way to school."

Burton's opinion can be justified by common sense.

The worse your high school education, in most cases, then the worse you will do on a standardized test.

Starting forward, Kyle Williams of the men's basketball squad spoke out also.

"The NCAA implements ways to keep whites in collegiate athletics such as the three second lane, and the three-point line, because they know black athletes are bigger, stronger, and faster," Williams said. "Besides that, most predominantly black high schools don't work you hard anyway."

The new rules would give students, such as me, who do not do well on standardized tests a chance to participate in collegiate athletics if they worked hard in high school. So is the proposal of a rule change negative or positive overall?

Williams thinks the rule changes are positive because, "as far as athletics, there are millions of kids trying to get scholarships, and there must be a system of weeding people out... The SAT is biased anyway."

Furthermore, a sliding scale would insure that a good person and good athlete can get into school and their future won't be based off just one test. Now graduates will be smarter, and will have a good educational background when they come to college.

The NCAA is finally basing college admission less on your income and standardized test, and more on your GPA, which is a better determiner of how you will fair in college.

Alas, Poor Urrea Teams...

COLUMN

Kemi D. James

51-2. 'Nough said. You know what I'm talking about. It's now known and thought of repeatedly like a broken record. This isn't about cracking jokes or giving any football tips because I'm neither a comedian nor some football expert.

It's sad (in the sense of disappointment) that for quite some time now on the gridiron, we've succumbed to some Virginia "institute" claiming the HBCU Sweepstakes of "Who's the Real H.U.?"

It's sad because despite our Mecca recognition, we haven't restored bragging rights; it's sad for my Gonzaga homey and Bison offensive lineman, Mark Owens; sad for Brandon Miller and his Perspectives request on, of all days, Friday the 13th; sad for Coach Petty, the coaching staff, players and student trainer-managers that tend to them, like my friend, Clover; sad for my HU brothers and sisters who've envisioned a 2002 victory at Armstrong Stadium again and again, and made the long journey to and fro, with their auspicious dreams crushed.

Yet don't panic. Shake off the ill effects, since the Urrea Sports Curse comes in hordes: G'town, Maryland, and UVA are a combined 2-6 in college football.

In the pros, we're slumping. DC United's dynasty of the late 90's has diminished. Now they're struggling just to get a playoff spot.

After Ripken retired from the Orioles, there's little left to cheer for, besides the antics of a short, bitter, little man named Angelos.

Previously storied success in the NHL could not prevent the Caps from making 2001-2002 a disaster. They acquired the great Jaromir Jagr from Pittsburgh to lead the troops to the Stanley Cup. In his first expedition year, he became, like my boy Matt would say, a "sauce nugget."

The Wizards? They got MJ to don a unique uniform of blue, black and gold. He, too, turned out to be a semi-sauce nugget. Changes. The team got bigger and a bit richer this summer, but traded Rip for Stackhouse? Stackhouse is great, but doesn't he seem like ultimate sauce nuggetry?

I predict a 41-41 split (maybe better), for if we don't, not only will Wes Unseld be the bamma of the new millennium, he'll be the biggest barbeque sauce nugget there is!

Hey, remember: Of all the quality players in the league, Mr. Unseld, obviously inebriated at the time, once traded for the likes of Kevin Duckworth. The Urrea still feels the reverberations from that fantasy league move.

I'm furious when I see C-Webb and Rasheed Rip play well on other teams. Watch Rip lead the NBA in scoring in 2002-

2003... (Note: I was never a Washington Wizard/Bullet fan, because of the franchise's futility. I was—and still am—an MJ fan.) Jordan, however, should put those shoes to rest and curtail any extension of his already lengthy, legendary career.

I won't even cover football much. Yet I have known that great offensive-minded coach or not, the Skins won't be successful without a mobile QB like Donovan McNabb. I was awestruck by his versatility the other night. Also, we cannot let good free agents—Thrash, Mitchell, Akers—go. These same footballers' exact revenge on us by being picked up by none other than the EAGLES, who then kick our butts on Monday night football. Pepper spray, body bags, and all.

Despite these Urrea sports mishaps, there have been rare shining moments since 2000, like the Baltimore Ravens' Super Bowl XXXIV win, Maryland bringing home the NCAA title last year with Juan and Lonnie at the helm, and the Washington Mystics and Freedom reaching far into the postseason. Virginia Tech is 3-0 now and in the top ten nationally.

Hey, it might not be too bad after all. It's early in the season. It could be a banner year. Just can't vent and write off sauce nuggets that'll turn up to be potential golden nuggets.

Urban Golf Gear: A New Appearance of Apparel

By Crystal D. Tate
Contributing Writer

Imagine going to play golf early in the morning, meeting with friends for lunch, and heading to the park afterwards. In between each of these engagements, a change of clothes would seem ideal, unless Urban Golf Gear manufactures the clothes being worn.

Urban Golf Gear, founded by Craig Tanner in 1997, is "a golf-inspired lifestyle apparel line," according to Tanner. The 39-year-old African-American entrepreneur has attempted to combine two contrasting worlds: the hip-hop world and the golf world.

Inspired by Tiger Woods in 1996, Urban Golf Gear consists of three lines: the Traditional Golf Collection, the Urban Lifestyle Collection, and the new UGG Kidz.

The Tradition Golf Collection

has an array of golf shirts, windshirts, jackets, vests, and caps that aren't the typical golf attire. The line appeals more to the stylish golfer. The Lifestyle Collection has a variety of T-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, baby tees, tank tops, halter-tops, and hats. And the recently launched kids line consists of similar items of the two aforementioned in youth sizes.

The most unique and appealing part of Urban Golf Gear clothing is the logo. The logo is a man with soaring dreads and a swinging golf club. The face was created by combining approximately 50 faces of different nationalities into one named UGGMAN. The logo is undeniably powerful.

"A black person says he's black. An Asian kid thinks he looks Asian. He represents everyone. He symbolizes the freedom to do what you want to do," Tanner says.

With consumers ranging in age from eight to 80, and consisting of different races and ethnic groups, people appear to be hearing Tanner's message. Celebrities like Denzel Washington, and Carmen Elektra have caught on as well.

The casts from shows like "Soul Food" and "The Bernie Mac Show," as well as movies "Two Can Play That Game" and "Barbershop," are also apart of Tanner's long list of clientele.

The tremendous response from celebrities has led to a huge increase in Urban Golf Gear's sales. "The celebrities endorsements have been awesome," Tanner said. "There's a direct correlation between celebrities and revenue. I call it the 'celebrity fashion formula.' People see celebrities in the clothing and they buy it." So far, the formula has worked for Tanner whose sales have increased 150 percent since 1997.

Plans for Urban Golf Gear include expanding the placement of their products in retail stores around the country, a collection of jeans and a line catering to the all-around sport fans.

Urban Golf Gear also allots a percentage of its profits to the UGG Youth Entrepreneurship Foundation, which was created to assist children in developing ideas and business plans.

Tanner's advice to young adults interested in establishing a business of their own is, "If you have an idea, go for it. If you think it, then you can have it."

Tanner also emphasized another fact.

"Once in the business, you must wear many hats. If it means mopping floors one day, working in the office the next, and speaking with the press the third day, it is what must be done in order to succeed in the business. Take it or leave it."



File Photo
The streets meet the course. Creator and Founder of Urban Golf Gear Craig Tanner shows off his Urban Golf Gear clothing line.

Disclosure: The Depth Of a Poet's Soul

By Jennifer L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Anyone who's ever dabbled into the realm of written and spoken word knows that certain poet: the person who can read us better than we can read ourselves; the artist whose words cause a tidal swell of emotions within us, the poet whose spirit has the ability to engulf the audience in their words.

Drew Anderson, or "Droopy" (his moniker) happens to be one of these phenomenal poets.

Droopy, a Howard alumnus, was born in New Orleans in 1978. During his time at Howard, he began his poetic career as an emcee.

However, the scene's lack of respect for the written word turned him away from hip-hop and opened him to poetry, a "blessing in disguise," as Droopy puts it. Consequently, he soon began his reign as a dynamic poet.

Droopy's poetry touches on a plethora of topics, from unrequited love ("The Surrogate Boyfriend"), to May-December relationships ("Stifler's Mom"), to dealing with emotions after a bitter

break-up ("The Jive Series"). But with such a wide range of subjects, where does he draw his inspiration?

"I am inspired by dark periods in my life," Droopy said. "I find newfound energy in my poetry." Simply put, Droopy's poetry is the truest reflection of himself.

In today's said "era of the poet," it isn't too difficult to find a venue where spoken or written word is being revered. However, this was not always the case.

"I love it," Droopy said, when asked about the renaissance of poetry. "I know cats that have been in the poetry game from day one, and they can now do their thing. In terms of music, R&B is not realistic, and rap is all gun and drug talk. Poetry is a venue where people can finally get something different."

Speaking on the rebirth of the poetry scene, many are happy poetry is being widely embraced, but they also question the motives of those who try to put poetry at the forefront, such as Russell Simmons' "Def Poetry Jam."

"Many feel that Russell's motives aren't pure, but we as poets should be happy we have a venue to share our

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Photo Courtesy of Broke Baller Enterprises

Droopy, a Howard alumnus, has been creating a buzz for himself in the poetry world, releasing two books and a new album (shown above).

spoken word," Droopy said. "Now that we have venues, poets complain about motives. Screw motives. Use it and enjoy it to the fullest."

With the commercialization of poetry, many people want to take a stab at being a poet. While there is nothing like the triedand true method of writing until satisfied, there are a few tips poets should pay attention to.

"It is extremely important to find your own voice," Droopy stressed. "We are all influenced by someone, but find yourself and do you.

Also, don't bend your style to get higher slam scores or to seek approval. Stay true."

Droopy is definitely an individual to watch. Be sure to check out his books, "Feel No Way: The Drew Testament," and "Droopy: Dat Boy's a Fool." Also, be sure to be on the lookout for his debut album *Slamboozled: The Vitreous Humor LP*.

Also, be on the lookout for Drew on Howard's campus, as he is prone to stopping by and spitting liquid fire at a moments notice.

Word on Georgia Ave: Poets Gather at Sankofa

By Courtney K. Wade
Hilltop Staff Writer

The gentle glow of the nearby street lights, the mellow sounds of steel drums, and the sweet smell of Sex on the Beach incense float in the night air along Georgia Avenue welcoming all to come and share in Open Mic Friday Nights at Sankofa Video and Bookstore.

Sankofa Video and Bookstore, located at 2714 Georgia Ave. (across the street from the School of Business) has been host to Open Mic Night in combination with Howard University's Ubiquity organization since the beginning of the school year.

The partnership, according to the owner of Sankofa, Haile Gerima, is an effort, "to make sure students are aware of the cultural aspect of the struggle." Gerima, who is also a professor in the School of Communications, believes the cultural aspect is often undermined and overlooked.

According to Donovan Anderson, a Howard junior and active Ubiquity member, Ubiquity (a synonym for omnipresence) is an organization of Howard University students who abide by three precise pillars: the strong relationship between the black man and woman, Nguzo Saba, which are the 7 principles related to the celebration of Kwanzaa, and academic excellence.

The "cipher," as people of the spoken word, poetry, and hip hop circuit refer to it, begins at 8 p.m. on Friday nights. While the weather permits, it will continue to be held on Sankofa's front lawn.

Curious Howard students and members of the surrounding community are drawn to the fence, where they stand and absorb the energy of the musicians, poets, and emcees who grace the microphone with their distinct flavor and flow.

"This is something that helps bridge the gap between Howard students and the Howard community," Aisha Bowden, a Howard graduate and Ubiquity member said.

The topics brought forth on the mic are seemingly endless and uncut. One week a poet confessed her habit of not wearing panties in the summertime and another week a poet shared his sentiments concerning the origins of RAP, which stands for "Revolutionary African Poetry."

"You never know who is going to come in and bless the microphone. It's uncensored and very positive," Bowden said.

The weekly master of ceremonies is Kibwe Ishmael, who is also a Howard graduate and Ubiquity member. Ishmael creates a welcome atmosphere for intellectual sharing when he is behind the microphone. Audience members agree as well.

Dionne Roberts, finance major and another member of Ubiquity feels "the diverse showcase and gifted performers are very inspiring."

The Open Mic Night partnership between Sankofa and Ubiquity is, "a match that had to come together sometime," Ishmael said. He believes it is an open door to a world of educational, social, and spiritual opportunities to grow as a person.

Anderson said membership in Ubiquity has been a tool for him to find people of like mind and discover knowledge of self.

Overall, each open mic session is destined to be different because of the participation from the audience and the messages communicated.

"I feel it's up to the person on the mic to inspire the crowd," Alyse Hammonds, a print journalism major and professional poet from Chicago said. "I go and use the experience for what I can get from it."

Student Records a 'Humbling Experience'

By Courtney K. Wade
Hilltop Staff Writer

Growing up in Nashville has definitely had an effect on Howard student and emcee Ardamus. He grew up with the strong desire to be different. That he was since he found no excitement and enjoyment in the Nashville musical scene, which is primarily made up of country music cowboys and gospel gurus.

At the age of 8, Ardamus could be found inside working on his rhymes in an old spiral notebook, while his friends were playing "horse" on the neighborhood basketball courts. For Ardamus, rhyming was a creative outlet like no other that fused firmly with his love of music—particularly hip-hop. His experiences at home and at Howard have led him to conclude his debut EP *Life is a Humbling Experience*.

Life is a Humbling Experience is a compilation of six songs written and delivered by Ardamus. Alex Zhort and Ant Zhort recorded *Life at Slipstream Studios* in Nashville between 1998 and 2000 and mixed. The EP was released in early August 2001. The tracks: "What it is...is..." "These Thoughts," "Acronym," "Groundhog Years," "Evil Laugh," "The Year is..." and "Airspace" are a culmination of Ardamus' poetic thoughts, life experiences and perceptions.

Judging from the EP's first two tracks, the listener would think, "This kid might have something here." The beats on the tracks are solid and fitting for the lyrics being delivered. The messages delivered are relatable and easy to listen to. However, the content and beats for the rest of the EP seems suspect and not unified.

For instance, "Acronym"

and "The Year is..." both boast of beats that dominate the lyrics. The lyrics of *Life* are jumbled and might be difficult for the listener to understand due to poor recording quality. The word play and general content lack correlation, relevance, and unified themes. For most of the EP, Ardamus delivers lyrics at an average or slow speed, which causes one to question exactly why it is difficult to understand.

The concepts grappled by Ardamus do bring an innovative and refreshingly clear view as opposed to other hip-hop artists. The album insightful in the sense that listeners are not subject to the traditional subject matter that limit's the emcee to rapping about women, selling drugs, committing crimes and chilling with the local gang. For instance, "The Year is..." tackles the issue of apocalypse and injustice imposed

by the governmental system. It begs the question, "What will be the fate of the next generation?"

The standout tracks are "What it is...is..." and "These Thoughts."

"What it is..." inquires what hip hop is through numerous conventional thought held by mainstream music industry supporters. It has some comical value, but the total value of the rest of the album seems to take away from the positive qualities of this track. "These Thoughts" challenge listeners to hear a snippet of what goes on in the mind of Ardamus.

Overall, *Life is a Humbling Experience*, is a low quality EP as far as content is concerned, but the production and beats are of superior quality.



Photo by Melanie Nesbit
Members of Ubiquity gather every Friday night at Sankofa to offer students and DC residents a chance to display their poetic skills.

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and Crystal Williams, a junior systems and computer sciences major appealed the decision of the president of CEACS, Rashad Hines to appoint a vice president as opposed to having an election for the position.

Corey Cunningham and Cameron Trimble co-chairs of the Special Elections Committee informed Hines the college's constitution permits him to appoint a vice president. At this time both co-chairs as well as Hines had advertised the position as open for candidates. Both Reynolds and Williams had their petitions signed by Hines as well as other supporters and turned in their petitions by Friday's deadline.

The controversy resulted

when Hines appointed Joel Moore, the then senior class president. Moore has since resigned from that position and has since taken on the role of vice president and now votes as a member of the General Assembly.

The position was made vacant as former vice president of CEACS, Tiana Didson did not return to the University this fall.

The college's constitution as it relates to the vice president states in part, "If the office is vacated by resignation, non-enrollment in the university or otherwise, the president shall appoint a new vice president with the majority of the voting members of the assembly."

Hines said he did not know about this constitutional right until after the position was advertised.

"If I knew I could appoint a vice president I would have done so earlier. I read the constitution and missed that part," Hines said. "From a student standpoint I can see what they [Reynolds and Williams] are saying, but I am following the constitution."

Special Elections co-chair, Cameron Trimble, was also unaware of the CEACS's constitutional stipulations regarding vice president appointments. He blamed the current political fiasco on faulty constitutions.

"We are working with flawed documents in all the schools and colleges," Trimble said. "We have never had to cross this line before and there is uncertainty as to what to do."

Reynolds is disappointed with the outcome of the Assembly's meeting, but vows

that the issue will not end with that body.

"The decision was not fair and the issue at hand got lost," Reynolds said. "I don't think leaders who do not understand the extend of their powers should then suddenly decide to assert it when it is convenient."

Williams also thought fairness was upheld. "People were discussing a lot of issues that were not directly related," Williams said. "They [General Assembly] went on tangents about things they knew about, not the issue of our grievance."

Moore, whose appointment sparked the controversy, also issued a grievance, which was not filed. He says fairness should not be a factor.

"If fair or unfair become the basis upon which government is

run, all constitutions will be null and void based on individuals personal opinion," Moore said. "Let us stick to the constitution and keep feelings out, the constitutions call for an appointment and I was appointed."

Another grievance relating to the college of Arts and Sciences was brought before the assembly. Last spring in the second run-off elections the names of the candidates for vice president Jason Ravin and Rey Castillo were left off the ballots.

Christian Dorsey, a new candidate from the College of Arts and Sciences, has since appealed the Undergraduate Student Policy board's decision to close the fall election to Ravin and Castillo.

General Assembly majority

voted to open the elections to all candidates.

The chair of the assembly and Howard University Student Association president, Cornell Williamson deems the situation as unfortunate.

"It is a shame that they [Reynolds and Williams] had to go through this," Williamson said. "They followed all the proper procedures."

According to the constitution an election has to be held by the fourth Wednesday, which is next Wednesday, September 24th. The ballots were due earlier this week and there is uncertainty if the deadline will be met.

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Arts and Sciences makes him a better candidate.

Rey Castillo disagrees. "I think both of us are good candidates, but as far as experience I think I have a little more," he said.

Castillo hopes to make significant changes in the college's constitution, in order to better meet the needs of the students.

His platform also includes better career development opportunities for Arts and Sciences students, a career fair and a catalog of business contacts.

After Ravin and Castillo spoke, the freshman class candidates gave brief introductions. Each seemed confident in his or her ability to take on positions.

"I know that we can blaze a

trail and leave a road for those to come," said Kiana Moore, a candidate running for freshman class president in the School of Business.

Candidates were eager to answer questions, but few students expressed their concerns.

Issues included connecting Howard students to the surrounding communities, creating unity among schools and providing internship and job opportunities for students.

Corey Cunningham, special elections co-chairman, was pleased with the outcome of the Speak-Out.

"I think that this Speak-Out was successful, given the time frame for the Special Election. I am very impressed with the freshman candidates," he said. "They have shown that they are on the right path to becoming student leaders."

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routine problem for hospital nurses.

F. Carter, a registered nurse in the fourth floor surgical unit who has been at the hospital since 1984 said nurses are overworked, and as a result, patient care suffers.

When nurses and pharmacists have to stay on for extra shifts, medication errors and wait time increase, and the quality of health care weakens, she said.

Hospital nurses say they can have up to 10 patients at a time, although they feel each nurse should have no more than five patients to be 100 percent effective.

"I used to love coming to work, but now I dread it because on average you put in ten hours per day," said Carter. "Most of the time, you miss your lunch, and

since we don't have a specific break place, nurses will go in the bathroom just to get away."

Other issues include parking. Hospital workers are required to pay a monthly fee of more than \$20 to park in the hospital garage, which is automatically deducted from their check.

Nurses have given Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert, and McCoy until Sept. 22 to meet their demands of what they deem to be a fair and equitable contract, better benefits and a lighter workload. They are also pushing for the elimination of forced overtime and more concern for the patients.

If their demands are not met by that time, nurses will take their fight out of the hospital and into the streets, possibly leaving hundreds of patients without health care.

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National Capital Revitalization Corporation, Verizon and Fannie Mae.

The project includes creating a cultural district near the Metro stop at 7th & S Streets, NW and expanding the developments of the Georgia Avenue corridor to the corner of Florida Avenue and U Street and Columbia Road. They hope that this will provide more employment opportunities and a better quality of living for local residents and businesses.

Building plans currently in the works include a Science and Engineering complex that will house a new middle school for mathematics and science, market housing, off-street parking and a supermarket at the corner of Georgia Avenue and V Street N.W.

After last year's housing shortage, students question how the new properties will be used.

"I am glad to hear that the university is making a conscious effort to improve the living conditions of the surrounding community, and I hope they don't forget about the needs of students and use one or two of the buildings for student housing," Alicia Taylor, junior English major said.

The university has not ruled out the possibility of using the buildings to house students in the future.

"We are moving prudently on a case-by-case basis, but because we have just acquired these properties...it is still too early to decide on their ultimate use," Minor said.

The university is also considering turning the property that housed the old Burger King on Georgia Avenue into a rental car agency. Minor believes that this will be particularly useful for some of Howard's students and staff as well as community residents.

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Top 10 Most Popular Items in the Bookstore

- 10) Used notebooks with detachable cover.
- 9) Platinum necklace with the iced out Howard charm.
- 8) Textbook with fries and a soda.
- 7) "I don't have visitation" bumper stickers.
- 6) Howard University Tupperware.
- 5) T-shirts that you can wear just as long as you put them on.
- 4) Map of all the places you could park your car if they would let you.
- 3) Chocolate covered pens and pencils.
- 2) Howard sweatshirts minus the shirt.
- 1) Two books for the price of two.

Compiled by Matthew Goins

Howard's Poetry Experience

Illuminating nightclubs and cafes around the city frequently host poetry events

and open microphone nights. And while many students are the main performers at these clubs and cafes, a variety of organizations are doing their part to bring poetry on Howard's campus.

Jonathan Fields, a junior English major, is the current president year of the poetry organization Poutre. Fields defines his organization as, "...an eclectic mixture of extraordinary poets in collaboration to bring their art into maturity."

Poutre meets once every two weeks alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays. The organization is holding its premiere open-mic program of the year this Friday in the yard at the flagpole. Dates for three more open-mic events are also scheduled including a special date for Halloween Oct.30th, and two more Nov.12th and Dec. 4th.

For two years now, The Gentleman of Drew Social Club has sponsored an occasional spoken word open-mic show in Drew Hall called Friday Night Love Jones. The show welcomes musicians as well as poets to their event. Adam Jefferson, a junior marketing major, has been coordinating the program after founder Hakim Hasan traveled overseas for an exchange program. Friday Night Love Jones is scheduled to take place two times

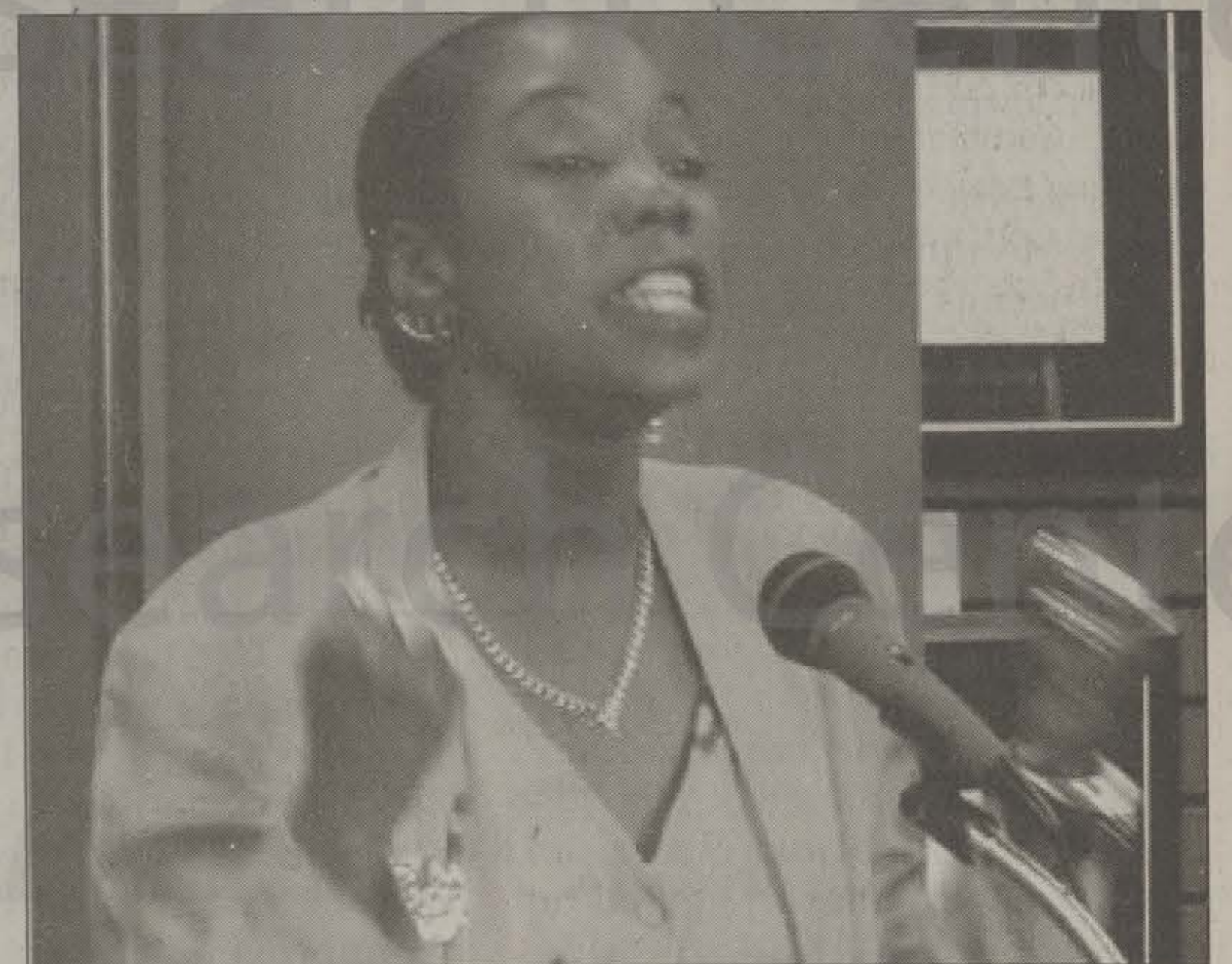
during the fall semester and three times in the spring.

According to Jefferson it's important for the momentum to keep going so people always have options when they're looking for something to do. "It's a great alternative for people who don't really club but are into spoken word," he said. He feels because there aren't many poetry events going on outside of campus, events should be available for students conveniently on campus. Flyers informing students about specific times and dates for these programs will be handed out and posted up around the school at the end of October.

Poutre and Friday Night Love Jones don't sponsor competitions because their obligations are to bring poets together in free-spirited and warm environment. But many poets find contests to be just as positive and friendly as open mic events.

A group of four sophomores, Isis-Rae Goulbourne, Melissa Dillette, Shannon Evans, and Nailah Bynoe, have coordinated a poetry contest, "Poetry Slam 2002." Scheduled to take place Oct. 3rd, these four young ladies have taken it upon themselves to organize the competition.

"We see a lot of talent on Howard's campus, but not many outlets," says Goulbourne, an international business major. The girls



File Photo

This woman adds color and expression to her delivery through emphatic gestures and facial expressions.

expect the slam to be a very big event where winning poets and the audience all will walk away with prizes. Auditions for the competition will be held on Sept. 25th. Time and location for this audition will soon be posted around campus

Another poetry contest will take place during Poetry month, which takes place in April. Director of the African American Resource center, E. Ethelbert Miller has once again coordinated the annual contest entitled the John J. Wright Memorial Award for Poetry. He

stands behind the event because the contest allows Howard students to showcase their talents and be awarded for them as well. It also motivates poets to continue expressing themselves through writing poetry.

With the sudden poetry frenzy happening on campus, it's never certain when a new event or organization might emerge for Howard poets. Nevertheless, poets can now bring poetry back to the Mecca.

Cable Guide for Sept. 20-22

Tonight, September 20

106th & Park (20), BET: Join Free and AJ countdown the top ten Hip Hop and R&B videos, plus bear witness to the Fabulous Freestyle Friday competition. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Samurai Jack (39), TOON: An animated action-adventure about a warrior who was banished to the future by an evil wizard, where he must seek a portal that will send him back. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Light It Up (20), BET: Set in Queens, NY, a group of high school students stand up for a better education and improved learning conditions. Unfortunately, everything doesn't go exactly as planned. Stars Usher Raymond and Forest Whitaker. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Evolution HBO (30): David Duchovny plays Dr. Ira Kane, a geologist at an Arizona community college. He and his colleague Harry Block, played by Orlando Jones, investigate a meteor that has crashed in the desert and discover that it has

extraterrestrial beings. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Cop TNT (36): L.A. detective John Kimble (Arnold Schwarzenegger) has been trying to capture a drug dealer for years. Once has the perpetrator in custody, Kimble must find the dealer's ex-wife to testify against him. Kimble goes undercover as a kindergarten teacher to get this woman to trust him. Time: 10:30 p.m.

Child's Play (26) WBDC: "My name is Chuckie, wanna play?" A killer transfers his spirit into a Good Guy doll until he can find another human body. Time: 12:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 22, 2002

Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles (25) WTTG: Witness the Cowboys and the Eagles go head-to-head at Veterans Stadium in Philly. Time: 1:00 p.m.

Washington Redskins vs. San Francisco 49ers (25) WTTG: For the Redskin fans out there, Redskins match up with the 49ers at 3Com Park in San Francisco. Time: 4:15 p.m.

Obsessed (41) Lifetime:

Based on a true story of a woman awaiting trial on harassment charges, this drama based film stars Jenna Elfman in her greatest role yet. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23, 2002

The Parkers (28) UPN: Professor Oglevee awakens mortified following a one-night stand with Nikki, played by comedian Mo'Nique. Kim pursues a relationship with Alan. Time: 8:00 p.m.

One on One (28) UPN: Flex is torn between trying out for the Clippers or staying in Baltimore and caring for Breanna. Breanna is upset about moving to Nova Scotia with her mother, played by Tichina. Time: 8:30 p.m.

Miss Congeniality (30) HBO: Sandra Bullock plays a tomboyish FBI agent who is transformed into a beauty. Bullock is assigned to go undercover in the Miss USA pageant to protect the contestants from a serial killer. Time: 9:00 p.m.

gram, the charter was signed by the different organizations and UHURU was officially begun.

Students in attendance understood the significance of the coalition and the reasoning behind it.

"These different organizations all have one common goal: to unite and improve circumstances of people of African descent in this country," Frazier said. "They all have different powers and followings, but by them coming together and outing their different ideas together, they are even stronger."

Radio productions major, Jabari Exum agreed. "I came to this event because it is absolutely necessary for a cohesive front. You see, you have to be a part of something positive, or not be apart of something at all."

At the end of the pro-

What's Going on? A Weekend in D.C.

Tonight, Sept. 20

National Museum of Natural History: From Monastery to Marketplace: Ethiopian paintings from a rich monastic tradition

Location: 10th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.
Time: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Age: All Ages
More info: 202-357-2700

Bohemian Caverns: After 4 Tex-Mex Happy Hour with Live Funk and Jazz Fusion

Relax after work or school at the Caverns for a good time full of food, fun and music.
Location: 2001 11th St. N.W.
Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Age: 21 and over

Club 2:K:9: Grey Goose Music Tour: Featuring Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Eightball and MJG, and Lil Jon & the East Side Boys. Witness contrasts in Hip-

Hop from the Midwest and South.

Location: 2009 8th St. N.W.
Time: 9 p.m.
Age: 18 and up
More info: 202-667-7750

Saturday, Sept. 21

Downtown D.C.: Discover Historic Downtown D.C.: A Guided Walking Tour. Get to know a little history on your surroundings.

Location: 1250 H St. N.W. #850
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Age: All Ages
More info: 202-638-3232

District of Columbia Jewish Community Center: This Woolly Mammoth production is a very humorous play about the tragic events of Sept. 11.

Location: 1529 16th St. N.W.
Time: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Age: All Ages
More info: 202-393-3939

Black Cat: Antibalas

Afrobeat Orchestra: Hear some funky Afro-beats from Brooklyn.

Location: 1811 14th St. N.W.
Time: 9:30 p.m.
Age: 18 and up
More info: 202-667-7960

Sunday, Sept. 22

Patriot Center: The Y Tour, starring Ashanti, Fat Joe, and Hoobastank

The princess of Murder Inc. will be live on stage in concert.

Location: 4400 University Dr. Fairfax, Va.
Time: 4 p.m.
Age: All
More info: 703-993-3000

National Gallery of Art: The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt. View ancient artifacts from the Motherland, Africa.

Location: 4th Street and Constitution Avenue
Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Age: All
More info: 202-842-6713 or go to www.nga.gov

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Television productions major, Adriane Frazier really enjoyed this part of the program.

"Q's poetry was really powerful. The things he was saying were things that we think about all the time, but can't articulate as well as he can," Frazier said. "He is a master manipulator of the English language."

One of the speakers that were present was Baba Tehuti, owner of the House of Khamit. He spoke mainly about revolutions starting with the students, using Fidel Castro and Kweise Mfume as examples of people getting their initial thoughts and ideas started as students. He also spoke about his happiness that these organizations had joined together.

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"If a freshman entrant is having trouble with registration then someone can direct him/her to the proper authority," Stevens said.

Lakoya Reafrow, an intern for the Department of Athletic Advisement added, "The SAAC offers a lot of information that the student athletes wouldn't otherwise get. It's a great network for the students to utilize."

Members and coaches who attend the meetings can share the information discussed in the meetings with their team.

The SAAC also has two MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) representatives who attend conference meetings involving other schools and discuss information from those meetings at the general body meeting.

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NEWS

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Normal skin is skin that's neither too oily nor too dry. Normal skin usually has few blemishes on the surface, it's very firm, generally smooth, and has small pores.

Combination skin is when some areas of the skin are excessively dry and other areas of the skin are excessively oily. Some include, the T-zone-the forehead, nose and chin, would be oily and the cheek and throat area would be dry in combination skin. Combination skin is the most diffi-

cult skin type to cope with because the surface of the skin is not consistent. After washing and cleaning the skin some areas of the face can feel tight and also look rough and dull or feel flaky, while other areas are very greasy or shiny and are prone to pimples or blackheads.

Junior broadcast journalism major, Derrick Brown has normal skin and stated that upkeep of healthy skin is not difficult for him.

"All I do is wash my face with water and when I come out of the shower, I'll apply lotion to it,"

Brown said. "I don't use any special face washes or creams on my skin, because my skin does not need it."

Brown also said that drinking lots of water and staying away from candy and chocolate helps maintain the flawless appearance of his skin.

Although Brown believes that eating healthy and drinking a lot of water are the essential steps to follow to achieve or maintain clear skin, Ken Landow, clinical professor of medical dermatology at the University of Southern California

stated that the real culprits of acne and blemishes are hormones and stress.

"Stress has a major role in acne because it seems that the stress hormones make acne a lot worse," Landow said. "Acne is considerably worsened around school examinations, in the time of menstrual cycles and in the time of fighting with the family."

Landow says that the belief that keeping hair away from the face, watching what you eat, and increasing the number of times

you wash your face daily are very mythological beliefs and in actuality are minor causes of breakouts.

There are numerous over the counter medications available but Landow feels that these products are very expensive for the benefit you get and feels that prescribed agents are much more effective, reliable and less costly in the long run.

David Green, a certified dermatologist assistant clinical professor of dermatology at the Howard University Hospital, recommends

aesthetic services to help maintain skin in optimal conditions.

For oily skin he suggests the European facial, which helps sustain ones skin texture and tone by soothing vapors that provide a thorough deep pore cleaning.

Green also stated that for dry skin, mild brushing and facial massage exfoliates dry surface cells and debris. The accumulation of these cells can contribute to less than your normal skin tone.

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It Is Never That Serious

In pursuit of "sisterhood" two young ladies lost their lives, leaving family members and friends to mourn. Sorority pledges followed the orders of their "big sisters," blind folded themselves and walked into a 10 foot tide, sweeping them away. Hazing, in any way, shape or form is unacceptable. A fraternity or sorority is never that serious.

Even though most states have zero tolerance hazing laws, hazing persists on underground lines, maintaining most of the same hazing traditions from decades ago. While many fraternities and sororities claim they follow the guidelines set forth by their national governing body, prospects have known this is not the case.

As tradition prevails over common sense and decency, two young ladies have lost their chance to become members of some social organization and more importantly, their lives. Other pledges have drunk, been beaten, and left tied on railroad tracks to death at the hands of fraternity members. Who is to blame for these deaths?

Some may argue that the "process" is a voluntary act in which prospective members are not forced to do partici-

pate in any hazing activities. Even further, many organizations posit that the pledges knew (or should have known) that they were participating in acts that, by national orders, would disqualify them from membership. The claim can even be made that the young ladies should have opted out

OUR VIEW

Membership in any fraternity or sorority should never risk the lives or livelihood of prospective pledges

and if they didn't want to do it, they didn't have to. But how has this played in real life?

Many members of Greek letter organizations went through ridiculous processes in order to be granted membership. Regardless of the risk, pledges submitted to whatever members asked of them. Being realistic, how many members of Greek letter organizations on Howard's campus can honestly say they wanted to do everything they participated in during "intake" and would have done it if not seeking membership? How many Greeks on our own

campus can claim they were not subjected to some form of hazing?

The smug attitude of many Greeks who claim they no longer participate in hazing activities (and lie) is what's most upsetting, especially while pledges are dead. These organizations (and their members) claim to hold particular values which directly contradict their actions.

Scholarship, Perseverance, Friendship, Sisterhood/Brotherhood and Achievement are all high standards but should never equate to death in order to accomplish them. None of the high moral standards or character that each Greek letter organization seeks in its members is found solely in hazing.

And let's just face it. Greek letter organizations are just not that serious- not to the point of life and death. While the pride and love that some members have in their organization is respectable and it may even be life-changing or altering experience, the realization should be there for each member to know that it is what it is- an organization, and that's it.



Forget the Excuses, Just Get Us Our Books

It's moving into the fourth week of school and the bookstore has yet to have their shelves stocked with the books you need. Who is to blame? Who knows? From our reports, it seemed that every office/professor involved is pointing the finger in all directions but their own. Meanwhile, we still have no books.

It was said that professors didn't order the books, or the orders weren't placed or they weren't delivered on time. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Students are less concerned with which University office is to blame and more concerned with just having the books.

Just do what you have to do to get our books here!

Consistency Kills Complaints

With a new Dean of Residence Life hounding Community Directors, Resident Assistants and security guards about safety in dormitories, many students have felt the edge on many of the security guards has become harassing. It has now become such an issue that students have not realized the purpose of dorm security policies. Many students have even forgot that the person who is harassing them is really put there to "protect and serve" them.

Admittedly, students sometimes eat their cake and want it too. Even though all students residing in campus know they need to show/swipe their ID to gain access in to the building, they get a bit lazy. It is not uncommon to see a student haggling with a security guard they feel should "know them by now," and refuse to show their ID. Other times students just become careless and forget their IDs in dorm rooms, cars, classes and all about the campus. This is not exactly the best behavior for "grown" men and women. Ok, we admit it. However,

other issues need addressing.

Some of our contracted security guards are just plain rude. From their demanding tone to their

OUR VIEW

As the responsibility rests with students to comply with security guards, there is a heavier weight on the security personnel to maintain their professionalism.

uncouth disposition, students will usually have a problem when someone has insulted them to get them to comply with any policy. It is completely inappropriate for any security guard to become so demanding that a student feels harassed. Consequently, we have countless incidents of students being disrespectful and unruly when dealing with security personnel.

While walking into a building on any given night, the Burns security officer may not even check your ID. The guard may be too busy eating their take-out, talking on their cell phone, listening to the radio or stand-

ing outside enjoying a cigarette. Or, you may even see the person in front of you who is "cool" with the guard and slip right by without flashing any ID while you get the third-degree while transporting groceries to your room.

Both students and security have a responsibility to be consistent and comply. If all security guards maintained a professional demeanor and politely requested to see each person's ID before entering the building, there would be less of a struggle. For example, entry to the East Towers, for the most part, is very smooth. The guards are polite yet remain professional to ensure the safety of each resident and as a result, there are rarely any arguments between guards and residents.

As the responsibility rests with students to comply with security guards, there is a heavier weight on the security personnel to maintain a professional composure and consistently enforce University policy and procedure.

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PERSPECTIVES

Super Model



COLUMN

Brandon A. Miller

After seeing the article "New Study Shows Absence of Black Men in College," it only validated what I already knew: black men have very few male role models we can relate to in our communities.

Growing up, I was able to count all the black males I could identify with, on one hand—three—and I have actually been one of the fortunate ones. These people were my father, my uncle and my cousin who is only three years older than I am.

Notice anything about that group? All three of them are in my family.

While it is good to appreciate the skills and abilities of the many black entertainers and athletes that infiltrate our popular culture, I don't feel they should be considered role models.

But since there are so few men that young black males can see on an everyday basis and realistically aspire to follow, often Allen Iverson and Jay-Z are their misguided answers to the question, "Who is your role model?"

While it was good for me to have men in my family to look up to, it would've been nice to know there were black men in the world who were decent that weren't related to me.

Some guys growing up don't even have the privilege to have any men in their family to look up to, and I feel this is truly sad. That's why I appreciate and continue to look up to Roy Curry.

I know many of you have shrugged your face and are now asking, "Who is Roy Curry?"

Roy Curry was my eighth grade English teacher and has been like the older brother I've never had. Barely into his 20s, Roy graduated from Jackson State University only a few months before teaching my eighth-grade class.

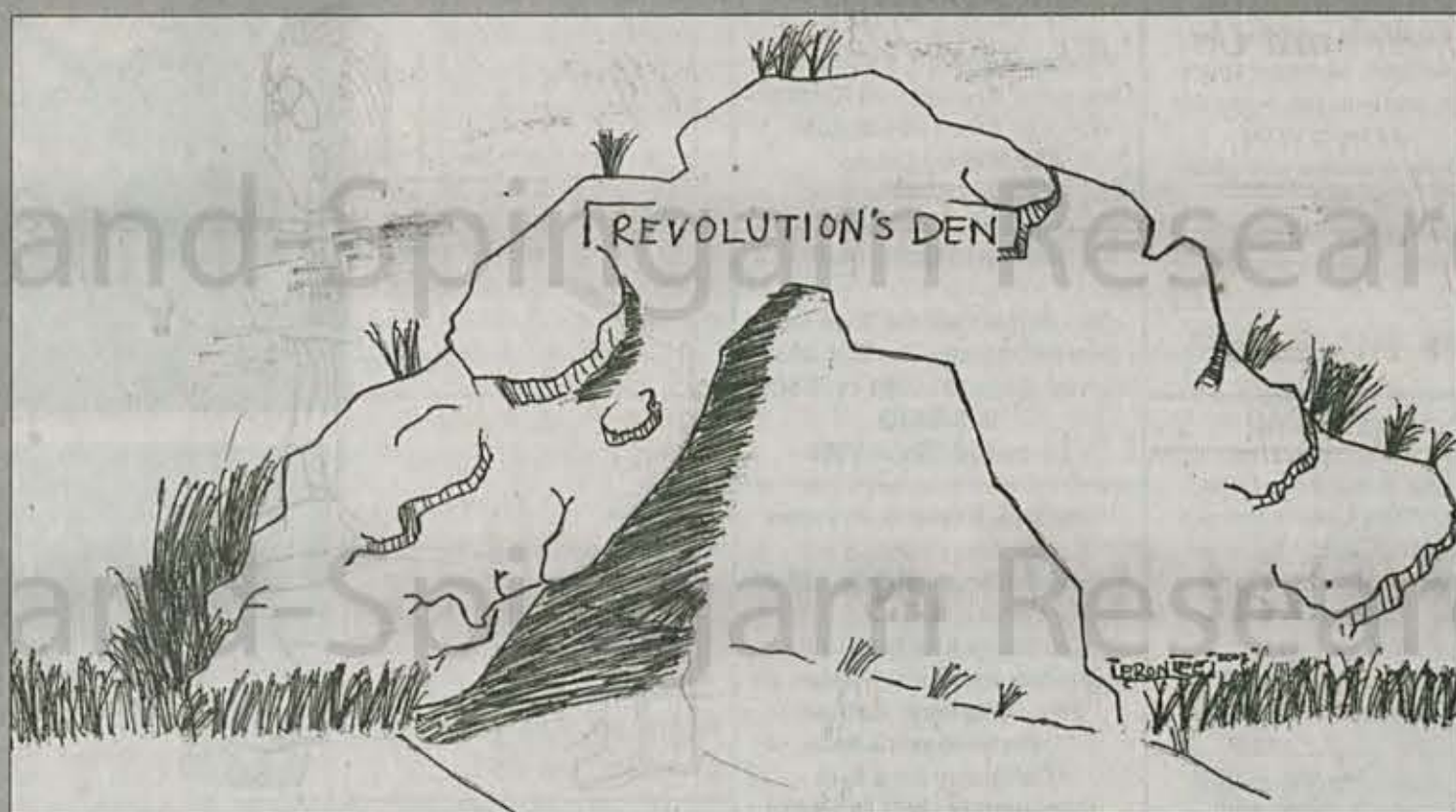
More than the fact that he was a teacher and a recent college graduate, I immediately looked up to Roy—or Mr. Curry as I had to call him back then—because he was cool. I saw in him what I hoped to be in the coming years.

I breezed through that English class. Not because he wasn't a good teacher, but because he made the subject matter interesting and presented it in a manner that no teacher before him had done. Mr. Curry made English fun.

Is it any coincidence that I've embraced the language and am now a journalism major?

In high school, I was his aide for two years, assisting him in grading papers and other odd jobs. Since he lived only five minutes away, we often met at Jesse Owens

Revolution's Den



Revolution's Den will be a monthly feature in *The Hilltop*. The Den will give students a chance to share their revolutionary thinking that has changed them, and subsequently the world. Submissions should be submitted electronically to www.thehilltoponline.com. All submissions must be no longer than 550 words.

Step into the Den

Once I allowed myself to stray. I became consumed by matter and was void of space until I read this quote. My friend Mr. Araujo

said, "My Dream is Not to Die in Poverty... But to Have Poverty Die in Me!"

People often fear what's inside. I to was afraid until the fatal day when the temple inside me collapsed. Remember that perfect not so perfect day. It was the day I traveled. It was when vulnerability became intensity. Intensity caused a fusion of matter and space. Existence then became infinite domain.

I took one step in and motion ceased. The den engulfed me like the mythical blue flame that burned in the land of chi. My soul urged me to shake hands with my mind and partake in the Revolution. The Revolution struck a chord and my body danced in the Den for the first time.

-Thomas E. Dominique, Jr.

Park to play basketball. We talked about everything from women, sports, colleges and more women. He gave me advice about the future and assured me that I'd be all right because I was a "cool guy."

Eight years have passed and not too much has changed. He recently got married and moved to New York, but we still talk on the phone and even met at Jesse Owens Park while he was in Chicago over Independence Day weekend.

We didn't play basketball this time; we caught up on everything that's been going on in life.

I was reminded why he was a role model to me then and even though I'm a few months away from legally being grown; he is still a role model to me.

Not simply because he's cool, but because he was somebody that I saw constantly that I could relate to and model myself after for success not only as a professional but also as a man.

As we talked, no less than 15 people stopped to show him love. From thugs to single mothers, high school students to old heads, they all wanted to know how he was doing.

Roy Curry isn't a rapper or million-dollar athlete, but he still has the respect of our community and has impacted lives.

Every black man doesn't have to be an English teacher to be a role model. It really doesn't take much to impact the life of a young black male or catch his attention. But please, let's start the cycle somewhere. Roy already did and I'm just hoping to follow his lead.

To My Dearest KiShawnda

Alesha Brandon

The past year of my life has been filled with experiences of all kinds.

It began in Ghana. Upon arrival, we tattooed our presence on African soil by stomping rhythmic patterns of "my spirit has always remembered" into the earth where we stood. It was here where we studied ourselves more fiercely than we ever had.

That moment in our lives called for a deep look at us. And it was a long journey for the both of us.

During those months, we hugged our tears, made love to our laughter, touched our bodies, held our own hands and simply reacquainted our selves with our selves.

We would sit for hours together and say absolutely nothing, yet say absolutely everything. Or you would sing your heart out while I massaged your locks, and we would both part, completely revived.

When I cut off all my hair, you took me home, washed it and we both felt refreshed. We prayed each other through depression and sickness and welcomed back joy and health.

We immersed ourselves in Ghanaian culture, but also thoroughly cherished those nights we would sit alone and have our own sister cipher.

Talkin' about how we were going to be some badass old women warriors, raising whole villages of black folk. And about how you were going to be an independent director with

an emphasis on bring the sunlight out of the continent, and I that broke teacher and bookstore owner.

You called me out on a lot of issues that I had, like one a true sister and friend would, and although it pissed me off at times, I learned to appreciate you even more, and loved our friendship that much more passionately.

We relied on each other for laughter, direction, energy, encouragement, and sanity. Our memories were sacred.

When it was finally time for me to dip, we hugged tightly, trying to be strong because we knew we would see each another in May.

I arrived in D.C. fierce, equipped with a new attitude, spirit refreshed, mind liberated, and no hair.

I began having an allergic reaction to America, and I called you crying my eyes out when I couldn't cope.

As usual, you came through and we were prepared to fly me back to Ghana that weekend, because you already said that it wasn't my time to leave the continent just yet anyway.

But for me, hearing your voice once again was solace enough, and though it was extremely difficult, I was able to make it through each day, though admittedly a bit detached.

You helped me through this period as best you could—sending me energy, prayers, and poems across the ocean. Once I received your gifts, I rubbed your energy all over my body,

made chants out of your prayers, and tasted the sweet sounds of your poems on the tip of my tongue.

It was especially rewarding to see you in March, looking beautiful. Again, we talked for hours, and I started feeling familiar to myself once again. And even though our moment was brief, it was a revitalizing exchange.

I missed you the following week in Amsterdam during your layover, but I had a strong feeling that you would hop the train solo and be okay. And you were okay, KiShawnda.

Our lives went on. Yours in Ghana. Mine in America. I decided to take your advice and spend the summer in Africa.

The plan was to help Yvonne, the young Namibian attorney, organize a human rights exhibition in Zambia, and do some traveling in southern Africa. We talked a few times before I left, both trying to organize your life for the following semester.

Once I was notified of your death on June 9th, the rest of the summer became a blur. I quickly isolated myself from everything and everyone, and tried to make sense of some of the events in my life up to that point. At my mother's insistence, I threw some clothes in a suitcase, and arrived in Zambia two days later, wondering how I had even made it.

The adjustment was difficult. During the day, I worked rigorously for Afronet and at night I wept. I nearly lost my mind every night for two weeks. I soon

Good Intent

Malkia Thumbi

The road to good intent always seems to start off with an opinion.

"I was only trying to help out my fellow man/woman."

Some here at HU feel that they are the deciding factor from fashion to relationships and all areas in-between.

What gives people the right to bestow their opinions upon others? What gives people the sole authority to control what they think is the majority? It is no one person's responsibility to be anyone's "keeper."

We are at an institution of higher education and trivial matter should be the least of one's concern. How one dresses, her hairstyle, how she chooses to present them when leaving her own home is a decision that should be left up to that person.

There is definitely a time and place for everything, but one of life's most beautiful aspect is art and expression—who are we to determine time and place?

We are all individuals and as individuals we have different morals and beliefs. Therefore, it is wrong to force one's ideas of the way of life should be lived on others.

As we go deeper into the new millennium, I believe it is important for us to be versatile. Without versatility, one remains closed-minded, which in turn creates room for judgmental behavior. Judgmental behavior allows conflict without resolution, conflict that could be avoided if only people did not so freely exercise their freedom of speech-making them the "End All, Be All" at Howard University.

One person's opinion is just that an opinion. So to all the Mr. and Miss. Intentionals out there, please don't do me any more favors.

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Thanks Jonathan for holding it down. STAFF-- great issue--pleased Aisha ? :-)
--EIC

10:00 pm - until

Aisha & Elena-- Keep doing the damn thang with the sports page. Whoever said women couldn't get the job done has been proven wrong!

Mr. Hill and Romanda-- We really appreciate all the information you give us on a weekly basis. We're looking forward to the rest of the year

-- Aisha & Elena

Tyrone,
Sorry about the confusion. I meant no disrespect. One luv.

--Amber

MEMPHIS: Remember that place? Those nights? Times weren't all bad, but even though I'd never say it, it hurts like hell sometimes...but, Just me, Just you is all I want.

Antijuan, Are you cheating on us?

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Panel Discussion on Applying to and Financing Law School Education @ 4:30pm

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