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BLAGOSAH Continues to Rally for Student Safety



Rally participant bears sign about President Swygert's alleged disregard for student safety.

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

"We want justice. What do we want? Zero tolerance. When do we want it? Now."

These were chants that could be heard from the bullhorn across the main yard on Friday at the rally led by the Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Gays Organization of Students at Howard.

The rally was sparked by the recent attack of Darryl Payton, a sophomore theatre arts major, by members of the Showtime marching band's trumpet section.

Organizers said the rally's focus was on the safety problem on campus.

The Howard University Student Association was co-sponsor of the event.

Irene Schwoefferman, HUSA's Political Action Committee chair helped the group to organize a planned response to the recent attacks.

"As Political Action Committee chair I facilitate thought into momentum," Schwoefferman said. "I don't want students to just complain, but employ strategic planning for effective action."

Vice President of

BLAGOSAH, Chris Bolden-Newsome, said the organization received much support locally and nationally.

Some of the organizations included the Human Rights Coalition, Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"I cannot rate the rally as a success until our immediate and long term goals are met, but it was a powerful start," Newsome said. "We had long planning sessions, where we talked to gay as well as straight students to get a sense of their



Darryl Payton speaks to crowd Friday.

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10 Students Evicted from Residence Halls

Most Kicked Out for Burning Candles

By Keyanna Doctor
Contributing Writer

At least ten students have been evicted from on campus housing after a few weeks into the semester.

Burning violations among other offenses primarily sparked these evictions.

According to the new director of on campus housing, Charles J. Gibbs, the majority of the incidents have occurred in the Plaza Towers West.

"One student turned their bookstand into a bar, while another student entertained a party of sixty in their efficiency," Gibbs said.

"Other occurrences that led to eviction include propping a textbook in the door to sneak friends in, and exiting through a fire exit, which is a felony."

Gibbs said Residence Life isn't searching to evict anyone but students' indiscretions are what cause them to be evicted.

The director says anti-smoking or burning rules will be strictly enforced. "During the summer evaluation of the dorms, staff found mattress burns from irons and incense," Gibbs said.

This led to the enforcement of rules prohibiting ironing in the sleeping rooms; all ironing should be done in the laundry rooms.

Residence Life is in the process of ordering and installing ironing boards in the Laundry rooms.

Returning and new students living in residence halls were given revised regulation booklets and saw several no smoking or burning of any substance signs throughout their dormitories.

Since students have been evicted from their rooms because they were found in violation of the anti-burning regulations, many students have been left asking if their Glade candles and vanilla scented incense are really a danger.

According to Senior Community Director, Reverend Nathaniel B. Thomas, it is very serious.

"We have low tolerance when these types of reports come to us," Thomas said. "Everyone received a handbook which states incense burning is prohibited to be burned in the residence halls."

The Meridian Hill Hall Code of Conduct also states on page three, letter C, "Howard University is a smoke-free environment."

Smoking of any kind is prohibited in the building, including sleeping rooms. There is no smoking in the building. Persons guilty of smoking in the building could be fined up to \$500.

Thomas wants students

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Students Remember KiShawnda McRoyal



Above, members of the Nsaa Dance Ensemble perform the opening dance at the memorial service held for KiShawnda McRoyal on Thursday evening on the main yard. Right, students pay tribute to McRoyal through artwork.



Jessie Jackson Speaks at Chapel, Installs Student Leaders, Speaks of Disappointments

Glenn Frizell
Contributing Writer

During a spirit filled chapel service held on Sunday the Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., preached about the mighty history of Howard University in Cramton Auditorium, which was almost filled to capacity.

"Dignity can't be negotiable," Jackson said. "Howard has produced some great leaders. [Those affiliated] with Howard must continue to uphold the foundation."

Dean Richardson and President H. Patrick Swygert also participated along with the heads of more than 30 student groups. These representatives were installed during the service.

President H. Patrick Swygert compared the student leaders to the likes of former D.C. mayors, Howard alumni Sharon Pratt-Kelly, Walter Washington, and civil rights activists Stockley Carmichael.

He told student leaders there is still much work to be done in the tradition of excellence.

"We must continue to hold dear the core values of the university," Swygert said.

The representatives of the student organizations repeated an oath along with the President promising to remain faithful to the legacy of Howard's leaders, serving in a spirit of excellence, compassion, integrity, and commitment.

Kenneth Minor of the Howard University Chapel Choir delivered a joyful rendition of "Jesus Paid it All." The song was extended into a ten-minute interlude of shouts and testimonials of god's goodness from various members of the audience.

In his sermon Jackson expressed the need for unslaved minds that will think and make decisions for future generations.

He cited the Barbershop as an example; Jackson warned of wolves in sheep clothing who exploit our legacy for profit. The movie, which opened number one in box offices, has been criticized as of recently for a scene in which Cedric the Entertainer's character Eddie makes fun of several civil rights leaders.

"It should not be allowed. To make fun of Rosa Parks, Dr. King and the Rodney King beatings is not acceptable," Jackson said. "The Jews didn't accept it when Michael Jackson made derogatory remarks, [on his album] and we shouldn't accept it."

The civil rights activist said there is a fine line between racial profiling by the oppressor and the acceptance of stereotypes by the oppressed and urged student leaders to be conscious of the challenges facing them.

"Nothing is too hard for you," Jackson encouraged.

Maria Kane, president of



Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., speaks to the Howard University community at chapel on Sunday.

the Chapel Assistants, said being a student leader builds character.

"The responsibility of being a leader can be overwhelming at times," Kane said.

"God moves people in different ways but serving as a student leader is one of the most humbling things you can ever do,"

Norma Lee, president of Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Chapter, participated in the installation service. She suggested that students remain aware of the issues surrounding Howard even if they aren't student leaders.

"We as students should always keep our eyes open and

always inquires as to what is involved in legislation [on Capital Hill] that will effect our Howard community," Lee said.

Sociology professor and Howard alum Alderman-Swain, said Jackson's message should inspire students.

"Jesse Jackson is one of many dignitaries that grace the Howard University campus," Alderman-Swain said. "It's up to students to take full advantage to hear these speakers and participate in leadership roles while they are here."

Angela Davis, chapel assistant and a senior in the school of communications, said the event was a warm welcome

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HUH Nurses Strike Held Off for 72 Hours



The proposed nurses strike at Howard University Hospital has been held off. The nurses agreed to extend their current contract for 72 hours on Sunday evening. A strike is still possible if their demands are not met by Wednesday.



CAMPUS

VOICES & VIEWS

Why are students apathetic towards campus elections?



Name: Isaiah Johnson
Classification: Junior
Major: Musical Theatre

"The majority of students feel as though their involvement with elections won't bring about significant change."



Name: Naeemah Cranston
Classification: Junior
Major: Photography

"There is so much going on at the time of elections that we don't even remember."



Name: Tonja H. McGill
Classification: Junior
Major: Nursing

"People do not think [elections] will affect them until someone who is inefficient gets in office."



Name: Tahirah Thompson
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business Marketing

"They don't think their vote is going to make a difference."

Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt

Friends of McRoyal Celebrate Her Life

By Mercedes White
Contributing Writer

Over 75 members of the Howard University family gathered Thursday evening on the main yard in an emotion-filled celebration of the life of Kishawnda McRoyal who died of malaria this summer.

The outpour of love could be felt in each spoken word,

song and dance as each participant in the service gave their final tribute to the Chicago native who, in her lifetime, was also a poet, singer and talented dancer.

The service started at about 5:30 p.m. and continued until almost 8 p.m.

The sounds of drums resonated throughout the campus.

NSAA dancers paid homage with energetic African dances

and chants.

Friends of McRoyal were unrestrained in expressing how she impacted their lives.

Former residents of Crandall Hall, colleagues McRoyal had as a Resident Assistant, elementary, high school, and college friends all spoke positively of her.

The mother of the deceased student, Marletta Payton, flew to Washington D.C. from Illinois to attend the memorial.

She was happy that she was able to share in the ceremony that vividly accounted for her daughter's life.

"I am glad you all did this," Payton said. "I was asked before the ceremony if I felt Kishawnda's spirit and I said no, but now I do."

Kia Hartfield, a graduate student and a friend of McRoyal, sang a soul-stirring rendition of the Our Father prayer.

Hartfield recounted that she was not able to sing this

song with McRoyal due to a mishap and decided to sing the song as a symbol of her love.

McRoyal had a dream of going to Africa and decided to study at the University of Legon in Ghana her junior year, the academic year 2001-2002. This dream was something she shared with many people including Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs Nwaji Jibonuh.

He encouraged mourners to remain strong in Igbo, a Nigerian language.

"Nne Nne udu mala puta mu udu," said Jibonuh, which in English means,

"When you are living amongst the mortal and you lose someone close to you, do not weep, but rejoice," Jibonuh said in Igbo. "Know that they are your courage and strength, and they will always be with you; they dwell with the immortal."

McRoyal's boyfriend David McDuffie, a junior



File Photo

Kishawnda McRoyal

marketing/anthropology major, misses his girlfriend's energy.

"Her death allowed me to see that death is nothing to fear," McDuffie said. "My relationship with her taught me true love."

The memorial ended with a very spirit-filled dance by members of NSAA to the sounds of the reverberating African drum rhythms.

Audience members like Charmion Kinder, a senior

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Students Complain About Escort Service



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

There is much debate as to whether Campus Police should focus on security rather than provide escort services. Left, a Campus Policeman locks up the Blackburn Center. Right, A Campus Police Cruiser is parked outside of Blackburn.



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Contributing Writer

A number of students continue to complain about the inefficiency of the Campus Police escort service, from waiting for over two hours, to having to spend the night in another dorm. Because of the increase in violence on Georgia Avenue and the surrounding areas, the escort system became a necessity for the safety of Howard students, faculty, and staff, for intra-campus travel. James Dowdy, a Campus Police sergeant, said many students do not feel safe walking to their dorms or cars alone late at night.

"The escort service was created for students and faculty to feel safe walking on campus property," Dowdy said.

"All students have to do is to call and we will try to come as quickly as possible."

For many students like Robin Williams, junior computer sciences major, getting through to the escort service was not as easy as Sergeant Dowdy described.

"It was two in the morning and I was standing in front of the Engineering Building, and I called the escort system to pick me up,"

Williams said. "I was told they [Campus Police] were between shifts and that I would have to wait. I waited over an hour before they came." For many students, obtaining a ride from Campus Police is very difficult.

Alexis Logan, a freshman political science major, remem-

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-Alexis Logan, a freshman political science major

bers not being able to get a ride to the metro station.

"My friends and I asked one of the campus policemen if he would drive us to the metro station

and he refused," Logan said. "He told us to take the shuttle, but the shuttles had already stopped running."

Students have found it hard to get an escort during the Campus Police's shift changes. According to Sergeant Dowdy, the campus police change shifts from 11:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The best time for a student to call would be after 1:00 a.m.

Many students have found that Campus Police have convenient shift changes after 1:00 in the morning.

"It was three in the morning, and I didn't want to walk back to the dorms by myself," recalls Donna Gibson, a freshman psychology major.

"When I tried to call the Campus Police to pick me up from the I-Lab, I couldn't get through. I had no one to walk me home, and I was very scared," Gibson said. For Campus Police, the safety of the campus comes before the escort system.

"The escort system is a courtesy. If there is a felony occurring or a fight, the police's first priority is that," Dowdy said. "Many students call for us to take them to a

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Photo by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

Above, the office of former the assistant academic advisor, Michael Andrews, who resigned Monday.

Communications Advisor Resigns After a Month

By Amie McLain
Contributing Writer

After only one month as Assistant Academic Advisor in the School of Communication, Michael Andrews has resigned from his position.

Andrews was hired shortly before fall registration to replace the Assistant Advisor, Trevor Leiba, who resigned in July.

In an interview with The Hilltop prior to his resignation, Andrews complained of the University's lack of organization.

"It would be very frustrating as I would send students to the Administration building and employees there would send them elsewhere," Andrews said. "Students

would come back upset; it often would seem as though I did not know what I was doing."

Efforts to contact Andrews after his resignation from the University were unsuccessful.

The Dean of the School of Communications confirmed that Andrews resigned because he was frustrated.

"It is my understanding he felt overwhelmed," Dates said. "He came on board just before registration and he had not worked in such an environment."

Dates also said Andrews did not receive help from his predecessor Leiba because of how late Andrews came on

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Freshman in Drew and the Quad Experience Visitation Craze

By Jodi Hurt
Contributing Writer

The dynamics changed on Friday at 2 p.m. for many freshmen as long lines went outside the doors of the Tubman Quadrangle. It was no longer, "Mommy can I have company?" But, just showing two identification cards.

The long awaited day was full of preparation and anxiety. Both all-male and all-female dorms were getting ready to have a friend of the opposite sex over to visit.

There was a sweet smelling aroma coming from different floors of the Quad, clean bathrooms, hallways and bedrooms, with a hint of Lysol to add a little something extra.

Shannon McGhee was among those who cleaned up especially for the expected visi-

tor.

"I don't want people seeing my room like this," McGhee said. "I don't feel like it, but I do have to clean it."

Many roommates had room meetings to set rules for their own personal space, and what will be expected for the year.

Residents of room 116 in Crandall Hall, Tubman Quadrangle, drafted visitation rules: deciding on quiet hours, the use of the television, and other personal items to avoid conflict.

The preparation in Drew Hall, the all-male freshmen dormitory was a little different.

Some Drew residents devised methods to let their roommates know they had company.

Aaron Christian, a freshman and resident of Drew, spoke of his 'do not enter' sign.

"Some guys had socks that they hang on the door, but I have a message board that hangs on my door that says, 'busy'," Christian said.

Jason Johnson, a freshman who also resides in Drew, was looking forward to visitation.

"I can go over my friends' place and eat up all their food," Johnson said. "I expect someone to feed me."

Drew Hall residents had to meet requirements set by their Resident Assistants before visitation began.

All dorm representatives had to be elected before Friday.

Within a week's time the representatives had to be tentatively chosen, and they are already in the process of having group meetings to stay on top of events within Drew Hall.

Before visitation began, female residents in the Quad had to attend a mandatory



Photo by Amanda Welsh

A Tubman Quadrangle resident checks in a visitor on the first day of visitation Friday.

security and safety meeting with the Campus Police Chief, as well as a floor meeting with their Resident Assistant.

Kristin Johnson, a junior nursing major and resident assistant in the Quad, urged her residents to exercise good judgment.

"At the pre-visitation meeting we asked our residents be very careful of who they allowed into their home," Johnson said. "There was not a visitation craze on my floor, only two persons checked per

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Triples in the Quad Prove Tolerable

By Melanie Holmes
Contributing Writer

It's been one month since three strangers were picked to live in a dorm room. Though their lives are not being video taped like a reality show, the living conditions of residents in Truth and Crandall Hall have been heavily discussed.

For many residents such as Dominique Favors, freshman psychology major, living in a triple was initially unbelievable.

"When I first saw the size of the room, I was like are you serious?" Favors said. "As time progressed I adapted to

"When I first saw the size of the room, I was like 'are you serious?'. As time progressed I adapted to my surroundings."

-Dominique Favors, freshman psychology major

my surroundings." Students with single beds as opposed to bunks find the triples more livable.

Truth Hall resident, Anise Abernathy of Cleveland, Ohio, likes her room, as she does not share her side of the room with another roommate.

"I thought it was going to be cramped and we would be invading each other's space," Abernathy said. "I enjoy it because my roommates are really nice."

However, for many, personal space and privacy are the two main sacrifices for those staying in triples.

"If I am in the room working while my roommates are sleeping, I am a disturbance" freshman Raven Wiggins, a resident of Crandall majoring in biology, said.

"I wouldn't recommend a triple if you want to study in your room," Favors said. "With two roommates, there's a lot more going on because people are always coming in." Besides complaints of limited space, residents of Truth and Crandall find the dorms to be enjoyable.

"There's more people to talk to, so you can make more friends," said freshman

Mallory Breland, a resident in Truth Hall.

Residents also find the air-conditioned room to be comfortable. Some say it makes up for the loss of privacy.

For Abernathy, majoring in biology pre-medicine, an air-conditioned room may have been a plus, but it does not compromise for lack of space.

"If [the University] thinks just because we're in triples but have air conditioning and a free microfridge, everything is okay, they are wrong," said Abernathy.

According to Franklin Chambers, the interim dean of Residence Life, Truth and Crandall were already equipped with air conditioning. Bigger hallways and air conditioning were both factors in turning these particular dorms into triples.

"We didn't want to have a situation where people wouldn't be comfortable," Chambers said. "Triple rooms provided the University with a short-term solution to the on-campus housing shortage."

Most of the concerns brought about by the triples have primarily been directed towards the freshman. With about 40 girls per floor, things can get overwhelming for resident assistants, as well.

"It's a hard job that people usually underestimate," said sophomore Tijuana Barnes, the resident assistant of fourth floor Crandall. "I love being an RA, but we need more privileges. We go to school full time, work for residence life part time and are RAs full time."

Resident Assistants said the complaints received from their residents mostly come from the third roommate. They face problems such as an inactivated third phone line and until Sept. 12, lack of mailbox for the third roommate caused frustration among residents.

Chambers said that no complaints were made to the Office of Resident Life.

"I'm happy to say that no requests for transfer have been made, for the most part, triples rooms seem to be working out just fine."

Several attempts to contact Donna Green for an interview were unsuccessful due to schedule conflicts.

and the sights of Washington, DC. "The boat ride is so nice for those of us who never left the cities we lived in before college," Simpson said. "It makes you feel like you never lived before college."

Goldie E. Patrick, a junior theater arts major, had a great time.

"I haven't sat down all night," Patrick said. "It was beautiful to see all my peers, dressed up, enjoying themselves and one another."

It was a night filled with much laughter and various dances old and new to the musical selections.

Cubie Coleman, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, enjoyed the deejay's selections.

"He was tight, besides the brief technical difficulty. He kept the crowd hype," Coleman said.

There were few complaints

Office of Career Services gets a New Director

By Christetta K. Stone
Contributing Writer

Howard University's Careers Services Office starts fresh with a rekindled mission to educate and connect students and employers in the process of exploring career opportunities, understanding job market trends, and effectively transitioning students into the American and global work force.

The newly appointed director, Kim R. Wells, is eager to help students.

"There is a lot of potential here; I'm just excited," Wells said. "We would like to work more with all the schools to ensure that there are no gaps in opportunity."

CSO has many programs and services to assist students in finding the right career opportunity.

The staff provides help in personalized career development strategy such as developing cover letters and resumes, and improving students' interviewing skills.

The CSO has hundreds of job listings, internship opportunities, on-campus recruitment services, walk-in career consulting, career development training, a career resources library, electronic job search terminals and information.

The office also distributes the Howard University career and internship banks every two weeks.

The career bank is a compilation of nationwide full-time and part-time job opportunities.

Categorized and in alphabetical order, each listing is complete with everything from position title to detailed contact information.

The internship bank is set up in the same manner, except it is composed of nationwide internships and volunteer opportunities.

The banks are a service of the CSO and Monstertrak.com.

The career resource library has resources, which allow students to research career interests, and ideas.

It is located in the Student Resources Center of the C.B. Powell Building

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-Kim Wells, Director of Career Services Office

in room 109.

A vast amount of information is available for use regularly such as reference sources, occupational literature, education information, and graduate/professional school information.

In addition to the in-



Photo by Keyanna Doctor

CSO Director Kim Wells works in his C.B. Powell office.

office services, the CSO distributes a career services handbook every year to aid students in planning for their future.

"This handbook outlines in detail the services previously mentioned and it also includes general information such as, an overview of the office's scheduled programs," Wells said.

The handbook is a valuable resource for students with a lot of information about interviewing, using the Internet to find a job, marketing your degree, and developing proper work habits.

"The resources in the office will really help, in any job search, but in order

to receive the best assistance from the CSO, students must register," Wells said.

Part one of registration begins with a visit to the Career Services Office to fill out a registration form, submit copies of your resume, and pick up more instructions that will guide you through part two.

Wells considers the office productive. "We have one of the most successful campus recruitment programs in Washington."

The office is located on second floor of the C.B. Powell Building (School of Communications).

The Careers Services Office will be hosting a career exploration week from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4.

Free-Style Fridays

Students on the main yard free-styling Friday afternoon.



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

UGSA Sponsors Midnight Boat Ride Friday

Janelle Stiell
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate Student Assembly sponsored a boat ride on Saturday morning under the theme, "Full Moon: A Midnight Boat Cruise," approximately 300 persons were aboard the Spirit of Washington.

The vessel set sail at 12:30am and the excitement was non-stop until the Spirit docked at 3 am. The sail on the Potomac River included close-up views of the Washington Monument, the Kennedy Center, and the Washington harbor.

Attendees were served with hors d'oeuvres.

"This is my song," screamed Jillian Simpson, a senior marketing major, as she headed to the dance floor.

Simpson enjoyed the scenery of the Potomac River



Photo courtesy of spiritcruises.com

Above, the cruise ship the Midnight Boat ride took place on.

about the weekend's event. Cedric Sanders, a senior hospitality management major, would have preferred if drink was provided as a part of the package.

"It was a pretty nice event, except for the fact that we had to pay \$2 for soda"

Other students complained about the lack of alcoholic beverages. However UGSA coordinator Larry Brown, Jr. said the serving of alcohol at university-sponsored events is against the rules of the General Counsel.

Nubia Henderson, senior telecommunications manage-

ment major, compared this year's trip past ones.

"This year's boat ride was not as good as in years past," Henderson said. "Nonetheless it provided a good social atmosphere for seniors to kick it before classes get too hectic." Brown, Jr. hailed the event as a

huge success.

"We were impressed with the turnout," Brown said. "The students body was well represented, our aim was to bring students together of all classifications to a common social setting."

Vice-coordinator Armond Mosley who celebrated his birthday on the day of the event also said the boat ride was a success and thanked the attendees. "I would like to thank the students for participating and the staff for all their hard work and dedication," Mosley said.

UGSA is currently solidifying plans for the October 12th Homecoming Coronation Ball under theme "This Joint is Jumping" to be held in the Blackburn Ballroom. Tickets are now available at Cramton Box Office, at \$10 each.



METRO

A. Philip Randolph Career Center Opens

By: **Shaunice Alston**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Mayor Anthony Williams recently put out a news release to satisfy the curiosity of residents looking for employment here in the District of Columbia.

More and more jobs are being affected by recent events here in the DC area.

Partnerships are being made and new advancements in the career industry are blossoming.

Along with the Department of Employment Services (DOES), the Metropolitan Washington

Council, AFL-CIO and the Community Services Agency, a new career center has been established.

The A. Philip Randolph Worker/One-Stop Satellite Center is now open.

This new career center opens up new opportunities that the others did not have.

These new opportunities are possible because the government and the laborers are working cohesively with each other.

There is nowhere in the District of Columbia or the country where you can find a system co-operated by a local job service agency and the AFL-CIO.

It is said that workers will find a diverse range of services due to this new arrangement.

"This center represents a commitment from government and labor to work cohesively to help dislocated workers find new employment," said Mayor Anthony A. Williams.

The purpose for the new career center stems from a number of necessities, one being the downtrodden economy after September 11.

The other necessity stemmed from the close of DC General Hospital.

Due to both incidents, there were a number of work-

ers who were left without jobs or financial income to support themselves or their families.

The mayor, along with other city officials, felt that the city needed something new.

Therefore, the center was established to help these individuals.

Contrary to popular belief, the career center is open to everyone, just like any other center here in the DC area.

In order to be of assistance to those in need, the District of Columbia received a federal grant of over \$800,000.

With this money, the cen-

ter is able to better meet the needs of the laborers.

The \$800,000 allotted helped to upgrade and convert the Training, Recruitment and Assessment Office (TRAO) into a comprehensive One-Stop Career Center.

This upgrade included: a computer availability increase for both customers and staff for self-directed employment and training services.

The expansion included an automated comprehensive assessment and job search program provided through PESCO International and a touch screen automated eligi-

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Photo Courtesy www.libs.uga.edu

Career center namesake, A. Philip Randolph, created the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first African-American union to be chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

Budget Deficit Concerns District Leaders, Residents Williams Said He is Confident Problem Will be Solved

By **Marcus Bird**
Hilltop Staff Writer

A congressional report recently questioned the need for millions of dollars in extra federal payments, saying that the District in currently facing a \$325 million dollar shortfall.

On Friday, (September 13th), Mayor Anthony Williams met with The District's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Natwar M. Gandhi; Council Chairman, Linda W. Cropp; and members of the DC Council to review a wide range of solutions to close the deficit gap.

Mayor Anthony Williams said the sense of cooperation and determination that was displayed in the meeting, would lead to a feasible solution to the deficit problem.

Local DC leaders, such as former Financial Control

Board Chairman Alice Rivlin, have maintained for years that the city suffers a shortfall of hundreds of millions of dollars annually



Photo Courtesy www.dc.gov

Mayor Anthony Williams working with officials to close gap in budget.

because of its unique role as the nation's capital.

50 percent of real estate in the District cannot be

taxed because it belongs to the federal government, churches and other organizations exempt from taxes. The District is also unable to tax 66 percent of the income earned in the city by people who live in neighboring jurisdictions.

The problems the District of Columbia is facing are not bound to the state solely. 40 out of 50 states have reported budget gaps, due to frequent problems on Wall Street, and the loss of capital gains tax revenue.



Photo Courtesy www.dc.gov

CFO Natwar Gandhi, calls for cuts to end budget deficit

This deficit has to be balanced by September 30. With this large sum to be taken care of, certain city services such as trash collecting or road work

were possible considerations to remove as current projects to work out the deficit. City councilman David Catania says he thinks the city needs to take a hard look at the salaries of top-level managers, and see if they are needed.

Postponement of employee raises may occur, but he believes employees would rather wait a year for

a salary increase than lose their jobs.

So far, the D.C. leaders plan for tax and fee increases, cuts in public safety and schools, and reorganization



Photo Courtesy www.dcwach.org

Council chairman Linda Cropp, does not want budget cuts in education.

of administrative staff in various agencies.

The cuts will be taken from the 10 largest agencies, which include schools,

police, corrections and the fire department.

On the WashingtonPost.com, Linda W. Cropp is quoted as saying, "The schools came before us today and said don't cut us," she said. "Then we will have to cut corrections and that will mean less guards; or we will have to cut the fire department and that will mean firehouses will close and people won't be protected; or parts of the police department or health care. You tell me where to cut. We have got to cut something."

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District Jails Mistakenly Release Four Inmates

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Must errors prove fatal for the D.C. jail to finally get its act together?

This question has lingered on the minds of many district residents following a succession of mistaken releases of inmates enacted by the city's Corrections Department.

The latest incident occurred between the dates of the 19th and 25th of last month and involves four inmates.

One, Khushal Khan, was notorious for threatening the life of President Bush following the infamous terrorist attacks of Sept. 11th last year.

Khan, 32, a former engineering student of George Washington University, has since turned himself in to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Hai Kim Thach, 43, was serving a six-month stint in a domestic violence case before his premature release. Thach was free for an entirety of eight days before being apprehended.

The remaining two, females, were Nevada Ivy Gregory, 33, who obligingly returned after receiving a phone call from her probation officer, and Lisa J. Roll, 26, who remains at large. Both women had been initially imprisoned on drug related charges.

Despite the fact that collectively, the four seem to pose no



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District jails repeat history by releasing four inmates by mistake. Officials are calling for jails to tighten up on record-keeping.

immediate threat to the public, some wonder whether the next set to receive a "vacation" will be as harmless.

The D.C. Corrections Department is spiraling in a wheel of misfortune; one that seems to gain momentum at this particular time of year.

In approximately the same period of August 2000, the department was under federal pressure because of the release of two inmates awaiting trial.

Jail officials have identified that the problem lies with the records office of the correctional department, which has been responsible for nine, inclusive of the last four, mistaken releases this year. This chronic problem has existed in the jail

for years on end and several judges are now intensifying their complaints about the issue.

D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Rufus G. King III remarked in a recent Washington Post interview that these cases were "further examples of the seriousness of the problem I am trying to correct."

On the other hand, Corrections Director Odie Washington alludes to a break in communication between his department and the courts, as well as the U.S. Marshals Office.

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Metro Briefs

Metro

Metro rail system announced plans on increasing its train capacity by adding new rail cars. The orange line trains will be six cars long by the end of this month. The new cars being added are part of a 192-car order. Seventy trains were added to the green line. The increase from four to six car trains allows for up to 280 passengers per train according to Metro officials. Metro plans over the next few years to add the new cars in this \$340 million plan.

The Metro rail system plans on increasing its security for the World Bank and International Monetary Funds protest scheduled for Sept. 27-29. Metro plans on having their full contingent of Metro police on duty and having their emergency command center open. D.C. police have been advising people to use Metro because the protesters plan on blocking D.C. streets.

Government

D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and council chairwoman Linda Cropp sent a joint letter on Friday to House and Senate subcommittee leaders, about their

confidence in having the budget fixed in D.C. to end a projected revenue shortfall for the 2003 fiscal year. The letter shows that the Mayor and council are trying to work together to solve the issues. "The Mayor and Council will unite as has become common practice to resolve these issues responsibly," the letter stated.

The District Office of Tax and Revenue cancelled late fees and bills they sent to over 185 district residents for work on their properties from over 10 years ago. The office had assessed late fees on the bills even though they just sent the bills to residents. The office said that because of the confusion, they will cancel the curb and gutter fees on properties, however other bills such as work on abandoned properties must be paid.

Transportation

The District's Department of Motor Vehicles at Brentwood Plaza ended its Saturday service hours this past week. The DMV at the Shops of Georgetown Park also changed its Saturday hour plans and will only offer renewal services. This deci-

sion comes after businesses in these locations have been inconvenienced with large crowds according to DMV Director Sherryl Hobbs Newman. Saturday operations are now relocated to the Municipal Center at 301 C St. N.W. This facility will be open from 8:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Filmmakers who were working in the District last week caused heavy backup during morning rush hour traffic, as far as Woodbridge, Va. Two film crews were working in the District. DreamWorks was filming a movie called Head of State starring comedian Chris Rock, and CBS was shooting a television miniseries about an FBI agent.

Education

The Washington Redskins announced they will spend \$1 million over a four year period to renovate athletic fields and provide "academic coaches" for students in the District and Prince George's county. They will work on ten high schools in the area, the first being Anacostia High School. The Redskins plan to expand to the other nine high schools next year.



BUSINESS

Secrets to Securing an Internship

By Denyse Kirkpatrick
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Upon entering college, many students commit themselves to aspiring careers in the business, communication or technology fields, all of which require some level of experience.

But how can students find this experience before leaving school?

The answer is through internships.

Every year, thousands of students in the United States secure internships with Fortune 500 companies such as GS, Microsoft, Exxon and UPS.

However, more students end up scrambling to find an internship their spring semester, and as a result, end up with either a horrible internship or none at all.

In order to prepare for the internship of one's choice, School of Communication Career Counselor Carol Dudley suggests that students join organizations, volunteer to write for the school newspaper, or find outlets that will allow them to get hands-on experience in the field they want to pursue a career in.

In addition to the experience, students need to take courses that are relevant to their goals.

However, there are students who are able to find an internship without a plethora of experience.

"I really didn't need any work experience in order to get my internship," said junior Artis Johnson, who worked at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in West Virginia. "Although I was

lacking experience, I had taken the core classes within my computer science major to prepare me to work with operations systems," Johnson said.

Different fields do not require individuals to have the same skills, but it is helpful to have some knowledge of the company.

One can take several avenues in order to find internship opportunities.

For example, business management major Monique Williams found her internship with the Raytheon Company through the School of Business.

Because the Raytheon Company is a sponsor of the School of Business program and has a good relationship with Howard University, Williams was able to interview for an internship after submitting a resume and cover letter to the company.

Junior print journalism major Jason Dunbar took another route.

Unlike those who may have connections, Dunbar demonstrated the ability to take the initiative by finding his own internship.

"I wanted to work in the entertainment industry, so one day as I was reading the Source, I found an advertisement from a leading urban public relations firm looking for an intern," he said. "I did my research on the organization, then called to set up an interview and eventually got the job working in New York City."

And according to Dudley, initiative is the key to securing a good internship, whether it is paid or not.

"Every internship gives a



student experience in the field," she said. "However, it's the experience that has the true value. Some organizations have a union rule that won't allow them to pay interns."

As a result of her good experience with the company, Williams said that she knows the value of properly researching and preparing for the companies with which you want to intern.

"Research and preparation are essential building blocks to an intern's success because it allows [him or her] to display working knowledge of the industry as well as prepare for new paths that one may pursue," she said.

And part of that research is finding out what the company of your choice wants in its interns.

Most big companies like GE offer programs from students from diverse major backgrounds, but have some expectations when they bring

students in.

"We like to hire those individuals who have tapped into resources in order to hone their professional communication skills," said Karen Camuso, director for the Communications Leadership Development Program at GE. "Talented students are what we want, but go-getters are what we keep."

Depending on the company, internship coordinators look for an array of qualities in individuals based on their previous experiences.

Internships offer innumerable benefits because they allow one to apply what they have learned in the classroom beyond the textbooks, and they also give the student an opportunity to network in the field and help to build one's background.

Tips for Securing an internship

Make sure your resume is flawless

Save copies of work you do for your portfolio

Learn information about the company to impress the interviewer with when you are interviewed

Have questions prepared for your interviewer

Get the interviewer's contact information and keep in touch.

Even if you don't get the internship this time, it could work out later.

Send a thank you letter for all interviews

Keep interviewers updated with your most current achievements

Attend conferences or workshops that focus on your field

Join chapters of organizations in your field

Get in touch with Howard alumni who are established in your field.

Wealth Building

By Lawrence A. Garrett Jr.
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The Congressional Black Caucus held a wealth-building workshop during the CBC week that was hosted by William Gary and Julian Malveaux.

Panel member Kelvin Boston described wealth building as a process of financial discipline and reading books, which stem from personal development.

However, amazing enough, after the event I noticed the look of disappointment in the eyes of some of the people in the audience.

I kindly walked to the disappointed audience members and asked what was wrong with the event and what they were expecting.

Out of all the responses, I heard a reoccurring theme or idea of "the big plan" in which I like to call the "cookie cutter mentality."

The cookie cutter mentality is held by people who say, "tell me exactly what I need to do and I'll do it," and then expect a magical formula to appear so they can go to work.

Schooling can also be part of the blame but that is another topic. (Just remember this quote from Mark Twain, "never let schooling interfere with your education.")

Oddly enough, the formula of wealth building is as simple to do as it is simple not to do.

So for the cookie cutters out there, remember this formula as a starting point that came from a famous book (which former HUSA President Stefanie Brown promoted on

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Political Piffles & Profundities:

Political Piffles & Profundities is a regular column that addresses politics on Capitol Hill.

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Everything we know we learned from politics. We turned on the television last Thursday night just in time to catch an interview with the Democratic Governor of Kentucky, Paul Patton. He wasn't talking politics. He was denying the accusation that he had an affair with a woman that is suing him for sexual harassment. Unfortunately, just as the Catholic Church has been finding out, all good lies must come to an end. By Friday, Governor Patton was singing, or shall we say crying, a very different tune. The difference between this case and that of President Clinton and Paula Jones is that the woman suing Governor Patton claims that he sicked state regulators on her nursing home after she broke off the relationship. If this is the case, Governor Patton is going to find himself in a heap of legal trouble for using state resources improperly. Of course, we can't overlook the moral issues involved. He cheated on his wife and that is never okay. Still, in the world of politics, this incident is important not because of the moral issues but rather because Governor Patton is seen as a likely challenger to Republican Senator Jim Bunning in 2004. But don't count Patton out just yet; this Kentucky chicken may still have some life.

It was really great to see a semi-political protest on the yard last week. It's unfortunate that more students didn't participate. Nevertheless, we applaud the efforts of organizers who tried to bring awareness to a very important issue. We'd especially like to tip our hat to HUSA political action director Irene Schwoeffermann for actually marching with the protesters, a true display of leadership. We could use more of that. And while we're on the subject of Howard politics, we are sincerely praying for a smooth election. After last year's Florida-like fiasco, let's get it right this time. And one additional comment about these ongoing constitutional controversies: constitutions don't always get it right. Suggestion: try some logic.

Hey Al, are you in or are you out? That seems to be the question on most American minds. Well, that and whether McDonalds French fries will taste the same without the traditional trans fatty acids. But, we'll address the first question since we're supposed to be talking politics. Former Vice-President Al Gore was in town two weekends ago giving the keynote speech at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual awards dinner. He made several good points about the Bush administration's economic policy, but he didn't sound much like a Presidential candidate. Insiders agree that Gore is still considering a run, but at this point, he doesn't look or

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L.A. Times Says Biggie Set Up Tupac Murder Howard Students Respond to Controversial Article

By L. Michael Flanagan
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Rap icon Tupac Amaru Shakur was riding in the passenger seat of a BMW 750 sedan with Death Row CEO and Piru Blood, Marion "Suge" Knight, on Sept. 7 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

That night, a white Cadillac supposedly filled with Los Angeles Crip gang members drove along side Knight's vehicle and fired a flurry of bullets at Shakur, ending the life of a hip-hop icon highly regarded by the world's hip-hop culture.

According to Los Angeles Times reporter, Chuck Phillips, the murder was a request from the late Notorious B.I.G., also known as Christopher Wallace.

Phillips recently wrote an article claiming that Wallace allegedly offered a gun and \$1 million to members of the Southside Crips of Los Angeles to kill Shakur. Shakur and Wallace had previously been engaged in one of the most noted rap feuds in the history of the rap genre.

The family of Wallace, in response to the article, issued a statement saying that Wallace was in New York and New Jersey

that night, instead of Las Vegas, where Phillips said Wallace was planning the murder.

One Howard University student said that Biggie would have had a plan if he actually planned the murder of Shakur.

"I think it's possible that Biggie was in Las Vegas," said

"How is a cop from Vegas supposed to go out to Compton and get a powerful street gang to cooperate in a murder probe?"

-Jared Lewis of Know Gangs, an expert group on gangs

Chris Cooper, a junior biology major. "If there was a plot to kill Tupac, of course Biggie would have an alibi—a place he said he was going to be at when people asked him."

Another student disagreed. "I don't think there's enough evidence to prove anything, but

everything is inconsequential because both parties are deceased now," said Jessica Martin, a Howard University, public relations major from Los Angeles.

New Jersey native, Lenny Lavern, said that the media is responsible for building the controversy to the height it was at prior to Shakur's death.

"Anyone would believe that Big (Wallace) killed Pac because of all the prior beef," Lavern said. "Big was too worried about his own life."

Some students felt that Wallace's mother would naturally defend her son even if he did have Shakur killed.

"Why would Biggie's mom say that [he] did it," said junior, r.t.v.f major, Trey Tims. "To just dismiss the findings of the reporter would be premature."

Following the murders, the Las Vegas and Compton Police Departments experienced many delays and mishaps in the investigation. The Las Vegas Police Department noted that the roots of the Shakur killing could have been the result of feuding between Compton Bloods and Crips.

Las Vegas police admitted that they were not used to handling gang activity and said they



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Tupac Shakur, who died in 1996, is said to have been killed by members of an L.A. gang.

overlooked many clues.

"How is a cop from Vegas supposed to go out to Compton and get a powerful street gang to cooperate in a murder probe," said Jared Lewis, director of Know Gangs, a group that presents seminars on gang homicides for police agencies nationwide.

Others believe that both L.A.P.D. and N.V.P.D. were

extremely hesitant in investigating the murder because of Shakur's background.

"I think they didn't investigate it because they were both black men trying to be positive," said information business and analysis major and Philadelphia native, Preston Nelson.

As the years passed, more

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Virginia Appoints First Black Chief Justice

By Cari L. Jackson
Contributing Writer

Virginia's General Assembly elected into its highest court the first black Chief Justice in Virginia history late last month, making Justice Leroy Rountree Hassell the 24th Chief Justice to come through the court's ranks.

Hassell succeeds Harry L. Carrico at the position now that Carrico will officially retire in January of 2003. Justice Leroy Hassell Sr. will begin serving his twelve-year term a month after Carrico's retirement.

Former governor and present Howard University Trustee, L. Douglas Wilder, expressed a deep sense of pride in Virginia's decision to

appoint Hassell.

"It shows that Virginia has changed, and for those who don't see progress, all they have to do is stop and look," said Wilder, who is also a good friend of Hassell.

Howard School of Business major, Keli McCain, said that the move shows people of color that they can aspire and achieve great things.

"[Hassell is] acting as a role model for all students and people who aspire to defy the racial and cultural norms within any field," said McCain.

Hassell's resume is dense, showing stints with American Red Cross, the Virginia State Conference of Christians and Jews, the Legal Aid of Virginia and the Richmond Renaissance Inc. In 1985, he

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-L. Douglas Wilder, a former Governor of Virginia and present Howard Trustee

served as the youngest person on the School Board in Richmond, Virginia. He also held the title of Chairman until he was appointed to the bench and later resigned.

Robert Baldwin, the

Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia has worked with Justice Hassell for many years and said that he is excited about the recent appointment.

"[Hassell] is a distinguished jurist of the past," he said. "Everyone looks forward to his leadership of the Supreme Court."

The Supreme Court is the highest form of court within any state and only cases of the highest magnitude and importance are tried in the Supreme Court. History has shown that cases usually are first tried in lower courts and thereafter transferred to the Supreme Court when evidence and testimony has dictated that the particular trial should be out of the hands of the lower court.

LaMonte C. Summers, a

Ph.D student and a communications law professor at Howard University, said that he determined this to be "a sign of progression on one hand, but on the other hand, indicates how far we have to go."

Justice Hassell Sr. is originally from Norfolk, Virginia and graduated with honors from the University of Virginia in 1977. He then attended Harvard University, where he obtained his law degree in 1980. Upon graduation, he joined the law firm of

McGuire, Woods, Battle and Boothe. At thirty-four years of age, Hassell soon begins a lengthy term as Chief Justice of Virginia's Supreme Court.

Jordanian Scholars Address Howard Students in Bunche Center

By Alison Brock
Contributing Writer

Efforts to reconcile differences between the Muslim and Christian communities were made last week by Jordanian scholars, in what began as a determined panel discussion on religion and concluded as a passionate plea for tolerance and understanding.

Sponsored by Rankin Chapel and held in the Ralph J. Bunche Center, the seven panelists discussed theology and cultural issues among over 40 students and administrators.

Through intense dialogue, the Jordanians hoped to enlighten others about Islamic faith and practices.

"Islamic faith is a lost divine religion," said panelist Mohamad Ahmad of Yarmouk University. "Like all [of the other religions] it was sent by God to make humanity happy."

Many of the panelists shared the same sentiment, stating that the needs of the people have changed as time has passed, thus creating the need for a prophet who could relate and respond to the needs of the people.

"When humanity reached the stage to receive a message [God sent his prophet Muhammad]," Ahmad said. "After the emergence of developed philosophies [of] the Greeks and Romans, humankind was fit to receive the lost message and Islam came to accomplish this."

The panel also addressed concerns surrounding America's newfound interest in Islam since September 11th, as the purchase of Qurans has increased in addition to students taking classes on the religion.

"We all condemn the tragedies of Manhattan, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania,"

said Mohammad Mahmoud of Yamouk University. "We will teach our kids about our condemnation of this event."

Others seconded that sentiment and professed that Islam was a religion of peace and that not all Muslims were followers of Osama bin Laden. However, the group asserted, they could identify with bin Laden's frustration with US policies, although there was no legal Islamic justification for the events that took place.

"God sent his messenger with a religion of righteousness and made it a mercy to all of mankind," said Shaker Tawfiq Amin of the University of Jordan. "It was not sent as a hardship. Anyone who wants to choose [the right path] can do that."

Amin went on to emphasize that no one is forced to subscribe to the Muslim faith, but that if one chooses to join the Muslims in their practices,

the rewards are endless.

As summaries of Jordan's background were presented, hostility and frustration began to rise, as urgency to defend all Muslims became the main priority of the panelists.

"Today we see hate, harm and aggression in today's society," said Mahmoud. "To get rid of that, we must go back to god's one religion."

Cain Hope Felder, a student of the School of Religion at Howard, appealed to the panel, saying that their tone was "a bit too defensive," but did eventually empathize with the Jordanian scholars. Felder explained that many African-Americans appeal to Islam as an alternative faith and recognized that the people of Jordan are suffering tremendously as a people living in between Palestine and Israel—the two neighboring peoples dealing with civil distress.

Howard University

Student Association (HUSA) president, Cornell Williamson, commended the efforts of the panelists in initiating dialogue, which promoted intellectual growth and understanding of Islam.

"Many of us were ignorant of worldly issues before '9-11', but we have all benefited a lot from this program," he said.

One student asked the panelists what they would like everyone to leave with after the discussion.

The response was unanimous, as the Jordanians agreed that people must continue to seek the truth justly and fairly. They said that finding the reason is just the beginning of the solution.

"We must be objective to reach the truth," said Mohammad Zuhair of Yarmouk University. "First we must search, and once we search, we'll reach the truth."



Willie Wilson Purportedly Donated \$1 Million to Rural Hospital

Hospital Denies Receiving Such Amount

By Ashley Kelly
Contributing Writer

Union Temple Baptist reverend and former mayoral candidate of Washington, D.C., Willie Wilson, allegedly donated \$1 million dollars to a rural hospital in Ghana last month, but the hospital said it only received a third of the amount.

The hospital calls the financial figure "a mere exaggeration," claiming that the hospital would be in much better condition if the alleged donation were true.

Wilson said he would not lie about the donation's amount.

"I have no reason to prevaricate about what we have given to Ghana," Wilson told the Washington Post. "I don't want to become contentious with people of Ghana."

Wilson's church has sent many medical supplies to the hospital, which is located in a small town called Asankrangwa. The supplies sent include, gauze, gowns, syringes and six beds. None of the contributions total \$1 million. Union Temple Baptist church officials say that the donations total a few thousand dollars, which is substantially smaller than the reported \$1 million figure.

Willie Wilson says the amount reported was an incorrect estimate and is the result of a mix up. He said

some of the church's staff transposed details from his biography.

Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the Department of political science at Howard University said the information provided does not tell the entire story.

"The absence of information...should not be taken as evidence of [monetary] misuse," he said.

In 1999, Wilson submitted his biography to the D.C. counsel when he was elected to the board of trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. In the biography, Wilson said the \$1 million included numerous group trips to Africa. The figure also includes airfare, lodging, food, and fax charges while visiting the continent within the past decade.

"We never meant to say that we've given \$1 million in medical supplies," said Wilson to the Washington Post.

Although the Union Baptist Temple sent supplies to Ghana, not all of the supplies made it to the hospital, Wilson said.

"We've had crates of items just disappear at the dock," he said. "The church sends many supplies to the hospital, but most are not donated directly by the church."

Wilson said the donations were sent to his church via local hospitals and health professionals and



Willie Wilson, the former mayoral candidate for Washington, D.C., has been accused of shortchanging a hospital in Ghana.

then sent to the hospital in Ghana.

English major, Candace Smith, showed optimism despite the Wilson controversy.

"I think that it is a good

thing to see someone in a position of power give back to the community," Smith said. "I just hope that this really was a misunderstanding and not a cover up on Wilson's behalf."

WORLD BRIEFS

EUROPE Germany's Schroeder Apologizes to Bush

BERLIN — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder apologized to President Bush yesterday for the offense caused by a report that his justice minister had compared Bush's methods to Adolf Hitler's.

The election-eve report in a regional daily angered a U.S. administration already upset about the chancellor's voluble — and highly popular — opposition to a prospective U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Justice Minister Herta and Paul Däubler-Gmelin tried to calm the transatlantic dispute by denying the report.

The report said Däubler-Gmelin had told a pre-election gathering that, by threatening to attack Iraq, "Bush wants to distract attention from his domestic political problems. That's a favorite method. Hitler did that, too."

Schroeder wrote to Bush, saying: "I want to let you know how much I regret the fact that alleged comments by the German justice minister have given an impression that has offended you."

—Reuters

Turkish Politician Banned from Ballot

ANKARA, Turkey — The head of Turkey's most popular party was banned from running in November polls because of a past conviction for "Islamist" sedition.

The ban added to the

uncertainty clouding an election widely viewed at home and by NATO allies as one of the most important and unpredictable in Turkish history.

An electoral board ruling against Recep Tayyip Erdogan, head of the Justice and Development Party, crushed his hopes of being Turkey's next prime minister. But the charismatic former Istanbul mayor seems certain to remain a defiant and strong force in turbulent Turkish politics.

—Reuters

THE AMERICAS Gunmen Fire at Argentine Activist's Home

BUENOS AIRES — Gunmen fired shots at the home of one of Argentina's most prominent human rights activists, two days after she formally pressed courts to investigate alleged police repression.

Estela Carlotto said the early morning shooting shattered her front-door window but injured no one. Carlotto is head of the white-scarved Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, who have campaigned to know the fates of thousands of their grandchildren from Argentina's 1976-83 dictatorship.

Police and judicial officials did not comment on the case. Local television showed a shattered entrance door and several bullet holes in the walls of Carlotto's house.

—Courtesy of Washingtonpost.com

Saddam Says He Will Not Accept Anymore Resolutions

By Towana Pierre and
Shani Hilton
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A letter from Iraqi officials delivered to United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, said that UN inspectors can enter Iraq unconditionally, but Iraq has now stated that they will not accept any further UN resolutions.

Spokeswoman for the International Atomic Energy Agency, Melissa Fleming, welcomed the announcement, saying that weapons inspectors are "ready to go back [to Iraq] immediately."

The U.S., however, offered only skepticism.

US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, said the letter is not a conclusion to the matter.

Despite the skepticism, three of five permanent UN council members—Russia, China and France—are supportive of the Iraqi government's decision. British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, is the only UN member to fully support Bush's initiative.

At a recent press conference, Annan said mobilization was the way to defeat terrorism.

"Terrorism can only be defeated if all the nations unite against it," said

Annan in a CNN.com article. "What sort of Iraq do we wake up to after the bombing, and what happens in the region? What impact would it have? These are questions leaders I have spoken to have posed." He added that other world leaders do not believe a US-led bombing will be beneficial to Iraq or the rest of the world.

Dr. Harold Scott, Deputy Director of the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center, agreed with Annan, stating that the Bush administration needs to think through the plan of action thoroughly. Scott believes that in being forceful, the US might initiate a chain reaction with unexpected consequences.

The recent debacle stems from cease-fire terms placed on Iraq after the Gulf War. These terms included the use of UN weapons inspectors to make sure that all weapons of mass destruction were dismantled. However, in 1998, after Hussein forced weapons inspectors to leave, the 15-nation council imposed sanctions on the country.

Iraq, this past Saturday, said they would reject any U.S. effort to secure a U.N. resolution threatening war

Junior, chemical

engineering major, Maryam Abdus-Sabur, said that the implications of an attack on Iraq would hurt the U.S.

"America is already seen by some parts of the world as imperialistic," she said. "Taking action without the support of the UN would increase anti-American sentiments."

Bush has recently released a document entitled "The National Security Strategy for the United States of America." The 33-page report states that the US would like to act with international allies, but preparations are being made to act alone.


Some believe that the US will go forward with an attack despite heavy disapproval.

"What the US military wants, through deceit and manipulation, the US military gets," said sophomore Political Science major, Jason Ravin.

Despite all of Bush's arguments the UN shows no sign of supporting an attack on Iraq. Annan maintains that the US should not go it alone in the war on terrorism.

"Even the most powerful countries know they need to work with others, in multilateral institutions, to achieve their aims," he said.

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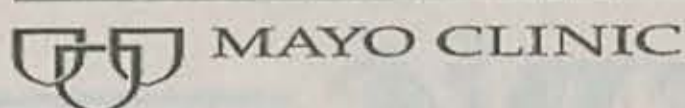


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News

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safety concerns."

Walter Emanuel, a freshman biology major, participated in the rally and feels secure with the support of other BLAGOSAH members.

"I was shocked that an attack like the one against Darryl happened at the Mecca," Emanuel said. "I was hesitant to join BLAGOSAH because of the label that would be attached to me, but they are my family. If it could happen to Darryl it can happen to me."

Payton addressed the crowd of onlookers on the steps of the Fine Arts Building. He echoed the sentiment for safety, pointing to the fact that the students who attacked him were still on campus unpunished.

Toni Sanders, a sophomore political science major, recited, "If We Must Die" by the poet Claude McKay on the bullhorn during the rally.

"I thought we got our message across," Sanders said. "A lot of people were missing the larger issue; it is not just about gay students, it is safety for all."

In a Hilltop perspective, "A

member of the Band Speaks: Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong," Shaunce Alston said that the same respect given to fraternities or ROTC should be ascribed to the band and the incident had nothing to do with Payton's sexuality.

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

According to Sanders, the argument as put forward by the band, strengthens her view that the issue is bigger than that for gay students.

"If 22 people can jump a student, gay or straight because they walk through a line, then this threatens the safety of all students," Sanders said.

Maya James, a sophomore English major, is a non-gay student who also participated in the BLAGOSAH's rally.

"I look at the situation from a humanistic perspective," James said. "I had no reservation about being a part of this rally because I am comfortable with who I am."

An on-looker at the rally, Samantha Lynch, a sophomore from Washington, D.C., said the rally was justified. "The band has no right to physically punish any students," Lynch said. "Who do they think they are?"

Brandon Brice, a sophomore international business major, stresses the need for safety. "Safety should be taken seriously. I think the Howard security is a joke," Brice said.

Bolden-Newsome says that the action taken by BLAGOSAH is not merely a rally, but a part of a series of multi-pronged approaches to bring justice to the forefront of the University's policy.

The University's spokesperson, J.J. Pryor said the case might be dropped as the U.S. attorney's office has declined to press for an arrest warrant. The D.C. Metropolitan police said the prosecution's decision could end their investigation.

At press time Monday, Pryor said the University's judicial board has begun the process of determining what disciplinary action should be taken.

EVICTED from page A1

to enjoy their stay at Meridian but stresses that every student has to take responsibility.

There were two fires in Meridian last year: one due to faulty wires a student had, while another student left an iron left on their bed.

Since the beginning of the semester four students

have been evicted from Meridian Hill Hall.

The reasons range from smoking, to visitation violations, as well as playing with fire apparatus and alcohol.

Assistant Community Director Kenyatta Hobson reiterated the University's policy.

"I think students know that candles and incense aren't welcome," Hobson

said. "This idea has repeatedly been enforced during floor meetings in all residence halls."

There are also plans on the way for fire safety and prevention tapes in each dorm, allowing resident assistants to implement fire prevention classes

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into her duties for the year.

"This event was encouraging to leaders and I look forward to family unity amongst Howard students," Davis said.

Dean Richardson asked the friends of the chapel to light the candle symbolizing unity.

"This service is a start to a movement on this campus," Richardson said. "We must breakdown the walls, and

install these student leaders. Everything we do come from God."

Approximately 150 students participated in the student leader installation ceremony.

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radio/TV/film major, joined in with equal energy.

"KiShawnda and I had a love for dance," Kinder said. "I had to get up and pay my last respect."

Mesi Walton, a graduate student and friend of McRoyal, was one of key organizers of the

memorial service.

"We organized the event, but the people brought the energy and love which made, which made a very meaningful experience," Walton said. "KiShawnda's mom presence was good for her and us, it brought us a step closer to inner peace with KiShawnda's death."

In honor of McRoyal, a scholarship has been estab-

lished in her name, because of her hard work, tenacity, service, and dedication.

To donate any funds, please contact Cecily Stewart at 202-841-5075 or e-mail nsaa@blackplanet.com. Checks should be made payable to NSAA Dance Ensemble in the Blackburn Center Box 142.

Corrections

* In the HUH Nurses Threaten to Strike article, D. Burnett was paraphrased incorrectly. Nurses pay has not been decreased.

* Howard's Poetry Experience was written by Edith Sodolo.

* In the September 17 issue, the headline was incorrect on the Anthony Williams story. Williams was not re-elected as Mayor. He won the democratic primary on September 10.

ADVISORS from page A2

board.

"Ms. Cramer had the benefit of working with Ms. Parnell(predecessor), but with Mr. Andrews coming much later he had to hit the ground running and proceed with registration with very little training," Dates said.

Some students and unnamed staff members said the reason Andrews left could be partially due to a personality conflict with his direct supervisor, Caroline Cramer, senior advisor.

However, Cramer denies these allegations.

"Mr. Andrews was very happy and we got along very well," Cramer said. "He is about to get married and may have decided to explore other options elsewhere."

Sophomore student worker in the School of Communications, Veronica Jordan, has witnessed first hand frustration among administrators.

"I have realized that most workers that stay for a short while often complain that the departments they've worked for are unorganized and unprofessional," Jordan said. "They often leave due to frustration."

Senior television produc-

tion major, Clintandra Thompson can understand why Andrews would resign.

"It is unfair to dump a new administrator into a new job during 'peak season' with very little instruction about [his] responsibilities," Thompson said. "It is also unfair to students to have administrators who do not know how to do their job."

Andrews was hired a day before registration. In The Hilltop Sept. 13 article, "New Advisors Not Prepared for Duty in Communications," Andrews spoke of the lack of transitional assistance.

"It's been hectic especially with little preparation and guidance from the University," Andrews said. "I was really on my own but the help of students and faculty has made a difference."

Eugena Smith, a sophomore film major, believes the inability for the administration to keep a consistent academic advisor illustrates a hidden problem within the School of Communications.

"With two advisors resigning in less than two months, it makes you wonder what's really going on behind closed doors of the School of Communication," Smith said.

Andrews is a graduate of

James Madison University, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education.

Before coming to Howard, Andrews worked with the D.C. College Access program, which prepares high school students for college.

Ashley McFarlin, president of the School of Communications Student Council, expresses concern about the two recent resignations.

"I am weary of how students will adjust to the continuous change in the advisor's office," McFarlin said. "I am sure students will be able to face the challenge."

Cramer said in the interim, she will serve as the advisor for the over 900 students in the School of Communications until a replacement is hired.

Dates assure students a replacement has been found and will fill that position soon.

"We have hired a new person for the position," Dates said. "She is coming from a university in the Mid-West and has experience in academic counseling and may not be as overwhelmed as Mr. Andrews."

The new advisor could take the position as Assistant Academic Advisor as early as the first week of October.

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night club and that is not on our list of priorities. Our main concern is to help those who are on the campus property."

For Vonte Boyd, a junior African American studies major, the Campus Police was helpful.

"My freshman year, I had to take one of my friends to the hospital, the campus police came in about five minutes," Boyd said.

Radiance Salem can recall a time when a campus police officer went out of his way to assist her.

"I was walking from the Quad and a campus police officer on a bike came and rode beside me and my friends," Salem said. "Even

though we told him we would be all right, he helped us anyway, and I appreciated that."

For students who live in the off-campus dorms like Meridian and the Towers, having the escort system is helpful when walking from the library back to their dorms.

"When I called the Campus Police, they responded efficiently," said Julian Giles, a freshman finance major. "I was thankful for the Campus Police, because if it wasn't for them I would've been walking all the way to Meridian by myself." The Howard University Student Association's 2002-2003 administration has an escort service

planned.

Even though HUSA has made plans to begin their own escort system this fall, students are still reluctant to trust it.

The director of Internal Affairs, Adam Hunter said the service will be implemented, but was not certain as to the exact date.

"We saw an escort service as necessary," Hunter said. "We feel the Campus Police resources should be directed toward making our campus safe and not be consumed by operating a taxi service."

The HUSA escort service will be provided by student drivers.

VISITATION from page A2

sons in."

For others like Kiana Moore, a Quad resident, there was also a lack of the so-called visitation craze.

"I don't need nor really care about visitation," Moore said. "It's not like I never had guys in my room, it's really no big deal."

Students who came from stricter families seemed more

eager to have visitation, while residents with more lenient parents were not overly excited.

Visitation hours are 2 p.m. - midnight in the Tubman Quadrangle and Drew Hall.

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bility determination program. The name of the new facility holds great significance for the laborers.

The center is named in honor of A. Philip Randolph, the chief organizer and founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Union, which was the first successful black trade union. His career was spent negotiating better wages and benefits for workers with the powerful Pullman Company.

Now, with the center being co-operated by the government and laborers, there is a better chance of both sides being recognized and understood to produce better opportunities for those in need.

"The labor council is very excited about the new A. Philip Randolph Workers Center. It represents a great opportunity to provide more unique services to workers to help them make better lives for themselves," said Joslyn Williams, president, Metropolitan Washington

Council, AFL-CIO.

The Philip Randolph Worker Center/Satellite One-Stop Career Center is located on 6210 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011.

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theories surfaced about the situation. One theory is that Knight had Shakur murdered so he could exploit the rapper's death commercially. Another theory suggests that Shakur faked his own death to escape the spotlight.

Def Jam - CEO, Russell Simmons, said that Wallace was at his New Jersey home and not in Las Vegas the night Shakur was murdered.

Voletta called the story "irresponsible journalism."

WEALTH from page A5

the workshop panel and should get a commission for all the people that ran to go buy that book) called *Richest Man in Babylon* by George S. Clayton.

The basic formula from the book is to invest 10 percent of your income, pay down your debt 20 percent, and live off the rest.

Seems simple huh?

Sadly enough, on a national average, African Americans save less than 2 percent of their

income.

And during the holiday season, the saving rate is actually negative 5 percent.

Boston described wealth building similar to the definition of the renowned author Robert Kiyosaki of *Rich Dad Poor Dad*, as a mechanical but almost mundane systematic simple process in which you turn capital into enterprise; enterprise into profit; profit into investment and investment into financial independence.

However, before you can follow the formulas to wealth,

you must also examine your personal life and development.

Here's a formula that literally changed my life called the Law of Association: Take the five closest friends or the five people you spend the most time with, add up how much money they have and divide by five (not counting the money mom gave them) and your bank account should be about the average of their accounts more or less.

The Law states that you will have the average lifestyle of the five people you spend the most

time with.

Take time to notice how you're talking, (didn't you notice you start using slang from other states) the music you are listening to, the TV shows you are watching, the books you are reading (or not reading) and the places you are going to on your free time and or on the weekend.

I guarantee you it is a result of the five people you spend the most time with.

Do not be naïve; we are individuals in some form or fashion, however the power of

association has influential power because it is so subtle.

He/she might have got you drunk last weekend and didn't have an effect on your daily course of life, however, over a period time of continual errors in judgment, you'll end up with an empty cup and empty pockets.

I used to have four broke friends who spent all they made... Guess who was the fifth person who spent all they made and put absolutely nothing into an investment?

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sound like a candidate. Most of the other contenders including Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT) and Howard Dean, Governor of Vermont, have increased their travel schedules and fundraising efforts. Al Gore on the other hand, seems to be waiting

for something. The truth is, the longer Gore waits to declare, the less likely he is to win the Democratic nomination. If he's going to make a move, he needs to make it relatively quickly; otherwise, he may turn up in *Viagra* commercials like our good buddy Bob Dole.

Okay, so let's get one

thing straight, President Bush is clearly winning the battle to shape the debate about pending action against Iraq. The man is brilliant when it comes to taking a single issue and pounding it into the heads of everyone he comes into contact with. He would probably bring up Iraq if he were delivering the eulogy at

a funeral. Wait, did we just say brilliant and Bush together? Perhaps we forgot to tell you, but we've been a bit sick. It's the medication talking. Still, we give credit where credit is due. We also tip our hat to the commander in chief for keeping something off the radar. This discussion about going to war

with Iraq is not taking place because Saddam Hussein is "coming to dinner" anytime soon. President Bush is fully aware that if Democrats take back control of the House and keep control of the Senate, he's headed for an uphill battle. By making this an issue now and forcing a vote, he's putting

Democrats on the spot, and more importantly, assuring himself a pretty smooth go at Congressional approval. Perhaps we "misunderestimated" him after all. His word, not ours!

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Other D.C. jail officials cite an overpopulation of the jails as being a contributing factor.

Regardless of where the blame is placed, steps have been made to alleviate the situ-

ation and eliminate the problem.

A \$350,000 overhaul including new computers, a 950-page manual on how to handle records, and training for the records staff has been put in place recently. Employees now also handle records in assem-

bly-line fashion with more eyes on the process.

The question remains though, where does that leave the public? In response to the latest mishap of the D.C. jail, junior psychology major, Justin Groves said, "It makes me wonder about my state of security,

because if they make the simple mistake of releasing prisoners, they'll just as easily repeat the crimes."

Trevor Lake, a senior administration of justice major, expounded on the same point.

"One of the goals of the criminal system, is to prevent

the innocent from going to jail and to detect the guilty and prevent them from committing more crimes. The records system should be improved to meet that goal."

International student Nicola Henry also voiced concerns about the release of

inmates. When asked if she had any thoughts concerning her safety in the D.C. metropolitan area while being so far from home, replied, "Yes I do at times; I just have to be careful."

Many students still wonder though if that is enough.

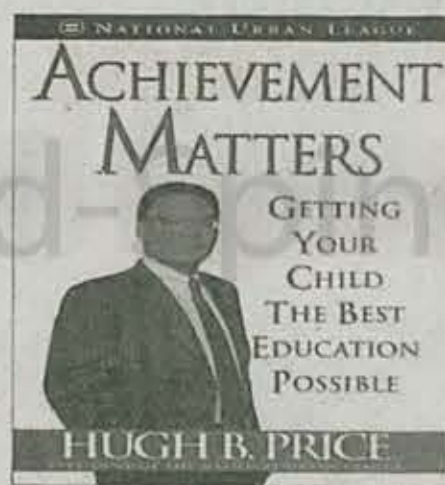
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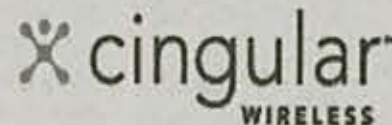
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