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Life & Style

Connie Briscoe signs her new book 'PG County' in HUB. B2

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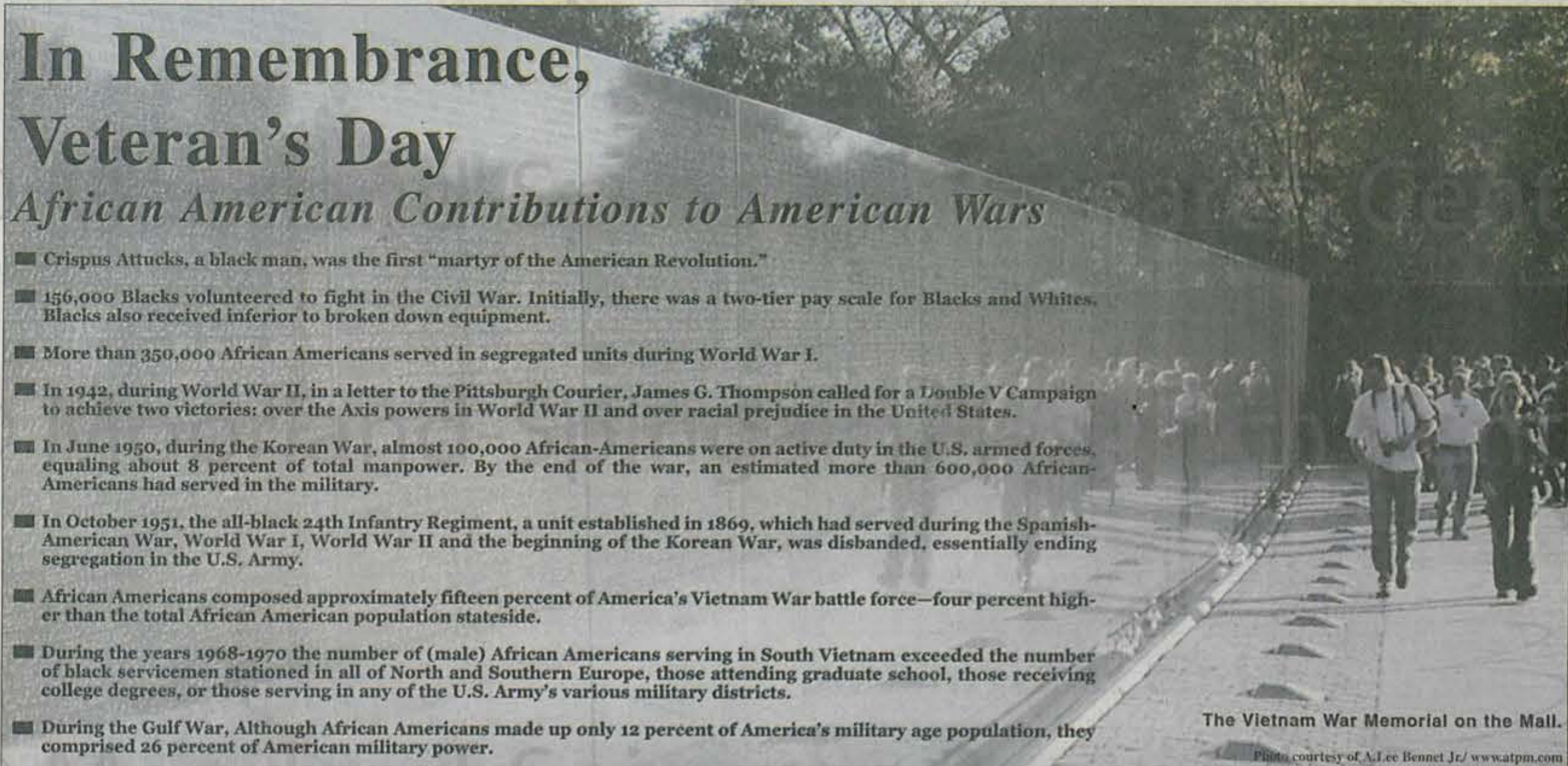
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In Remembrance, Veteran's Day

African American Contributions to American Wars

- Crispus Attucks, a black man, was the first "martyr of the American Revolution."
156,000 Blacks volunteered to fight in the Civil War. Initially, there was a two-tier pay scale for Blacks and Whites. Blacks also received inferior to broken down equipment.
More than 350,000 African Americans served in segregated units during World War I.
In 1942, during World War II, in a letter to the Pittsburgh Courier, James G. Thompson called for a Double V Campaign to achieve two victories: over the Axis powers in World War II and over racial prejudice in the United States.
In June 1950, during the Korean War, almost 100,000 African-Americans were on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, equaling about 8 percent of total manpower. By the end of the war, an estimated more than 600,000 African-Americans had served in the military.
In October 1951, the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment, a unit established in 1869, which had served during the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II and the beginning of the Korean War, was disbanded, essentially ending segregation in the U.S. Army.
African Americans composed approximately fifteen percent of America's Vietnam War battle force—four percent higher than the total African American population stateside.
During the years 1968-1970 the number of (male) African Americans serving in South Vietnam exceeded the number of black servicemen stationed in all of North and Southern Europe, those attending graduate school, those receiving college degrees, or those serving in any of the U.S. Army's various military districts.
During the Gulf War, Although African Americans made up only 12 percent of America's military age population, they comprised 26 percent of American military power.



The Vietnam War Memorial on the Mall. Photo courtesy of A. Lee Bennet Jr./ www.atpm.com

Bush's Education Policy Continues to Spark Debate

By Ruth L. Tisdale Hilltop Staff Writer

The 'No Child Left Behind' bill signed into law January 2001 by President Bush has continued to be the center of much debate among educators and was the basis for a panel discussion held by Body of Christ ministries recently in Blackburn Center.

The law requires schools to have exit exams for graduating high school seniors.

According to Children Trends, a non-profit organization, about five million youths between the ages of 14 to 24 are classified as high school dropouts, children of incarcerated parents, or welfare recipients. These numbers do not include the many youths who are performing at below grade level.

Julie Mikuta, a Board of Education Representative for District of Columbia Public Schools, said the 'No Child Left Behind' law was created to improve the failing schools that have plagued the American education system.

"This new bill says that parents with students in low performing schools can have the option to send their children to high performing schools," Mikuta said. "If in five years the low performing schools are still not performing efficiently then the government can step in and change the principal and the staff."

Government officials aim to improve the test scores of American students so they can become on par with students on the level abroad.

"On the fourth grade level the United States is ranked number one among fourth graders

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Magic Johnson Headliner at Starbucks' Grand Opening Friday

By Ruth L. Tisdale Hilltop Staff Writer

The first pour which was shared by Ken Lumbar, president of Johnson Development Inc., Anthony Williams, mayor of Washington, D.C., Howard Schultz, founder of Starbucks Inc., Jannette Dates, Dean of Communications at Howard, and Ervin Magic Johnson, founder of Johnson Development, officially opened the new Starbucks located in the Howard University Bookstore.

The grand opening of Starbucks began with a business symposium, which featured Schultz and Johnson.

Schultz emphasized at the symposium that business is not just about making money; it was about making friendships and partnerships.

"I stressed to the business students that the company you keep is an integral part of having a good company," said Schultz. "Of the many Magic Johnson Starbucks' that we have opened, this one is probably the most special because Howard students will have employment opportunities."

After the business symposium, Lumbar, Williams, Dates, Schultz, and Johnson met in the HUB to dedicate the new Starbucks.

"With the great leaders that are coming from Howard, Howard Square should be just as popular as Harvard Square," said Williams.

"This is just the beginning for Georgia Avenue. We plan to bring more retailers down to Georgia Avenue," said the mayor. Williams also read a declaration, which made Nov. 8 Starbucks Day in Washington, D.C.

Dates welcomed the audience by reintegrating the Howard motto.

"Howard is a community and we hope that this partnership will bring

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Photo by Maya Gilliam

Earvin "Magic" Johnson was the featured guest at the grand opening of the Starbucks coffee shop in the Bookstore.

HU Mock Trial Team Wins Six Awards

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton Campus Editor

Howard University's Mock Trial Team captured a sweeping victory at the St. Vincent's Invitational Tournament in Greensburg, Pennsylvania over the weekend; the senior team won first place and the rookie team placed second overall.

Mia Harmon, a senior legal communications major, won the top attorney award for the entire competition.

"It is nice to have other people recognize the hard work we put in preparing tournaments," Harmon said. "The award was not a surprise to me because I am good."

Among the other top winners was Howard University Student Association President Cornell Williamson, who earned the outstanding attorney and witness awards.

"The Mock Trial Team is one of the hidden treasures at Howard University," Williamson said. "While other teams use their physical strength, we use our minds."

Williamson has won the top attorney award three times and top witness award four. However, he maintains each award is unique.

"I would not have been able to win any of these awards without the hard work of my teammates and coaches," Williamson said.

Felicia Walker, associate professor and coach of the Mock Trial Team, is proud of the squads' performance.

"I am excited about the way the season has started," Walker said. "But, we still have a long way to go."

Bryan Hughes, a freshman management major, also won a

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VOICES & VIEWS

Are Physical Education classes a waste of time?



Ethan Zagore
Senior, Biology
Pensacola, FL

"I don't think it is a waste of time because it teaches you to stay fit and healthy."



Sophia Peay
Senior, Marketing
Chicago, IL

"No, it's important to have some form of exercise to stay healthy."



Stephanie Joy Tisdale
Sophomore, English/Afro-American Studies
Philadelphia, PA

"P.E. has absolutely nothing to do with my academic enrichment."



Akiliah Evans
Junior, Psychology
Miami, FL

"No, it is not a waste of time when you put your all into it. But for those who don't care, it probably is."

Compiled by Harvey Jenkins

Students and Some Administration Battle P.E.

By Cotilya K. Brown
Contributing Writer

For many, classes comprised of running, push-ups, jumping jacks, and sit-ups are a waste of time.

An active lifestyle is credited in decreasing the risk of premature death, reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases and also helping to build and maintain healthy bones and muscles.

In the School of Communications, students are required to take four physical education courses to graduate. JeRon Tucker, a sophomore legal communications major from Portland, Ore. says physical education is counterproductive.

"I feel like physical education classes are a waste of time," Tucker said. "I don't mind taking the classes but it

becomes questionable as to why School of Communications majors have to take so many."

In the United States, there is an increasing awareness of health problems that are caused by inactivity. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 50 percent of American adults are overweight.

Schonda White, a junior biology major from Chicago, does not agree that physical education should be mandatory.

"I don't think that they [administration] should require us to take gym classes. I mean, this is college right?" White asked. "I think that a physical education course should be an option rather than a requirement, especially swimming."

Another student that feels

physical education should be an option rather than a requirement is Michael Ivey, a freshman from Philadelphia.

"Physical education should be a personal choice," Ivey said. "Not everyone wants to be physically fit, those who want to should take physical classes and those who don't shouldn't be required."

Students in the College of Allied Health have to take two physical education classes, but are not required to take health related courses in the department of Physical Education, Delores Mounsey, associate professor of the College of Allied Health explained.

"Our students are required to take physical education classes to promote physical fitness," Mounsey said. "They don't have to take a health class like some other schools require their students because



Photo by Amanda Welch

Some students feel physical education classes are a waste of time.

that is what our students are here to major in."

In the College of Arts and Sciences, students are required to take four physical education courses (swimming, health, and two physical activities). Associate Dean for the Natural

Sciences, Robert Catchings III, is in favor of physical education being a part of the undergraduate curriculum.

"College is not just for mental or intellectual stimulation."

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Bison in Granada, Spain

Studying in Europe versus the U.S.

By Niambi Wilder



Photo courtesy of the Bison Yearbook

Studying in Granada, Spain, aside from hearing lectures in Spanish, is too different from studying in the States. The University of Granada (UGR), like Howard, is one entity with several schools/departments ("facultades") specializing in different fields.

It has two large campuses, one housing four schools and the other housing six, in two different parts of Granada. There are also schools, such as law, architecture and translation, that cannot be found on these two main campuses, similar to the law and divinity schools at Howard.

Another off-campus school where one can find the majority of study abroad students attending classes is the Centro de Lenguas Modernas (Modern Languages Center) or CLM as the students call it.

I say "the majority of study abroad students" because there are those brave souls that venture out and take classes at the regular university as well, but classes there are much harder primarily because they are geared towards Spanish students. CLM is designed specifically for foreign students studying Spanish and other subjects in Spanish and also for Spanish students studying other languages.

The biggest difference between the European education system and the American education system is that the European system is much more focused on the student as an independent learner. It is not the professor's job to make sure the student learns. The professor's job is to lecture the material. It is the student's responsibility to make sure he/she learns.

While the professors understand that the students have a dual task of grasping the class material and the language in which the material is given, in no way do they baby us.

The lecturers have a set amount of material to cover and doing so is their primary

concern. If students have any detailed questions, they can set up a time to meet them during their office hours at their respective 'facultades,' but between going to class, exploring the city and travelling to other countries, who has time for that?

That is one of the reasons why every Tuesday and Thursday you will find me sitting in the front of my Islamic Culture class with my tape recorder on the corner of my desk so that I do not miss a thing my professor says. Although he speaks clearly and at a good pace, it is a lot harder to write notes in Spanish than you think.

Is studying in Spain harder or easier than studying in America? As with most answers, it is not that black and white. A lot of it depends largely on the class, the professor and the student.

Once a student arrives at CLM, he/she takes a placement test and is placed in his/her appropriate level, which in turn determines the classes he/she can take. But for the most part, the classes offered to all students range from Spanish Grammar to Islamic Culture, and from Art History to Italian.

Which classes a student decides to take all depends on the arrangements he/she makes with his/her home university, study abroad program and the CLM.

Classes are a little more challenging in that classes are two hours of lecture and the professors do not make it a habit of assigning a lot of work. Therefore, the student has to rely on notes and remembering to review them on occasion.

What is even worse is that the majority of the professors wait until the final exam to see what the students have retained. The grading system is

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Photo by Harvey Jenkins

Geoffrey Johnson, promotions director; Johnny Jones, general manager and Niles Goodwin, music director/head DJ take time off from their busy day.

WHBC 830 AM Keeping Listeners Snapping and Tapping

By Kellie Carter
Contributing Writer

Its rhythms can be heard reverberating in the basement of the C.B. Powell building, WHBC 830 AM, a radio station for students operated by students has been supplying Howard University with R&B, Hip-Hop and great radio production for over 27 years.

Johnny J. Jones, a senior radio production major and general manager for the station, said the station is growing as a radio-training laboratory for students interested in the field of radio.

"We want our audience to get their source of music from the campus radio station, but at the same time the main focus is for students to get trained in radio and hands on experience in radio," Jones said.

Jones and his staff thank WHUR for their instrumental role in making the station what it is now. Jim Watkins, general manager of WHUR, has been very supportive of the radio station.

"Without him, a lot of things that take place would not be possible. He's a mentor and advisor at the radio station," Jones said.

Shamikia Dobbins, productions director and a senior radio production major, is in her second year working at WHBC.

"I love the station, I love watching it grow," Dobbins said. "I've seen it from its meager means to growing to where it is now."

Dobbins recommends working at WHBC to other students because of the invaluable experience.

"You get to work the boards and see what it would really be like working for a radio station as an on-air personality," Dobbins said. "I think it's a great way to find out if radio is really what you want to do."

The WHBC management and staff have big plans for the near future. Currently, they are working on a proposal to get towers put on the roof of the School of Communications thus broadening reception from some dorms to the District and the local communities as well.

Geoffrey Johnson, promotions director and a senior radio production major from Savannah, Ga., has been working with WHBC for two years.

He has organized a station sponsored promotional event to raise money for sickle cell. The goal is to fill two bins or more of pennies or coins to be donated to the sickle-cell foundation.

Donations can be made in front of the WHBC office in the basement of the School of Communications. There will also be street teams to collect

funds. Tessa Smith, a sophomore print journalism major, from New York, enjoys the music but has reservations.

"They play the latest music, but it's not really effective as a TV broadcast," Smith said.

Meagan Ford, program director of WHBC, a junior legal communications major, said the TV broadcast was provided as alternative when the University took down the radio towers.

"It would improve student listener-ship on the show, partly because of the fact that we're on television and you can't get us on the dial anymore. It poses a problem because WHBC is not on the dial, so you can't turn it on in your car and listen to it."

The televised broadcast is not to visually entertain students, but to offer music through the medium of television, while the PowerPoint presentations are posted for announcements and advertisement purposes.

WHBC has a staff of 40 and is committed to continuing to serve the Howard University community.

If you are interested in joining the WHBC team, an interest meeting will be held in the spring.

Send questions, comments, concerns or requests to WHBC_830am@yahoo.com.



Campus Reacts to Arizona Shootings

By Robin Allison Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Shortly after 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 28, Robert Stewart Flores, a student at the University of Arizona's nursing school, shot and killed three of his professors before shooting himself.

According to reports from The Arizona Daily Wildcat, Flores was allegedly upset by several recent failing grades.

The incident at the University of Arizona has been widely discussed by campus officials and as well as students at Howard University.

Stress is partially attributed to this violent incident.

However, Afshin Nili, a psychology intern with University Counseling, said Flores' actions were not a normal reaction to stress.

"Other things that could have attributed to the incident are low self-esteem, paranoia, lack of social rapport, and cases of previous violence in the person's life," Nili said.

She encourages students to look within themselves and within their friends for these signs.

Justin Groves, a junior psychology major, thinks a similar incident is possible on Howard's campus.

"I wouldn't do that because I don't let things get that stressful to the point of breaking," Groves said.

Everyone has experienced levels of stress in their life, but according to Ashley Caldwell, a freshman political science major from Texas, it does not justify the incident.

"I can understand the stress and the problems he may have been experiencing, however, I don't think that murder or suicide is ever justifiable," Caldwell said.

Teachers on campus are not fearful of a similar incident. Daniel Williams, a professor of mathematics does not believe that this can happen at Howard.

"I believe that if someone is unstable, they would be very noticeable," Williams said.

The University Counseling Service is open to any student that feels that they need counseling for stress, anxiety, and psychological issues. They will provide you with help through psychotherapy or prescriptions.

They can be contacted at 202-806-6870. For security emergencies contact the campus police at 202-806 1100

Wearing High Heels Everyday Hazardous to Feet

By Lauren Childress
Contributing Writer

At 9:00 a.m. the yard is beginning to bustle with the activities of everyday student life.

Good mornings are exchanged, birds are chirping, squirrels are scurrying along the grass and the clicking of pointy-toed, 4-5-inch stiletto boots can be heard along the highly inclined concrete hills throughout campus.

For many fashion-conscious students, stiletto heels are a dazzling way to make an ordinary outfit stand out, especially in the fall and winter seasons, from python, alligator, and snake print, to the classic colors of red and black.

Some female students say stilettos provide a way to walk with confidence, grace, and femininity, and they give the illusion of longer legs.

However, the fact that stiletto heels can be hazardous to one's health is a factor that many female students overlook. In fact, 90

percent of people who suffer from foot problems are women.

Dorothy Pringle is the associate director of nursing services at the Howard University Health Center and recalls wearing high heels to work everyday.

"I didn't think about the harm I was causing to my body from standing on my feet all day with high heels," Pringle said.

Pringle is now suffering from severe knee problems and orthopedic problems and is concerned about seeing students in the health center for ankle sprains and breaks from injuries sustained from high stiletto heels.

"Those heels can throw your entire body alignment off especially walking up concrete hills," Pringle said. "Having your feet in such a tight position all day long can also cause deformity, fungus, corns, and harder toes."

According to a study conducted by Casey Kerrigan, an associate professor of physi-

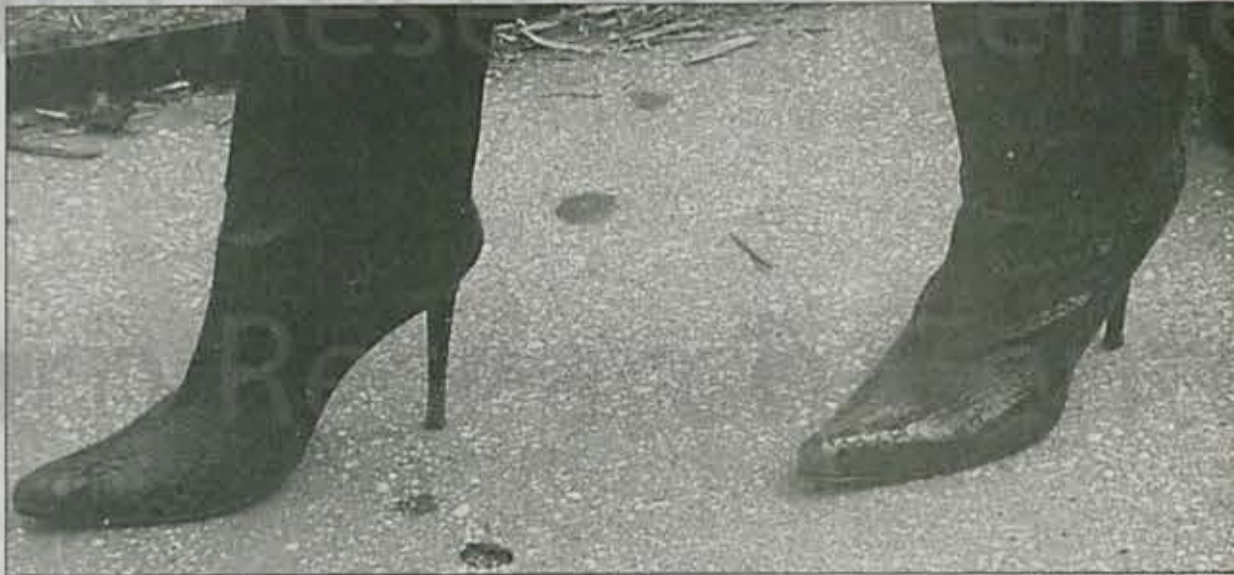


Photo by Maya Gilliam

Although fashionable, heels can cause health problems for women's feet.

cal medicine at Harvard Medical School, wide clunky heels can increase the risk of knee problems as much, or more than, spindly-heeled stilettos.

"Wide-heeled shoes give you the perception of more stability when you're standing, and they feel comfortable, so women wear them all day long," Kerrigan said. "They are better for your feet

than stiletto heels, but just as bad for your knees."

Rachael Jennings, a sophomore biology major, refuses to trade the comfort of causality for the throbbing pain of vanity.

"I have classes all over campus, from Douglass Hall to the valley, then I have to walk down the hill to the East Towers," Jennings said. "It doesn't make sense wear-

ing high heels and to me that's not beauty when you think about how your feet will look later in life."

Florace Juba is a second year business management major and tries to wear stilettos heels everyday and said a little pain is incomparable to the feeling she gets from wearing stilettos.

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Students Grapple with Winter Blues

By Jodi Hurt
Contributing Writer

Scarf, coat, gloves, boots, 45 degrees Celsius and dark at 4:30 p.m.; winter is almost here.

The weather in the Washington area in the past few weeks has been often rainy, overcast and chilly.

Some Howard students are dreading the first day of winter, while District natives explain the worst is yet to come as the wind chill and the snow have not been added to the equation.

Ivonna Smith, senior speech therapy major and District resident, anticipates a cold winter.

"This is just the way D.C. is. When you have a really hot and humid summer, the winter is always terrible," Smith said.

The heating system has been turned on in the dorms, which has caused some students to hibernate in their

rooms.

The cold weather brought the need for sweatshirts, many chose ones which are Howard paraphernalia, sweat pants, coats, and letterman's jackets.

There are many things to adapt to while some students are so far away from home. Students come to Howard from all over the United States and the world.

Some students are from the tropical conditions of Hawaii or Barbados while others are from the frigid conditions in Michigan or Canada.

Kiana Moore, a freshman from Hawaii, prefers the weather at home.

"I hate being cold and this is ridiculous," Moore said. "I had to go shopping for all new winter clothes because I didn't have any."

There are other students that are adapting to the weather change a little easier than others since they've

spent their entire life bracing the cold.

Shannon McGhee, a freshman from Chicago, is content with the weather in the District.

"There is not much of a difference, but I know that once winter comes around it will be no sweat [not a problem] because I am from the windy city," said McGhee.

Students from the Washington area, such as William Hall, a sophomore from Baltimore, did not notice the difference.

"This is just how it is at home so it is no big thing for me," Hall said.

Students are now getting a taste of what winter is going to be like. Some look forward to the snow ball fights but others are dreading the harsh conditions of D.C.'s winter blizzards, while some members of the senior class reminisce of the snow days of their freshman year when school was cancelled.



Photo by Amanda Welsh

Essence Sweat, a marketing major, bundles up on a cold day last week.

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Dupont Circle, A Possible Stress Reliever for Students

By Chris Wall
Contributing Writer

Mid-semester has recently passed—and some students were finding themselves stressed with a heavy workload.

"After my mid-terms, I went out with my friends. I needed to regroup," said sophomore biology major from Atlanta, Crystal Evans.

Howard students are only a few minutes away from the Dupont Circle community, located between Connecticut, Q and R streets, which has museums, historic homes and mansions.

Stress and anxiety among college students is just as prevalent as in adults. Mya Hancy, a D.C. resident from North Hampton, Mass. said, "The relaxing park area in Dupont Circle is a definite stress reliever."

The 23 year-old full-time missionary frequently visits and enjoys the bookshops.

Stress can be exhibited as a reaction to academic pressures. Over-scheduling a student's life can put him/her under stress.



Photo by Angelique Reed

Dupont Circle, located in northwest D.C. is a popular place for students to hang-out.

"I like to have all my classes back-to-back so I can chill before I go to work," said Ameri

Corps, member Apryl Shaw. Being in the School of Business helps cut stress for many busi-

ness students because there are no classes held on Friday's.

"I like the three-day week-

end," said Shaw, a sophomore marketing major from Los Angeles.

Dupont Circle is within close proximity to both Adams Morgan and Downtown Washington.

It has a diverse population with Gay Pride Parades in the summer and a Halloween Drag Race in the fall.

"I went [to Dupont Circle] with my friends last school year," said music business major Alicia Reese. "We stayed all day and had so much fun," said Reese, a sophomore from Bridgeport, Conn.

Teenagers congregate in the Dupont Circle Park on weekends while middle-aged men and women fill the coffee houses and cafes that line 17th Street. Residents and visitors can catch a brass band playing in front of the Dupont Circle Metro Station on a sunny day.

Rachid Bludad, a Washington resident and full-time employee of Midi Cuisine and Cafe, said he enjoys the diversity of the Dupont Circle area. Bludad has been employed at the Mediterranean restaurant for three years.

"I have seen a lot of different people and cultures over

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Virginia Voters Pass Bond Referendum

By Jon Breecce
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. - Virginia voters overwhelmingly approved the \$900 million General Obligation Bond Tuesday, and University of Virginia officials couldn't be happier.

"It's great news for every college and university in Virginia," university spokeswoman Louise Dudley said.

With all precincts reporting, the bond passed with a 73 percent majority.

The \$68.3 million in bond money allocated to the university will allow officials to set out on a decade of building renovation and construction, university Provost Gene Block said.

Bond money will be used partially to fund three new buildings: a new arts and sciences building behind New



Cabell Hall, a new medical research facility and a \$39 million research engineering building.

Many of these projects also require private matching funds by the university.

Also planned are renovations to teaching labs in Gilmer Hall and Fayerweather Hall and four infrastructure projects.

"Before the university's nine planned projects can go

forward, officials first must request a release of the funds from Richmond following the sale of the bonds," said Leonard W. Sandridge, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"Unlike 1992, the bond money will not come to the university in a large chunk but over the course of the next five to six years," said Colette Sheehy, university vice president for management and budget.

"The General Assembly stipulated in legislation passed last April that the Commonwealth may only sell \$250 million in bonds for an individual year," Sheehy added.

"State institutions, therefore, must prioritize projects and compete for state funding," Block said. Despite such complications though, all the slated university projects should be completed within a decade.

The university must submit plans to Richmond by January for public money but Sandridge and Sheehy said those projects with substantial private funding might break ground faster than projects requiring more public money.

"The university also will raise an additional \$85 million for capital projects to complement bond generated money," Sheehy said.

"University policy prohibits new building projects if 100 percent of funding is not pledged," she added.

All university officials praised student contributions to the passage of the referendum.

"Students were extraordinary in getting out the vote," Sandridge said.

Voters also passed the smaller \$119 million bond referendum on parks and open spaces.

Maher Rides into D.C. with New Routine, Book

By Julie Pezzino
The Eagle (American U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - You can kick Bill Maher off the networks, but you can't keep him from talking — or writing.

The comedian/former talk show host arrived in the District Friday to perform his new stand-up routine and promote his new book "When you ride ALONE you ride with bin Laden."

Replace the word "bin Laden" with "Hitler," and you have the title of a famous World War II propaganda poster, distributed by the U.S. government, that encouraged citizens to car-pool in order to conserve oil.

According to Maher, both the poster and the message are the subject of his new tour, and they are issues that need to be addressed by the current administration.

Maher commissioned artists to paint current propaganda posters to be displayed in his book and in the backdrop of his stand up routines.

The former host of "Politically Incorrect" believes the government should be "unafraid to call on citizens to do stuff" to aid in the war on terrorism and Iraq, adding that little progress seems to have been made within the administration.

He thinks the cover poster, and title, are telling of his message.

"We are in a battle with people who are funded by oil," Maher said, adding that it makes logical sense for people to try to conserve the substance.

He said that while the U.S. is fighting one of the most oil-rich nations in the world, he sees too many people concerned with a war on drugs.

"Iraq doesn't sell drugs, they sell oil," he said.

Television won't have to wait long to see Maher again. He is planning a new show to air next year, but no more details were provided.

Although he couldn't broadcast his comments live on the elections this year, he had plenty to say after the fact.

If he were to host a show tonight, Maher said the topic would be "how lame the Democrats are, and how glad I



Bill Maher.

am that they lost."

He added that the party deserved to lose the number of seats they did, saying if people had a choice between a real Republican and a fake Republican (Democrats) they would obviously choose the real one.

Maher found it depressing that the most exciting candidate for the Democrats was Walter Mondale, who "is only slightly less dead than Paul Wellstone himself."

He added that he was shocked that Mondale lost, given his stature in Minnesota, and scoffed at Republicans who were angered by the political nature of Wellstone's funeral.

"I hope they boo Trent Lott at my funeral too," he said.

While he didn't give much credit to the American people for monitoring President Bush's handling of the war on terrorism or the economy, he didn't feel Tuesday's election was a referendum on Bush.

"People like Bush," Maher said. "They don't pay a lot of attention to what he does ... they just like him."

Maher is particularly excited for his visit to the nation's capital. His show was taken off the air by local cable stations in D.C. nine months before the rest of the country.

"Politically Incorrect" was supposedly cancelled by ABC after Maher was quoted as referring to past United States military actions as "cowardly," although executives claim they were planning to readjust the lineup, according to cnn.com.

D.C. Voters Prevented from Voting to Legalize Marijuana

By Porsha D. Summerville
Contributing Writer

Marijuana advocates point the finger at Congressman Bob Barr, of Georgia, as the man that overturned a bill on the D.C. voting ballot known as Initiative 59, which allowed patients to use marijuana for medical purposes.

D.C. voters passed the initiative in November of 1998.

Initiative 59 was passed by 69 percent of District voters and would have potentially allowed ill people to use marijuana for medical purposes if approved by their doctor.

According to The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), marijuana is used medically for multiple reasons, such as pain relief—particularly of neuropathic pain (pain from nerve damage)—, nausea, glaucoma, and movement disorders.

Marijuana used medically can also be a powerful appetite stimulant specifically for patients suffering with HIV or dementia.

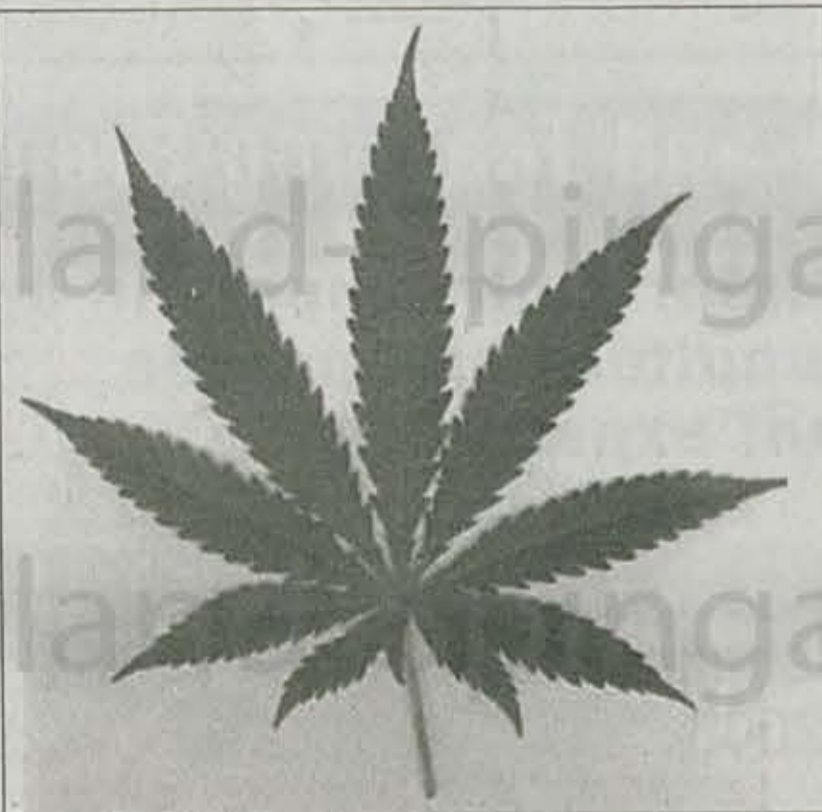


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Although, research has proven improvements in medical conditions due to marijuana use.

Richard Simon of George Washington University Medical Associates pointed out marijuana can be used for glaucoma

but is not widely applied.

"There are hundreds of other medications available, so marijuana would not be the first choice," Simon said.

The federal appeals court decided to take the issue of legalizing marijuana off the

voting ballot.

This decision has taken voters' opportunity to vote for or against legalizing marijuana by removing the issue from this year's election ballot.

The Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) was disappointed about the federal appeals court decision.

This advocacy group was responsible for collecting voters' signatures that supported the legalization of marijuana.

MPP Assistant Director of Communications, Krissy Oechslein said, "Bob Barr has kept the issue from being on the ballot because of the Amendments that he has helped pass. He is not a representative in Congress for this area and is largely impacting the decision made." Oechslein feels that there is no support on this issue within Congress.

"The issue was brought up in many hearings over and over again, so I was confident the support to legalize marijuana for medical purposes was present. But, the support did not come in the D.C.

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BUSINESS

Young Men Make Their Presence Known to Retailers

By Ashley Kelly
Contributing Writer

Ashford Thomas storms through Pentagon City Mall in search of the latest trendy fashions. A freshman acting major, Thomas enjoys shopping and believes there's nothing wrong with guys being as into shopping as girls are.

"If girls go through all the trouble to look nice, then guys should at least put forth some effort," he said.

Thomas is not alone, as studies done by retail groups such as WSL Strategic Retail and NPD group indicate that men between the ages of 18 and 24 are the fastest growing group of consumers.

"Young men are becoming the new generation of consumers," said Candace Corlett, a partner in WSL Strategic Retail, a New York consulting firm.

Sophomore acting major Kofi Owuso shares the gradually changing view of Thomas and many other young men in the

country and on Howard's campus.

"Dressing is as important to men as women," Owuso said. "It seems to have come up in the last decade. Our outward appearance is as important to us as women's."

Although some males are becoming more fashion conscious in order to impress girls on campus, this is not true for others.

Kelly Fossett, a junior computer graphics major, thinks the trend towards more male shoppers is only with younger guys.

"I think that freshman and sophomore males have more of a competition going on in order to impress girls," he said. "The longer I'm here, the less I go to extremes to impress people."

Whatever it is - girls, the clothes, themselves or image - that is driving males on Howard's campus to clothing stores, they are slowly becoming fashion's top consumers.

Terry J. Lundgren, president of Federated Department



File Photo

Men's fashions are making big bucks, as men say dressing nicely is "as important to men as women."

stores, which owns Macy's and Bloomingdale's, agrees with

Corlett's observation.

"The young women's mar-

ket has been the hot category in apparel, but now young men's is

what really is catching fire," she said.

It has been noted by the NPD group that men between the ages of 18 to 24 are the primary buyers. Retail sales for this group have risen by 2.5 percent, to \$9.2 billion since 2001.

Even though males are shopping more and causing sales to increase, this is not true for all clothing stores. In some stores, women still have the upper hand in retail sales.

Banana Republic has not seen an increase in its men's clothing sales. Ian Preston, store manager, said the ratio between women and men remains at a constant 60 to 40 percent, with women continuing to be the top buyers.

"The fashion ratio between men and women are coming closer together in urban areas," he said.

Up Against The Wall, which is an urban-brand clothing store, gets in more merchandise

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Gaspricewatch.com Helps Students Find Cheaper Gas

By Krissy Posey
Contributing Writer

Erika Jordan, a senior psychology major from Los Angeles, typed her local zip code into her computer.

Out popped a list of gas stations and a map of their location featuring gas prices lower than those she may have found by just going to the first station

she passed while driving.

However, few students at Howard know about the website www.gaspricewatch.com.

Brad Procter, the website's president and chief executive officer, started the company in April 1999 to save drivers money. The site allows consumers to search their local gas stations for the lowest prices.

The site features 138,171

total gas stations across the country and Canada, including the Texaco gas station at Georgia Avenue, the Amoco station at Rhode Island and 3rd Street, and the Hess on New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Volunteer spotters who register to the site and post gas prices they have spotted in their area update prices weekly. It also allows gas stations to

update their own prices electronically.

Erika Jordan, a senior psychology major at Howard University, said she finds the site especially helpful, given the high cost of gas.

"I live in a big city and the site is a fast and efficient way to find the cheapest place to go for gas," Jordan said. "I would say I save between five and 10 cents

per gallon by going to the site."

The savings have attracted millions of drivers. In July 2000, for example, the site attracted 1.3 million visitors, earning it a ranking on Media Metrix Inc.'s list of fast growing websites. To be ranked, the site must have a monthly minimum of 500,000 visitors.

Gasbuddy.com and Ottawagasprices.com are sites

that display cheap gas prices; however, they are not as developed as Gaspricewatch.com, and they only feature gas stations in a limited area.

"I have never heard of the site before but now that I know about it, maybe I should start using it," said Debbie Lee, a freshman biology major.

How to Stem the Tide of Negative Cash Flow

By Shari James
Contributing Writer

At the end of the semester, many students find themselves in the same position - broke, munching on a bag of stale potato chips and praying the holidays would come so they can go home. And while many can think of numerous excuses for being broke, the main problem is improper money management.

There is always going to be a new CD, the party this weekend or that cute outfit. For those students who do have jobs, they may find the money problem a little less stressful, but many of them still don't know how to save money or keep from spending unnecessarily.

According to Lucy Lazarony at bankrate.com, there are some tips students can use to alleviate the stress associated with being broke.

Firstly, Lazarony said to keep track of spending habits. Are four trips to Starbucks a week really necessary? Mapping out a budget is the best way to monitor expenditures.

Budgeting gives a concrete idea of how much expenses are and what is left over for saving or spending. Try setting a limit by saying "I am only going to spend X dollars this month."

"I always have money to take care of my bills and other little necessities," said senior management major Kurt Bogle. "I am not going to spend my money if I know that I have bills to pay."

Some students always have the problem of being broke



after the first two semesters at school. An effective way of keeping money in your pocket, according to Lazarony, is by spreading out expenses over an extended period, rather than spending it all at once.

Everything does not have to be purchased at one time. It is better to buy things as they become necessary. Try looking for specials and legitimate deals and try to eat out only once or twice a week.

Junior acting major Goldie Patrick admits to having a problem with budgeting.

"I have no money, but I am trying to budget," Patrick said. "My parents try to help me by either giving me more money or they cut my funds."

For those fortunate students that do have their parent's credit card or others that have a card of their own, the best advice is to think before you act, Lazarony said. Remember that everything purchased will incur some form of credit.

Save the card and use it only when necessary or in the

case of an emergency. That money that goes towards interest from the card could have been used to do something else.

In other words, frivolous purchases like a bag of potato chips and a soda are not worth it, she said. Get a debit card instead.

Planning is key, also.

Think about future bills and expenses like the \$400 cell phone bill or the road trip next month. Start putting money away to pay for it. This way when the large bill or the total for the trip comes as a surprise to others, money will be available to deal with it.

Alicia Webster, a hospitality management major from Jamaica said she has mastered the art of budgeting very well.

"I had no choice but to start budgeting," Webster said. "I am given a set amount of money every month from my parents and I don't work."

Now a senior, Webster said the past few years have taught her a lot about money, and have made her wiser about spending and saving.

Adrian G. Berg from MSN Money gives some other good tips to avoid the financial battle. These include using phone cards that are time efficient and reasonable, communicating via emails and even using the meal plan provided by the school.

A lot of people lack financial skills and today's economic climate has increased the need for a tight budget, making money management one of the most important skills that someone can master in college.

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Grab a 'Chicken Boat'

By Shani Hilton
Contributing Writer

What's the largest city in America? New York or Los Angeles? Both are incorrect. With 20 million inhabitants, the largest city in America is Mexico City, capital of Mexico.

Mexico City lies on what used to be group of lakes. In 1325, disciples of the god, Mexica, watched as the fulfillment of a prophecy occurred: a new city would be built where an eagle was seen, perched on a cactus and eating a snake.

For about 200 years, the city and its people prospered. In 1520, the Spanish, led by Hernan Cortes, arrived, claimed Mexico and named it New Spain. It gained independence in 1821.

The official name of Mexico is the United Mexican States. There are 31 states and one federal district. Unlike the United States, voting is mandatory, although this rule is not rigidly enforced.

The current president is Vicente Fox, who was elected to a six-year term in 2000.

The population is 103.4 million people, and while there are several indigenous languages used in Mexico, the official language is Spanish.

Fortunately, despite the increasing influence of the United States, many parts of Mexican culture remain the same. Traditional food and produce include the Chalupas de Pollo (a far cry from the Taco Bell dish), which is translated to "Chicken Boats."

Chalupas de Pollo feature chicken breast, cheese, and potatoes on a tortilla. Also common is a dessert called Chongos Zamoranos, which is made of milk, sugar, cornstarch and

limejuice.

Fruits and vegetables range from the ever-popular banana and pineapple to "pan de arbol," also known as breadfruit, as well as "tuna" a type of seedy cactus fruit with the spines removed.

It matters little whether one eats a traditional dish at a small local restaurant, or spends the big bucks eating a gourmet creation, because in Mexico, dinner is just the beginning of the evening.

One important part of spending time in Mexico is experiencing the nightlife. One can drive from Mexico City to Mazatlan, located on the Pacific Coast, arrive at midnight, and party in a place where closing a bar at two or three in the morning is "early."

With rich culture, mouth-watering food, and some of the best party spots in the world, skip Florida next spring break and go to Mexico!

U.S. Immigration Policy for Haitians

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Unlike Cubans, who are automatically granted asylum in this country if they reach shore due to the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act—also known as the "wet foot, dry foot" policy, Haitians and other migrants must apply for political asylum.

About 150 of the 200 Haitians jumping off a boat on Oct. 29 near Key Biscayne were detained by the authorities and taken to Krome Detention Center. A few were hospitalized, and about 20 remained on a Coast Guard cutter.

The asylum process can only begin after the migrant passes a 'credible fear' interview, showing that he has reason to believe he will be persecuted in his home country.

Normally they are released into the community as they work with lawyers to prepare their asylum cases, but Haitians

are treated differently than other migrants, and are forced to remain in detention while they prepare their cases.

This is because Haitians are generally viewed as economic emigrants rather than political refugees, and they generally ignore the political realities in that country, where people do in fact face political persecution.

The unfortunate truth is that Haitian refugees are treated as criminals. Coincidentally enough, their Cuban neighbors nearby are treated as victims when they apply for asylum.

Why the double standard? Some state that Haitians are liable to vanish into America if granted asylum, but that argument can be levied against anyone, regardless of nationality.

"We always give preference to people fleeing communist countries," said Leon Wildes, an immigration attorney.



Haitians protest in Little Haiti.

"Unfortunately, the application of asylum laws isn't equal."

The Bush administration has defended its new policy towards Haitian refugees by saying that it is a reaction to intelligence that there may be a mass migration toward the United States in the future.

Many political figures are in favor of changing the policy to allow Haitians a better chance at seeking asylum.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush said, "I believe Haitians should be treated like all other people who come to our shores."

He has expressed his views to the officer at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in charge of the case and to the White House.

His Democratic challenger, Bill McBride, also denounced the current immigration policy.



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Vitamins Can Give You Life... in Jail

By Jonathan Grannum
Hilltop Staff Writer

If a young man steals a car, he is sentenced to nine months service. If an ex-con steals a bottle of vitamins, he gets life imprisonment. This is the state of affairs today in California.

"It's necessary," said Lesley-Ann Jones, "because you need to teach them [repeat offenders] a lesson."

Men and women alike who were previously convicted are being automatically sentenced 25 years to life if they are convicted a third time.

The three-strike law is sending ex-cons to jail for a long time. Some of these offenses may not be more than the theft of a slice of pizza. Yet, people believe that it is the right thing to do.

"Why did they steal in the first place?" asked Lesley-Ann Jones, a junior mechanical engineering major.

One such case was a man who stole \$153 worth of children's video tapes, as reported by Time Magazine. Due to the fact that he had already served four years for breaking into three homes and had also been

convicted of a shoplifting incident at Kmart, he was convicted of petty theft and sentenced to a 50-years-to-life term in prison. Life in prison, for the abduction of Cinderella, Snow White and Free Willy 2; is this justified?

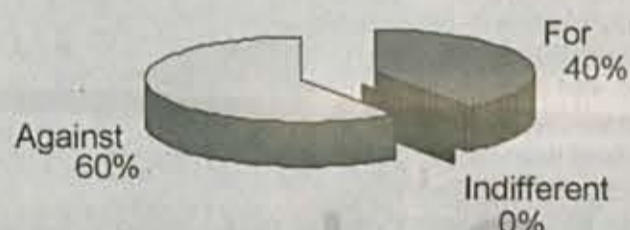
Some people believe so. Marc Klass' daughter, Polly, from Petaluma, California was murdered by a parolee in 1993. Klass was originally opposed to the law and was quoted by Time as saying "It has gotten a lot more dirt bags off the streets."

The statistics, however paint a different picture. The total number of criminals in

California prisons as a result of the three-strike statute is currently at 7,100. Approximately 350 of these men are in this predicament because of some non-violent misdemeanor.

This issue at this point is before the Supreme Court and it will be in their hands to decide whether, in each case brought before them, the sentence constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment." This method of sentencing is in effect in 26 states, although California is the only state in which you can be sentenced to life for a nonviolent offense.

A poll of HU students was taken to determine the percentage who support the "three strikes, you're out" law.



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Meteor Show

During the early morning hours of November 19 A storm of shooting stars, possibly accompanied by bright fireballs, will fill the sky though a nearly full moon will outshine fainter meteors, a feat not to be repeated for at least another three decades.

Peak times should be between midnight and sunrise when there would be two main outbursts; one for Europe and the other for North America and parts of northern South America. During the peak you can expect to see six to ten Leonids per second. For best viewing, one should go out early, get a dark spot avoid the moonlight, make sure you have the right equipment and enjoy.

Laser Test Successful

In what it called a historic event, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command announced Tuesday that a laser had successfully destroyed an artillery projectile in flight.

"Over the desert of New Mexico... the Mobile Tactical High-Energy Laser (MTHL) tracked, locked and fired a burst of photons on an artillery projectile. Seconds later, at a point well short of its intended destination, the projectile was destroyed," command officials said in a written statement.

The exercise was one of a series of tests that will determine MTHL's capabilities against a variety of targets, the statement said.

3 U. of Cincinnati Students Killed

On Monday last week, University of Cincinnati student, Nicklaus Joyce shot his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Duke, and her new boyfriend Nicklas

Tipple, then turned the gun on himself.

Duke was 19 and Tipple was 20. Both were students at the university's College of Applied Science, which is located about two miles away from the university's main campus. Duke had ended her relationship with Joyce, a 23-year-old engineering major, last month.

Sue for No MVP

Michael Croteau is seeking about \$200,000 in psychological and punitive damages from the New Brunswick Amateur Hockey Association after his 16-year-old son, Steven, failed to win the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. He also wants the trophy to be awarded to his son, who was so crushed that he lost his desire to play after finding out he lost the award to someone else at a banquet in March.

Steven finished the season with a league leading 45 goals and 42 assists in 27 games, while the MVP finished fourth in scoring with 21 goals and 39 assists.



No Snow on Kilimanjaro?

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Scientists are worried about the receding snowfields on Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak on the border of Tanzania and Kenya, known for its picturesque ice cap.

The mountain attracts more than 20,000 tourists to its beautiful ice fields each year and has provided a wealth of information to scientists about the history of the African climate, dating as far as back as 11,000 years ago.

This accelerating glacial recession therefore spells doom for any further scientific studies geared towards the collection of information about the past climate of the region. Aerial photographs produced by satellites have confirmed that Kilimanjaro's white cap has been reduced by as much as 80 percent since 1900.

Professor Lonnie Thompson of Ohio State University, who has researched the famous Tanzanian peak for over 20 years, and has done studies on other tropical peaks with similar conditions, said that if the current rate of glacial recession on the Kilimanjaro persists, "The ice will be gone some time between 2015 and 2020 along with the archive of climate history recorded in those glaciers."

Ice cores drilled into the fields of Kilimanjaro have so far revealed that conditions on the continent have been "wetter

and warmer" for the past 11,000 years. There were three catastrophic droughts on the continent occurring 8,300, 5,200 and 4,000 years ago, the last of which occurred for 300 years, leading to the collapse of then-existing civilizations.

Global warming has been viewed as a possible causal factor of Kilimanjaro's diminishing ice fields. Conservation groups, such as the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), have been calling for environmental policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which worsen the impact of global warming.

An international conference on climate in 1997 led to the Kyoto protocol, which imposed mandatory controls on gas emissions. However, President Bush rejected the protocol in 2001; and the recent World Development Summit in Johannesburg South Africa, which was hoped would provide solutions to global pollution problems, gave little focus to environmental issues.

The U.S. produces the largest greenhouse gas emissions in the world and according to Paul Desanker, co-director of the Center for African Development Solutions in Johannesburg, "If the U.S. doesn't come aboard to limit greenhouse gas emissions, attempts by other countries to control pollution levels is a waste of time."

Desanker also warned that these pollution levels could have a devastating effect on the



The ice covered peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro, on the the border of Tanzania and Kenya.

Photo courtesy www.voshpa.org

"people, animals and natural resources that make Africa unique."

The melting of Kilimanjaro's glaciers means serious consequences for the people of East Africa, who rely on the melting snow from this mountain to supply their rivers that are used for drinking water, the production of hydro-electricity and crop irrigation.

Kilimanjaro is also the chief source of foreign revenue for Tanzania, and as such, tourism is likely to suffer, if tourists stop flocking to the region to see the Mount's whitecap.

Additionally, the melting of glaciers and other ice caps around the world is causing a rise in sea levels, which poses the threat of "drowning" to existing islands and coastal areas. A report by the WWF also states that more than 50 percent of east Africa's coral

reefs have died because of "bleaching" caused by pollution and that the loss of these reefs will affect "fisheries, food security, marine biodiversity and tourism income."

Douglas Hardy, a doctor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, has questioned the impact of global warming on the melting glaciers. "Evidence is mounting that human influences on climate are causing glaciers to retreat dramatically around the world, and especially at high elevations in the tropics," Hardy said. He asserts that global warming should not be singled out as the main cause.

Nevertheless, Professor Thompson said, "Retreating glaciers is one of the many symptoms that the Earth is undergoing dramatic changes within our lifetime. Climate change is just one piece in a much bigger puzzle."

Lightning Record in Brazil

Brazil is the country most struck by lightning in the world and it suffers the highest death toll and serious economic damage from electric thunderstorms, new research showed Tuesday.

The country is apparently struck by 70 million lightning bolts a year, or between two and three electric discharges per second.

"That is about double the amount of lightning in the United States, which is approximately the same size as Brazil," Pinto told Reuters.

Kidnap of Victoria Beckham Foiled

Scotland Yard said officers have arrested four men and one woman for theft and conspiracy to kidnap Victoria Beckham.

News reports say that the ransom was £5 million (US\$7.8 million). Victoria was at Old Trafford watching her England captain husband play a 2-1 win over Southampton.

Synagogue Attacked

French intelligence agents arrested eight suspects in connection with a Tunisian synagogue attack in which 21 tourists died, interior ministry sources said.

Fourteen Germans, five Tunisians and a Frenchman were killed when a tanker containing cooking gas exploded near the historic and holy Jewish site on Djerba last April.



A group linked to Islamic militant group al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the attack.

Drones Strike Al Qaeda in Yemen

In a CNN interview, a top Pentagon official called a missile strike that killed six suspected al Qaeda members in Yemen "a very successful tactical operation" and said the U.S. must "keep the pressure on" terrorists wherever they are.

Sources said earlier that an unmanned CIA Predator drone launched a "Hellfire" missile on Monday, striking a car carrying the men, including the al Qaeda chief in that country wanted for the bombing of the USS Cole.

149-nil

An African football team has been beaten an astounding 149-0 after their coach lost his temper and told his team to score own goals.

National champions AS Adema hammered rivals Stade Olympique l'Emyrne (SOE) by the incredible score, without having to lift a finger.

After arguing with the referee, SOE's coach, Ratsimandresy Ratsarazaka, instructed his team to put the ball into their own net, and they did not disappoint their boss.

Mentally Ill in Jamaican Prisons

By Shani Hilton
Contributing Writer

The Jamaican government has been charged with imprisoning the mentally ill as a cheaper alternative to housing them in proper mental health care facilities.

The Jamaica Observer reports Canadian psychiatric social worker Roger B. Neill claims that hundreds of mentally ill people are left uncared for by prison authorities and are sexually and physically abused by fellow inmates.

"People should not be pris-

oners because they are mentally ill," Neill said.

Donavan Nelson, spokesman for the Ministry of National Security says, "they are not incarcerated because of their mental illness... they develop mental illness while they are incarcerated."

"Most mentally ill in the prison system are not being treated for their illness," Neill said. Many should not be confined since they have not committed any crimes serious enough to merit prison sentences.

According to the Jamaica

Gleaner, 76-year-old Ivan Boroughs was recently released from jail after 29 years. He had been charged with breaking a bank windowpane in 1972; a misdemeanor that carries a maximum three-year sentence.

At the time, Boroughs was judged unfit to stand trial and remained in prison. In 1998, psychiatrist George Leveridge determined that Boroughs was fit to plead. It was not until this year that a trial was heard. The charges were dismissed, and Boroughs released.

Neill said this scenario is not uncommon. Many of these

people are confined without being charged or ever receiving a trial and they become lost in the prison system, he said.

According to Lloyd Barnett, Chairman of the Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights (IJCHR), there are over 500 mentally ill inmates in the island's prisons.

All of these people were originally in prison because they had been declared unfit to plead. Barnett says 200 of them have been certified fit to plead, but have not yet been brought before the Court.

The Department of

Correctional Services counters that the total number of mentally ill prisoners is not more than 500, rather it is 256.

Earl Fearon, Deputy Commissioner of Custodial Services of the Department of Correctional Services said, "...between January and July 2001, approximately 74 inmates have been certified fit to plead by the psychiatrist and subsequently sent to court. Of this number, 73 inmates were not returned to the institutions... Three sentenced inmates who were mental patients served their sentences and were released."

According to IJCHR Secretary Nancy Anderson, 36

inmates were declared fit to plead, as opposed to the 74 numbered by Fearon.

Head psychiatrist in the Department of Correctional Services, George Leveridge says so many mentally ill remain in the prisons due to the lack of health care facilities for them. "[The Courts] don't want to just release them on the streets," said Leveridge, who up until a few months ago was the only mental health officer in the system.

The problem of the mentally ill in prisons is a cycle, Fearon said. Many mental illness cases are related to drug abuse, and often people commit crimes while intoxicated.

Jerusalem Government Up for Grabs

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is struggling to uphold his government in light of the recent departure by the center-left Labor Party led by Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer before the 2003 budget vote.

The labor ministers resigned after hours of futile talks with Prime Minister Sharon to resolve a dispute over the proposed allocation of money for Jewish settlements from the 2003 state budget.

Eliezer warned of his departure from the coalition if Sharon did not reallocate the \$150 million to be spent on Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza to programs, which focused on "social spending and job creation" in the region. But Sharon, who supports the Jewish settlements, has ignored the Labor party's requests and stated that any party opposing the budget would be thrown out.

The resignation of the ministers, after the talks, ended the 18-month run of Israel's unity coalition with the Labor Party, a coalition

formed to temper the Palestinian uprising ("intifada") against Israeli settlers which began in 2000.

Sharon told the Israeli Parliament that, "the whole world knows the importance that I place on a national unity government," blaming Eliezer for instigating its break up.

Carrie Sinclair, an English immigrant to the region, said, "Ben-Eliezer has alienated even more people from his party because now they'll think Labor puts partisan politics ahead of important national issues like the

budget."

Israel has a proportional representation system of government, made up of a coalition of several parties. The center-left Labor Party granted Sharon's coalition a strong majority in the parliament, and its dissolution could lead to premature elections in October 2003 due to the current instability of the Sharon's coalition.

Sharon has sought to include "ultra-right parties" in his government, thereby enabling him to maintain a slim majority in parliament. Some left-wing voters have

expressed concern about this, arguing that it can hurt the leftist cause of a "more diplomatic, less militaristic solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, has also called for early elections, but seems to be more interested in succeeding Sharon than becoming the new Foreign Minister of the PM's right-wing coalition, a position he proposed to assume on the grounds of early elections.

If Netanyahu becomes Prime Minister, this could mean the use of more "hard line tactics" against the Palestinians, a move which



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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

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PNP, JLP, Who Cares?



Island Politics

By Jonathan Grannum
Hilltop Staff Writer

Honestly, does it really matter who is in power these days? At any rate, the economy is going to dip, unemployment rates will sky rocket and someone in some position of authority will be found with his/her hand in the cookie jar. Of course he/she will cry for justice and attempt to divert our attention elsewhere.

But I drift. It seems that the status quo is to vote for the

lesser of two evils, not because there isn't anyone out there who can do a good job, just that they haven't yet stepped forward. This is, at least, what I heard of Jamaica's election results (and what I know from the opinions of "Trinbagonians" and their own elections).

The JLP (Jamaican Labor Party) is no better than the PNP (People's National Party). From what I have seen of the recently completed campaigning, many promises were made

by both sides, but so many by the JLP that their leader Edward Seaga was depicted in a cartoon as bringing gifts in a large sack and the impression of Christmastime to a young boy.

Despite the attempts of both parties to "bribe" the nation into voting for them and the JLP's ten step plan, the PNP was restored to power.

Historically, it was actually tradition that the incumbent party win the following election before being ousted, but

this win put the PNP in the driver's seat for their fourth consecutive term since 1993.

This fact came as a shock to one of our own resident Jamaicans, Pavel Byles, who was outraged that since they have been in power, the Jamaican dollar has fallen from 20:1 to approximately 50:1 next to the U.S. dollar.

Of course the JLP tried to win the support of the people, with offers from free education to tax relief and even had a couple songs to stimulate

morale. They even had a dancehall version of, "We No Want No PNP" on the "Divali Riddim", a currently popular beat.

Personally I would have voted for them just for this selection, if the PNP didn't have their own calypso styled rally cry, which really got me jumping.

So how in fact do we make the demarcation between the two? Or do we?

(For more information, please visit www.jamaicaelections.com)

Johnson Hosts Grand Opening

STARBUCKS from A1

in more members to our community," she said.

As Schultz began to speak, he told a brief history of the relationship with Johnson Development, Inc. and Starbucks.

"We began this partnership in 1998 with the goal to open high-quality stores in urban communities," said Schultz. "Starbucks has gained more from this partnership than any other partnership that we have."

As Schultz finished, he introduced Magic Johnson as being a better person than basketball player, if that is possible.

"I am so pleased to have been able to be a part of the opening of a Starbucks on Howard's campus," said Johnson. "I see all of the alumni from Howard in Los Angeles and all of the alumni are so loyal to the Bison."

Johnson reintegrated the

plans to open more retail shops on Georgia Avenue.

"Don't think that you've gotten rid of us yet. We will be bringing even more shops to the Howard University campus," he said.

Johnson also introduced one of the students who received the Magic Johnson scholarship.

"I knew Magic Johnson before the scholarship competition," said Jubar Crosswell, a senior pre-med major.

Crosswell grew up in the inner city and was grateful for all of the support that Johnson provided.

"Magic gave me a laptop and helped me pay for my schooling. Magic flew me out to Beverly Hills and showed me that there is more to life than just the place that you came from," Crosswell said.

Rob Stewart, a local inventor, was also grateful for the model that Johnson left for young people.

"Johnson has been a great

role model to look to," said Stewart. "His example should show all people how to give back to their communities once they make it in this world."

Students, faculty, staff, and community members waited in line patiently to see the grand opening of Starbucks.

Some people lined up more than two hours before the program began.

One mother said that she waited all day in line just to see Magic Johnson.

"This is a great opportunity for people who are not familiar with the Howard community to get to know Howard a little more," said Kemi James, a senior chemistry major.

Rita Edge, who works for the Howard Welcome Center could not agree more.

"I have been waiting for a long time to see this opening," said Edge.

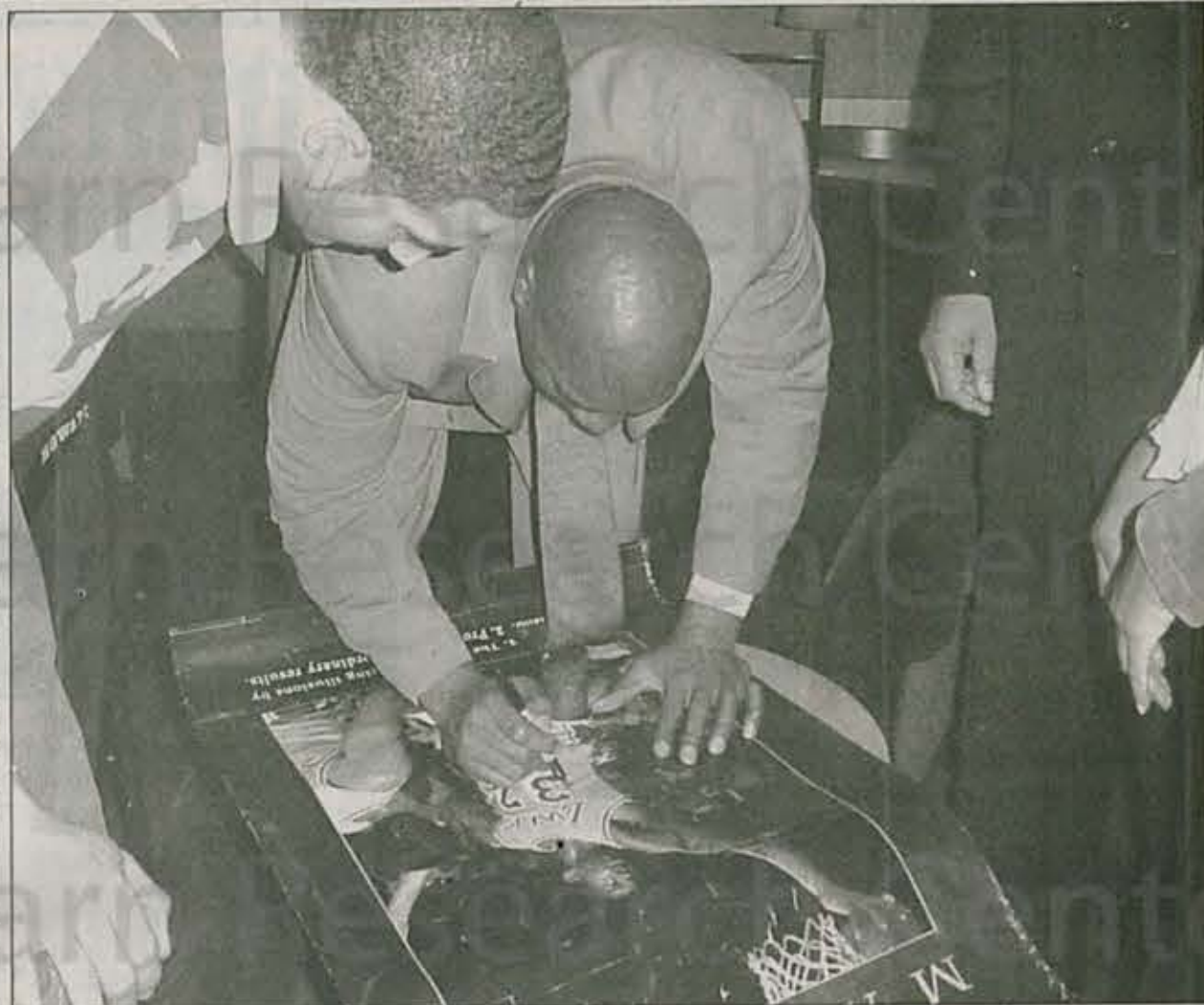


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Jonathan Stokes, a basketball player for the Bison, gets a poster signed by Magic.

Recent Defense Minister Departure Shakes Israeli Government

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most far-right wing voters support, in addition to the expulsion of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader arguing that the "infitada" could be exacerbated if the Israeli coalition becomes "more

right-wing."

President Bush supports the expulsion of Arafat as Palestinian leader and has stated, "his people have no future with him. And Israelis subject to sudden and savage suicide attacks will waste no time in sympathy for him."

The country is presently experiencing its most severe economic crisis, which has seen increasing unemployment as well as falling economic output, and the political turmoil will only serve to dull efforts geared towards ending the ongoing violent

conflict over the occupation of Palestinian land by Israeli "Jewish" settlers.

The U.S. peace plan which envisions, among other plans, a resolution to the conflict by 2006, through Palestinian reforms, the pull out of Israeli troops by mid-

2003 and a temporary Palestinian state in 2004, will be further disrupted by the current political instability.

Prime Minister Sharon stated to an audience at a tourism promotion reception before the budget vote that "I

still hope to lead a government of national unity (including Labor) but in any other coalition of the government I will continue to make every effort to bring security and step out on the path to peace."

Howard's Body of Christ Ministries Discusses Bush's Education Plans

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Above, the "No Child Left Behind" official logo.

BUSH from A1

across the world," Matt Gandal, executive vice-president of Achieve Incorporated says.

"When students got to middle school the ranking slipped to the middle of the pack, and by the time U.S. students got to high school, U.S. students were ranked last among countries of the world."

Mark Jennings, founder of Body of Christ Outreach Ministries Inc., is opposed to this new law and fears the new policy will disproportionately affect African American students.

"These type of testing policies have the potential to increase the dropout rates of high school seniors," Jennings said. "African American students are already at a disadvantage when it comes to high stakes testing such as the SAT."

James Fraser, dean of education at Northeastern University, disagrees with Jennings' outlook.

"Many of my colleagues wonder why I am in support of this type of testing," Fraser said. "I support these tests because I have lost confidence in the education system and the teachers

that teach our students. These tests are necessary to make sure that children are actually learning."

The 'No Child Left Behind' bill also calls for the hiring of highly qualified teachers to teach in the classroom. However, Virginia Edwards, an editor for "Education Week" said it is very hard to classify a highly qualified teacher.

"Some teachers may have the best resume but cannot relate or teach children," Edwards said. "Then there are those teachers who may not have the best resumes but can really teach children."

Many parents like Courtney Long, parent of a seven-year-old, from a surrounding neighborhood attended the discussion and had many questions for the panelists. Long asked the panel how would she know the standard her child should perform based on his grade.

"My child was at the top of his class when he was at a charter school here in D.C.," Long said. "When he moved to Texas, he fell behind. How do I know what the standard second grader is suppose to be learning?" she asked the panel.

A panelist told Long the 'No Child Left Behind' bill requires schools to give parents more information on the progress of their child as well as the progress of the school.

Some religious organizations have become more involved in the process of helping students who are at risk for dropout to past these exit exams. Milton Hathaway, pastor of Second Liberty Baptist Church began helping at-risk youths since the spring of 2000.

"Our church began School for Troubled Youth (STY) with the intention of lowering the amount of students who are suspended from schools," Hathaway said.

Hathaway's data shows in 1998, 400 children were suspended from school. Since 2000, he says the STY program has helped to lower that number considerably.

The organizer, Mark Jennings, was very pleased with the turnout. "The panel discussion accomplished a lot. I hope that parents and students learned something new that can be beneficial to them," Jennings said.

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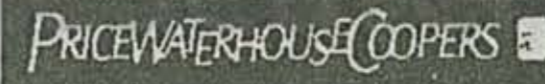
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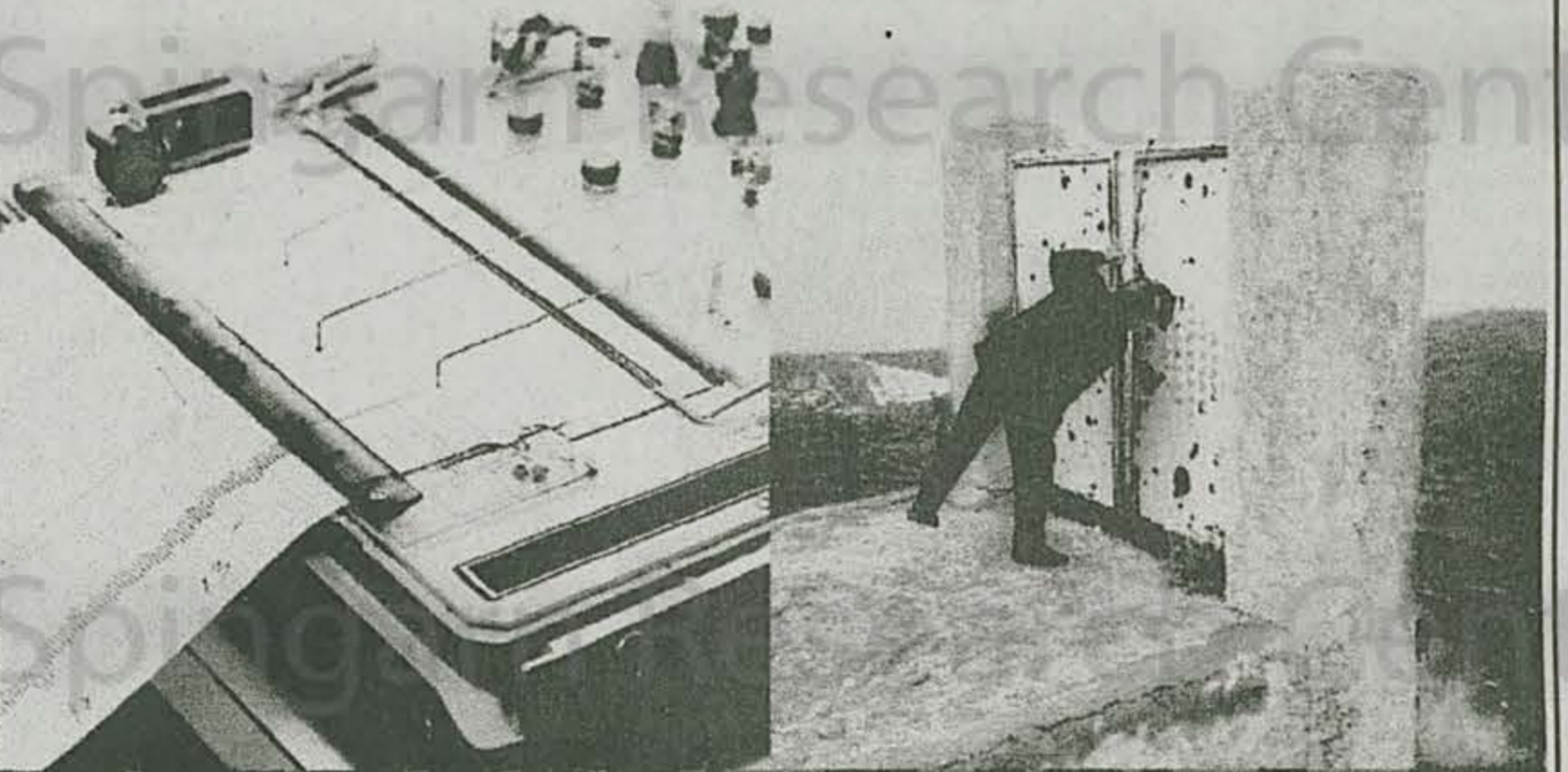
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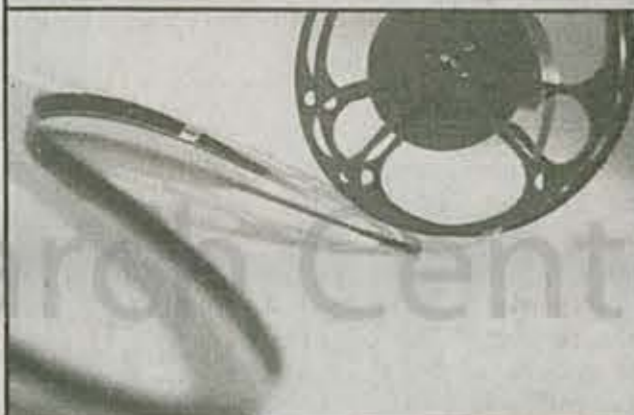
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High Heels: Fashionable or Health Risk?



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"I feel taller and powerful in the figurative sense when I wear stilettos," Juba said. "It's not about the fashion, it's about feeling good about yourself and having confi-

dence."

John Early, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said women pay a

high price for their vanity. "Men don't usually suffer from this kind of foot discomfort because they refuse to wear shoes that are uncomfortable," Early said. "Women, however, are willing to sacrifice their comfort for fashion. They think flat-heeled shoes are unbecoming."

However, Byron Hughes, sophomore biology major, finds that women are more attractive in casual flat shoes.

"I find it very unattractive for females to come in a eight o'clock class overdressed looking for attention," Hughes said. "I prefer girls who are on chill mode and comfortable."

Early suggests women should select a pair of shoes that has ample toe room and has less than a two-inch heel inclination. He also advises walking around the store in shoes, and paying close attention to how one's feet feel while walking.

Although female students may not feel the damaging affects of stiletto heels now, medical experts maintain the effect happens later in life.

According to the Yale New Haven Hospital web site, surgeons perform over 300,000 artificial knee replacements in the U.S. significantly due to wear and tear caused by high-heeled shoes.



Men the New Shoppers?

SHOP from A5

for men than women.

Store manager Leeah Lomax said that men simply buy more than women. Sean John, Platinum, FUBU, and the Harlem Globe Trotters are among the store's highest selling labels, Lomax said.

Many guys enjoy wearing the popular urban-brands of Up Against The Wall on Howard's campus.

Bryan Hughes, a freshman business management major, said he goes shopping at least once a week, if not to buy, then to simply look at the latest merchandise.

Hughes said he likes winter clothing because he enjoys wearing sweaters. Hughes is a fan of Coogi, whose sweaters start at a minimum of \$200.

"You are what you wear," he said. "People dress to fit a certain profile. I dress for individuality."

Thomas enjoys shopping like Hughes, but does not shop as often or spend as much. He shops at least once every two months and spends between \$50 and \$100.

Many Howard guys enjoy shopping for the popular name brands, but some guys prefer clothing without labels or logos. Najeeb Crossley, a junior radiation therapy major, is one such person.

"I prefer clothing without name brands," he said. "Simple, but not too simple. Simple yet distinguishable from the rest."

Brian Watson, a sophomore architecture major, also does not favor the commercial name brands.

"I really don't care about all the name brands," he said. "I dress, how I dress. I have my own style."

Although there are some guys on campus who shop at least two to three times a month, and some even once a week, others shop



According to some, men are the "new" shoppers.

annually.

Cory Lindsay, a sophomore radio major, said he shops once a year and spends between \$200 and \$300 on clothing.

A large number of males buy the latest fashions on Howard's campus and this is helping clothing sales among males go up nationally.

This phenomenon leaves some males to believe as sophomore music education major Steve Thomas does.

"Howard is a big fashion show," he said.

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Appropriations Bill," said Oechslin.

NORML has worked for reforming marijuana laws since the 1970s and has expressed great disappointment concerning the federal appeals court decision as well.

Assistant to the Executive Director of NORML, Kris Krane explains his frustrations.

"The federal appeals went

about the situation in an underhanded way; they waited until the last day, the last possible moment to make their decision. We are disappointed and it is a loss on our end. But it is not surprising and is reminiscent of federal practices," said Krane.

Krane explained that the federal appeals court decision was suggestive of their practices because of the actions that were taken in California.

"The federal government

has no interest in looking after the sick. Take a look at the paraplegic they handcuffed in Santa Cruz, California [for using marijuana for medical purposes]," said Krane.

The challenges advocate groups have faced are only temporary.

Oechslin finds the positive in the situation.

"[The] good news if any is that the issue will be on the next election ballot," he said.

PE from A2

tion; physical fitness is important as well," Catchings said. "At one time, African-Americans were not allowed to swim in swimming pools; our students are learning how to swim and we are proud of that. Somehow we have to convey the importance of health to our students, especially in our [African-American] communi-

ty."

One student that believes physical education is necessary is Stephanie Ambersley, a senior broadcast journalism major from Montego Bay, Jamaica.

"I think it is very important for students to be engaged in physical education," Ambersley said. "Four semesters in physical education seems sufficient for a well-rounded college education."

Ambersley, who is graduating May 2003, is taking two physical education courses next semester.

According to the International Society of Sport Psychology, physical education can enhance many aspects of a student's lifestyle. It may increase vigor, promote clear thinking, and positively affect academic performance.

DUPONT from A4

the last couple of years," Bludad said. "We get lots of business because this is a tourist attraction."

Dupont Circle attracts a wide variety of people, from teenagers to adults of various races and backgrounds.

With mid-semester finally over and final exams being a few weeks away, Howard students are finding ways to eliminate stress.

Sophomore Tiffany Ellison listens to music and advises fellow Bison to take trips off campus to the mall or the movies.

Students often carry enor-

mous amounts of anxiety that add to the academic pressures.

Ellison, a chemistry major from Macon, Ga., said, "Don't let Howard stress you out. Take time to relax so the workload does not become too much to handle."

BISON from A2

different here as well. They employ the number system, not the letter system so 8.5-10 is equivalent to an A, 7-8.49 a B, 5-6.99 a C and 0-4.99 an F.

No, I did not skip a letter grade. At UGR, there is no such thing as a D. Either you pass or you fail. Sorry, to all my just-getting-by people. But if you are lucky, you get a really good professor and you do not even worry about anything less than a B.

My Advanced Grammar and Islamic Culture professors for example, are the greatest. They are so unbelievably knowledgeable on their subject matter and their lectures are some of the best I have ever heard.

My Advanced Grammar class, although it is from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. is the only

class (other than Islamic Culture) I look forward to.

The professor, a short Spanish man with the classic big belly protruding over his belt, which is barely holding his slacks up, is so funny. He gives the greatest examples and he makes grammar make so much sense.

Rules I never understood, I now understand and things I thought I already understood I understand better. It is the best Grammar class (Spanish or English) I have ever taken in my entire life.

Twentieth Century Spanish Literature, however, is another story. As if literature was not hard enough in English, it is even harder in Spanish, especially when there is a lot of culturally based sarcasm that naturally I cannot grasp because I am not of the culture.

On top of the numerous packets of poetry the professor assigns, she assigns books of prose to read that could not in any way be classified as "easy reading" but I refuse to let stress be an option when I am in such a beautiful place.

I would have to say that this has been my biggest revelation. Whether I stress or not, time will pass, due dates will come and go, and what does not get done today will get done tomorrow so I might as well not stress and enjoy myself.

For anyone who knows me, they cannot deny that after a statement like that, studying in Spain has definitely been good for me. We will see how well this theory holds water when I get back to Howard and try to get housing.

Mock Trial Team Wins Six Awards

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top attorney award and was excited about the tournament.

"I had to step up to the plate," Hughes said. "I felt a little intimidated being the only minority school, but when you are prepared you can overcome opposition."

Nneka Ukpai, freshman political science major and attorney for the plaintiff, valued her first college tournament experience.

"We practice at least 9-10 hours per week...our hard work has paid off," Ukpai said.

The team won three of the top attorney and top witness awards. This weekend the team competes at Middle Tennessee State University in Nashville against approximately 40 colleges and Universities.



Photo by Maya Gilliam

Cornell Williamson and Bryan Hughes, member of the Mock Trial team pose with their awards. Williamson won Top Attorney and Top Witness, Hughes won Top Attorney.

UGSA Plays Match Maker



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Undergraduate Student Association staff members match participants in the Mix and Match program Thursday. The program was a part of the "UGSA Week."

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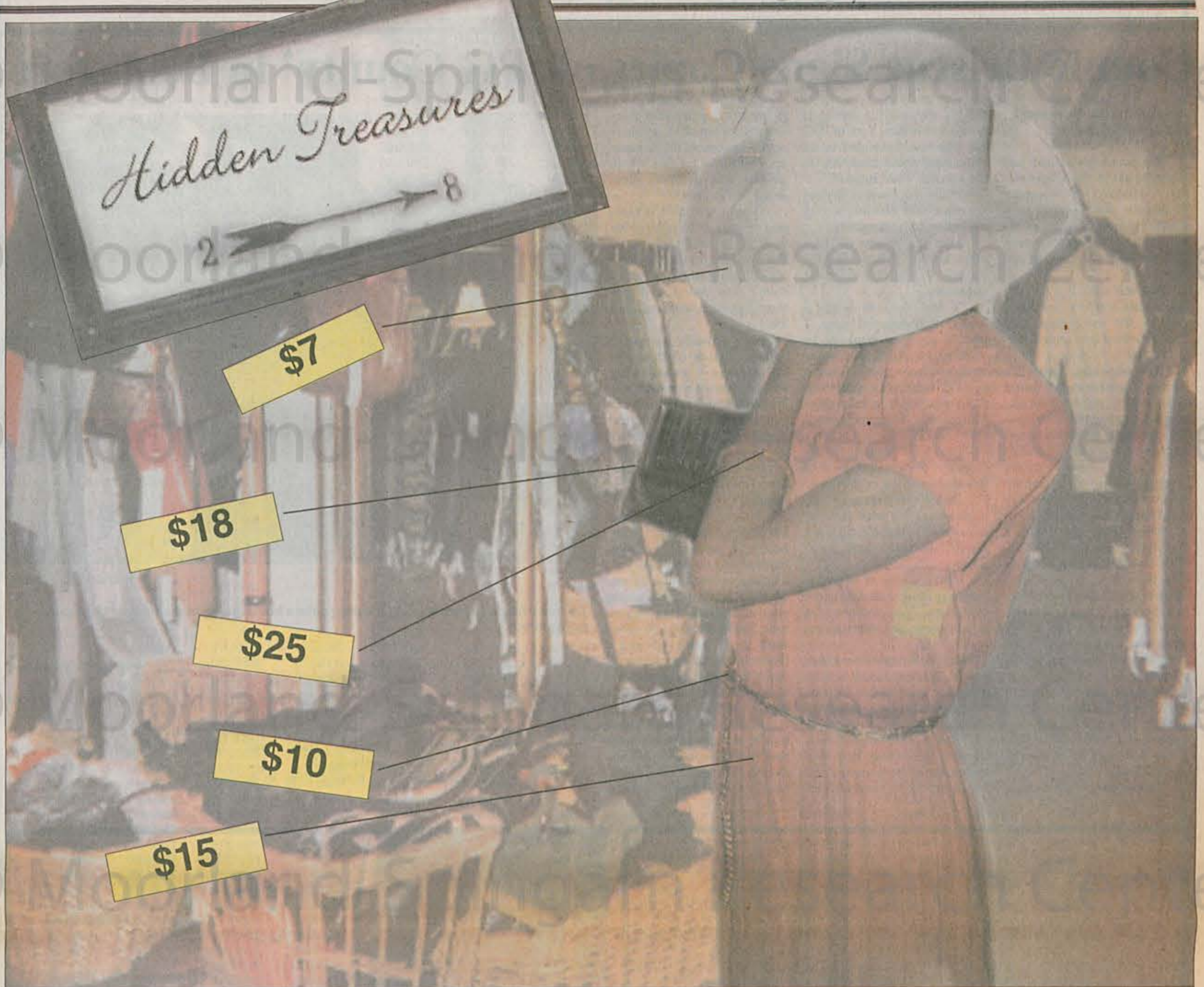


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A Crash Course in Second-Hand Shopping

By Jennifer L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tips for Thrift Store Shopping:

1. Shop for summer clothes in the winter and winter clothes in the summer
2. Only buy what you need. It's hard to avoid over-buying just because of the bargains.
3. For ladies, look for sweatpants, sweat-shirts and other loungewear pieces in the men's section, to increase options. There is usually little difference in the fit.
4. Anytime vintage clothing comes back into style (ever other year), go directly to a thrift store.
5. Most important, Always Clean A Garment That You Purchase from a Thrift Store.

There comes a time in many shoppers' lives that shopping in the same department stores loses its appeal.

For those who are into fashion full of originality and expression, thrift store shopping might be the key for creating a wardrobe drenched with creativity.

Thrift store shopping is quickly outgrowing its stigma of being worthy of those who can't afford new, nice things. Au contraire, thrift store shopping is by far becoming the in thing to do, from everyday people to the movie stars.

Second-hand stores are quickly becoming avenues for finding vintage originals that few other individuals will have.

Second-hand stores are also increasing in their popularity because of how easy it is to find small, decorative pieces (such as hats, purses, belts and the like) that can add new flavor to any outfit.

Thrift stores are also outgrowing their "dusty closet" images as many trendy, well-kept and orderly thrift

stores are emerging rapidly and leaving their vintage fingerprints on the DC Metropolitan area.

Thrift store shopping, or "thifting" as it is frequently called, has increased in popularity over the years for a variety of reasons.

First, thrifting is an inventive inexpensive way to update a wardrobe, without breaking the bank or completely becoming a slave to the trend of the moment.

For those patient enough to take the time to wade through the countless clothes and accessories that are housed in thrift stores, the opportunities are even greater to uncover a one-of-a-kind fashion item.

Now, as thrift stores are havens full of clothes that belonged to someone else prior to their arrival, thrift stores are places that are prone to both myths and misinformation.

To begin, many pieces that one would buy in a department store have been previously worn, so it is rare that a "new" item is actually new.

Furthermore, just because one can find items at a thrift store does not mean these items are not of quality. It is not rare to find a never-been-worn jacket or accessory in a thrift store. Commonly, pieces in a thrift store are checked for damages.

Additionally, vintage goods (from the 50's to the present) can frequently be found at certain thrift stores as well, and incorporating accessories from a bygone era into your wardrobe are wonderful ways to breathe new life into the clothing that you already own.

Consignment stores are also options for the savvy shopper who is looking for places that are full of up-to-the-minute fashions without spending an exorbitant amount of money.

Consignment stores vary from



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Secondly, a consignment shop located in Dupont Circle, was recognized by Honey magazine.

thrift stores in a variety of ways.

First, consignment stores are full of designer pieces that are usually half the price that they would be in a regular department store.

Also, consignment stores offer an array of finer pieces, from suits to fur and suede coats to designer shoes and handbags.

Furthermore, consignment shopping is highlighted by the perks that go along with it.

For example, in various consignment shops, a "wish list" service is usually offered. What this means is that, if a person is a size 8, and is looking for a certain item, a consignment shop will quickly alert a consumer when that item arrives.

Also, consignment stores are full of people who are knowledgeable of current trends and the like, and they have no problem helping a customer find the perfect item to add flair to a shirt or pair of pants.

Another advantage to shopping at a consignment store is the selection.

Most retail stores carry their own brand of clothing or a small selection of clothing that they believe a consumer will buy.

Along with this, retail stores carry what is in season, so if you aren't too keen on a certain trend or color or fabric, you are out of luck.

Consignment stores, however, offer a consumer with a variety of clothing in a rainbow of colors, texture, and styles, regardless of season or the trend of the moment.

Moreover, the selection at a consignment store constantly changes, and one can always find something new.

So, do yourself a favor, and check out a thrift store or consignment store in the area. You'd be shocked at all of the great deals you will find, and your wardrobe will benefit immensely.

Tips for Consignment Shopping

1. Visit regularly, as the selection is prone to changing rapidly.
2. Make it a point to browse the whole shop, as many pieces may end up where they are not supposed to be.
3. Get familiar with what consignment shops offer. There are a variety of consignment shops tailored to specializing in young womens' clothing, sportswear, upscale designers, etc.
4. Be sure to join the mailing list of your favorite consignment shop, to be notified regularly of special sales and new merchandise

Life & Style

Connie Briscoe Signs Copies of 'PG County' in Bookstore

By Rhasheema Sweeting
Hilltop Staff Writer

The evening sun had just begun to set in the window of the Howard University Bookstore behind Connie Briscoe, illuminating her as she sat in front of the book-covered desk, smiling and greeting her fans.

Her soft pink lipstick and nail polish accented her light, café au lait complexion and complimented her neutral colored attire.

Her winsome, youthful-looking appearance would cause one to wonder how she had time to publish four novels, graduate from Hampton University, and raise a family.

Author and native Washingtonian, Connie Briscoe recently released her latest book, "P.G. County".

Aside from her inviting and jovial pose, the book title, "P.G. County", caught people's eyes, young and old, who were curious about the book's setting because Prince George's County is located only a few miles from the bookstore in the most affluent black suburb in the nation.

Although she never lived in P.G. County, for this novel, she set out to capture a distinguished and well-to-do section of the D.C. area in an unconventional way.

"People always write about

the big city and the setting is always either New York or D.C. For this one, I decided to do something about black life in the suburbs," said Briscoe.

While the novel is fiction, the characters, plot and setting are believable and realistic.

After the success of three other novels, Briscoe decided to try a slightly different approach.

"I [set out] to write a funny, light-hearted read. I wanted my next book to be something that would allow me to escape from a lot of things. [P.G. County] is an opportunity to escape...in a fun, light-hearted and humorous way," said Briscoe.

The book describes the dramatic yet comical lives of five women living in the upper echelons of this rich neighborhood struggling with familiar issues such as divorce, raising a family, betrayal and alcoholism.

With the use of everyday language and well-developed characters, this novel provides a light, easy and entertaining read.

During the creation of her novels, Briscoe relied heavily upon her imagination to craft the characters and to shape her stories.

"Each book probably started with something that was happening to me or around me. I read psychology and astrolo-

gy books to get ideas for character types but all of my characters are pretty much made up. I've never taken a whole person and plopped them down into a novel."

One of the most notable and prominent features of the book is the solid background she provides for each character allowing the reader to have a clear understanding of their behavior, motives, and fears.

As a critically acclaimed author, Briscoe offers aspiring writers the following advice: "Write about what you know best and stick to what you know, especially in the beginning. Be observant, listen to people, how they react to different situations in their life, [and] what motivates people."

Briscoe describes the advantages that come with being an author. "I really enjoy what I do. It allows you a lot of freedom both in terms of your work in expressing yourself and how you plan your time," said Briscoe. "I didn't want to be burdened with a nine to five. I am very fortunate and if I am still doing this five to ten years from now, I will be happy."

Briscoe has been on a book tour to promote her latest work that has taken her to Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Houston, Dallas,



Photo by Rhasheema Sweeting

Connie Briscoe, a popular fiction author gave a book signing at the Howard University bookstore.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Miami.

Briscoe is also the author of the New York Times best-sellers, "Sisters and Lovers", and "Big Girls Don't Cry", and also, "A Long Way from Home", a book that deals with

slavery.

When she is not working, Briscoe loves to travel and has been to over half of the states and other places including Senegal, Italy, and the Caribbean.

Briscoe lives in Howard

County with her husband and two children.

To find out more about Connie Briscoe, go to her website at www.conniebriscoe.com.

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MEAC FOOTBALL

NC A&T 34
Delaware St. 7

Bethune-Cookman 7
Hampton 37

Morgan St. 14
Norfolk St. 17

Howard 23
S. Carolina St. 9

Florida A&M 7
Troy St. 24

MEAC STANDINGS

- Bethune-Cookman (5-1, 9-1)
- Florida A&M (5-2, 7-4)
- Howard (4-2, 6-3)
- Hampton (4-2, 6-4)
- S. Carolina St. (3-3, 6-4)
- Morgan St. (3-3, 5-5)
- N. Carolina A&T (2-4, 4-6)
- Delaware St. (1-5, 3-7)
- Norfolk St. (1-6, 3-6)

Men's Basketball

Radio One All-Stars 70
Howard 85

Bowling

TEAM RESULTS

- N. Carolina A&T 10,827
- UMES 10,576
- Morgan St. 9,742
- Howard 9,123
- Florida A&M 8,769

Individual Results

- Kimberly Williams 1,992

Named to All-Tournament Team

Men's Soccer

Howard 0
Oneonta 2

Volleyball

(Saturday)

Florida A&M 3
Howard 0
(30-15, 30-9, 30-20)

(Sunday)

Bethune-Cookman 3
Howard 1
(30-15, 30-15, 30-20)

Senior Captains Lead Bison to Win

By Terez Paylor
Contributing Writer

In a game where four starters scored in double-digits, senior captains Ron Williamson and Kyle Williams stood out as the Howard basketball team kicked off the 2002-2003 season with a bang.

Williamson scored 28 points on nine of 13 shooting and Williams added 13 points, nine rebounds, and five assists in Howard's 85-70 exhibition victory over the Radio One All-Stars Thursday night.

The Radio One All-Stars are a collection of former college and NBA players coached by Dallas Grasty. The squad featured former stars such as Ennis Whatley from the Atlanta Hawks, University of Maryland's Jeff Baxter, and Darryl Prue from the University of West Virginia.

The Bison began the game with a 7-0 run and started the second half leading 36-27, but the gap soon closed as Radio One went on a 20-9 run to take a two point lead. Howard then responded with a 12-1 run of their own, which made the score 57-48.

After one last charge by Radio One that cut the deficit to four, the Bison put the game out of reach by outscoring Radio One 26-10, bringing the score to 83-63 with less than two minutes remaining.

Williams did most of his damage early by scoring nine points in the first half and

Williamson came alive in the second half scoring 21 points, including four three-pointers. At 5'6", freshman Louis Ford got to start at point guard and played well, scoring 13 points on five of eight shooting, grabbing six rebounds and dishing out five assists.

"It was cool, it was a little more than I expected, a little more physically demanding. The game was definitely a little faster than high school," Ford said. "I thought we played well as a team, but I definitely have to limit my turnovers."

Power forward Mario Grove and center Qadeer "Q" Habeeb had 13 and eight points, respectively. As a team, the Bison shot 47 percent from the field and 44 percent from three-point land.

Grasty was gracious in Radio One's defeat and had some good things to say about the Bison hoopers.

"I thought the [Bison] operated very well; they executed well," Grasty said. "They've got a couple of excellent shooters and they played very good, so hopefully they'll have a great year."

Howard Head Coach Frankie Allen was proud of the team's performance, but admits that there is still room for improvement.

"I was pleased with the way the entire team played and I think the new guys blended in well with the older guys," Allen said. "We shot the ball well, but we still have a lot to work on. We need to have some areas of



Photos by Carroll Smith

Top, senior guard Ron Williamson lays in two. Bottom, senior forward Kyle Williams hits a jumper.

improvement on defense, but we'll work on it. This team has the ability to get better."

Williamson agreed with Allen's assessment.

"I thought we played pretty good as a team," Williamson said. "Like Coach Allen said, we shot the ball well and we just have to get better on the defensive end, in terms of talking and communicating. If we do that, we'll be a pretty good team."

Volleyball Falls on Florida Road Trip

By Ethan Zagore
Contributing Writer

The women's volleyball team dropped their last two games of the regular season and must rebound quickly as the MEAC tournament begins Thursday in Baltimore. With road losses this weekend to Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman, the Lady Bison finished the regular season 9-20 overall and 8-7 in the MEAC.

Saturday the Lady Bison started their two-game Florida road trip by falling 3-0 to Florida A&M in Tallahassee. The win was FAMU's thirteenth straight conference victory (19-4 overall, 13-0 MEAC) this season and their fiftieth win in a row against conference competition.

The Rattlers defeated the Lady Bison 30-15, 30-9, 30-20. Florida A&M came out fierce, taking insurmountable leads in the first two games. Led by outside hitter Adriana Kostadinova (10 kills in match) and setter Delisha Peterson, the Rattlers made 15 kills to Howard's seven in the first game and 17 to three in the second. FAMU also played stellar defense and finished the match with five total team blocks.

Howard was led by the excellent play of NaShay Edwards (9 kills, 7 digs) and

Brittany Williams (18 assists). Although they played much better in the third game, Florida A&M was too strong offensively and closed out the match with a 30-20 third game win.

Again, the Lady Bison came out sluggish Sunday at Bethune-Cookman (12-19). The Lady Wildcats recorded 19 kills and took the first game 30-15. However, the Lady Bison tied the match 1-1 behind the play of Jerri Hayes (9 kills), Crystal Amadee (6 kills, 5 digs) and Brittany Williams (26 assists, 7 digs). In their second game victory the Lady Bison showed their offensive firepower as they finished the game with 15 kills.

From there it was all Bethune-Cookman. Led by Melissa Sanders (23 kills) and Jafna Davies (18 kills), the Wildcats defeated Howard 30-15 and 30-20 to take the match. In the final two games Bethune had 18 kills and finished the game with three players in double figures for kills.

"We are going to practice hard, stay confident and get ready for the tournament," said senior Margaret Alexander.

"We know how much talent we have on this team and hopefully we'll be all rested up and injury free before heading to Baltimore."



Photo by Chris Clevenger/Hendersonville Times-News
MEAC Offensive Player of the Week Jay Colbert.

Football Team Puts Bulldogs to Sleep

By Aisha Chaney
Sports Editor

The Howard football team made the Bulldogs of South Carolina State feel like nothing more than pussycats Saturday as they rode into Oliver Stadium, played a close to flawless game, and claimed sole possession of third place in the conference with a 23-9 victory.

The win was the third consecutive for the Bison (6-3 overall, 4-2 MEAC), who have won their last five out of six games and are now assured their first winning season since 1998.

South Carolina State, on the other hand, drops to 6-4 overall and 3-3 in the MEAC, which leaves them tied for fifth place with Morgan State, who suffered a surprising 17-14 loss to Delaware State Saturday.

Few predicted that the Bison would still be in contention for the MEAC crown at this point in the season, but given current

conference standings, the Bison are primed to challenge for first place next weekend.

With an upset victory over first-ranked Bethune-Cookman (9-1, 5-1) in Daytona this Saturday and a win the following week against Delaware State (3-7, 1-5), the Bison could very well be fitted for championship rings.

Howard set the pace early with an effective game plan that consisted of giving the ball to junior speedster Jay Colbert and allowing him to do his damage on the ground. As a result, the Bison had control of the ball a majority of the game (43:09) while the Bulldogs accumulated only 10 first downs in the 16 minutes and 51 seconds they had the ball.

Colbert, the MEAC Offensive Player of the Week, set a new school record for carries in a game with 40 and racked up a career high 182 rushing yards. He needs 190 yards in the team's final two games to reach 1,000

rushing yards this season.

"We knew all week that we could run on this team," Bison Head Coach Ray Petty said. "The offensive line's confidence was there all week long. They knew they could come in here and move them around and they really believed in Jay. They came in and just dominated the game today."

In addition to opening up lanes for Colbert, the offensive line, led by seniors Zaqorae Brown-Hopkins and Marques Ogden, had total control over the line of scrimmage, making it almost impossible for defenders to get to quarterback Donald Clark.

Clark turned in one of the best performances of his career completing 17 of 25 passes for 182 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Though his playing status was still questionable just two days before the game because of bruised ribs he sustained last week, Clark was efficient, spreading the love among receivers on both deep routes as well as quick slants to junior Shaun Miller (five catches, 64 yards).

"I wasn't sure if I was gonna play the whole game, but I was gonna try to go as much as I could and I ended up going the whole game. There were a couple times I might've wanted to come out," Clark said with a laugh. "But I just didn't wanna come out, so I played through the pain and we were able to come out with the victory."

After trading scores on a one-yard touchdown run by Clark and a 27-yard field goal by Bulldog kicker Guy Depalo, Bison kicker Vaughn Waters converted a 22-yard field goal, Howard's first of the season, to put the Bison up 10-3 to end the first quarter.

Midway through the second, the Bison capped a 10-play, 68-yard drive when Clark hit freshman tight end Sam Buck on a corner route in the end zone, for his first touchdown of the season. Waters missed the extra point, but the Bison headed into

the locker room with a comfortable 16-3 halftime lead.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Clark hooked up with wide-out Kevin Simmonds (8 catches, 83 yards, 1 TD) for a 10-yard touchdown in Howard's opening drive of the fourth, extending their lead 23-3.

The Bulldogs responded with a touchdown of their own on the following drive when wide-out Willis Ham scored on a 62-yard catch and run play. Depalo's PAT was blocked by freshman defensive lineman Jesse Hayes, which kept the Bison lead at 23-9.

On the Bulldogs final attempt at bridging the gap, Howard defensive back Rontarius Robinson intercepted quarterback Reese McCampbell's pass over the middle and returned it 22 yards before finally being taken down.

The Bison defense was solid the entire game with All-American linebacker Tracy White, a South Carolina native, leading the way with eight solo tackles and three assists. Senior linebacker Michael Ajayi and safety Vontrae Long added nine and five tackles, respectively.

"When I come home, I have to put on a show because all my people are here," White said with a smile on his face. "And then I have to make them [South Carolina State] pay for not recruiting me, too."

Whether it was from getting tackled by junior defensive back Brian Johnson on a fourth and short scramble, watching as receivers bobbled passes, or seeing Bison cornerback Serge Sejour deliver a jarring hit to star wide-out Michael King, the frustration on the face of McCampbell was clearly evident by the end of the game.

"I don't know what was wrong with my receivers today. I don't know if they were concentrating on the hit before they caught the ball or what," McCampbell said. "These last two games are really gonna be a big part of our season. We've worked too hard to come out breaking even."

First Lady of the MEAC

By Elena Bergeron
Sports Editor

"My tolerance level with disrespect is very low," Annice Canady shrugged before Saturday's contest between the Bison and South Carolina State.

With that statement and a wave of her red manicured fingernails, Annice Canady dismissed criticism she has received from the sidelines in her first year as Division I-AA football's first female official.

For the three-time cancer survivor, keeping order among 300 lb. linemen is therapeutic since bouts with cancer in both breasts and her left hip left her looking for alternative methods of physical therapy.

"After the cancer, I had to get out of the house and officiating was a way for me to do that because I've always loved football," Canady said.

Canady has been working both basketball and football games since 1991, officiating high school games in both her native Florida and the D.C. area and moving on to MEAC basketball games and NAIA Division III football last year.

At the beginning of this season, MEAC supervisor of officials Johnny Grier invited her to a scrimmage at Florida A&M where NFL supervisors evaluate officials. Canady was one of the three candidates recommended to Grier to join the MEAC as a line judge on a nine-person crew with the goal of eventually refereeing an NFL game. She realizes that even though she only needs five years of collegiate experience, there are other barriers that stand between her and her goal.

"Most of the supervisors are white males and they're not opening the doors for white or black females. Of course football will be the last to let women in," Canady said.



SPORTS

Coach Street Speaks on Women's Soccer

By Sarah-Jane Thomas
Contributing Writer

With Head Coach Michelle Street at the helm, the Howard University women's soccer team completed their season with a 6-9-1 record on Oct. 27.

Street has been with the program since it first began as intramurals in 1995, to its current status as an NCAA Division I team. Street just finished her eighth season as the head coach of the team, and will return next fall for her ninth.

Street is proud of the accomplishments of her team during this fall season. Having been bitten by the injury bug, younger players got more time on the field.

"This year, we played mostly freshmen and sophomores. We were a young team, but we did well," Street said. "Look forward to the growth and maturity for the team next year."

Although they won 11-0 in a game against Delaware State a few weeks back, Street believes that points don't mean everything because much more is at stake in a good soccer game.

"In the Western Carolina game in the H.U. Classic, our team came full circle. We were up against a very worthy opponent, and we played well," Street said. "We took the lead early,

kept that lead, and did not give up any goals. Another good game was when we were playing American University. We lost 4-3, but it was very emotional."

In fall 2000, the Lady Booters went from being in the Big South Conference to becoming Independent. The change was not easy for the team to bear.

"Right now we would be in the conference championship. The last game of the season is pretty much the last game of the season, regardless of your record," Street said. "This makes the end of the season anti-climactic. It is difficult to create a new vibe because we aren't getting ready for playoffs or anything."

The change also hurts recruiting because many high school girls look forward to playing in the NCAA post-season games, especially since the team is affiliated in the NCAA Division I.

"We are not in a conference right now, so we don't always come up against the same teams," Street said. "However, there are some schools in the area like American and Georgetown that we see a lot. We need extra support from the fans during those games. They are lined up for next year and the girls are already very anxious to get at them."

The Lady Booters were not able to play their game



Photo by All-Pro Photography
Women's Soccer Head Coach, Michelle Street, instructs her team as sophomore midfielder Sakira Cook looks on.

against Akron College earlier this season because Akron did not show up in fear of the sniper that plagued our area in October. This is the third consecutive year that the team was not able to play as a result of the current events in the area.

"Last year, it was 9-11 and the year before that, it was a tornado," Street said. "But the team stayed focused, and we've managed to get the job done."

Senior Erinn Garner, a leading forward on the team, was injured last season during play. Her injury had quite an impact on the team and it caused several younger players to step up.

"We felt the impact last year when she went down, but this year we had new hope," Street said. "Ranieka [Bean] was a very strong forward this year. She was our target when it came to scoring goals and she was

able to hold players off."

Street is looking to strengthen the midfield next year.

"The signing period isn't taking place until February, but we do have some players we are looking at," Street said.

Street also expects some existing team members to shine next season.

"Next year will be Karisma Horne's senior year. We expect her to go out with a bang," Street said.

Overall, Street anticipates a solid year in 2003.

"The girls are training hard everyday. Many of us have learned from our mistakes and corrective action is being taken to remedy them," Street said. "Next year is going to be fun. We are looking forward to a positive off-season, and continued support from the Howard University family."

Bison Drop Final Game of Season

By Thomas Savage
Contributing Writer

The Oneonta Red Dragons defeated the Howard University men's soccer team 2-0 Saturday and snapped an eight game losing streak. This conference match was the last scheduled game for the Bison this season.

Howard came into the game with a win against Philadelphia University and a tie against Florida International, not having allowed a goal in 200 minutes of soccer.

Junior Jme Amoako, last year's points and goals leader for the Red Dragons, managed to score his first goal of the season. Eight minutes into the contest, Amoako scored what proved to be the winning goal of the game.

Throughout the remainder of the first half, both teams had opportunities to score, but both defenses stepped up when necessary. The match became more and more physical as freshman Keith Tucker III received a red card for an altercation with a Red Dragon player. After his ejection, the Bison played a man down for the remainder of the match.

"Throughout the entire game, their players were kicking us and calling us names, I guess one of their players just pushed Keith too far," said Andrew Fortune. "I do not think that it was the best way to handle the situation, but sometimes things happen in the heat of competition."

In the second half,

Howard had several opportunities to tie the match but was stopped each time. Fifty-one minutes into the match, junior Ronald Goodlett missed an open shot opportunity off of the goal post. Goodlett accounted for the only two shots that Howard was able to manage in the game.

Howard completes its season with a 4-9-1 overall record, and 1-3-1 conference record. With the loss of seven seniors, including key defender Michael Gbologhah, the Bison look forward to the addition of quality freshman to next year's team, and the return of four sidelined starters.

"We were looking forward to a great season at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, injuries and other problems took away a few key players," senior Michael Gbologhah said. "Next year I believe that the team will be a strong contender for conference champion."

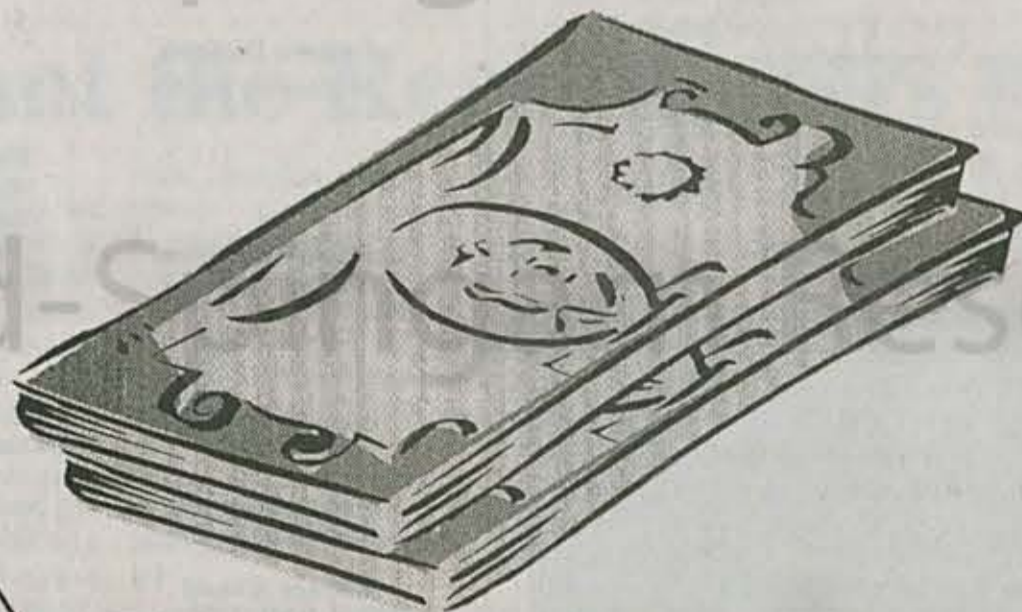
Part of the problem with this year's team, aside from the injuries, is the shortage of shots. Howard seemed to be evenly matched with most of its opponents, including Oneonta. However, just like the two-shot performance this weekend, Howard has been out-shot 173-107 this season.

If all of the returning players are able to play next year, look forward to Howard putting up good numbers, and coming away with a lot more wins next season.

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EDITORIALS



Pelosi for Minority Party Leader

So, the elections have come and gone and now that the Democrats have lost control of the House of Representatives, many people are wary of what is in store for the future of our country.

In light of the Republicans' present domination of the House, there is a need for a strong liberal voice as Democratic Party leader. Democrat Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco is the suitable candidate for the job.

Pelosi is running against Harold Ford, a Black conser-

vative democrat. Sure, it would be nice to have a black Democratic Party leader, but for fairness sake, there should be some sort of strong liberal stance as an opposition to the

Our View:

There is a need for a strong liberal voice amongst the majority of conservatives in the House.

overwhelmingly conservative presence in the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi

provides that stance and will thus bring balance to the unequal proportioning of Republicans and Democrats. The House Democratic Caucus needs a leader who will build on the caucus' liberal base, and also be able to link moderate, conservative and liberal democrats. Pelosi seems to be the right person to lead the House Democrats in the new Congress.

Now more than ever, we need a strong defense against staunch conservatism in this country and Nancy Pelosi is the woman who will carry out the counter-attack.

Where Is the New and Improved Interfaith Room?

Here is a little piece of wisdom to live by: Some things should be done right away. Sounds basic right? Or maybe even simple. But the fact of the matter is, some things are too important to be dealt with by dragging one's feet.

The old bookstore was supposed to undergo renovations so that it can become the Interfaith Room and be used by various religious groups on campus. We're still waiting. The University has said that the remodeling would be underway, but the labor has yet to be seen.

Granted, there are many other things that have to be dealt with on our cam-

Our View:

The University needs to get the ball rolling on the remodeling of the Interfaith Room.

pus, but in prioritizing these things, a vestige for religious activities of students should be number one or two. In order to sustain each student's religious freedom right, it is only fitting that

the promise of the Interfaith Room for Catholic and Muslim students in particular, be fulfilled. It is particularly important for Howard's Muslim population now, during the month of Ramadan.

It is sometimes necessary to put pressure where it is needed in order to get things done. Too many people have a necessity for a place such as the Interfaith Room and the University should not delay this project, but get it done - preferably, yesterday.

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Physical Education Requirements Promote Good Health

It is Monday morning. You drag yourself out of bed and throw on some sweats and a T-shirt. After finally making your way to good

old Burr Gymnasium at this ungodly 9am hour, your week is officially kicked off by fifty minutes of sweating and panting.

This is the so-called plight of many Howard students: the drudgery of having to take four physical education classes that have nothing to do with your goal of becoming an entrepreneur, architect, or news anchor. On any given day, one can hear students mumbling and grumbling about volleyball, badminton, tennis, aerobics, or (last but not least) swimming classes. They question why it is mandatory to have physical education classes in order to graduate.

Despite the seemingly burdensome presence of P.E. requirements, the answer to this question is that P.E. is a necessity. You cannot be an entrepreneur,

architect, or news anchor if you are withering away from bad health.

It is no secret that the

Our View:

Physical Education classes are beneficial to Howard students; they are not a waste of time.

overall health of African Americans is poor. Cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity plague our communities, largely because of a lack of health consciousness. And let us not forget to mention the need to dispel the myth that "Black people can't swim." Maybe after you take your mandatory swimming class, we can start breaking down some of these stereotypes.

If we are informed about taking care of ourselves, we are likely to lead longer, healthier lives. The benefit of P.E. classes is the advocating of exercise and good health practices in an academic environment.

Let us not forget that this is the Mecca of Black intelligentsia - Howard has a reputation for cultivating

acclaimed writers, teachers, performers, doctors, lawyers, and executives, so it is only right that Howard should produce generation after generation of health conscious Black men and women.

How can we be leaders of America and the global community if we are not alive and well?

P.E. is NOT a waste of time. True, the fifty minutes twice a week will not give you the Janet Jackson abs or the LL arms, but it will provide a regular exercise regimen that most busy college co-eds would not normally get. Moreover, it will get you thinking about your health and the importance of taking care of your body.

So get up, throw on those sweats and make your way to Burr knowing that you are getting your week started off right. One day, you'll be glad you did.

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Freshman Seminar from an Instructor's Point of View

Paul E. Logan

I read with interest and some disappointment the article on Freshman Seminar which was published in October first's issue of The Hilltop. It is my hope that you will revisit the topic and explore carefully the goals and objectives of the course.

While I admit there might be a few instructors in the Program who are not following the established guidelines - instructors who will be weeded out if the Program has a future - there are over forty sections of Freshman Seminar, in which many students are benefiting from the critical discussions of essays penned by W. E. B. Du Bois, Alain LeRoy Locke, Toni Morrison, Martin Luther King Jr., James Baldwin, and many more.

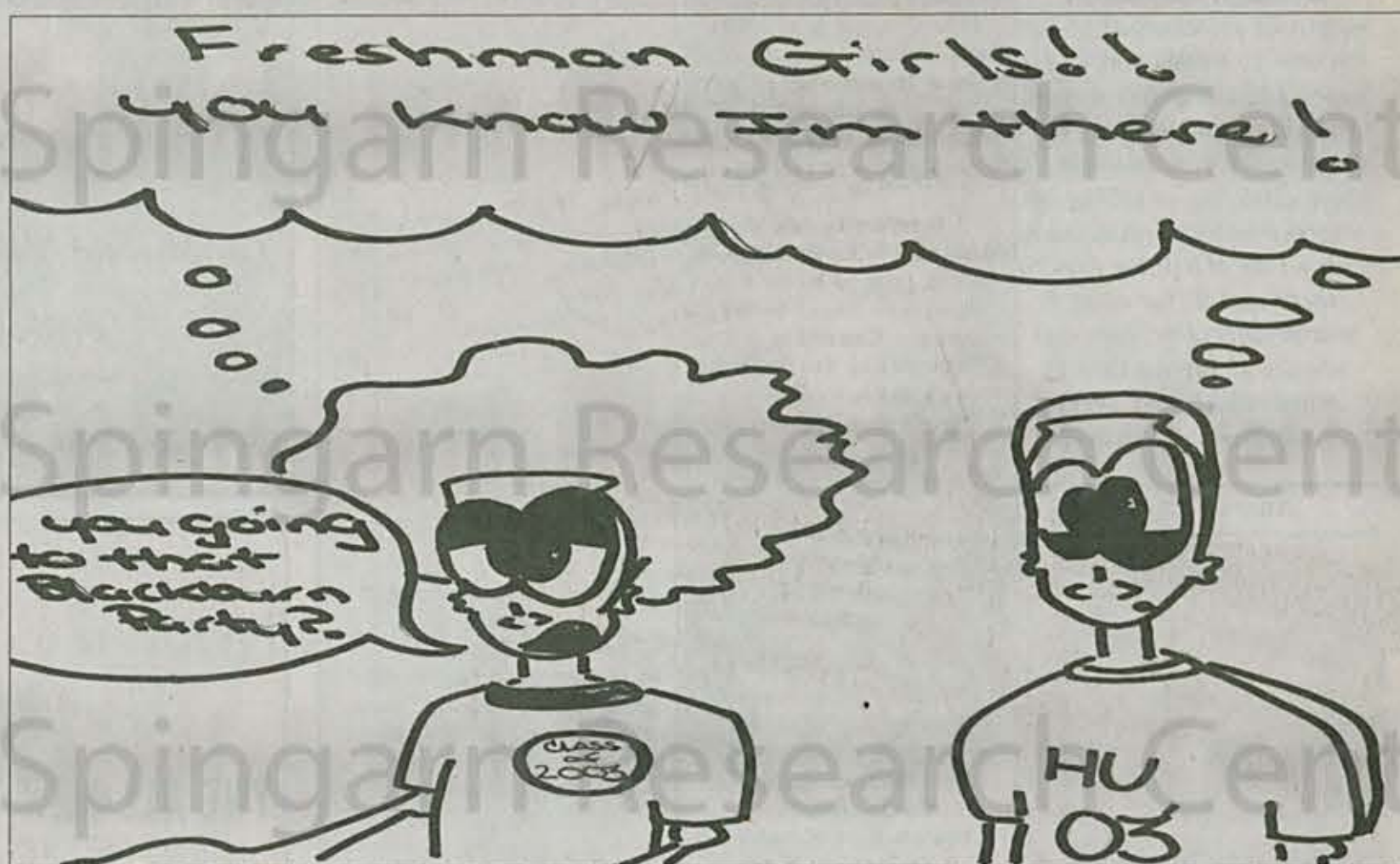
The ideas inscribed in these essays are part of our intellectual heritage. Yes, our students must memorize the poem "Strong Men." What better way to introduce our students to Sterling Allen Brown who for many years taught in the Department of English here; who, it is maintained, was responsible for introducing the first course on African-American literature at Howard; and who was active in the New Negro

Renaissance. In what other course at the University, will all students read and discuss King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Morrison's Charter Day Address, Du Bois' "The Field and Function of the Negro College," or Locke's "The New Negro"?

Several years ago, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences applied for admission to the medical school at the University of Maryland. The first question which he was asked was: Who is Alain LeRoy Locke? He didn't know!! He had entered Locke Hall for four years and didn't know anything about the man for whom the building was named. I decided at that time that no student in the College of Arts and Sciences would graduate without having been introduced to Locke and one of his seminal essays.

What we know about the African-American intellectual heritage makes us truly the African Americans whom Du Bois and Carter G. Woodson envisioned. Freshman Seminar merely opens the door to that intellectual heritage.

Paul E. Logan
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Senior Guys, Freshman Girls: An Epidemic

Ife Goodson

When I came to Howard my freshmen year in 1999, I decided to attend all the freshmen events for entertainment as well as to meet new people.

One night after the campus pal dating game, I met a nice guy. In conversation with this guy I asked him what was his classification. He replied that he was a senior. The first thing that came to mind when he said this was "What was he, a non-freshman and non-campus pal member, doing here?" It was no secret to me that some older guys are attracted

to younger women because they think that they are naive and gullible. I did not know if he thought this of me so I gave him my number anyway.

One night, while talking on the phone I decided to give him a little test. While we were talking I said something to the effect of I thought that I was being approached by some guys only because I was a freshman. He began to stutter.

I know that traditionally women are more mature than men, and therefore to balance the mental aspect of the relationship women involve themselves with older guys. But in situations like the above, the objective is to tip

the relationship scale making it an unfair playing field. So do older men at Howard have a moral obligation to younger women whom are not mentally ready to engage in interactions with them?

When the whole R. Kelly scandal became the talk of the campus some people took the standpoint that if R. Kelly was going to engage in sexual activities like those on the tape, why didn't he pick one of the millions of twenty-one and older women who would have been happy to do that and more. I extend this to the Mecca "men" in question. I don't understand why the freshman women are being targeted when it is clear that

some of them are immature and gullible.

It is a serious problem when one's attendance at the Quad and the Annex is higher than their attendance in some classes. Some women are so happy to be involved with an older guy (especially when he is involved in campus activities and organizations) but they should remember that they have an obligation to themselves.

Lastly, do the upperclassmen females have an obligation to inform these types of women of what is going on? Initially, someone may respond by saying it is none of their business, but are you your sister's keeper?

The Nasty Attitudes Are On Both Sides of the Counter

Jamilah-Asali I. Lemieux

"From the time of registration to the time of exams, every HU student has to face some conflict with a staff member who has been categorized as rude and earned the ghetto name of 'NASTY.'"

I agree with most of Marcello Cash's comment: though many of the Howard staff members are quite amiable, far too many of them are extremely rude. However,

"nasty" is in no way connected to being "ghetto". I would like to ask how can a person be a section of a city populated primarily by one ethnic minority group due to socio-economic pressure? That's what "ghetto" means, for those of you who do not know.

But for the sake of discourse, let's use the common working definition of "ghetto": someone from the 'hood. Not everyone from the ghetto is rude. Many of our professors and fellow stu-

dents are from poor Black neighborhoods. And there are many, many brothers and sisters from middle/upper-middle/upper class backgrounds that are downright nasty.

Yes, some of the cafeteria workers need to improve their attitudes. But so do a lot of the students! We make a childish mess in the Cafe, steal silverware and cups, leave our dirty trays on the tables, and then have the nerve to be rude to the employees! Cash states that

"the students are first and should be served like customers and adults - not like (the employees) ghetto kids." If we are adults, let's act like it. Clean up behind yourself, be respectful and stop coming in the Cafe just as it closes. If you had a job, in customers meandered in as it was time for you to close, trust, you would be annoyed.

These people have lives beyond serving rude students (you show your disregard for those lives by referring to their children as

"ghetto" and the implying that we should be treated better than them. Have you considered that they may be working here so that they can give their kids the opportunity we have?).

Respect is give and take. When you are respectful to the people who serve our meals and do not receive the same in return, you then have a complaint. However, far too many of us are post-adolescents who love to scream "I'm an adult" as we act like rude little children.

So...Do You Want the Real Leaders to Stand Up?

Jonathan Stokes

Will the real leaders please stand up!?! So do we stand up now, or do we wait around to see if anyone else does?

Perhaps, we'll test the waters and wait until the next leader asks us to do it again. Then we'll really be motivated! But let's not leave the followers too far behind, so promise us, Sean T. Parker, that in the next article, you'll make a rallying cry for them to stand up too.

Then, we'll all be standing and sitting at your command.

Hopefully when you've managed to get everyone behind you (because I get the strong sense you believe we should be), and your "charisma" results in yet another assassination, leaders and followers worldwide will carry on your narrow vision of activism.

If not, then at least we'll all be able to run and leap away from Bush and the gang because of the massive muscles we've acquired from your

leadership leg exercises.

How long will we let this leader/follower dichotomy keep a hold of us? Think beyond your belief of leadership as a person or entity that directs followers' activity.

Any movement consists of many people, all leaders, all in control of the groups' destiny. When we put the goal of the movement into the hands of a few "leaders" we run the risk of diminishing collective sentiment.

People are suffering everywhere: black, white, brown, and yellow. Yes, a lot of black people have it bad, but what kind of humans are we if we let the plight of oppressed people of any color go ignored? You say there are no leaders. What do we do now? Let's not continue to write articles begging people to become active.

Take control of the one thing we're accountable for, your actions.

So what do black people do if no one steps up even after

your humble request for action? Only through your actions will you be the change you want to see.

We are all leaders of our own lives, but do we feel the need to search you out and tell you about it? Better yet, I apologize for not publicly telling you about my plans to help economically empower black America. It was rude of me.

Let's take a look at this leader/follower thing. Consider the people who are not self-proclaimed leaders: those whom you call followers.

If a bold call or humble request for action ignites no movement, no change, it becomes easy to believe that the cause being fought is actually lost, or nearing its defeat.

The followers are ushered into thinking that if the leaders aren't acting, there's nothing for them to do either. These are the dangers of your leader/follower belief.

Do not neglect that the people you call followers may

feel as, or more fervently than you.

Here's a bright idea, they are not even followers. They may be more active than you, and they will lead their life, as you will lead yours. Abre los ojos. The movement you seek never died.

Sadly, the people of today's movement face more oppression from people like you who fail to see their strength in numbers and in morale, than they do from "the man."

Has it ever occurred to you that people who do proclaim themselves leaders may not be hungry for public attention? They just may not be the NAACP or HUSA presidents.

Maybe who is following or leading is not their driving force. Perhaps they're studying and learning the lessons of public service, power, influence, and effectiveness, so that whatever actions they take, they do so efficiently.

If you want a battle to fight, enlist in the military. I'm sure you'd agree, timing

couldn't be more perfect. Whatever you do, refrain from making blanket statements or judgments on behalf of Howard's silent majority.

Do not tell Howard students what we need to do unless you've talked to us and understand each person's vision in regard to your topic. Obviously you haven't and have no idea how some of us really feel.

While I commend your knowledge on the issues that face us, your views on leadership manifest as mere idealistic ranting.

Did you think that Howard's campus would be filled with people walking around with Afros and signs? Progress from your perception of black America as a reflection of the 1960's and the Black Panther Party and step into reality. Times have changed.

If you wish to return to the same activity of the 60's, perhaps you should consider the vast majority of participants in that movement who do not

have holidays or streets in their name.

Lastly, you chose to quote John Adams wherein you captured the essence of laissez-faire capitalism: do your own thing. What do think we're doing? It may be convenient for you to think that everyone at Howard is going to class and to the library to practice day-dreaming.

Take the time to see that we're doing more than just taking up space. We're determining our own destinies, shaping our futures, and being leaders of our times.

I humbly ask for you to join us. But, if it's not too much trouble, you might want to start by "leading" yourself into a professor's office hours so you can learn how to talk to people before you write articles about them.

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THIS IS THE PARTY! AFTER THE STEPSHOW
GRAND OPENING
1438 U ST. NW - WASH DC 20002
12:00 - 2:00 AM

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WALKING DISTANCE FROM HOWARD U.
LEVEL 1 DJ ANALYZE HIP HOP, R&B, OLD SCHOOL
LEVEL 2 SELEKTA LION REGGAE
THE ALL NEW **CONTAGIOUS** THURSDAYS
ALL THE FACES YOU KNOW IN THE PARTY YOU LOVE AT A HOT NEW CLUB!
EVERYONE FREE B4 11PM (WITH COLLEGE ID)
LADIES \$5 ALL NIGHT (WITH COLLEGE ID)
THE OFFICIAL PARTY @ XSTA
1438 U ST. NW - WASH DC 20002
BETWEEN 14TH AND 15TH
THE HOME OF THE DC U ST. HOMEcoming EDITION
INFO: 202.257.3151
COME AS YOU ARE / PLEASE BE A SEXY MUTHA FUCKA / NO SNEAKERS
18 TO PARTY | 21 TO DRINK

Its my party.....
...So get fly if you want to!!
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2002
@ The Exclusive CADA VEZ NITECLUB!!
1438 U ST. NW

"Almost Famous" CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY BASH
Zekiya's turning 21...again!
Come and party with the star's as we celebrate Zekiya Roberts 2nd 21st b-day!
Birthday shouts: Krissy, Love Ya!
Two floors of hotness!!
Waterfalls, VIP booths, 18 to party
and Valet Service...its very major!! 21 to pop the bottles
DOORS OPEN @ 10PM
DRESS CODE: SEXY MUST COME DRESSED TO IMPRESS AS A STAR...SEXY IS THE KEY!
For Table reservations and bottle service contact: southsidecity3000@yahoo.com
RSVP: @ 202.526.9198 or e-mail: a_tinkerbell39@hotmail.com
For one site only, The red carpet will be rolled out, so dont come as you are...come dressed as a star!!
You gotta do it for the people!
@ DC's Newest Premier Nightclub CADA VEZ 1438 U ST. NW
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2002
Hosted by:
Bobby (South Side Sey), Tiffany, Nyles, Jessica, Erica, Kamillah, Tamika, Karleen, Krystle, Romo, Chaunce, Melanie, Michelle, Ame, Jocelyn, Scooter, Sirena, Joe, Tank, Robbin, Mehn, David, Diane, Big Mike, 54 D, VYNE, Natl Champion Step Team, PALS Courtney T, Courtney D, Kelley, Adria, Brandon, Megan, Du, Lawrence, Heather, Mimi, Tina, Miya, Cameron, Maya, Josh, Amie, Ugi, Derrick, Ke, Sandra, B Young, Keshia, Tamika G, Siles, Dube, Kyle, Senior Class 2002, & 2003...Yessssrrrr!!

Derek Rodgers-- Thank you for letting The Hilltop use your scanner (and your girl-friend)!

Angle, I know you are very concerned about post-graduation, but we will make it to grad school.
Sincerely Suite Mate

Hi there HP, I want you to know the events of the last week is not personal. But, I will tell you about it on May 11, 2003. I will frame the pics then too.
-KKH

Tara-- Welcome to our team! Hope you find the couch comfortable. Bring your PJs and a pillow for late nights!

Brak- Kerry said to hem the hole in your pants.

Lauren and company: Cher rocks stop listening to that gangster stuff. Sing with me "Do you believe in Life After Love..."
Campus Editor!

Miriam & Amber-- Keep laying out your sections! We see you workin' it out!

To Lauren, (who works so hard for so little recognition)-- keep doing the damn thing.

Aisha & Elena, the sports babes-- Don't hit me in the chest!

Kindle-- Congratulations on gaining a pound!

Alysha-- We see you and your section front!

Ruth Tisdale-- Keep banging out those stories. Staff writers-- we want to see more of you -- Join us for Production nights!

Still Missing:
The Friday Managing Editor

If found, please return to The Hilltop:
2251 Sherman Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20001
Jenille, Wanisha, Ketisha--when's the party? Keya
ACD: I hope you had a good time with your family this weekend. Whether you believe me or not, I did keep my word while you were gone...
--ADC