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Vintage clothing is back and costs more than ever.

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Student Suffers From Food Poisoning From Blackburn Cafeteria

By Courtney K. Wade
Hilltop Staff Writer

For many, Howard University Dining services are a gamble, with the results up in the air. "Every time I go in [the cafeteria] I have to send a prayer up," junior Theater Education major Dana Caffee-Glenn said.

Last Wednesday evening, Chris Porter, a sophomore majoring in computer science, became the unlucky recipient of *bacillus cereus*, a strain of bacteria that causes food poisoning.

The day for Porter was supposed to be just like any other. He attended class at 11 a.m., went to work at noon, and returned to campus promptly for his last class, which began at 5:10 p.m. After being dismissed, Chris' hunger pangs led him to Blackburn Cafeteria for dinner.

Porter surveyed the menu, and waited in the cafe lines for

his portion of the night's special, shrimp fried rice and egg rolls.

After tasting the fried rice, Porter said he "thought it was disgusting." Instead, he ate a slice of pizza.

That evening, Porter said he studied for a few hours and went to bed around ten.

"I woke up at [around] four in the morning, not feeling too good at all. I didn't think anything of it though," Porter said. "I just took some medicine and went back to sleep."

By eight the next morning, "It got kind of real," he said.

Porter tried to do his daily routine of preparing for class and ate a bowl of cereal. Porter said his symptoms, which resembled the flu, included nausea, light-headedness, sweating, dizziness, hyperventilating, muscle tension, and shaking.

"I was throwing up a lot," he said, "to the point where I was throwing up everything

that I had ate or drank the whole day." According to Porter, the last straw was when he began throwing up blood.

He called 911 and after answering a series of questions that would have earned better responses later, he was taken to Washington Hospital Center.

There Dr. C. Terry, who had learned of the case, asked, "Did you eat any fried rice?" She diagnosed his condition as a common form of food poisoning caused by *bacillus cereus* usually found in fried rice.

According the Food and Drug Administration, food poisoning resulting from these bacteria is caused when food is prepared and held without adequate refrigeration for several hours.

Both Blackburn and Annex cafeteria workers declined comment.

"I got a meal plan, so I've got to eat there [the cafeteria] out of necessity," Porter said. Porter believes the solution



Photo by Pooky Shaw

Hundreds of Howard students have meal plans for the main cafeteria where a student consumed contaminated food, leading to food poisoning.

remains unclear.

"We as students can't look at our food and tell what is in there," Porter said. "It should-

n't be our responsibility anyway. We shouldn't have to worry about that."

Although Porter concludes

that Howard University Dining Services are a "gamble," everyday he has no choice but to roll the dice.

Crime Hits Close To Home

Student Stabbed in Retaliation to Earlier Incident

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Nov. 12, 2002, another student was stabbed in front of Cook Hall dormitory. This new stabbing is allegedly in retaliation to the other stabbing that took place on Oct. 31 in front of the School of Business.

According to eyewitness accounts, a group of male students were walking in the street close to the shuttle stop near Cook, a car pulled up and several men got out of the car. One student waiting for the shuttle saw the altercation in the middle of street.

"All of a sudden, I saw a lot of guys beating up this one guy in the middle of the street," said the eyewitness. "After they got through, they got in the car and drove off."

A sophomore biology major who preferred to remain anonymous saw the incident from a meeting that was going on in Cook.

"I was having a meeting in the club room and I saw the guys in the street and at first I thought that they were just playing," she said. "When I saw that one of the guys was not getting up, I went down to the lobby and told the people by the desk and they called campus police."

Students then helped the unidentified student into Cook Hall where the student was then rushed to Howard University Hospital. After some eyewitnesses saw the cut on the student's neck and nose, they assumed that the student was stabbed. Other eyewitnesses said that the student was missing the skin from the bridge of his nose.

Metropolitan Police Officer J. Ambrose said the alleged attack was in retaliation to the earlier stabbing incident. Police officers searched the area, but did not find any suspects. Up until press time, campus police was not available for comment.



Photo by Lauren Bayne Anderson

Police block 9th St. northwest after shooting broke out at 3:30 a.m. Thursday morning near the Towers.

Gunman Fires 13 Shots Behind Towers Thursday

By Chauna Bryant
Hilltop Staff Writer

At approximately 3:15 a.m. on Thursday, an unknown black male fired gunshots at a Black Infinity Q45. The driver, who refused to give his name, told police that some of the bullets pierced his jacket, but he escaped unharmed.

According to Lieutenant Bart Dykes of the Metropolitan Police Department, the suspect came up behind the car and began shooting.

The incident began at the corner of Barry Place and Sherman Avenue. The alleged victim, in attempts to flee the gunman, drove to the corner of Florida Ave and 9th Street. The motive for the shooting is still unclear.

The driver told the police he did not know the gunman.

"I was just going home," the driver said.

The Infinity was pierced by 13 gunshots along the driver's side, from the front seat to the trunk.

The shooting is a cause of concern because it occurred in a close proximity to the Plaza Towers.

"I drive by that intersection all the time, it makes me feel unsafe," Musical Theater major Pilin Browden said.

At press time, no arrests had been made. The Metropolitan Police are looking for a black man in a white coat and black pants that was last seen fleeing from the scene.

Mayor Hosts Town Hall on Campus to Discuss Gay Issues

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

Re-elected District Mayor Anthony A. Williams listened to the concerns of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) local residents. Williams expressed his support and continued efforts to address discriminatory issues faced by the community on Wednesday in the Blackburn Center.

The Mayor's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs sponsored the Town Hall Meeting in collaboration with the Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay Organization of Students at Howard (BLAGOSAH).

The event lasted almost three hours, engaging members of the audience as well as the panelists who included representatives from the Office of the Mayor and Human Rights; Jim Graham, Councilman (D-Ward 1); Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey, and Interim Vice-Provost for Student Affairs, Raymond Archer III.

Among the top issues discussed were discrimination against GLBT students on college campuses, the recent beatings of gay student Darryl Payton at Howard University, health care, D.C. police, and housing.

Mayor Williams stressed his commitment to all District residents and said he was pleased with the progress his administration has made in

tackling issues involving the GLBT community.

"We have come a whole lot further than when we started and we are certainly proud of where we are, but we still have a long way to go," Williams said.

He also promised to expand drug availability to HIV/AIDS patients and promote more HIV/AIDS education. Williams also emphasized the need for increased support of civil unions and adoptions by same-sex parents.

"There are too many children in the Latino, Asian and African American community who are without parents," Williams said. "I know friends who have gone overseas to adopt children when right down the street there is a little Anthony Williams who needs a home and who could one day become mayor."

The Office of Citizen Complaint Review, an organization that investigates complaints of misconduct by metropolitan police, reported that more than 300 complaints were filed by members of the GLBT community concerning harassment, inappropriate language, and conduct by members of the police force.

Brett Parson, a sergeant for the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, commended Chief Ramsey for forming the GLBT liaison unit.



Mayor Anthony Williams.

"The Chief formed this unit not because of political reasons, but because of a need," Parson said. "He recognized a problem between members of the GLBT community and the police which at best could be described as tense."

Parson assured the community that MPD officers are trained to handle issues involving GLBT people in a professional manner, being sensitive and also asking questions respectfully.

The Town Hall Meeting also composed of a question and answer segment. The first question was fielded to Vice Provost Archer. The audience member referenced the recent beatings of a gay student and asked at what the University was doing to address homophobia.

Archer said the University is working closely with mem-

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Pelosi First Woman Elected Minority Leader

Nancy Pelosi made history yesterday by being elected the first Minority party leader in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Pelosi became the highest ranking woman ever in Congress earlier this year in taking over the job of House Democratic whip, the party's Number two position. She moved up to the top spot on Thursday by defeating Rep. Harold Ford Jr. of Tennessee, 177-29.

Pelosi, D-Calif., seemed a

shoe-in after her chief rival Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas dropped out of the race.

Ford, 32, was Pelosi's only opposition. Ford is the youngest Democrat in Congress and is considered the most conservative black member.

Pelosi, a white, liberal Democrat, in her eighth term, won in a landslide victory.

Ford didn't have the support of the Democratic caucus or the Congressional Black Caucus.

Rep. Shelia Jackson-Lee D-Texas and Rep. Bennie Thompson D-Miss. said they supported Pelosi because she is closer to their Democratic belief system, the Washington Times reported. They also told the Times that their decision is not about race, but about who can represent their party and their issues.

Before the vote, Ford expressed his dissatisfaction with Pelosi.



Nancy Pelosi, is the first woman to hold the position.

"My caucus needs change, and I don't think Nancy Pelosi represents change," Ford said.

Information for this report came from salon.com and reuters.com

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VOICES & VIEWS

*Did you use
the good/bad
teacher list to
register and
why?*



Name: Anita M. Bailey
Major: Physician Assistant

"I looked over the list, I noticed that I received A's in a lot of the bad teachers classes so I felt the list was inaccurate."



Name: Lauren Harris
Major: Health management
Classification: Junior

"Yes because the good list had teachers that were more understandable and you'll have a better chance to pass the class."



Name: Kelley Rene Givens
Classification: Senior

"No because everyone's viewpoint is different, I can deal with teachers that some can't."



Name: Tina Martinez
Classification: Senior
Major: Broadcast Journalism

"Yes, but I also ask people that I trust and have had the professor just as an extra precaution."

Compiled by Harvey Jenkins

Good and Bad Teacher List Circulates, Students Respond

By Dominique Ann Rouzan
Contributing Writer

It never, ever fails. Every semester during the registration period "The Good Teacher, Bad Teacher List," circulates around campus to inform students about the best and worst teachers to take for the upcoming semester.

Though many professors are listed and given the trait of good or bad, administrators, faculty and students question the list's credibility.

The author of the list who chose not to be identified said he created the list because of the inadequacy and ineffectiveness of teacher evaluation forms.

"The evaluation forms are long, and students don't take enough time to fill them out. In an attempt to help the student body, The Good Teacher Bad Teacher List was compiled."

The list, he said, was created by students and is only to help students get a sampling of teachers the list-makers felt were good or bad.

But the accuracy of the infamous list has long been a dispute said Provost and Chief Academic Officer A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert. Caldwell-Colbert warned that students using the list may be making misinformed decisions.

"It is possible that students could be jeopardizing their own education by not taking a certain professor based on someone else's experience," Caldwell-Colbert said. "A professor who was not as good for one does not mean that he will

be the same for the other."

To professors, the list may be an indicator that students are looking for the easiest teachers said economics professor Emily Banks.

"I do not feel that it is legitimate to label a professor bad because of intense challenges that may be given to the student. The best teachers are the tough teachers," Banks said.

History professor Alan McPherson said the list is just another form of students exercising the first amendment.

"Students should talk about the professors. They are practicing freedom of speech," McPherson said. "The list seems to speak more volume because it is documented on paper. That is where the impact lies."

Though the list is photocopied and passed between students, some students such as LaTasha Hudson, a junior African American studies major, disagrees with the list.

"The teachers who are listed as bad are the ones who are actually testing the students learning capabilities and are not just spoon feeding them," Hudson said. "Many students want the easy way out and they try to enroll in the more lenient classes."

Although some students feel that the list isn't 100 percent fair or accurate, sophomore radio/TV/film major Angel Carpenter believes the list is a truthful predictor.

"I had first hand experience; some professors who were listed as bad are actually horrible," Carpenter said. "I agree with some of the teach-

ers listed on the good side also."

Many can relate to the list through personal experience with teachers but it could possibility put others in a bind.

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BAD Teacher Listing (2002)

Math		Chemistry		English	
Bass	Bayne	Abernathy	All	Bathfield	Henry
Roberts	Bayne-Matthews	Ayodele	Hambricht	Leland	Martin
Joseph	Kwack	Hendricks	Matthews	Prison	
Lundgren	Maleki	Murphy			
Muller	Robert				
Other Subjects		Name		Subject	
Dwivedi	Biology	Dunzo	Spanish		
Twitty	Biology	Mondragon	Spanish		
Frankel	Genetics	Montraj	Spanish		
Thompson	Physics	Ryanbridge	Spanish		
Hoppe	Geography	LeVine	Classics		
Schneider	World Health	Hale	Euro-Hist/Intro to Civ		
Frazier	Electronics	Aldine	Principles of Reasoning		
Walker	Graphics	Williams	Principles of Reasoning		
Fan	Thermo Dynamic	Alderman-Swain	Sociology		
Kutcher	Adv. Orient.	Henry	Accounting		
Dewish	Basic II	Oryang	Business		
Hinton	U.S. History	Blank	Economics		
Neil	U.S. Literature	Dorantivie	Economics		
Spencer	Philosophy	Fanara	Finance		
Kavitt	Psychology	Barber	Investing/Finance		
Stam	Psychology	Nowell	Management		
Sloan	Psychology	Oyelele	Marketing		
Summers	Comm. Law	Quarson	QBA, Op. Manag.		
Poore	Evolution	Togbe	Statistics		
Hatten	Political Science				

GOOD Teacher Listing (2002)

Math		English		Other Subjects	
Diagna	Datta	Fowler	Larkin		
Dwarka	Geta	Lewis	Morris		
Goodhue	Martin	Parson	Sow		
Raphani	Rommon	Swann	Taylor		
Sadie	Tustin	Williams			
Wynn	Yue				
Name		Subject		Name	
Butcher	Chemistry	Graves	Spanish		
Redman	Org. Chemistry	Isaacs	Spanish		
Hollick	Org. Chemistry	Rod	Spanish		
deCort	Phys. Chemistry	Smart	Spanish		
Banta	Physics	Lewis	Phys. Speech		
Chang	Physics	Walker	Comm. Law		
(Aiyabadi)	Planetary Science	Quimby	Criminology		
Norma Williams	Genetics	Hurrell	Psychology		
Taylor	Anthropology	Boykin	Black Psychology		
Clark-Lewis	Adv. Women	Verhulst	Philosophy		
(Angholi)	Afr. History	Baker	Phys. Ed.		
Ramsey	African Studies	Stewart	Phys. Ed.		
Shannon	Adv. Amer. Lit.	Bev	Acting		
Batran	Intro Afr.	Mohr	Research		
Carlington	Black Diaspora	Wood	Accounting		
Tolbert	Black Diaspora	Rose-Robinson	Business Comm.		
Toungara	Black Diaspora	Chadros	Business Mgt.		
Wright	Black Diaspora	Grove	Int'l Business Law		
Bangura	Political Science	Alleyne	Economics		
Frazier	Political Science	Owens	Economics		
Harell	Race & Racism	Pykins	Economics		
Poss	Indiv. & Soc.	Ela	Finance		
Sephoch	Indiv. & Soc.	Laz	Finance		
White-Jackson	Indiv. & Soc.	Zerkley	Finance		
Rahman	Geography	D'Amato	Marketing		
Bobb	Classical Myth	Ernst	QBA/Production		
Millardoff	Ecology				

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Campus Crime Report

11/8 Wheatley Hall -Hazardous Elevator	Damaged Property
East Towers - Stolen Auto	11/12/02 West Campus- Injured Person
Blackburn Center- Lost property	Meridian Hall- Simple Harassment
11/9 HUH Missing Property	HPT- False Fire Alarm
West Towers - False Fire Alarm	Bethune Annex- Sick Transport
Bethune Annex - Sick Person	11/13/02 Engineering Bldg- False Fire Alarm
11/10/02 Meridian Hall- False Fire Alarm	Health Center- Sick Transport
Service Center- Stolen Auto	Locke Hall False Fire Alarm
HUH- Threat to do bodily harm	Biology Bldg- Lost Property
Blackburn- Sick Person	HUH- Disorderly Conduct
11/11/02 Meridian Hall- False Fire Alarm	Health Center- Sick Transport
Slowe Hall- Destruction of Property	Drew Hall- Lost Property
Meridian Hall	Campus Crime Report compiled by Josef Sawyer

Student Health Center Issues Drag On Changes To Come In Near Future



The Student Health Center has been housed in a 'temporary' building for more than 30 years.

By Justice Wright
Contributing Writer

Long waiting periods, limited number of doctors and unreliable security of health records are just some problems that have slowed the efficiency of Howard University's student health center.

Last year, a task force comprised of student government officials and health administrators was created to address the conditions of the health center, but failed to address the problems, Health Center Director McClain Garrett said. However, this year's student administration plans to not only address those problems, but also correct them.

"The Howard University Student Association recognizes that the current health center is by far not adequate to accommodate the student body," HUSA Director of External Affairs Harold Allen said. "Recommendations have been made to the Provost, but no timeline has been announced."

Originally constructed as a temporary location, the health center has been in service for

more than 30 years.

"The current conditions of the student health center are sad," Garrett said.

According to Garrett the center's structure is not in compliance with the American Disability Association.

Among the recommendations under consideration are for a larger programmed-based health center located between W Street and Georgia Avenue in the Medical Arts Building.

"The current health center can't take care of everyone's needs because it is too small for the large student body and has limited resources and staff," Allen said.

But despite ongoing relocation efforts, the new facility will face many obstacles.

"The space is smaller than what we currently have," Garrett said. "Students are understanding of the need for improvement, however, there are areas that need to be addressed such as waiting time, confidentiality, security of records, and lack of an inviting environment."

New recommendations also call for an adjustment to Howard's current health care

procedures. The new proposal will position the Student Health Center as a facility for education and programming instead of providing treatment. According to Allen, the center will continue to provide care for small health concerns such as common colds, but will steer away from being utilized as a primary care provider.

"Georgetown and University of Maryland have facilities that focus on programs such as AIDS awareness, nutrition, and STDs," Allen said. "Students bring insurance plans from home and go to primary care providers outside of the health center."

But an increasing international student population may cause problems because the proposed insurance plans from home may not be an option.

University officials are also considering offering a health care premium that can be purchased directly from the University to students that do not have insurance plans.

Communication between the center and students is another area that needs improvement, Garrett said.

"I would like to see a Student Health Advisory Committee of students that would meet regularly to discuss issues concerning the Student Health Center and health in general," Garrett said. "I tried once before and it did not take off."

The provost has not yet released initiatives concerning the Student Health Center. Although no formal timeline has been announced, Allen recommends that students consider identifying a primary care physician for next school year.



Brown v. Board of Education to Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Courtesy of Brown.edu

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

Gerald Reynolds, Ralph Boyd, and Cheryl Brown Henderson called to order the very first meeting of the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary Commission.

The commission, which President H. Patrick Swygert was appointed to, was created to help organize the anniversary activities of the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

The meeting began with Swygert giving welcoming remarks to the members of the commission. The commission then did an overview and a background of the legendary case. After the commission reconvened from lunch, the business portion began.

"The goal of this commission is three-fold," said Henderson, co-chair of the commission. "Our first goal is to find local, state, and national support for the commission."

The commission plans to achieve this goal through print and electronic publications.

"We plan to have public

service announcements and also a public awareness campaign to promote the celebration," Henderson said.

Swygert also proposed Howard's plan to volunteer and design the website for the commission.

With the website, the commission hopes to create a database of activities so viewers will know what anniversary activities are being planned in different states.

The second goal of the commission is to encourage, plan, and coordinate the observance of the anniversary.

Members of the commission hope to create a brochure to outline the goals and objectives of the commission.

Other organizations planning events are the NAACP who posed to have a regional meeting in Topeka, Kansas in May 2003 as well as a Youth Summit in March 2004.

"The NAACP magazine 'The Crisis' will devote a portion of each of its issues in 2003-2004 to the Brown v. Board of Education anniversary," said John Jackson, a

representative from the NAACP and commission member.

"The Equity Assistant Centers along with New York University plan to host a celebration of the Brown case at NYU," said Charles Rankin, a representative from Equity Assistant Centers.

College campuses across the nation plan to commemorate the anniversary of the Brown case as well. The University of Kansas plans to have three courses during the 2003-2004 school year dedicated to the historic case.

"We plan to hold a two day conference with teachers, students and civil rights leaders," said Deborah Dandridge, a representative from the University of Kansas.

Okiaher Christian Dark, professor of law at Howard Law School, told of the many activities that the Howard University committee has been planning.

The theme of the committee is "Brown at 50: Fulfilling the Promise."

"We plan to have our preliminary kickoff beginning September 2003," Clark said.

"The Howard Law Journal will devote every issue during the 2003-2004 school year to the Brown case," Clark said. The law school will also host a series of symposiums and several courses for the 2003-2004 year have been designated as "Brown at 50" courses.

The last goal of the commission is to promote the history of the Brown v. Board of Education case. During the meeting many members voiced their concern that young people did not know the significance of the Brown case. To educate students the commis-

sion will host a series of lectures presented by professors of history, law, and education during the commemoration period.

Also, the commission plans to hold a nationwide writing contest for high school as well as college students. The commission has talked to many publishing companies about publishing material so teachers could educate students on the case.

In the fall of 1950, a group of 13 parents agreed to challenge segregation in schools and the Topeka Board of Education. This group was not the only group who was challenging the "separate but equal" law. Parents from Massachusetts, Delaware, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C. were also filing suits against their school boards.

Once the Topeka case made it to the Supreme Court, it combined with the other cases to make the legendary Brown v. Board of Education case that on May 17, 1954 ended segregation in schools.

The committee plans to hold meetings in each of the five states that participated in the famous case. However, there was some debate over whether the commission should hold meeting in South Carolina because of the standing sanctions the NAACP has against the state of South Carolina because of the Confederate flag. After intense debate, the commission agreed to keep South Carolina as one of the states that the commission will hold meetings in.

The next meeting of the commission will be in March of 2003 in Massachusetts.



Professor Felicia Walker.

Professor Felicia Walker More Than a Teacher to Students

By Jodi Hurt
Contributing Writer

There are times when students are in school and need, advice or just an ear to hear their troubles. Felicia Rene Walker, professor of communications law, is more than a teacher to students.

With a full load of classes, practices and staff meetings, Walker still makes time for personal needs of students.

Freshman Alexis Logan's relationship with Walker extends outside of the classroom.

"She [Walker] is like a mother to me," Logan said. "I can go to her for anything even if I just want to talk."

Walker teaches Communication Law I and II, Communication Theory, and Mock Trial Debate. She often begins class with real life situations to help students visualize the lecture subject matter.

Walker's teaching career began at Howard in 1997, but her matriculation began as undergraduate where earned her baccalaureate degree in 1992. By 1998 Walker earned a doctorate degree in philosophy and moved on to law school at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Currently, Walker sits as director of the Martin Luther King Forensics Society and has coached Howard's Mock Trial Team since 1995. But Walker's experience extends outside of her university activities.

She has consulted at the US Attorney's Office and acted as a child advocate in juvenile court. Walker is also a member of the American Mock Trial Association, American Society of Trial Consultants, and Georgia Bar

Association.

Senior legal communications major Jamaal Brown has served on the mock trial team for four years and says Walker's work ethic is what makes her unique.

Students such as senior David Knight says Walkers extensive knowledge and experience in her field makes her class more appealing and separates her from the rest of his teachers.

"Dr. Walker makes you interested in what she is talking about she is more than a teacher, she is a mentor," Knight said.

To Walker a good teacher is not only experienced, but is very knowledgeable about their subject matter and wants to make a difference. "The teacher has to find something that interests the students, something that they can relate to," Walker said. "Good teachers have to want to make students better people." Good teachers should care more about whom they're teaching rather than what they are teaching, she said.

But even with her experience Walker says she is not doing less than her potential. "My classes are not easy but you will learn lessons that will you will carry forever."

Students that have taken Walker's classes and graduated often come to chat and update her with their achievements, Knight said.

Even Walker feels a special attachment to Howard and students and says wants to remain as long as possible.

"I love Howard this is my home and that I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world."

Religion Lecture Tries to 'Open Up Closed Minds'

By Remone Bradley
Contributing Writer

"Religion Destroys a People" Bro. Yahuwa Elhillai said, to a discussion group of on Wednesday.

Recently around campus there have been flyers advertising the event, which is part of a five part series dealing with black issues. Yahuwa, an ex-Muslim who associated himself with the Holy Family of Zodik speaks weekly to Howard students trying to promote a lifestyle change.

Wednesday the thorough explanation of why he believes religion is a negative was held in Douglass Hall at 7 pm. An interested crowd listened to Yahuwa explain the effects of religion on black people. The discussion focused on contradictions in the three main religions Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

By reverting the names of these religions back into Hebrew form Yahuwa says it opens the interpretation of these words to mean differently than interpreted by the billions of practitioners of these faiths.

Yahuwa believes the effects of misinterpretation often lead to ignorance of purpose and subservience. Yahuwa also spoke on blacks and their role in life, which he believes lacks initiative and is satisfied with being followers rather than leaders.

Using scriptures from the Bible, Quran, and Torah Yahuwa stressed his belief of

living holistically and living life to it's fullest.

The congregated audience of the evening's asked questions concerning statements Yahuwa made about life after death, the purpose of ones life, and other basic principles of religion. Where do we go afterwards? and what's the purpose of living? Were bounced back and forth across the room.

Yahuwa explained how historically ancient Africans had no vision of an afterlife and that traditionally knowledge will give you your purpose of life.

"It's rare and amazing, not often do you hear someone who speaks the truth, I totally agree with him," says Jene Rhian, a sophomore philosophy major.

The evening's topic of discussion was also followed with a book list of broader discussions.

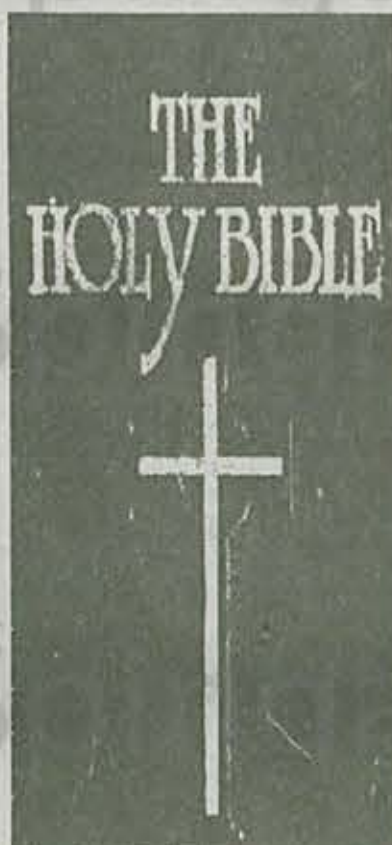
For those not specifically interested or open to the topic of religion, Yahuwa also holds discussion panels on topics such as proper diet and drug use, love, and black leadership.

But Yahuwa says he speaks on all topics with the same fervor and intent and encourages students to investigate their convictions.

"I'm not here to attack people for how they live, I'm here to elevate the black man and black woman. By educating these people Yahuwa hopes to have his message sent into the minds of other African Americans all over."



Above, the Jewish Holy book, the Torah. Below, the Christian holy book, the Bible. Both religions were discussed at the event on Wednesday.



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HEALTH & FITNESS

Do Women Want 'It' Just as Bad as Men Do? An Ohio State Univ. Study Shows Both Genders Crave Sex Equally

By Erica Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Love and relationships are hot topics on any college campus. But get a co-ed group of students together, and the conversation often turns to one topic in particular: sex.

When discussing male and female relationships, the topic of sex is sure to be one of the subjects up for discussion. Sex plays a major role in some relationships. While it does not have to be the basis of a relationship, its role has a tremendous affect. One of the most notorious questions dealing with this subject is who wants more sex, men or women?

An ongoing study involving relationships between men and women and sex conducted by graduate students at Ohio State University was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. This article concluded that men and women agree that love and romance is a vital part of a sexual person however both genders want sex all the same. Men do not necessarily want more sex than women.

Hosea Jensin, director of Georgetown University Psychology Department, said the difference in men, women and sex is not the amount of sex that each gender wants; it is the value and meaning behind it.

When it comes to men and sex, many women would say that men usually do not attach emotions with sex. It is merely something to do. Some people believe women



Photo by Brakhton Booker

A recent Ohio State University study concluded female sex drive is comparable to male's.

tend to be more emotional and less physical when it comes to sex.

Studies done by the graduate students at Ohio State University said many women are taught not to be as open as men about sex. Their surveys conducted on both sexes concluded that women are emotional while men are physical.

Senior broadcast journalism major Jacquelyn Hicks said according to the myth, many believe men have a higher sex drive. However,

she believes it is equal between men and women.

Sophomore Troyce Sanders takes a different perspective on the issue. Men think about sex more, but when it comes to the act of sex women are more involved and more sexual, he said.

B. James Starr, a cultural psychologist at Howard University, said that different cultures socialize men and women differently when it comes to sexual behavior. He said men don't necessarily want it more but are able

to express themselves more freely than women.

Sophomore television production major Deandra Short agrees that guys do not necessarily want more sex. They simply tend to express themselves more.

"We are taught that good girls just aren't open about sex. It is a topic that women are simply not to speak about," Short said.

Sophomore journalism major Billy Bradshaw said sex has a lot to do with the lessons taught by society.

"Women are supposed to be more pure," Bradshaw said. "In society, women who have casual sex are considered whores, while men are not judged negatively."

What is the difference between a sexual woman and a sexual man? Freshmen architect major Nyshelle James said that a sexual woman is more emotional and open about sex while a sexual man seems to just like sex.

Psychologists have committed numerous years

researching this topic, but the facts remain the same. Although, women are reprimanded as much for having casual sex, it is still viewed as a disrespectful act. Because of this, women usually do not express their desires for sex as much as men.

The answer to the question of whether men want more sex than women will still probably plague society with its mysterious and unique answer.

Student Spotlight: Nia Wallace



Photo by Jazelle Bellavance

By Simone Scudder
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nia Wallace, a junior physical therapy major from Rochester, N.Y., is the current Miss College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Wallace was not interested in participating in the pageant at first, but after seeing various posters and flyers about it, she said she decided to do it on a whim.

"It was a challenge I wanted to take on," Wallace said.

Wallace had never been in a pageant, therefore, she was not very confident. It wasn't until the actual night of the pageant that she gained some confidence, she said, which evidently paid off.

"I was very excited," Wallace said. "I was glad to accomplish something that I set out to do that I wasn't very confident in."

As Miss College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, Wallace hopes to fulfill her platform titled, "Giving The Gift." Through her platform, Wallace will work with elementary and middle school females to keep them in shape. Wallace will give movement and dance classes to "work on their self confidence."

Besides carrying the respon-

Nia Wallace

sibilities of winning the pageant and being on the student council, Wallace is also the Captain of Howard University's Bisonette Dance Ensemble. She has been dancing for the Bisonettes for all of the three years that she has been at Howard and was co-captain last year.

Although Wallace hasn't had any official experiences as an aide to physical therapists at Lakeshore Physical Therapy in Rochester.

What brought Wallace to Howard? Wallace said she wanted to attend an HBCU and Howard stuck out in her mind. Wallace chose her major due to her desire to work with people hands-on.

"I want to be a part of helping people get better," Wallace said.

One thing that she has learned being a physical therapy major, is that it is important to have an understanding of patients, and being able to relate to them. She feels that being a physical therapist would be fulfilling for both the patient and

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Irregular Menstruation Common Among Young Women

By Erica Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

While the "normal" menstrual cycle is a 28-day cycle where ovulation takes place on the 14th day, many women experience an "irregular menstrual cycle," meaning their menstruation (or period) does not occur according to the calendar.

A typical cycle lasts between five to seven days and produces a total blood loss of 60 to 250 milliliters (2 tablespoons to about 1 cup).

The total amount of blood loss and the amount of time that menstrual cycles last are very similar for most women. These cycles can begin in the teenage years although some women have experienced the cycle sooner.

Most women have their menstruation until the age of 50, sometimes longer.

There are many reasons why women may experience irregular menstrual cycles. If a woman is sexually active, pregnancy may be the initial thought that comes to mind. However, there are several reasons why women experience irregular periods.

One of the most common is emotional stress.

Stress can be related to school or work, family, friends, or worrying. More causes of stress can be over-dieting, over-exercising, or the use of birth control.

Sophomore criminal justice major Jameca Bailey said stress does not have an affect on her periods. However, Mekkie Phillips, a sophomore graphic design major, said sometimes when she is stressed out, she finds

her menstrual cycle to be irregular.

According to Louis Miyor, a gynecologist at the Georgetown School of Medicine, it is considered a "protective mechanism, a sort of prehistoric parachute in the female body."

A more serious cause of irregular periods could be a thyroid disorder of some sort. The thyroid gland regulates a woman's metabolism by secreting thyroid hormones. When the gland is overactive and secretes too much thyroid hormone, known as hyperthyroidism, or is under active and doesn't secrete enough hormones, known as hypothyroidism, this can interfere with the ovulation cycle.

"Thyroid problems occur in about one in 20 women and can be easily remedied," Michelle Owens, a graduate

student at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, said. "Once a thyroid problem is treated, periods will simply return to normal."

Having irregular menstrual cycles could mean bleeding at times other than menstruation or skipping monthly cycles. Bleeding from the uterus at times other than the menstrual cycle is known as metrorrhagia.

"This could be a sign of cervical cancer and should be checked out by having a physical," Miyor said.

Menstrual cycles are a normal part of a woman's life. Irregular menstrual cycles have become normal for many women who cannot

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Arthritis: Therapy In Motion

By Erica Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

One in every seven people has arthritis, a joint inflammation causing swelling, redness and pain caused by tissue injury. Arthritis affects people of all ages, but is more common with old age.

There are over 100 forms of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases. These diseases may cause pain in supporting structures of the body such as muscles, tendons, ligaments, and bones.

Some forms can also affect other parts of the body, including various internal organs. Many people use the word "arthritis" to refer to all rheumatic diseases. However, the word literally means joint inflammation.

The various kinds of arthritis comprise just a portion of the rheumatic diseases. Some rheumatic diseases are described as connective tissue diseases because they affect the body's connective tissue, the supporting framework of the body and its internal organs. Others are known as autoimmune diseases because they are caused by a problem in which the immune system harms the body's own healthy tissues. Two common forms of arthritis are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Osteoarthritis is a popular form of joint disease. It's considered to be caused by "wearing and tearing" of the joints leading to damage which gives pain in movement.

Many factors influence arthritis development. A family

history of the disease and previous damage to the joint through injury or surgery is one factor.

Osteoarthritis is very common in older age groups, but can affect younger people too. The symptoms of this form of arthritis may vary slightly. However, most will experience the majority of the same symptoms.

"Symptoms in osteoarthritis tend to get worse with activity, so that the end of the day is the worst time for sufferers of this disease," said Norman Koval, clinical professor of medicine at Georgetown University.

He also says there may be hard, bony swelling of the joints, and a gritty feeling (or even noise) when the joint is moved.

Rheumatoid Arthritis involves inflammation of the lining of many different joints in the body.

"In some people, Rheumatoid arthritis can also affect other parts of the body, including the blood, the lungs, and the heart. Inflammation of the joint lining, (called the synovium), can cause pain, stiffness, swelling, warmth, and redness," said Alan Mutosco, assistant director of Medicine for Georgetown University.

The affected joint may also lose its shape, resulting in loss of normal movement. Rheumatoid Arthritis can last a long time, and can be a disease of flares (active) and remissions (little to no activity).

Although osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis are the most common forms of arthritis, there are other forms including Fibromyalgia, gout,



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Arthritis can plague the lives of young as well as old.

lower back pain and Lyme disease. These diseases vary in symptoms but all require treatment. Treatments for arthritis can be divided into several categories. Some of these categories include medication, exercise, hot/cold, and pacing for the sufferer.

There are a myriad of drugs, including prescriptive and over-the-counter medications, which can treat the condition.

"It's important to keep those who suffer moving and independent," said Mutosco. Exercise helps lessen pain, increases movement, reduces fatigue and helps you look and feel better. Applying cold and heated pressure over joints or muscles may give you short-

term relief from pain and stiffness. This also aids in preparing for exercise.

Heat pressure helps relax aching muscles. Sources of heat include heating pads, hot packs, hot tubs or heated pools.

Cold pressure numbs the area so pain is not felt as much. Cold pressure can be used in cold packs or a frozen bag.

Pacing yourself saves energy by switching periods of activity with periods of rest.

Menstrual Cycle Irregular In Some Young Women

From CYCLE page A4 calculate the day their cycle will occur because of irregularity.

Although this can be inconvenient for some women, irregular menstrual periods do not always mean that there is something seriously wrong with the female's body.

Irregularity also doesn't occur only in sexually active females. Irregular periods can be a sign that a female is anemic and lacks iron in her body. Eating habits can contribute to this.

Nevertheless, a woman who doesn't have a regular cycle should be examined by a physician to determine the causes of irregularity.

Cross Section of a Menstrual Cycle

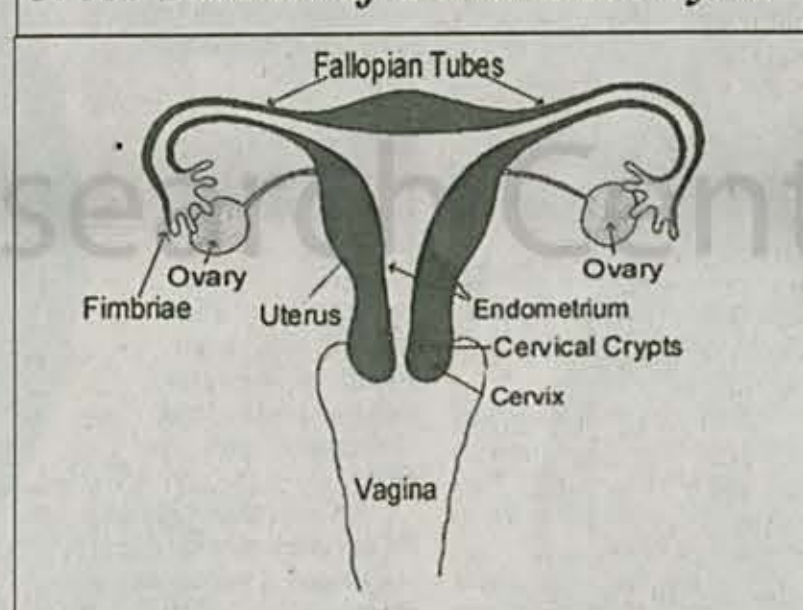


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Shown above, the female's body as it prepares for menstrual cycle.

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Student Spotlight: Nia Wallace

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herself.

Once she graduates, Wallace plans to pursue a master's degree in physical therapy.

"I want to continue with my

dancing, and maybe tie the two together," Wallace said. "Maybe I can work with a dance company."

Preparing for future goals can be overwhelming to the average student, but Wallace said she receives inspiration every day by

appreciating the little things in life that may be taken for granted but are actually blessings.

"Every day brings new challenges," Wallace said, "but I have the support of my mother, my family, and my friends."

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WorldCom Fraud Twice As Much As Expected

By Michael Jackson
Contributing Writer

WorldCom, a Mississippi based long-distance service provider, is thought to be responsible for fraudulent accounting exceeding \$9 billion - more than twice as much previously suspected.

The company filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in July after it was discovered that improper accounting covered up more than \$3.9 billion worth of profit.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), who originally charged WorldCom with improperly accounting the \$3.9 billion, has expanded their fraud case against WorldCom.

The SEC's case now includes improper book keeping that may go as far back as 1999 and fraud of more than \$9 billion.

WorldCom Inc. was created in 1983 under the name LDDS (Long-Distance Discount Service) and changed its name to WorldCom in 1995.

WorldCom first came under investigation by the SEC when it requested information relating to WorldCom's accounting procedures and loan officers.

In July, WorldCom exercised a \$2.6 billion line of credit at the same time the company's books were in question, the loan came under investigation as a result.

WorldCom filed for bank-

ruptcy in July.

In its petition of assets it listed \$107 billion worth of assets, which made its collapse twice the size of Enron Corporation.

A month prior to WorldCom filing for bankruptcy the company laid off 17,000 employees, causing problems for former employees throughout the nation.

Fraud and conspiracy charges were brought against two former executives of WorldCom in August.

Scott D. Sullivan, former chief financial officer and David F. Meyers, former controller, were arrested and charged with seven counts of securities fraud and felony false statements with the SEC.

Sullivan contested that his accounting was correct and issued a statement in his defense.

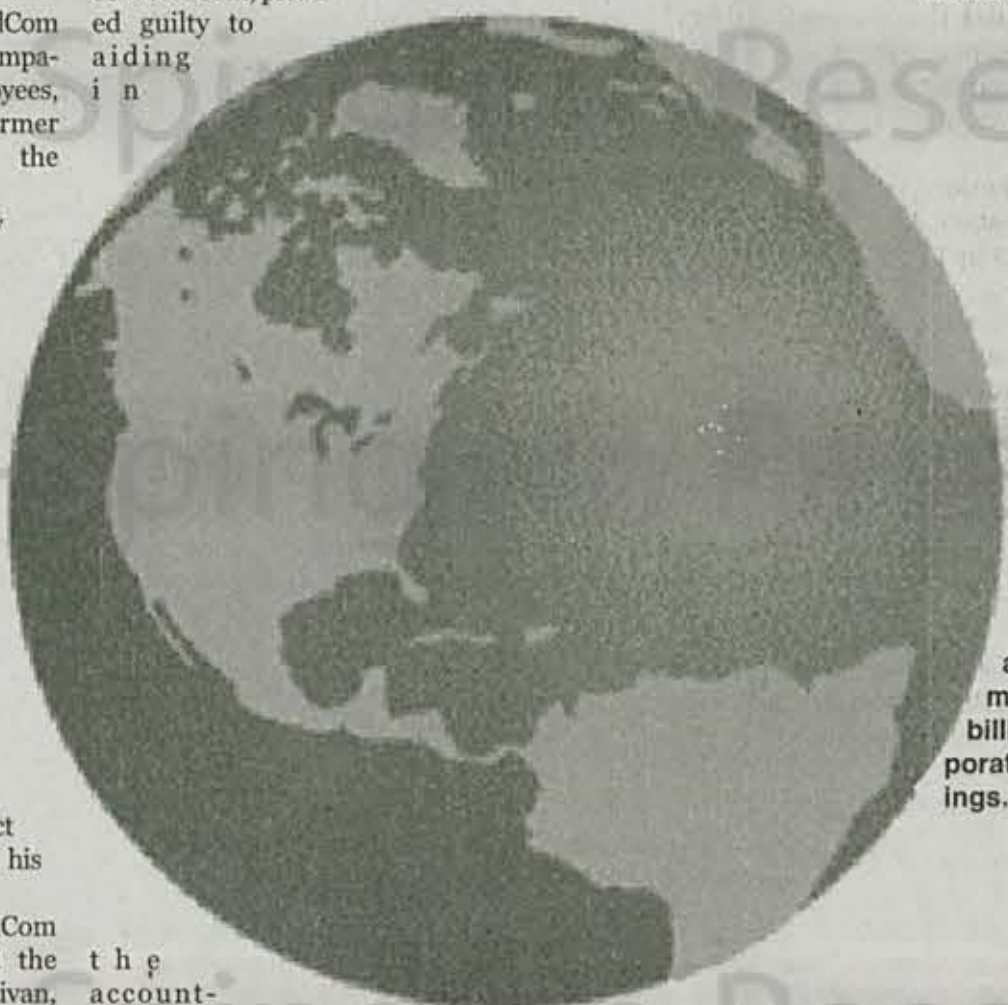
However, the WorldCom audit committee deemed the statement, issued by Sullivan, "laughable".

"Sullivan and Meyers systematically flouted rules of accounting and lied outright to investors to perpetuate the false image that WorldCom was succeeding", said Deputy Attorney

General Larry D. Thompson in an August 1 press conference.

Most recently, Buford Yates Jr., former accounting director of WorldCom, pleaded guilty to aiding

executives are facing hard times - and possibly hard time - other former employees have also been affected.



the accounting fraud.

Yates admitted to two counts of securities fraud and conspiracy.

He faces a 15-year prison sentence.

Although former WorldCom

WorldCom scandal.

Local areas affected by the scandal include Pentagon City, areas in Northern Virginia and Huntsville, Maryland.

WorldCom employed about 8,000 people in the area, making it the largest telecom

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The former chief officers of WorldCom, a telemarketing firm that filed for bankruptcy in July, have been accused of 'improperly accounting' more than \$9 billion of corporate earnings.

employees in the region.

Out of 8,000 employees over 6,000 were laid-off. Many of those let go by the company were concerned about when or if they would find work.

Although WorldCom's problems have not been solved, the company has received some

breathing room from the SEC.

The commission is allowing WorldCom to conduct its own internal investigation of the accounting fraud and is also in settlement talks with the company.

However, some question why WorldCom has been given the ability to conduct its own investigation.

Shari Davis, a sophomore legal communications major, disagrees with the decision.

"It's ridiculous", said Davis.

"How can you allow someone who was shady in the beginning to conduct their own investigation?" said Davis.

"They're trying to make it look like they're not letting them off the hook," she said.

The WorldCom scandal has not been resolved and some agree that the impact of the scandal has had a largely negative effect on those involved.

"The people who should have lost money didn't and people who shouldn't have lost money did", said Davis.

Dr. Nwachukwu, a professor in the Department of Economics, agrees that there is a negative economic impact.

"The economic impact, of course, is on those who have probably invested in this particular company," said Wu.

"The value of their stock is going to be diminished."

Bush Proposes Bill for Election Reform

By Candace G. Lee
Staff Writer

Two years after the American voting system's flaws were exposed during the presidential election, President George W. Bush has implemented new election reforms that will hopefully provide help to states during their elections.

The bill will provide \$3.9 billion to all states which will be used for expenditures on new voting equipment, training and voter education programs.

The proposal also calls for the creation of a new federal agency called the Election Assistance Commission which will oversee the reforms that states enact.

In addition, the commission will require states to define what constitutes a vote on various machines and adopt new anti-fraud provisions.

The commission will also require states to create statewide computerized voter registration systems and permit people to check ballots and correct errors before their votes are counted.

The legislation also asserts that every citizen has a right to a "private independent ballot,"

which calls for revisions in the process used for disabled voters so that they may cast their ballots without assistance.

Voters who are challenged at the polling place would be allowed to cast provisional ballots, which would be counted later if they were determined to

Christopher Bond (R-MO) on CNN, as he waved a picture of a dog that he said had been a registered voter in Missouri.

While these ratifications will not fully go into affect until the 2004 elections, Georgia, Houston, Texas, most of Florida and Riverside County

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Bush, who has not deliberated often on the subject of election reform in past years, was merely "posing for a White House photo-op".

"Without funding, this bill is an empty shell and the president's signature is a cruel and empty promise," said Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), the ranking member on a House Judiciary Committee and dean of the Congressional Black Caucus said in recent reports.

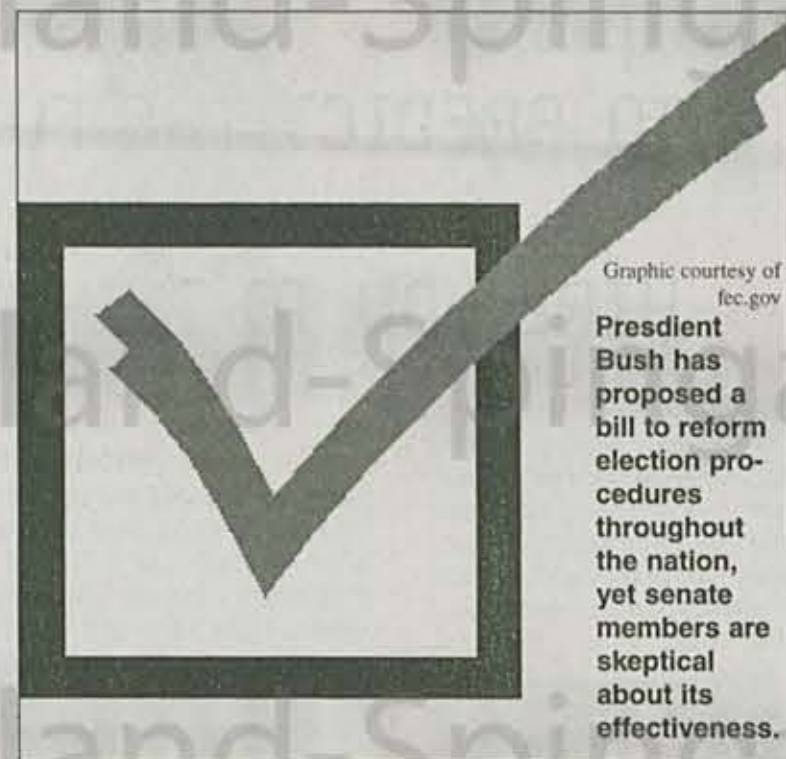
Yet, Howard students see hope in the new bill.

Any type of improvement to the current voting system is positive, said sophomore Tyrone Jack.

"Americans...need [some] type of improvement to encourage more people, especially young people, to vote," Jack said.

Joanne Doward, sophomore sees Bush's bill as futile.

"I think in light of the new investigations of [the recent] election where it seems some voters got paid to vote a certain way, it shows that there is always room for fraud in the voting system, no matter how high tech they make the computers," she said.



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President Bush has proposed a bill to reform election procedures throughout the nation, yet senate members are skeptical about its effectiveness.

be eligible.

"[It is a] powerful bill that will make it easier to vote and harder to cheat," said Senator

in California are a few of the areas that have already applied new digital touch screens and mouse-operated machines.

Coast to Coast: News Briefs from Across the

Now that's a Dumb Ass...I mean Jackass

SEATTLE - A 15-year-old Washington state boy suffered serious burns when he set himself on fire trying to re-enact a stunt from MTV's controversial show "Jackass," police said on Monday.

The boy soaked his shirt in rubbing alcohol late on Friday and ignited it while his friends stood by with a video camera shooting footage they planned to sell, police and local media reported.

After suffering first-degree burns on his face and upper body, the boy then told police that someone had set his

clothes on fire while he walked on a trail.

But police later recovered a backpack containing an alcohol-soaked T-shirt, lighter fluid and a video camera.

Kansas classrooms protected from twisters

WICHITA, Kansas - Classrooms in the new wing at Kensler Elementary School have built-in protection against tornadoes. The so-called "safe rooms" are fortified to shelter students and staff from splintering glass, flying debris and winds up to 250 mph. The rooms are being created at 30 Wichita schools.

The Panties!

WASHINGTON - After years of litigation, lawyers for Victoria's Secret, the famous lingerie store chain, and Victor's Little Secret, a lesser-known sex-toy shop, squared off at the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday over what is required by law for a big company to show to stop a small one from cashing in on the value of its trademark - a familiar name.

The key issue is whether famous names such as Victoria's Secret must show actual economic harm to win a court order requiring the

smaller shop to drop the name. The justices revealed no consensus.

Same-sex partners get city benefits

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado - The Colorado Springs City Council voted to extend health care benefits to same-sex partners of city employees. The move drew warnings from opponents that voters angered by the decision could oust council members.

Reports Compiled from Reuters and AP reports

Merlin Santana Shot Dead in L.A.

Compiled from Staff Reports

An unidentified woman was recently arrested in the weekend shooting death of actor Merlin Santana in South Central Los Angeles.

A motive for the shooting



Photo Courtesy of BBC.com

Merlin Santana, best known for his role as Romeo on The Steve Harvey Show, was shot dead over this past weekend.

is still unknown.

Authorities say that the investigation is continuing.

Santana was best known as Romeo on The Steve Harvey Show.

He was 26.

Early Saturday morning while sitting in a parked car, Santana was shot and killed.

The driver escaped injury, drove off and flagged down police. Paramedics responded but Santana was pronounced dead at the scene, authorities

said.

Santana recently appeared in this year's Eddie Murphy movie, Showtime, was shot to death while sitting in a parked car, authorities said Sunday.

One of the New York-born actor's earliest roles was as Stanley, the faithful admirer of Rudy Huxtable on the hit series The Cosby Show.

He also had guest appearances on several television shows, including Major Dad, Moesha and Sister, Sister.

His other television credits include the dramatic PBS special "Harambee" and guest appearances on series such as "NYPD Blue", "Law & Order", and "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper".

He also appeared on the popular daytime dramas "All My Children" and "As the World Turns".

He later joined the casts of Getting By and the short-lived James Earl Jones drama, Under One Roof.

Santana's role as Romeo on The Steve Harvey Show won him nominations for NAACP Image Awards and ALMA Awards, which honor Hispanic performers.

Merlin Santana was born in New York to parents from the Dominican Republic. His career in show business began with a push from his mother.

He began his career at the age of 3 as an advertising model for a fast food chain.

His first screen appearance was as an extra in the Woody Allen film "The Purple Rose of Cairo".

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Back to Africa News Briefs

Covering the Motherland and Other Lands



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A recent study has shown that cigarettes are less harmful to the lungs than cannabis when smoked.

Pass the Dutchie and the Lung Cancer

LONDON - Smoking three pure cannabis joints is as bad for your lungs as smoking 20 normal cigarettes and marijuana is more dangerous now than it was in the 1960s, British researchers said on Monday.

In what it described as a shocking new report, the British Lung Foundation said tar from cannabis cigarettes contained 50 percent more carcinogens — the agents that produce cancer — than tobacco.

It also said the health dangers of cannabis have substantially increased since the 1960s because today's marijuana has increased amounts of a key chemical compound.

Campaigners for the legalization of cannabis disputed some of the findings.

Guess Who's Back: bin Laden's voice heard

on new Audio Tape

AFGHANISTAN - In an audio taped message aired across the Arab world Tuesday, a voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden praised terrorist strikes in Bali and Moscow in a message that clearly warned U.S. allies against following the United States in the war on terror. In Washington, a U.S. official said the voice sounds like Osama bin Laden, as the Bush administration tried to authenticate what would be the first hard evidence in a year that the al Qaeda leader is still alive.

Bishop Kidnapped by Guerrillas

BOGOTA, Colombia - One of Latin America's leading bishops was kidnapped as he went to hold a religious service in central Colombia in the latest attack on religious figures in the war-battered nation.

No group claimed responsibility for Monday's kidnapping of Colombian Bishop Jorge Enrique Jimenez, but the abduction took place in an area where leftist guerrillas are active.

Jimenez is president of the Latin American Episcopal Conference, an organization of Roman Catholic bishops that determines church policy in the region. The conference's mandate covers the 22 nations of Latin America, which hold almost half the world's Catholics.

Nigerian woman saved from Stoning says call off boycott

NIGERIA - The Nigerian woman condemned to stoning by an Islamic court for having sex outside marriage thanked beauty queens Tuesday for boycotting Nigeria's Miss World pageant on her behalf — but asked them to call off the boycott, saying nothing will happen to her "without God's permission."

Clad in an Islamic headscarf, 31-year-old Amina Lawal played with her baby as she spoke with journalists outside her lawyer's home in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. Participants began arriving Monday for the Dec. 7 pageant finale, but five stayed away.

Osama bin Laden Shirts banned

MONROVIA, Liberia - Liberia's president banned clothing showing Osama bin Laden's likeness and warned on Tuesday that citizens violating the decree faced certain arrest.

Following a meeting with leaders of Liberia's Muslim minority, Charles Taylor ordered all garments featuring bin Laden's picture surrendered to authorities for burning.

Taylor's government will reimburse citizens for the cost of the impounded items, but those ignoring the order will be deemed supportive of the rebels fighting for his ouster and detained, he said on Liberian radio. Taylor has long sought to cast the rebels as terrorists.



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T-shirts featuring the likeness of Osama bin Laden have been banned in parts of Liberia.

Big Businesses Sued for Apartheid

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A South African support group for victims of apartheid has sued several top international banks and businesses for supporting the racist regime.

The lawsuit was filed late Monday by the Khulamani group in federal court in New York City on behalf of the group's 33,000 members and 85 individuals.

The plaintiffs allege Citigroup, the largest financial institution in the United States, and Swiss banking giants UBS and Credit Suisse aided "in the commission of crimes of apartheid, forced labor, genocide, extra judicial killing, torture, sexual assault, unlawful detention and cruel, unusual and degrading treatment."

Credit Suisse has said it saw no grounds for the class-action lawsuit and said the company should not be held responsible for apartheid's crimes.



Photo courtesy of friendsofmalawi.com
A 13-year-old ban on ivory trade was eased by the U.N. on Tuesday.

U.N. allows Ivory sales

SANTIAGO, Chile - A U.N. meeting on endangered species eased a 13-year-old ban on the ivory trade Tuesday, allowing southern African nations to sell elephant tusks in a ruling that angered environmentalists.

Delegates at the U.N. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, gathered in Chile voted to let South Africa, Botswana and Namibia stage one-time sales of 30 tons of ivory from their stockpiles in 2004.

Trade in ivory was prohibited globally in 1989 after the number of African elephants plummeted to 600,000 from about 1.2 million in just over a decade.

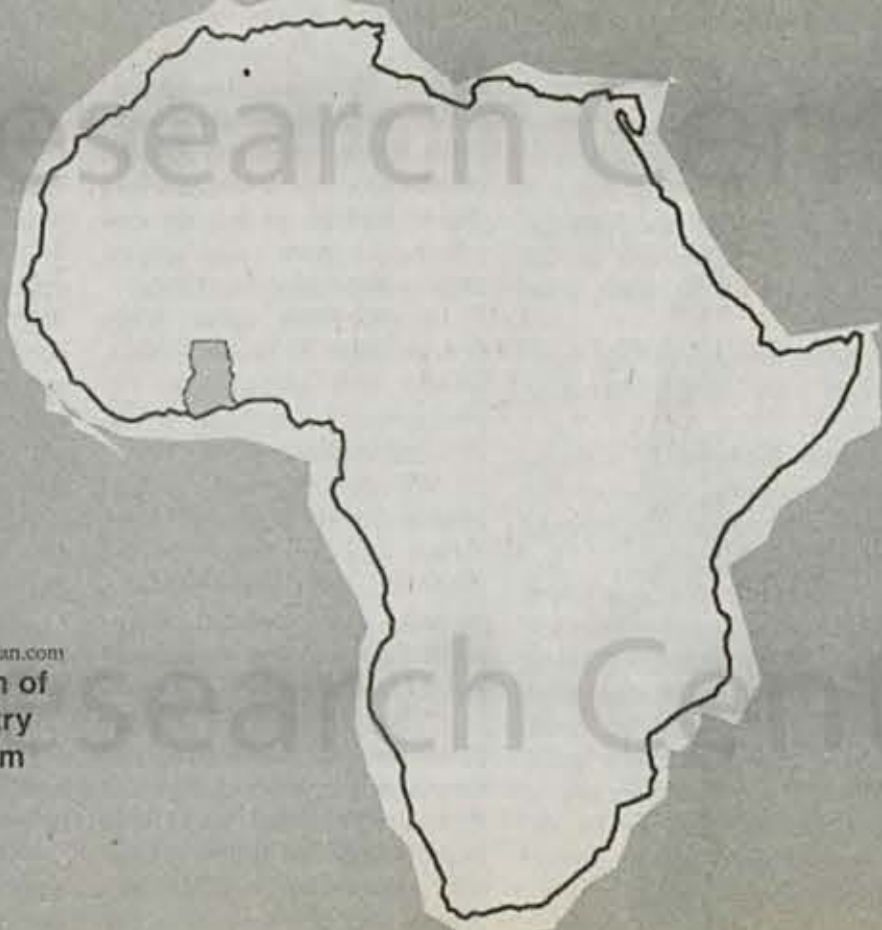
Much of the ivory that would be sold comes from elephants that have died naturally. The countries would receive around \$2 million to \$3 million each from the sales, delegates said.

Reports Compiled from Reuters and AP reports

Bison Studies At University of Ghana

A Photo Journey in Africa

Howard University student Hakim Hasan, junior English major, is currently studying at the University of Ghana in Africa. Hasan plans to work with photography after finishing college. The University of Ghana is located in Legon in the southern region of Ghana.



Graphic courtesy of mapman.com
The darkened section of this map is the country of Ghana where Hakim Hasan is studying.



Hakim Hasan (fat left) stands with a group of youngsters and an elder (with the head dress) from an African village in Ghana.



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bers of BLAGOSAH.

"The campus police investigated the incident [Payton beating] and the case was then turned over to the metropolitan police, and later to the U.S. Attorney where the case was dismissed," he said.

When asked about the University's seemingly slow pace at addressing issues affecting GLBT students in comparison to other universities in the area, Archer said there was a difference between Howard and neighboring universities on the issue.

"We are a predominantly black institution and we have a different culture here at Howard," Archer said. "Our students come from different communities and unlike majority campuses, which have a longer history of openness [to GLBT issues], we are in the early stages of accessing what we need."

Some members of the community also voiced their concerns.

Ruby Biacamonte, a transgender woman, spoke of the discrimination she has faced living in Washington.

"There is a lot of talk about bisexuals and gays, but very few people have spoken about issues affecting transgender people," Biacamonte said. "When I apply for an apartment and jobs, I am told there are no vacancies. When I go to the emergency room, I am worried if I will come out alive."

Williams told Biacamonte that everyone in the community should be treated fairly and there should be no gradation. The mayor said the Office of Human Rights is doing community outreach with members of the GLBT community resolve their problems.

Many attendees addressed a larger concern for preserving human rights. One resident told the panel to address her concerns, not as a gay person, but as a human being. The mother also complained about filing a case in 1997 with the Office of Human Rights, she said her case has yet to be addressed.

Mario Acosta-Velez, a member of the Commission for Human Rights said his organization faces tremendous concerns from members of the GLBT community surrounding discrimination in buying and renting homes and equal employment opportunities.

Acosta-Velez admits there is a problem of backlog cases, which his organization is attempting to address in an expeditious manner.

Wanda Alston, special assistant to the mayor's GLBT Affairs and moderator of the program, said the event was a success, but expressed disappointment that the media was barred from the event.

"The University told us that press was not allowed as the meeting was not a Howard sponsored event and that BLAGOSAH did follow protocol," Alston said. "It was unfortunate that the press was not

able to record the diversity of our community."

Graham, an openly gay councilman, also expressed outrage at the University's decision to bar the press from the meeting.

"For D.C. elected officials to have a public meeting where the press cannot attend is unheard of," Graham said. "I thought the meeting was very important, there was robust discussion on difficult issues and that is what this country is about."

Students representing area colleges and universities also attended the meeting.

Co-President of Georgetown Pride, Patrick Metz, described the meeting as informative and was impressed with the turn out, but expressed concern about the efforts at Howard to address GLBT issues.

"I don't think there is enough concrete advancement at Howard based on the accounts of students who spoke," Metz said. "When I came to the rally for the gay student who was beaten up by the band, I was never so uncomfortable in my time in this city, with students jeering and expressing intolerance."

Joe Gasper, a first-year Howard law student and executive board member of OUTLAW, a GLBT group, said his organization attempts to promote awareness of GLBT issues among his colleagues.

"OUTLAW is currently working on adding discrimination based on sexual orienta-



File Photo

Darryl Payton said he was attacked by members of the band earlier this year because he is gay. The case was the center of much discussion Wednesday.

tion to the Law school's discrimination policy which currently bars discrimination based on race and gender."

Sterling Washington, president of BLAGOSAH and Howard graduate student, thanked the Office of the Mayor for making the Town Hall Meeting a reality. He lauded

the event as excellent and said it was an opportunity for members of the GLBT community to get their questions answered by the right people.

Washington denied that his organization did not follow proper procedures for outside media to cover the meeting.

"I did contact Lawanza

Spears in University Communications on Oct. 30 and sent a written request, she told me I had provided all the information needed," Washington said. "I was later contacted by JJ Pryor [University spokesperson], who said the press was denied access because of failure to follow proper procedure."

Washington said the steps taken by the University to bar the press may have been motivated by fear of what students would say about the administration's GLBT policies.

University Spokesperson, JJ Pryor, denies allegations that the University administration prohibited access to the media because of the sensitive subject matter discussed at the meeting.

"Something of the magnitude of a city-wide town hall meeting should have been cleared by the University's administration," Pryor said. "The administration was not involved with the mayor's office in the planning of the Town Hall Meeting. The administration was not aware of the mayor's meeting until the week of Nov. 4."

Pryor further said she personally contacted the mayor on Friday and informed him of the University's decision.

"Howard University as a private institution was denying press because the sponsoring organization [BLAGOSAH] failed to follow proper procedure," Pryor said.

Approximately 300 persons attended the meeting.

Graduate Student Becomes President of Majority White Org.



Photo courtesy of Anika Sandy

Anika Sandy, third from left, was elected to lead the predominantly white organization, National Association of Professional Students, by her peers.

By Terlena Murphy
Contributing Writer

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS), a majority white institution, elected a new chief officer last week in St. Louis, without her uttering a single word.

Although present at the event, due to observing her religious Sabbath, Anika E. Sandy could not attend Saturday's major campaign day, however her colleagues garnered enough votes to ensure her victory over a male student from Kent State University.

Sandy, an education administration and policy master student, was elected president of population whose membership is nearly 80 percent.

According to Sandy she wrote a speech, which was delivered by Howard graduate student, LaTanya Reese, explaining her position on the association's issues. A diverse cadre of four graduate students stood in Sandy's place to answer audience questions on Sandy's vision for the organization.

Sandy said she shocked about her election to the organization's highest position and

spoke highly of her peers that helped her gain the position in her absence.

"I was both surprised and impressed, they were excellent orators,"

Sandy said. "They truly represented Howard's vision and mission of leadership in the global community."

The new president said she has numerous plans for the direction of NAGPS including expansion of membership and diversity within the association.

"It was the perfect segue to my vision, for all populations to be represented and welcomed within the organization," Sandy said.

According to Sandy, there is a diversity committee whose focus is to embrace diversity on campuses, however the leadership itself is lacking members of minority groups.

Some students at the event were enthused a black scholar was taking over the head of NAGPS, and said it is only an inkling of what black students can do.

"The behavior demonstrated by the students involved in the debate simply typified the kinds of scholars of Howard University graduate students," a

second year educational psychology, doctoral student Eric Mayes said, who participated in Sandy's campaign.

Members of the University community shared in Mayes' jubilation.

When second year law student Antoinette Kirwan, heard of Sandy's feat, she said expects good changes for the organization.

"I think it is great to see a black woman leading this organization. Hopefully through her work she can help to increase the number of black and brown faces among those in power."

NAGPS membership is available to any organization of graduate/professional students at a college or university in the United States. Membership is also available to any individual, corporation, or institution.

The NAGPS has over two million graduate and professional student members who are currently studying in the United States. The association is an educational organization that exists to share information and foster development for growth of graduate and professional students.

Provost's Student Roundtable

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Hilltop Lounge in the Blackburn Center

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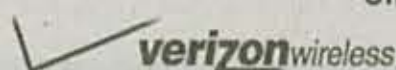
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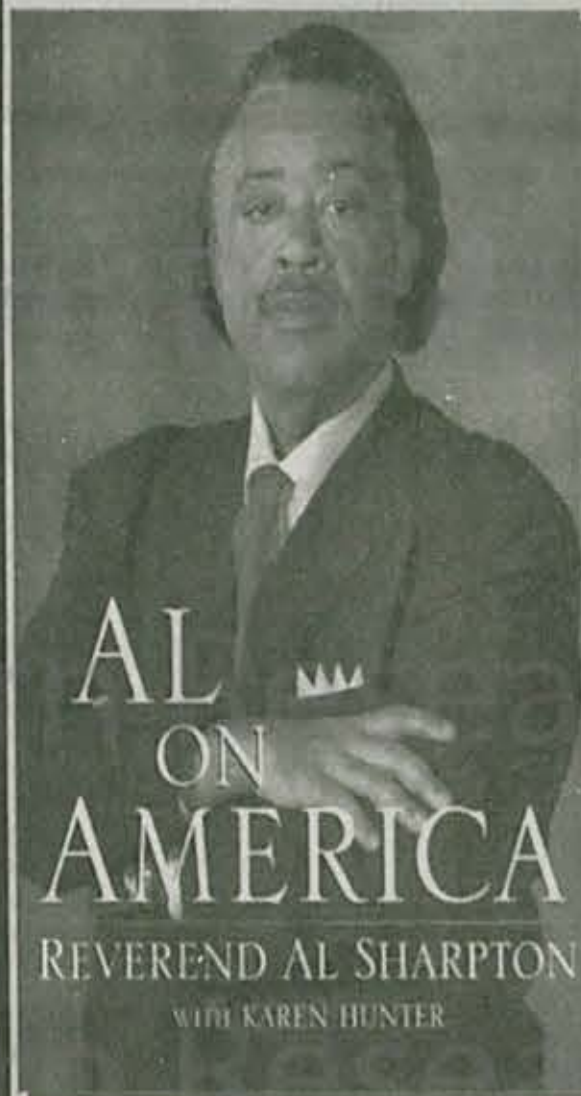
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Uncited Bison Clear Way for Teammates

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
Contributing Writer

These days, there are many ways to explain what makes a hero special. But for three players who have gone unnoticed on the Bison football team, their efforts of late have contributed to a heroic-like season.

One of those players, senior offensive lineman ZaQorae BrownHopkins, has stepped up tremendously in the past few weeks, opening holes to make running room for junior tailback Jay Colbert and protecting senior quarterback from opposing teams' pass rush.

In fact, he is one of the main reasons the Bison have racked up over 980 yards on the ground with an offensive line that has seen its share of injuries through the course of the season.

Despite this, Hopkins says it's all part of his seasonal duties.

"I'm just executing my assignment and doing my part," Hopkins said. "The whole offense is just starting to click."

The 6-foot-8, 370-pounder from Detroit chose Howard as a means of pursuing an engineering career, using his football scholarship to get an education.

Hopkins has yet to miss a beat this season for any injury-related reason, and head coach Ray Petty likes what he has seen from him from the brawny lineman.

"Brown has been playing exceptionally well," Petty said. "He's as big and as strong as anyone in the conference. When we sustained all of those



With their unheralded consistency, these football players make it possible for the stars of the team to shine. From top left, ZaQorae BrownHopkins (79), Troyce Sanders (36) and Jesse Hayes (60).

Photos by Mark Coleman and Rodney Adams

injuries on the offensive line, he made the commitment to step up and do well," said Petty.

Another unsung hero that has given the Bison a boost is freshman Jesse Hayes, a 6-foot-3, 340-pound defensive lineman who replaced sophomore Lawrence Joseph after he suffered a season-ending

meniscus tear in a September game against Morris Brown.

After seeing little playing time at the start of the season, the Baltimore native credits coach Petty and defensive coordinator Keith Gilmore for giving him a chance to take charge.

"Since Joseph went down,

Coach Petty told me I had to step up," Hayes said. "Coach Gilmore sat me down and we went over the tape again. I credit him a lot because he showed me how to use my hands better. Back in high school, I used to run into people."

But for a freshman, Hayes

has cherished the opportunity to show off his overall playing ability and his effort has paid off. Petty is even more impressed with his play considering his inexperience.

"He's never quit," Petty said. "He's playing well enough to be named Freshman of the Year."

Even Hayes can't believe the amount of time he's seen in the latter stages of the season—but he's not taking the opportunity for granted.

"It's been a surprise playing as a freshman right away, but I'm enjoying every moment of it," Hayes said.

Meanwhile, senior fullback Troyce Sanders has shown a different approach to keeping his fellow young running backs healthy, especially Colbert.

"I don't want nobody to touch him," Sanders said. "He is like a little brother to me."

Sanders saw his last season as an opportunity to teach the underclassmen backs about being tough and aggressive so much so that it has led Petty to describe him as "probably the best blocking fullback in the MEAC." That aggressive blocking has paid off over the season with Colbert's 810 rushing yards leading the ground attack.

"I want to make Colbert feel comfortable by keeping the defense away from trying to get to him," he said.

With a critical contest against MEAC powerhouse Bethune-Cookman taking place Saturday, like the rest of his teammates, Hopkins hopes that by continuing to open holes for Colbert, everything else will fall into place for his team.

"We just have to do our best," Hopkins said. "Mainly, we just have to stay focused and believe we can do this."

Hayes also believes the Bison have an opportunity to win.

"We have to play our hardest," Hayes said. "We believe we can take them."

Coaches Work Merits Success

By Josef Sawyer
Campus and Online Editor

Amidst the boxes stacked high, equipment bags scattered on the floor and the steady flow of paperwork, Coach Michael Merritt sits at his desk with the door slightly ajar.

His eyes droop, his words are slow but calculated and each sentence is punctuated with a long stare.

For a man who has won Coach of the Year honors 16 times, Merritt's demeanor is quiet and unassuming. He leaves most of his accolades at home saying he does not want to get odd stares from onlookers.

"My job is in the MEAC now," Merritt said.

The only awards that adorn his mantle are trophies from this year's MEAC Championships, his 2002 MEAC Cross-Country Coach of the Year award and the women's team's championship trophy.

His goals sound simple: "Finish in the middle of the MEAC Conference this year."

Every now and then an athlete drops by to chat about their day, some with injuries and others with elaborate monologues explaining why they can't practice. Merritt jokes with them but is always honest about their performance.

Merritt's smooth gray hair and mustache are proof he is no new face on the block. His coaching career in track began in the early 1980s at Catonsville Community



photo by Elena Bergeron

Merritt instructs some of his runners at a recent practice. College.

Merritt started small and after several years of flirting with victory at the Maryland Junior College Conference Championships but never gaining a title, he packed up for Coppin State College in Baltimore.

There he coached his first team to the NAIA Cross-Country Championship. After spending several years there, Merritt landed a job at Mount St. Mary's where he would remain for 13 years and gain some of his fondest memories.

While coaching at Mount St. Mary's, Merritt often found his team pitted against top Division I competitors, but quitting was not an option.

"Mount Saint Mary is a very small school of about 1,400 students, but the track and cross-country teams never backed down to anyone," Merritt said. "[Besides], I love beating up on the big dogs. Sometimes all a team needs is someone who can tell them

they can do it."

Merritt sees a lot of the fearless qualities in Howard's cross-country and track teams, which are both under his control. The women's cross-country conference championship only reaffirms his theory of why his teams are winners.

"These girls didn't care who they were running against, they just ran regardless of what national ranking a school had over us," Merritt said. "This team will not back down to folks just because you have an elite name."

The women's cross-country team will take Merritt's take no prisoners attitude with them to the NCAA Regionals in West Virginia. He says that it is his brand of boundless mental and physical preparation keeps athletes' fears at bay.

"Track is 90% physical but once you get in shape it's 90 percent mental, so you have to prepare athletes to train in both capacities," Merritt said.

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Area Women's Basketball Teams Look To Make Noise

By Ethan Zagore
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you look around the District, you'll find an extremely talented crop of women's college basketball teams. This season's groups of teams vary in expectations, but all have one common goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament come March.

As usual, Howard is predicted to finish first in the MEAC, while cross-town counterpart Georgetown is predicted to finish 11th in the Big East.

The University of Maryland will try to prove their middle-of-the-conference pre-season ranking is unjustified by using a mixture of seasoned veterans and fresh faces to hopefully overtake their powerful ACC rivals.

Howard (19-10 overall, 17-1 MEAC)

Only a trip to the NCAA tournament will be sufficient for this talented group of players. The Lady Bison are once again predicted to finish the regular season in first place and for good reason.

Although last season's MEAC Player of the Year Andrea Gardner has moved on to the WNBA, the Lady Bison still have a lot of firepower left. Senior forward Courtney Kirk

(12.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg), a MEAC preseason first team selection, headlines the list of returning players.

Senior guard/forward Asia Petty (12.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg) was a preseason second team selection while junior guard Simone Agee (9.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg) will no doubt build on her stellar sophomore year.

Look for Coach Cathy Parson's squad to be a little more disciplined and talented than their MEAC counterparts with a trip to the NCAA tournament highly likely.

Georgetown (12-16 overall, 4-12 Big East)

Picked to finish 11th in the Big East, the Hoyas hope to prove all doubters wrong this season. It all starts with Oxon Hill High product, junior forward Rebekkah Brunson. A 2002-03 preseason All-Big East Second Team selection, Brunson must carry more of the load this year if the Hoyas hope to make any noise. She led Georgetown in scoring (15.1) and rebounding (8.5) last season and will need help from other experienced upperclassmen if the Hoyas hope to compete.

However, if Georgetown can win the majority of their home games and improve on last seasons horrible 4-12 con-

ference record, things could look up. Winning conference games will ensure a good seeding in the Big East tournament. If the Hoyas can finish in the top half of the Big East and grab that high seed, there is no telling how far the talented Brunson can take them.

Maryland (13-17 overall, 4-12 ACC)

First year Head Coach Brenda Frese has a huge task ahead of her this season. With only two starters returning, the Terrapins will rely on senior guard Renneika Razor and junior guard Vicki Brick to handle the majority of the scoring role.

Both players are extremely quick-handed, leading the team in steals with 62 (Razor) and 59 (Brick) last season. Brick also led the ACC in assist-to-turnover ratio last year and will be responsible for getting the five new faces involved.

The five newcomers have to step in immediately and contribute if Maryland is to have a remote chance of competing with such conference rivals as national powerhouse Duke. Look for the Terrapins to start slow, but pick up a few upset wins as tournament time nears.

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Bison Set to Clear Up Conference Scenarios

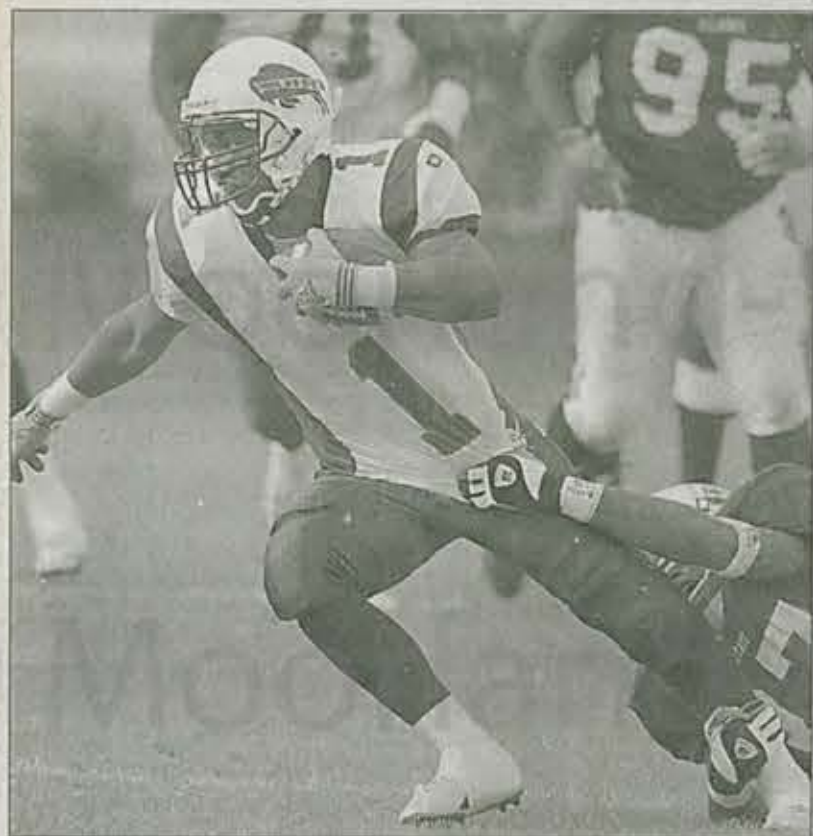


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Junior wide receiver eludes tacklers to make a catch.

By Elena Bergeron
Sports Editor

Throughout the season, question marks have arisen around almost every facet of Bison football, whether surrounding players' health, inexperienced starters' ability or a defensive minded team that allowed 124 points in its first three contests.

For most teams, grinding out wins in their last five of six games, including a current three-game streak to ascend to a 4-2 conference record would

put an end to most interrogatives, but for the Bison, all success has done is lead to one more question.

What if?
What if the Bison defeat a weakened Bethune-Cookman team that floundered last week without the MEAC's rushing (1014 yards) and total offense leader (249.6 yards per game), junior All-American quarterback Allen Suber?

With a bevy of scenarios in the conference, the Bison (6-3 overall, 4-2 MEAC) have a chance to claim at least a por-

tion of the MEAC crown with victories in their final two games, in Daytona against first-ranked Bethune-Cookman (9-1, 5-1) this Saturday and Nov. 23, hosting Delaware State (3-7, 1-5).

Hampton and Florida A&M could also have rights to the championship depending on the next two week's matchups. If the Bison and Rattlers can beat Bethune-Cookman in successive weeks, Howard would win the tiebreaker over FAMU given the Bison's victory in Tallahassee.

Hampton could claim championship rings if the Wildcats lose Saturday but eke out a victory against FAMU, and Hampton sweeps its last two conference games against North Carolina A&T and Morgan State.

Undefeated until last week when Hampton took a 37-7 decision in Virginia,

Bethune-Cookman's option based offense struggled to put up a single touchdown, a season low for the team, and yielded three interceptions behind an aerial attack headed by Andre McGill and Scot Austin.

"We just have a better team with Allen [Suber] on the field," Wildcat Head Coach Alvin Wyatt said. "The only thing we're worried about with scenarios and everything is if we can beat Howard."

Wyatt added that he is "90 percent sure [Suber's] avail-

ability will be there for us," meaning that the quarterback could be ready to take snaps but will more likely be sidelined with a sprained foot, aggravated two weeks ago against North Carolina A&T.

"It'll be a heck of a game. This will tell a lot about my staff and myself if we can win without the guy that has guided us this far," Wyatt said.

Outside of Suber, the Wildcats still pack potent weapons in clutch wide receiver Erik Lash (74.1 yds/g) and cornerback Rashean Mathis, who tied the NCAA's season interceptions record (12) in last week's loss. Linebackers Jamal Muhammed, Lonnie Estes and Steve Baggs steer the conference's toughest defense.

Offensively, both teams will try to win the possession battle, but Suber's absence will force the Wildcats to rely on passing in spread formations, a formula that should work to the Bison's benefit given the team's depth at skill positions rather than on the line.

"Their passing game is always a given," Bison Head Coach Ray Petty said. "We're going to have to defend against their scheme first."

The Bison enter the game coming off one of their best performances against South Carolina State in which an improved secondary held the Bulldogs to seven completions. Quarterback Donald Clark (17 for 25, 182 yards, 2 TDs, 0

KEYS TO THE GAME

Secondaries- Even if Suber plays, his battered ankle will force him to rely less on his speed and put the ball in the air. The Bison defense neutered South Carolina State QB Reese McCampbell and his receivers last weekend with improved backs Serge Sejour and Brian Johnson and the always steady play of safety Vontrae Long, but Bethune-Cookman has a bona fide beast in Rashean Mathis who hopes to take over Dean Cain's record for interceptions in a season (12) Saturday.

Penalties- The conference's most penalized team (Bethune-Cookman averages 92.5 penalty yards per game) meets with the league's cleanest (Howard's average yards assessed is nearly half BCC's at 50.6). The Wildcats' 16 penalties for 129 yards were a major contributor to their loss last week.

Time of Possession- The Petty offense relies on using backs Jay Colbert, Tauric Rice and Keon Coleman to eat up the clock. The Bison have ridden the formula as the MEAC's foremost ball hogs but the Wildcat defense has an expert hand in forcing turnovers.

interceptions) had his most efficient game of the season and running back Jay Colbert's record setting game (40 carries, 182 yards) provided for a perfectly balanced attack that yielded no turnovers or penalties on offense.

Petty hopes that mixing in receivers Kevin Simmonds (48 receptions, 603 yards, 8 TDs) and Shaun Miller (26 receptions, 291 yards, 2 TDs) with the ground game will keep the

Wildcats' speedy defense off balance.

"Even without Suber, they're still a team full of athletes on both sides of the football," Petty said.

Given the Wildcats' athleticism and questionable quarterback situation and the Bison's renewed confidence, this weekend's game is up for grabs, but one thing is for certain: after Saturday, there will be fewer questions in the MEAC.

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Hilltop Lounge in the Blackburn Center

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Life & Style

Going Broke to Look Broke

By Nicole Melton
Contributing Writer

As a child, there was a time when one was in for a good beat down if those jeans mama just bought when school started were dirty. Furthermore, a thorough thrashing was coming if those new jeans were found having a hole in the knee.

Well, with the dirt, grime and distress seen in today's hottest denim fashion.

Today, more and more consumers are opting for denim clothing with frayed edges, worn inseams, and a filthy exterior.

The trend dates back to 1853 when Levi Strauss came up with the idea to sell his strong canvas cloth to the San Francisco gold miners for tents and wagons, but then began to use the canvas for

pants. These new pants, which came to be known as blue jeans, withstood the rigors of mining, but in the process became tattered and grubby.

"The trend has been around for a while. It goes back to when Levi's first came out," said Muhammad Shiraz, a sales associate at Gap. Gap features the Sandblasted Jean, which is sprayed with actual grains of sand to create its worn-in look. "Everything in fashion comes back; it's all a part of a cycle."

A modern version of the grungy gold mining look was recently reborn among denim wear designers according to Clark Broel, store manager of Diesel, a fashion leader in trendy jeans wear.

Diesel has taken the dirty look even further. Georgetown's Diesel store dis-

plays their clothing on "dirty" hangers and has actual dirt in the counter's glass display case.

"I first noticed the dirty denim becoming popular about four years ago. At first the look was created with a few tints and washes, but now the process is taken much further," Broel said.

As the trend continues to rise in popularity, consumers are becoming more willing to dish out big bucks to follow suit. Clothing companies such as D&G, the bridge line of Dolce and Gabbana, currently market distressed denim clothing that sells in the \$250 and up price range.

Broel said the \$195.00 Diesel price tag is due to the complex process behind the dirty denim look.

"All of Diesel's jeans are made by hand in Italy and it



Photo by Lauren Bayne Anderson

Vintage style clothing is extremely popular amongst today's shoppers. Consumers often go to vintage and thrift stores to find this particular look of clothing.

takes six hours to make one pair of jeans," Broel said. "First, real dirt is smudged on the jean and a spray adhesive

is misted over it. The jean is then baked, taken out of the oven and treated, and then baked again."

With all the work that goes into the dirty denim See BROKE page B5

An Exclusive Touch from Howard

By Cathy Tunstall
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Denise Wright graduated from Howard University School of Business in Spring 2001 with a bachelor's degree in international business/finance, she never foresaw owning a business that would gain so much national attention so quickly.

Denise is the owner of Exclusives Salon & Day Spa located at 508 Rhode Island Ave., NW. She operates with creative partner and master stylist, Jamel Monroe and several other stylists.

Exclusives salon has quickly attained national notori-

ety for hair styling excellence by creating the winning hair look for Miss USA 2002, Shauntay Hinton, a senior broadcast major.

Another stylist, Victoria Manages, was showcased in the November issue of Essence magazine's "Ten Incredible College Women," which featured broadcast journalism major, Waltrina Middleton. Manages is currently planning to craft a dynamic hair color look for Frenchelle "Frenchie" Davis, a senior fine arts major, who will appear on FOX's "American Idol 2."

"I just want to let the Howard University communi-

ty know that we are here," said Wright, whose salon has been the exclusive hair stylist for the 2001 and 2002 Howard Homecoming fashion shows.

"We look forward to giving both male and female students on campus that same level of excellent service."

Exclusives offers a range of services from infusion, braid, and net hair weaves to several types of massages and facials. All of the stylists have studied under some of the biggest names in the hair care business, such as Barry Fletcher (Tina Turner, Toni Braxton) and Shirlena Allen (En Vogue).

Sophomore marketing major, Codie Brooks made a recent trip to Exclusives after hearing the excellent word of mouth. Celebrating her 19th birthday, Brooks and her four friends, Johnica Garrett, Chervonti and Kimberly Jones and Holland Jones, celebrated in style.

Treating themselves to an all-day, spa-pampering package complete with sparkling cider and party favors for the birthday girl, each of them took turns receiving fresh new hairstyles, massages,

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Photo by Jazelle Bellavance

Exclusives Salon and Day Spa, established and owned by Denise Wright, is located at 508 Rhode Island Ave NW.

The Smithsonian: Always Something to Do

By Rhasheema A. Sweeting
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many students complain there is nothing to do in Washington, D.C. Yet, these are some of the same students who only leave campus to head to Pentagon City Mall or hibernate in their rooms. Some students fail to realize the rich culture, deep history and celebrated places within the District.

Home of the world's largest diamond, the historic Spirit of St. Louis plane, and America's first stamp, the Smithsonian Museum is one such place that offers a wide range of cultural experiences to get into.

To avoid the overwhelming feeling that can haunt a first-time visitor, it is imperative to visit the red sandstone castle, prominently located right off of the Metro, in the center of the National Mall.

The Smithsonian Information Center is the focal point of the 16 museums, including two in New York. It serves as an orientation center, offering a free 20-minute video to acquaint tourists with the museums.

For the beginner, the National Museum of American History is a popular choice with a balanced assortment of exhibits, from science and technology, to social and cultural history. Some of the best exhibits include September 11: Bearing Witness, Within These Walls, and the American Presidency.



Photo By Jazelle Bellavance

The Smithsonian Castle amongst other Smithsonian museums is a popular location for leisurely trips to experience culture and history.

Students can also visit some of the other popular exhibits located in the nearby cluster of museums on the Mall.

The giant, blue 45.52-carat Hope Diamond can be found at the Natural History Museum.

The classic 1927 airplane, Spirit of St. Louis, that took Charles Lindbergh on his historic flight, is located in the Air and Space Museum.

From life-size dinosaurs to the walkabout insect zoo to 1960s pop art, people are bound to find an exhibit to

satisfy one's educational appetite and personal interests.

However, it is imperative to allocate an adequate amount of time to each exhibit. With an abundance of displays in each museum, it is impossible to absorb all that each museum has to offer in a single day.

But why don't students take advantage of these wonderful exhibits? The most common reply is, "I don't have time" or "I am too lazy." Others complain they can't find anyone to accompany

them. Some have visited simply because they had an assignment to complete.

However, visiting the museums should be a priority for students, not only because they are free, but because they provide a rich, hands-on educational experience outside of the classroom, which is an integral part of any college education.

"It is important to expose one's self to all the art of the world," junior Aimee Rogers said. "[Visiting the museums] adds to the enrichment of the human mind."

Soulsa Thursdays: A Return to the New

By Jennifer L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Soulsa is becoming intensely popular with an eclectic set of individuals who are hungry for something different at a club.

Soulsa Thursdays are housed at the Aztec, a small club situated in the heart of Adams Morgan. What sets the Soulsa event apart from every other club is that it features the best in salsa and merengue music, with a bit of hip-hop and dancehall thrown in for good measure.

In addition, Soulsa offers free salsa lessons from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for both beginners and for more advanced dancers.

James "Santiago" Mauer, the salsa instructor and one of the event's promoters, is quick to explain the increasing fascination with the beauty of salsa.

"Soulsa brings to its participants the sexiest, most attractive and most forbidden parts of the African Diaspora," Santiago said. "If you mix New York, Detroit, Chicago and Philly with the Dominican Republic, Trinidad, Venezuela and Kenya, you get mad flavor, beautiful women and intoxicating tropical rhythms."

Santiago, who has been dancing since 1995, incorporates a smooth and relaxed dance style to his instruction, which makes learning how to dance salsa an enjoyable experience instead of a stressful one.

Soulsa has also gained attention from Howard stu-

dents.

"A friend of mine brought me so I could perfect my dancing," said Lacy Polk, a sophomore biology major. "From what I can tell, Soulsa is hot."

Rubyna Abbey, a junior anthropology major, echoes Polk's sentiment. "I'm definitely enjoying this, because I wanted to learn how to salsa, and I didn't know where to go," Abbey said. "I'm definitely happy I found out about this because the lessons are easy to follow and I'm having fun."

While salsa dancing has a huge following, those who have never danced salsa may feel reluctant to try something new. Soulsa is definitely a venue that encourages one to learn from mistakes without making patrons feel bad about not knowing the intricacies of salsa dancing.

"A lot of people might be close minded towards it [salsa], but once they open up and learn, people will see how much fun they can have with it," Anique Oliver, a junior radio/TV/film production major said.

Nowhere else in the Adams Morgan area can the 18 and above set experience salsa instruction and hear a variety of world music played in a composed, laid back atmosphere. Furthermore, Soulsa is an event that is great for anything from a date to a mellow outing with a group of friends.

Soulsa Thursdays are free for ladies until 9 p.m., and \$5 until 10 p.m. for men. Dress code: No Timberlands, sneakers or jerseys.

Life & Style

Exclusive Touch from Howard

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manicures and pedicures.

"The quality of customer service here is unparalleled by any other African-American hair salon in the D.C. area," Codie stated.

Fraternal twins, Chervonti and Kimberly agreed with her, "This is a great way to relax for a reasonable price. My hair, massage, and pedicure, I absolutely love it."

Holland was also pleased with her day at the salon. "With all of the services I've received today, they've been right the first time, 100 percent of the time."

Wright prides herself on giving back to the D.C. area and her alma mater. She has provided off-campus housing for Howard University students for over 13 years. She has also provided free hair services to area welfare mothers re-entering the workforce, since opening the salon in February 2001. She

also provided free services at the Howard Homecoming fashion shows for the last two years.

"I remember when I used to get my hair done," Wright reminisced. "I felt confident and good about myself. I want to give that feeling to others."

As a Howard alumna, Wright knows the importance of looking good.

"It raises the person's self-esteem and Howard University students especially want to present a professional, polished, confident look, inside and out, before they go out into the workforce."

Exclusives maintains salon hours from Tuesday-Friday 11:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30-2:30 p.m. Their website, www.exclusivesdayspa.com, contains detailed information on all their services.

Going From Broke to Broke in Style



Photo Courtesy of www.iguana.com

Vintage clothing is popular amongst consumers and is bringing in heavy profits for manufacturers.

BROKE from B4

look, some consumers can better understand why the cost is

escalated.

For freshman journalism major Michael Lawson, who has been a fan of the trend for

the last four years, the price of each pant is a true reflection of its quality.

"To some people [all dirty denim] looks the same but it's really not. You can tell the difference with the cheaper versions. The most I've ever spent for dirty denim is around \$75.00, but I would be willing to spend more if I had the money," Lawson said.

For sophomore film major Mitchell Ware, the price of distressed denim can be a little unreasonable.

"I have noticed that more students are feeling the dirty denim and torn up look, but I don't understand why people spend all their money on clothes with holes in them," Ware said.

Ware currently owns a pair of Gap jeans with holes in the knees that were not there at the time of purchase. "They just got that way over the years," Ware said.

In today's denim market, consumers need not worry

about obtaining the perfect comfort level in the rigid, classic fitting jeans of yesteryear.

Along with the specialty look of the distressed jean, the worn-in feel is also a bonus according to Autumn Denard, a junior marketing major who is employed at Diesel.

"There is a whole new comfort level in the new styles of jeans that are out now. Since no two pairs are alike, they make [consumers] feel like, 'This pair was made just for me,'" Denard said.

Tattered and torn, withered and worn, today's dirty denim is the hottest way to keep one's wardrobe sharp and clean. This trend is one that suits both sexes, allowing for individuality and comfortable chic.

Whether headed to class, work or just out with friends, go ahead and dress up dirty. Just don't tell mama.

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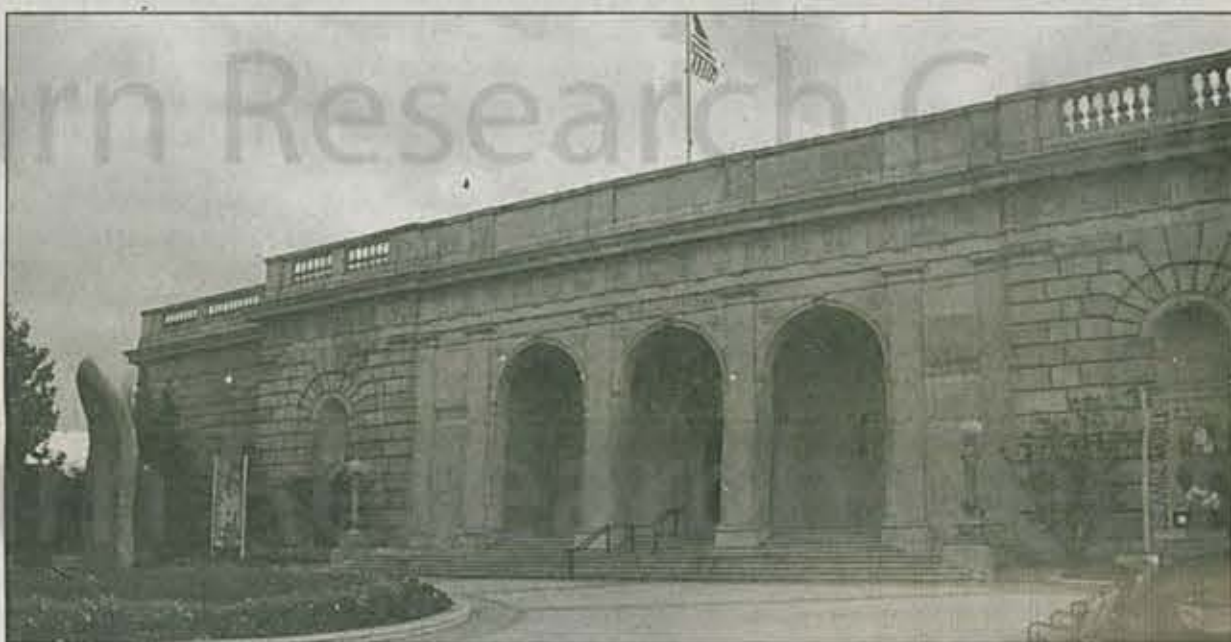


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The Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art is another popular museum frequented by tourists.

MUSEUM from B4

Going to the Smithsonian Museums is also a good excuse to get off campus.

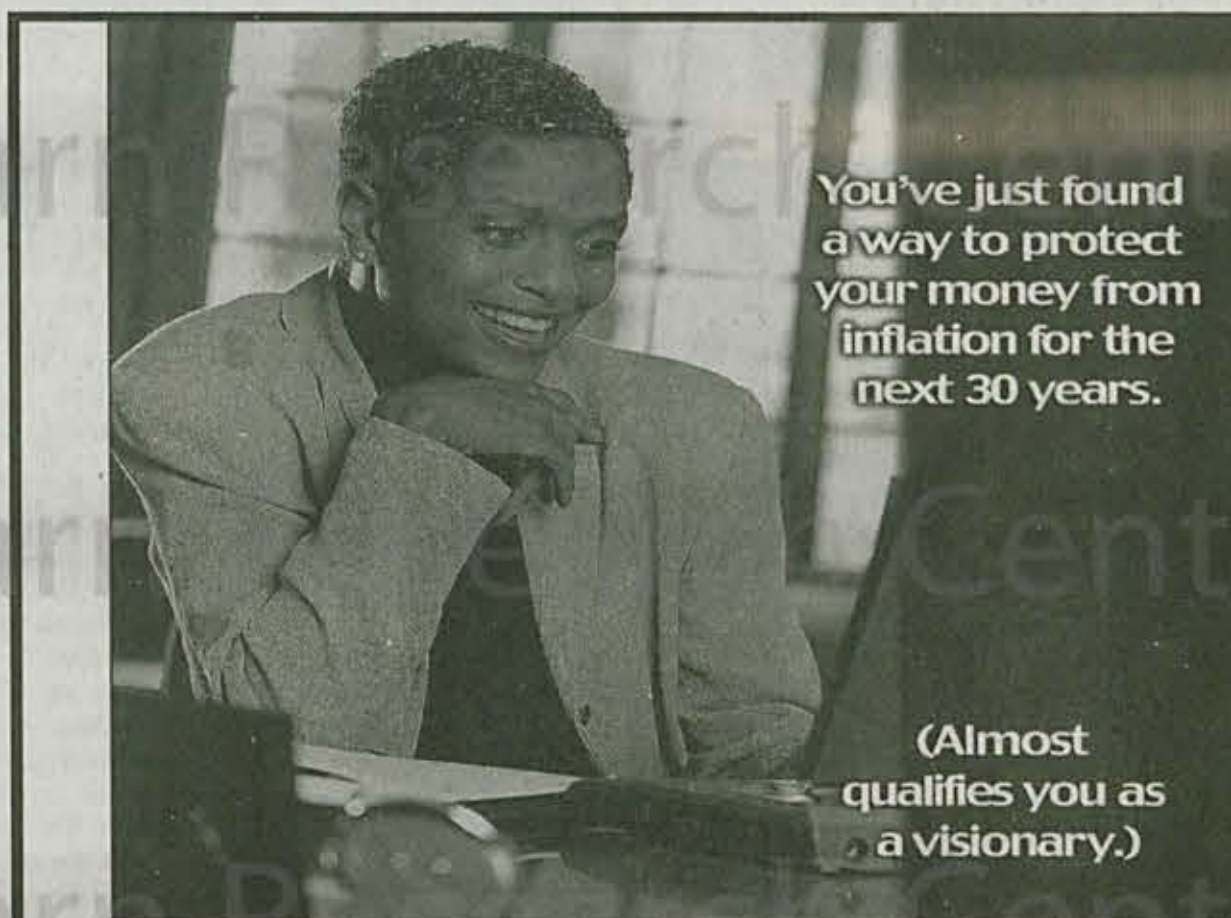
"If there is nothing to do on a weekend I might go. It's

one of the only free things to do," junior Dana Caffee-Glenn said.

With over 140 million objects, artwork, and specimens in the world's greatest museums the Smithsonian can be a unique experience

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EDITORIALS



“Good/Bad Teachers List” a Farce

With the recent release of the “Good/Bad Teachers List,” some students are scrambling to make changes to the classes they registered for last week.

Others are downright angry that their favorite teachers were put on the “Bad Teachers List,” while there are those left wondering how Professor X, who acted like answering students’ questions was not part of his/her job description, ended up on the “Good Teachers List.”

Let us not forget the professors walking around embarrassed by the results—and perhaps even a little hurt.

It may seem helpful to have a publication that essentially directs students as to what teachers they should or should not take. However, let’s take a look at the validity of this list.

First of all, it is not an

official publication, but more so of a certain student’s, or group of students’ opinion being circulated.

Secondly, the words “good” and “bad” are perhaps

and fair in their evaluations. To say that a teacher is good because he or she is easy is the result of an infantile mentality. And to say that a teacher is bad because he or she challenges beyond normal expectations is to not take responsibility for not applying yourself.

College is about learning how to think. We should determine a teacher to be good or bad based on how well that professor challenged our minds, how well he or she presented the information and whether or not that person truly exhibited concern for his or her students.

Next year, the manufacturers of this list should do it the right way by aiming to make it an official publication based on statistical and accurate information, rather than slanted biases that can lead to unreasonable judgment calls.

the most subjective in the English language. What constitutes a good teacher? What makes a teacher bad? Criteria should be established in determining what teachers are good or bad.

These criteria should be based upon the Teacher Evaluation Forms that students fill out at the end of each semester. However, if this is done, it will be up to each individual student to assure that they are honest

Our View:

The Good/Bad Teachers list should be an official publication based on results obtained from student evaluation forms.

Black Football Coach Booted Out

Though it is the year 2002, racism is still palpable all over the United States. Perhaps the most blatant display of discrimination against blacks is evident in the fact that of the 117 schools in Division I-A football, only four coaches are black. With the recent dismissal of Michigan State Head Coach Bobby Williams, that number has dwindled to three.

Many will say that black people are quick to use the race card when something like this happens. That may or may not be true, but in this situation, the circumstances surrounding the firing of Coach Williams are clearly indicative of unfairness.

For starters, Williams possessed the same record as previous Michigan State coaches who were not fired

for it. Just when we began to see signs of progression through the fact that the school had hired its first black coach ever, Williams was fired after his second season as head coach.

With the number of black coaches in Division I-A football being incredibly disproportionate to the number of black players, it is suspicious that the first black coach at a public Big Ten University would be fired so abruptly.

Can we assume now that every coach with a less than perfect record will be fired? Probably not. So why was it

so easy to get rid of Williams?

To further the questionability of Williams’ dismissal, we can look at the man’s record. He has coached for numerous universities such as Glen Mason, Eastern Michigan, and Ball State. As a senior player at Purdue, Williams was an honorable mention All Big Ten selection.

Evidently he was qualified for the job, so why didn’t his school have some faith in him and give him a chance?

According to a trustee of at Michigan State, the firing was race-related. Looking at the facts, we’d have to agree.

We need to speak out against such obviously racist acts. Change has been too long awaited for us to allow it to just be snatched away whenever it is finally manifested.

Our View:

The firing of Michigan State Head Coach Bobby Williams was race-related.

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University Infringes on Privacy of Professors

Did you know that professors at Howard are required to report any other jobs, including salaries, to the University? Some may feel that this is a reasonable policy, but being the analytical and investigative journalists that we are, we have to wonder: Why?

One of the premiere privileges that Americans enjoy is the right to privacy. One of the things that Americans feel is very private is the amount of money we make. To require a person to report something as personal as salary is an infringement upon one’s right to privacy.

Many professors at Howard have careers outside of their positions at Howard.

Some political science professors may work for the government and an architecture professor may be working on designing a new shopping mall.

Outside jobs should have nothing to do with professors’

What are the implications of this requirement? We hope this policy does not have anything to do with the salary they will receive from Howard. That is something private and it seems to have no relevance in relation to a professor’s employment at Howard.

If it does, however, that is unfair. Will a teacher make more or less money depending on their salary from another job? Or is it just a formality implemented by a nosey board of policy makers? Inquiring minds want to know.

jobs at Howard University. As long as they are performing their duties and working their required hours, other responsibilities are totally separate.

Our View:

Professors should not have to report other jobs to the University.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Good, The Bad, The LIST

Russell M. Drake

As I sat back and began to register for courses for my last semester at Howard (Yes!!), I noticed a small paper on the ground. Being the humanitarian that I am, I picked up the paper to help cleanse the campus of litter.

Upon retrieving the paper, I saw tiny print on both sides. At the top of one side, it read GOOD TEACHERS and at the top of the other side, it read BAD TEACHERS!

I thought, What Nerve! Has someone actually gone the extra effort to make a listing of bad and good teachers? Have the infamous lists that float around at many non-HBCUs finally come to Howard? And why didn't this list come out four years ago?

After talking with peers, I found that for the past two weeks, the Howard University campus has been bombarded with teacher lists naming good and bad instructors. The lists have been seen in the UGL, the I-Lab and on campus shuttles.

What is a graduating senior to think? What is a first semester freshman to think? Should we look at these lists and make up our schedules as though the Teacher List is our advisor? Or should we select classes in the random manner used by many students in the past? Our solution is in weighing out the pros and cons, rather the Good and Bad as stated in the list titles.

It is Good to see that someone has actually taken the initiative to do something to help students for selfish reasons; It is Bad to see an anonymous source putting out the lists, thus making some question its validity.

It is Good to see Dr. Basu on the Bad list, who failed my whole linear algebra class one semester; It is Bad to see the majority of the chemistry department on the Bad list – they can't be that bad.

It is Good to see students taking an interest in these lists; It is Bad to see few teachers taking an interest in the lists – they may need to evaluate themselves.

It is Good to see some of the true-to-life Terrible Professors and Great Professors listed; it is Bad to see some of the Easy/ Cake-Walk Professors listed as Good.

In weighing the pros and cons, we have run into a stalemate. For every pro there is a con; and for every con there is a pro. The teacher list has been accurate in rating the teachers I've taken at Howard, but it may not be as accurate for others. Our response to the lists should thus be to keep it, take note of it and rate the teachers we take for ourselves.

Perhaps develop our own personal lists. Students can tell how effective teachers are just by looking at their grade sheets at the end of the semester. Overall, the lists are a step in the right direction of helping students and teachers.

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A Message to the Ladies: Don't Give Him the Title

Kayla Wigler

Why are relationships so much better when there is no title added? It seems that there are fewer obligations and less stress on a person when they are just friends.

Take guys for example. Once they are "your man," they think they have the right to be demanding and controlling. Sorry, but that is not the case. If you were not calling the shots before, what makes you think you have the right to now?

Saying boyfriend or girlfriend is just a word, and I personally don't think the word makes you like the per-

son any more or less. Because obviously you had to feel a certain way for you to even consider asking that person to be your boyfriend or girlfriend.

If we think about it, the words boyfriend and girlfriend are used for ownership purposes. People want to say "that's my boyfriend," so they are basically saying he is already taken.

Aside from that, I have a more serious issue I would like to address. Have you ever felt like guys work really hard to get you and once they have you, things change? Well I have. I remember this one guy who wanted to talk to me and

he did everything in his power to get me.

We went on walks in the park, he bought me roses and he even cooked me breakfast. It was on and popping. I just knew I had the perfect man. However, I just continued to play hard to get, just to see how bad he wanted me and if he even deserved to have me.

When I finally decided to give him a chance and say "yes I will be your girlfriend," and when I decided to open up, that is when he decided not to have any more walks in the park. Roses were a thing of the past, and breakfast was an egg McMuffin if I was lucky. And that's a man for you. Sorry.

That's why I think it is so important for women to never let a man know "he has you" because once they know that, it's over. Men feel like they don't need to do certain things any more, like open the door or buy you flowers. And that's where they are wrong!

A woman needs to stay satisfied. However, let's not get it twisted, I'm not saying that a man has to wine and dine a woman all the time for her to stay satisfied. But I am saying that whatever a man did to get the woman, he needs to continue to do that and more to keep her.

What You Need to Know About EM/Records

Carol McKinnon

Enrollment Management/Records (EM/Records), located in Room 104 in the Administration Building is the official Howard University repository of academic records.

EM/Records conducts registration activities; receives, records and reports grades; issues transcripts; certifies attendance; and maintains all official student academic records.

The unit also coordinates class scheduling and student participation in consortia and domestic exchange programs and provides CapstoneCard photo identification services.

The Transcript Unit responds to requests for academic transcripts from current and former students and alumni. Requests for academic transcripts are honored if they are in writing, contain the signature of the student and are

cleared financially by the Office of Student Financial Services.

Transcript requests are usually filled in two to three days. However, during periods such as examinations, grade reporting, registration and commencement, there may be some delays.

To obtain a transcript, students must first complete a request form (available near Rm. 104). They should then obtain financial clearance in Student Financial Services (Rm. 215), pay the \$5 per copy transcript fee (Rm. 115 before 3 p.m.) and finally submit the form to EM/Records.

Enrollment Certification responds to enrollment certification inquiries by completing and certifying inquiry forms and verifying information by telephone. Certification forms are processed in approximately five days.

Academic Recording ensures the confidentiality and integrity of all student aca-

demie records. This includes processing a variety of documents, including those required to update academic records and determine academic eligibility for readmission and graduation.

Consortia and Domestic Exchange manages operations related to consortia and domestic exchange programs. This includes coordinating and processing registration activities for students participating in domestic exchanges and or consortia (incoming and outgoing) and ensuring that grades are recorded and billing is reconciled.

The Scheduling Unit performs administrative and technical duties related to scheduling University courses and course locations, updating schedule information and ensuring the accuracy of master class directories, both printed and web-based.

During the past academic year we have improved services by utilizing web-based tech-

nologies. We are now able to display transcripts on the student-accessible Banner web; update the online schedule of classes daily during registration; implement registration error checking to prevent students from registering for courses for which they have not completed the required pre- or co-requisite courses; permit faculty to view their class lists, check student validation and enter midterm and final grades directly into the system.

EM/Records will continue to seek ways of managing records with technology and to increase efficiency and customer satisfaction.

You can help us serve you by keeping your address updated; reading publications and campus e-mail; requesting transcripts and certifications early; printing and confirming your schedule; and using the web.

I Want to Be a Physical Therapist, Not an Engineer

Sherry R. Brown

Fine Arts, Communications, Allied Health, and Nursing are a few of the wonderful schools to partake in at Howard University.

All of which take a great deal of education and a variety of courses in order for us to achieve our best.

With this in mind, I would like to ask the question, "Why must we take multiple courses of math?"

I mean, think about it. When will we most likely use Algebra or Calculus again in some of our careers?

I know that being a physical therapy major, I am not going to try to figure out non-linear equations while trying to help somebody get mobility in his leg again. Or do you think Debbie Allen does her choreography by converting a polar equation to a rectangular equation? I don't think so.

Now, don't get me wrong. Any education is a good education but why should it be mandatory to take something that we will not have to use in our field in the future?

Think about it this way. Say your majoring in political science and in all of your classes pertaining to this you are getting As. Then you get to that math class and you have oh, let's say a D. Well, that lovely D (which is most likely in a four credit class) is about to bring your GPA down to something that you obviously don't deserve.

Okay, now you may be saying to yourself, "You shouldn't be getting a D in the class in the first place." WAKE UP! all of the professors at HU are not the best at explaining things, especially when it comes to math. The hundreds of students who have to withdraw from the class at the end of each semester should prove that to you.

Some people have that given talent of being able to comprehend math, but then there is that large number of students who don't. Should we be getting penalized for this?

It is not fair for us to go through the drama of worrying about higher levels of math when it is never going to be used again. It is almost like making students who are bad test takers take a test to determine how smart they are. Does that make sense?

Now I'm not saying to just cut math out of everything as a whole, but at least give students at HU the choice to take it or not; especially when it has nothing to do with our majors and we won't be needing it in the future.

A Letter from the Graduate Trustee...

To the Graduate Students of Howard University,

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you some of my goals and objectives as graduate trustee for this academic school year.

I am delighted to inform you that the first board meeting of this school year was extremely productive. Howard University is in the midst of very exciting times. Our plan is for Howard University to become one of the world's premiere institutions. In order for us to achieve this goal it will take the efforts of both the student body and the faculty.

One of my main objectives as Howard University Graduate Trustee will be to assist the University in accomplishing its Strategic Framework For Action II

objectives. As I reflect on the exceptional progress that followed SFA I, I am determined to enhance and build on those accomplishments.

It is my vision that Howard University will continue to elevate its contribution to the world and its standing among the world's top research institutions. Further, it is my vision for Howard University to become one of America's Tier I research universities.

Specifically, I will focus my energies on developing creative ways to gain resources needed to strengthen the Howard faculty and students for the global advances of the 21st century and beyond. I will help seek funds to support endowed chairs, endowed scholarships and information technology throughout the

University.

Funds generated will enable us to offer educational opportunities and attractive incentives to all students, and bring the latest technological tools to its classrooms, libraries, and dormitories.

Additionally, I will help develop programs that will reconnect Howard alumni to their alma mater in meaningful ways that will inspire them to invest in the University's academic and intellectual pursuits.

These programs will afford the entire Howard University community significant opportunities to collaborate and focus on ideas that will strengthen Howard.

Furthermore, the programs will celebrate the rich Howard legacy, secure its

future and further heighten its stature among the nation's premiere institutions of higher learning.

In order for me to achieve these goals and make this institution a better place, it will be essential that I receive your input and feedback. If you have any ideas that you feel will help this institution become a better place, I implore you to speak with me.

I will be co-hosting a Trustee Meet and Greet today in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. This event will allow students to interact with trustees and voice their concerns regarding the current state of this institution and its future.

As we set out to accomplish these goals, it is imperative to keep in mind our core

values. First, this University must continue to be dedicated to an unequivocal search for truth; second, this University must continue to be a place where African Americans and others can come to study, free of oppression of any type, stripe or kind; third, this University must engender and nurture an environment that celebrates African-American culture in all its diversity; and fourth, this University must provide a caring, nurturing and respectful environment for all of the members of the Howard family: students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and administrators.

Sincerely,
Marwan E. Porter
Graduate Trustee

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J. Stokes--
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(PS- Will this do?)

Garrett-- I've come to the conclusion that it's not possible to 'win friends and influence people' all the time. Hey...

-- You know who

Jamal-- say it with me "9 o'clock!!"

To Chauna and Kerry-Ann-- the only ones willing to go outside with me at 3:30 am at the sound of gun shots-- I see your relentless reporting skills.

-- Lauren

We finally have ink cartridges!!!!

Somehow we did it again-- and I was worried this time! Thanks for all your help and hard work. I do appreciate you all.

Lauren

Leesa-- way to be a trooper-- pulling a late-nighter (notice we didn't say all-nighter). :-)

Jazelle-- people don't realize that photographers burn you too. Keep up the good work.

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